



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma  
Leitrim County Council

# Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

## January 2026

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# FINANCE, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES & LIBRARY SERVICES

## FINANCE

### Jan 2026 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

**(PRELIMINARY January, 2026 - FIGURES)**

		EXPENDITURE			
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A	Housing & Building	694,805	13,234,760	5%	12,539,955
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,231,215	19,314,283	6%	18,083,068
C	Water Services	276,708	2,721,921	10%	2,445,213
D	Development Management	801,643	11,293,097	7%	10,491,454
E	Environmental Services	699,225	8,147,280	9%	7,448,055
F	Recreation & Amenity	334,860	4,737,454	7%	4,402,594
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfa	21,273	426,673	5%	405,400
H	Miscellaneous Services	396,734	4,251,309	9%	3,854,575
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA	Rates			0%	0

€4,456,463	€64,126,777	7%	59,670,314
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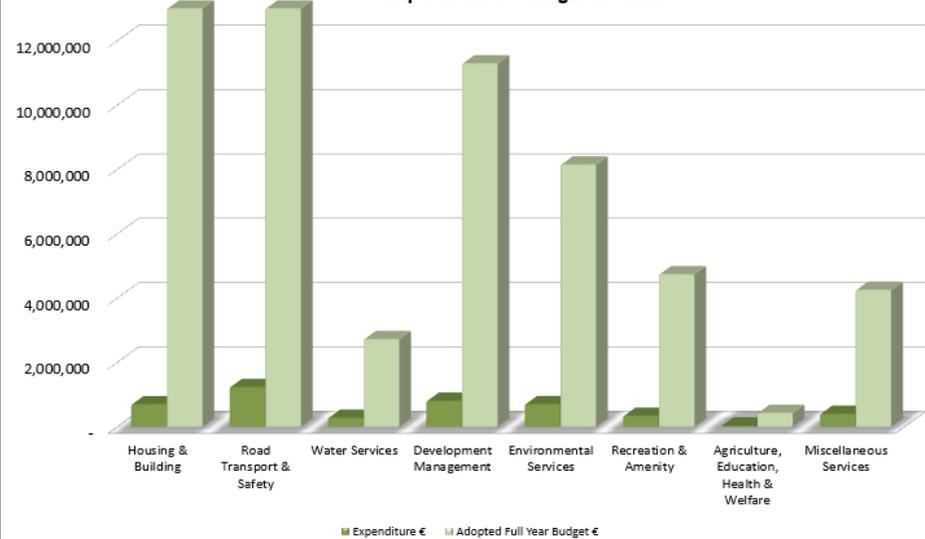
		INCOME			
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €
		671,786	12,840,667	5%	12,168,881
		1,132,457	14,628,645	8%	13,496,188
		240,233	2,361,229	10%	2,120,996
		187,480	4,527,880	4%	4,340,400
		160,615	3,765,175	4%	3,604,560
		39,295	480,440	8%	441,145
		1,112	65,185	2%	64,073
		361,611	6,332,092	6%	5,970,481
		914,838	10,978,059	8%	10,063,221
		678,950	8,147,405	8%	7,468,455

€4,388,378	€64,126,777	7%	59,738,399
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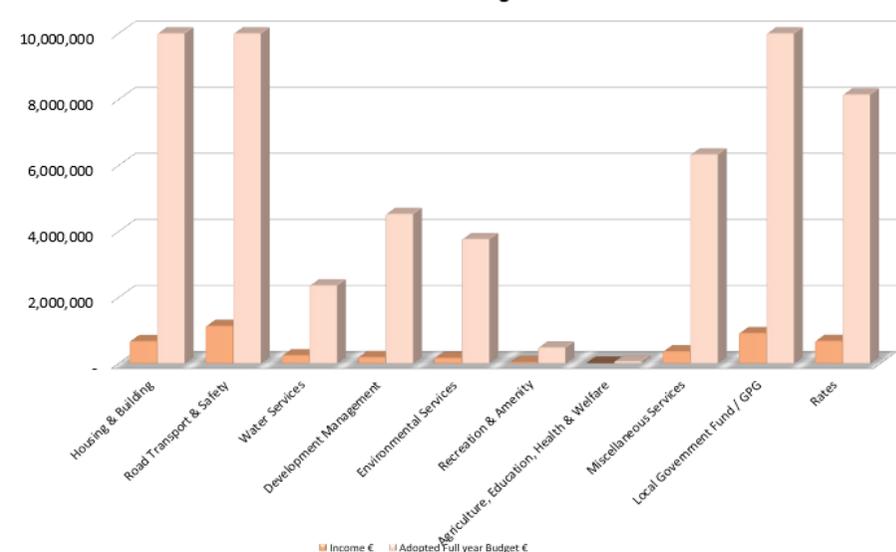
NET	
Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
(23,018)	371,075
(98,759)	4,586,879
(36,476)	324,216
(614,163)	6,151,054
(538,610)	3,843,495
(295,564)	3,961,450
(20,161)	341,327
(35,123)	(2,115,906)
914,838	(10,063,221)
678,950	(7,468,455)

(68,085)	(68,085)
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Expenditure V Budget Jan 2026



Income V Budget Jan 2026



#### MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Jan, 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

**Jan 2026 - Recourse to Overdraft**

No. of Days in Overdraft during Jan 2026

0

Interest Incurred

€0

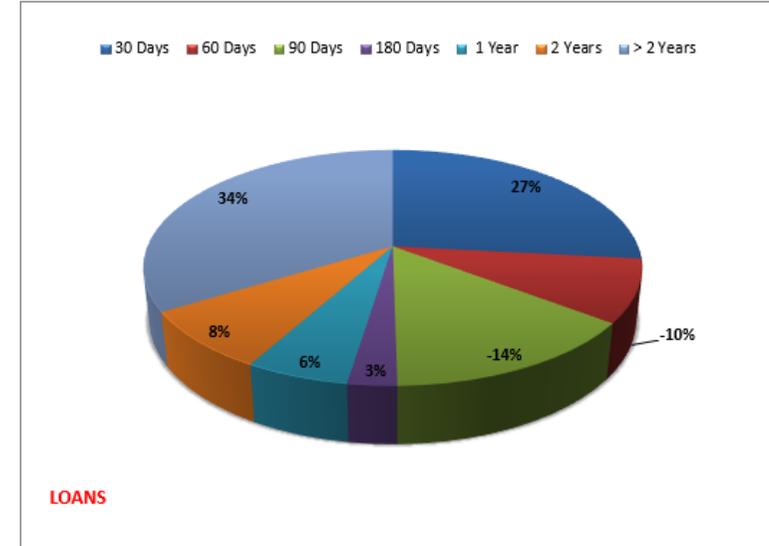
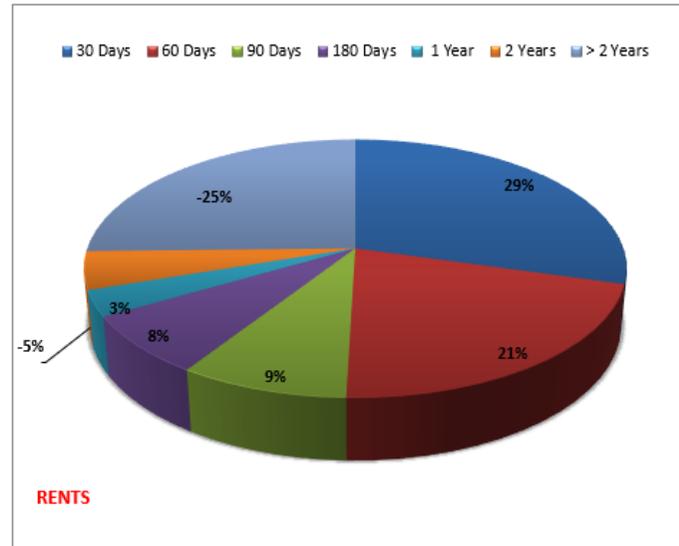
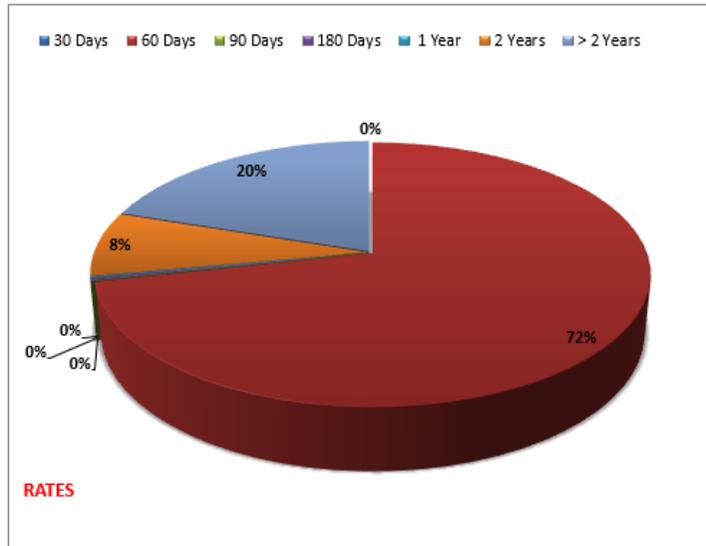
**2026 - Collection Rates**

	YTD		
	€ Jan-26	€ Jan-25	€ FY 2025
Housing Rents	€279,723	€271,936	€3,029,862
Commercial Rates	€77,005	€272,674	€7,276,537
Housing Loans	€31,752	€28,294	€374,688

	YTD		
	% Jan-26	% Jan-25	% FY 2025
Housing Rents	71%	83%	98%
Commercial Rates	1%	3%	81%
Housing Loans	94%	42%	98%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection remains consistent. 2025 accounts not yet finalised
Jan rates are down on 2025 as rate invoices for 2026 were only issued end of Jan 2026. 2025 accounts not yet finalised.
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**Jan 2026 - Aged Debt Analysis**

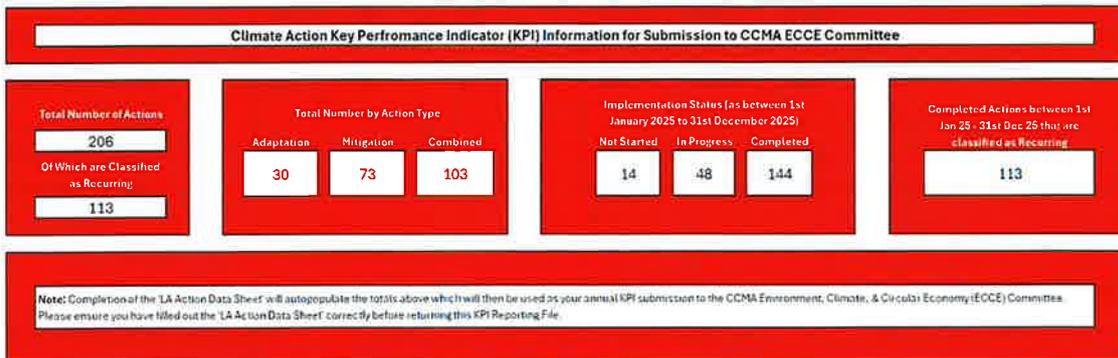


	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
<b>RATES</b>	€0	€8,011,274	€7,279	€34,508	€19,715	€886,804	€2,233,297
<b>RENTS</b>	€82,393	€59,000	€24,458	€20,938	€9,054	-€13,319	-€71,075
<b>LOANS</b>	€10,856	-€3,502	-€5,878	€1,095	€2,308	€3,306	€13,728

## CLIMATE ACTION

### Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. Progression of feasibility study for District Heating in Carrick-on-Shannon with consultant AECOM Ireland is ongoing.
2. 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 27 February 2026.
3. Meeting with GEMINI project on utilising funding available for developing local support around the Lough McNea area (along with Cavan CC & FODC), for the Kiltyclogher / Glenfarne area (in Leitrim) to support development of geothermal energy locally in the future (28 January 2026).
4. Application made to New Urban Nature-based Solutions Fund for Local Authorities for the Rooskey-Dromod Greyway (30 January 2026), collaboration with Capital Projects (lead).
5. Annual report on progress of implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and survey on general performance indicators prepared for LGMA (30 January 2026). A summary on progress of actions within the CAP is provided below. Progress was assessed from updates made to the Microsoft Planner tracker by members of the CA Committee.



### Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) Fund

<u>CCAP Strand 1 Phase 1 &amp; Strand 1a</u>	<u>CCAP Strand 1 Phase 2</u>
Climate Action continue to work with groups on the close out of projects from Strand 1 Phase 1 & Strand 1a. The closing date for completion of works under Strand 1 Phase 1 & Strand 1a is 19 Feb 26. Extension of time applied for projects beyond this date, as required.	Evaluation process for 29 no. completed applications set for 12 February 2026

### Biodiversity

Biodiversity Action Plan (2026 – 2031) adopted at Plenary meeting (12 January 2026).

## COMMUNITY AND INTERGATION

### Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Applications for LEP 2026 opened in January with two online community briefing sessions facilitated by Community. Applications close on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. Leitrim's allocation for 2026 is €119,043.40.

### **Age Friendly Programme**

2026 workplan submitted to Age Friendly Ireland. Business training presented on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January in the Hive. Train the Trainer dates provided to LEO so staff can undertake AFI Business Recognition training. Presented strategy update (2022-2025) to Older Person's Council in Drumshanbo.

### **Healthy Ireland**

Healthy Ireland Round 4 has now been extended until the end of 2026 with a further €75,000 programme funding allocated. The Pobal portal is now open with a deadline of February 20<sup>th</sup> February, and the coordinator is currently uploading documentation and receipts from 2025. Healthy Leitrim has also uncovered the underspends from 2022 – 2024 and the process of uploading these details to the portal is also under way.

Healthy Leitrim has drafted a budget for the allocation of the €75,000 for 2026. Healthy Leitrim has been meeting with all implementing partners to finalise reports and targets from 2025 and potential agreements are under way for 2026 pending approval from LCDC.

### **Community Recognition Fund**

Leitrim has been allocated over €2.2 million under this funding programme, which is being 16 capital projects throughout the county. All projects have commenced and two projects are now 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, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **Playgrounds**

Leitrim County Council provided support to the Tullaghan Development Association in the delivery of a new playground at Tullaghan's Access to the Sea. The installation works have now been completed, and the facility is scheduled to open to the public in the near future.

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

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

- In the process of appointing a contractor to deliver the Play & Art Therapy Facility in Drumkeeran.
- Construction works proceeding on schedule at Coleman's (Carrick Youth Arts & Community Space)
- Request for quotations issued for Lurganboy with a deadline for early February.

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

- QQI Level 7 commenced with an initial online session on 14<sup>th</sup> January. 26 participants attended this first session.
- Digital Camps for young people organised for Kinlough & The Junction in Ballinamore for Feb/March.
- Order for VR equipment finalised and due for delivery in February.
- EOI for Cross Community Biodiversity Projects opened with €750 available to groups to deliver initiatives to enhance local biodiversity, improve shared green spaces, and foster stronger community connections across multiple groups.

## **Celebrating Cultural Diversity**

- Meeting with Ballinamore Area Community Council to commence roll out of Practical Skills Training Programme. Multiple areas throughout Leitrim to be targeted.

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

- The first Project Board meeting of 2026 was held in January, with representation from SEUPB, the Department for Communities (NI), DRCDG, McAdam Design, and SRC.
- Senior management, alongside SRC and SEUPB, continue to prioritise internal discussions on project funding options and revised cost estimates. These will require ongoing scrutiny given current construction market volatility and wider economic conditions.
- The Large-Scale Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) application is being revised for resubmission, incorporating updated financial forecasts and business costings.
- The Community Sports Facilities Fund (CSSF) application has transferred lead partner status from SRC to LCC and is currently under review.
- LCC's Development Officer and Engineer undertook a site visit to The PEACE Link sports facility in Clones, Co. Monaghan, engaging with management to gain operational and maintenance insights relevant to large scale facilities.
- LCC has engaged with the SRC Communications Team to review building walk through and design visuals, which are now prepared for public release via digital and social media channels.

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

- Appointment approval issued by Minister for Justice for all LCSP members and letters of appointment issued to all Members
- Induction programme & resources developed and induction meeting held for LCSP members and election process to nominate Chair and Vice Chair Commenced.
- Standing Orders & Terms of Reference developed for LCSP
- Inaugural LCSP meeting to be held on February 10th to elect Chair & Vice Chair
- Storm preparedness works continue – generator switches installed in 4 CSC's, website updated and submission on current status made to LGMA

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

In January, work progressed on establishing the IRPP Working Group, with the first meeting of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme scheduled to take place in mid-February.

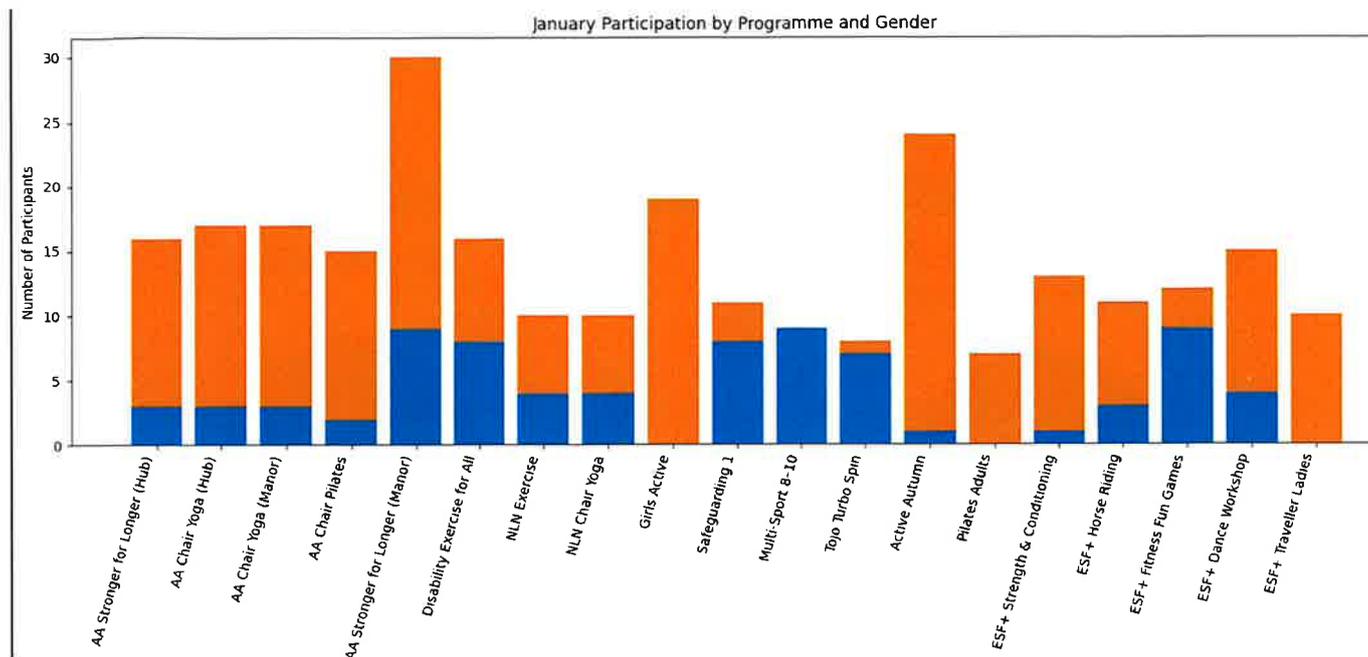
During January, the Integration Team delivered 12 clinics to assess needs and identify appropriate supports for the cohorts we work with. Six clinics focused on Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP), and the remaining six were delivered in International Protection Accommodation Centres (IPAS Centres) in Leitrim.

A consultation evening was held in the IPAS Centre in Dromahair, delivered in collaboration with Healthy Ireland, to inform the development of a Health & Wellness Programme for the overall community. This programme is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2026.

There were no 'Offer a Home' activations completed in January.

## **LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

# Leitrim Sports Partnership – January 2026 Participation Summary

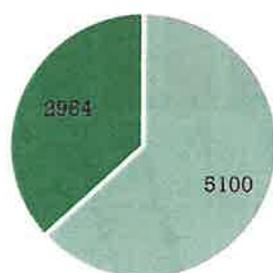


Category	Activity Description	Total Participants	Male	Female
<b>Active Age – Stronger for Longer</b>	Leitrim Sports Inclusion Hub (6 weeks)	16	3	13
<b>Active Age – Chair Yoga</b>	Sports Inclusion Hub (6 weeks)	17	3	14
<b>Active Age – Chair Yoga</b>	Manorhamilton (6 weeks)	17	3	14
<b>Active Age – Chair Pilates</b>	Killenumary (6 weeks)	15	2	13
<b>Active Age – Stronger for Longer</b>	Manorhamilton (6 weeks)	30	9	21
<b>Disability – Exercise for All</b>	Sports Inclusion Hub (6 weeks)	16	8	8
<b>Disability – NLN Exercise</b>	NLN with Sue	10	4	6
<b>Disability – NLN Chair Yoga</b>	NLN	10	4	6
<b>Girls Active</b>	St Clares Manor	19	0	19
<b>CSDO – Safeguarding 1</b>	Online Workshop	11	8	3
<b>CSDO – Multi-Sport 8-10 yrs</b>	Children’s Programme	9	9	0
<b>CSDO – Tojo Turbo Spin</b>	Adult Mixed Spin	8	7	1
<b>CSDO – Active Autumn</b>	Adult Fitness	24	1	23
<b>CSDO – Pilates</b>	Adults	7	0	7
<b>ESF+ – Strength &amp; Conditioning</b>	DV victims & children	13	1	12
<b>ESF+ – Horse Riding</b>	1-parent families	11	3	8

<b>ESF+ – Fitness Fun Games</b>	Disadvantaged children	12	9	3
<b>ESF+ – Dance Workshop</b>	Early school leavers 16–19	15	4	11
<b>ESF+ – Traveller Ladies</b>	Aqua Aerobics & Gym	10	0	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>192</b>

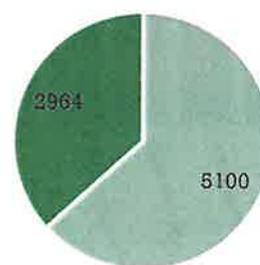
## LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books  
Year to Date 2026



Physical Books E-Books

January 2026



Physical Books E-Books

### Conversations on Books

“Conversations on Books” for January featured, *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. This initiative is a collaboration between Leitrim Library Service and The Reading Room Bookshop in Carrick-on-Shannon. The event, held at The Dock was very well attended. The programme continues to draw readers from across the county and further afield.

### Digital Makers & Coding Workshops Programme

During January the makerspace in Dromahair Library was heavily used with Makerspace Digital workshops delivered to Dromahair Active Age, Dromahair and Killenummery Mens Group, and Drumlease National School. Drumshanbo Library also hosted OurKidz Coding Class which were well attended.

### Ciorcal Comhrá/ Irish Language

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

### Youth Engagement Activities and Exhibitions

A Youth Writing Project commenced on Tuesday 20th January in Dromahair library for those Aged 13-17 who are interested in writing.

Manorhamilton Library Sustainable Development Goals Exhibition was on display in January until Feb 10<sup>th</sup> showcasing how Leitrim County Council is contributing to a better future through projects that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### **STEM Passport for Inclusion- Maynooth University & ATU**

3 Secondary Schools, Lough Allen College, Drumshanbo Vocational School and Mohill Community college had the third one day workshop of STEM Passport for Inclusion programme (level 6 award) during the month of January. Carrigallen Vocational School commenced their session in January. A number of National Schools around the County have signed up to take part in the Microsoft Dreamspace Programme 2025/2026.

#### **STEMtacular 2026**

Meetings have taken place with Louise from STEMtacular and assistance will be given to STEMtacular 2026 taking place towards the end of February. STEMtacular in its 3d year is fast becoming one of the largest STEM events nationally for national school children, sponsorship and support at the event will be provided this year.

#### **Carrick on Shannon Community CCTV Scheme Extension**

Having received approval for the extension the next step is to prepare costings and to apply for Dept of Justice Funding.

#### **Carrick on Shannon Business Campus**

BABLE GmbH were appointed to provide consultancy services in relation to the delivery of a priming phase for a proposed Enterprise Hub at Carrick on Shannon Business Campus. Consultancy services will prepare the project for a full Stream 1 Local infrastructure application under the Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme (SREIS). An initial meeting of the working group is scheduled for early February.

#### **Leitrim Economic Forum and Global Business Network**

The next meeting of the Leitrim Economic Forum is scheduled for 6th February 2026 and preparation is ongoing.

The next meeting of the Leitrim Global Business Network is scheduled for 24 February 2026. Work is progressing on the planning for the Leitrim Ambassadors Summit, which is set to take place in late September 2026. The Working Group met on 12 January 2026, and regular meetings are planned to go forward.

BABLE Smart cities have been engaged to deliver the new Economic and Skills Strategy for County Leitrim, the inception meeting took place on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and the consultants will attend the next Economic Forum in early February.

### TOURISM

#### **Trade Shows**

The Tourism Team attended the Holiday World Show in Dublin from January 23rd to 25th, an event that attracted over 50,000 visitors. Throughout the three days, the team promoted Leitrim's diverse tourism offerings, highlighting local businesses and showcasing the county's strengths in Walking, Cruising, and Cycling holidays. Engagement at the stand was strong, with high levels of interest from both domestic and international attendees seeking authentic and nature-based travel experiences.

#### **Social Media Engagement**

All social media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, and X, were actively managed throughout January. Regular posting, event coverage, and promotional content contributed to a noticeable increase in engagement across all channels. Audience interaction, follower growth, and content reach all showed positive upward trends, supporting broader marketing objectives for the year.

### **EU Funding – NPA Programme**

An application was submitted to the NPA 6th Call for a Slow Adventure Tourism project in partnership with organisations in Iceland, Finland, and the NWRA in Ireland. Notification of successful applications is expected in May. This proposed 30-month initiative aims to develop Accessible Slow Adventure experiences across the NPA region, focusing on inclusive outdoor activities, sustainable tourism development, and cross-border collaboration.

### **Tourism Marketing Advisory Group**

A meeting of the Tourism Marketing Advisory Group took place with representatives from key tourism businesses across the county. The group reviewed planned marketing activities for the year, discussed opportunities for collaborative promotion, and explored innovative ideas to strengthen Leitrim's tourism profile. The session also provided valuable insights into emerging trends and industry needs.

### **Support Initiatives**

A call for applications has been launched for the St. Patrick's Day Events and Festival and Community Grants Scheme. Organisers are encouraged to submit applications through the online form available on the Leitrim.ie website. The scheme aims to support community led and tourism events that enhance local cultural activity and contribute to the county's festive programme.

### **Tourism Officers Network**

The Tourism Officer attended the January meeting of the Tourism Officers Network and Events Workshop. Representatives from all 31 local authorities participated, providing a platform for knowledge sharing, discussion of national tourism priorities, and exploration of potential partnership initiatives. The workshop also focused on best practices in event development and destination promotion.

## **TOWN REGENERATION**

### **Croí Conaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant**

The Croí Conaithe initiative aims to revitalise vacant and derelict properties by converting them into family homes and rental residential units. The Vacant Homes Officer continues to work closely with applicants to identify and support the reuse of suitable properties.

Between September 2025 to end of January 2026, 45 new applications were received, total number of applications in 2026 is 12. During this reporting period, 23 grant payments were processed, relating to applications submitted in 2023,2024 and early 2025.

### **Town Teams**

The Town Regeneration Officer continues to engage with town teams on general issues, town team governance and structure issues.

### **Town Team Meeting**

The Leitrim County Council town regeneration team met with 3 town teams in January - Dromahair town team on the 14th of January, Kinlough Town team on the 20th of January and Manorhamilton town team on the 27th of January

Dromahair

A member of the Boyle Town Team was invited to meet with the Dromahair Town Team to provide insight into what an established town team can look like 5–10 years after inception. The Boyle Town Team representative outlined their successful projects and shared guidance on priorities and actions for the first year of a newly established town team.

### Kinlough

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.

### Manorhamilton

The Manorhamilton Town Team has finalised it's Town Centre First Plan and are currently preparing to launch the plan.

### **Local Development SPC**

The Local Development SPC was held on the 06<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 with presentations on:

- The new joint LSP & LCC Sports Strategy and the Role of the Walking for All Officer within the Local Sports Partnership
- Leitrim PEACEPLUS Community Capacity Building Programme Overview
- New projects to be delivered under the PEACE PLUS Smart Towns & Villages programme

## **ROADS**

### **Annual Area Programme 2025**

Leitrim County Council has not yet received any Funding Allocations for National Roads from the TII or for Non-National Roads from the Department of Transport.

Road Crews continue to carry out routine maintenance works and winter maintenance as necessary.



### **N4 CARRICK-ON-SHANNON BYPASS & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

- Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation is ongoing
- Phase 3 Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) currently being updated
- Ground investigation in Material Deposition/Reuse Area completed
- River Shannon Bridge under final design
- Preliminary Business Case & Cost Benefit Analysis under final update
- Draft CPO/PRO deposit maps and schedule have been prepared and are under review

### **Realignment of N16**

- [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.

### **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.
- [De-Vegetation Contract on 18 No. Bridges](#) – Contract has been awarded for the de-vegetation of 18 Bridges around the County in preparation for the 2026 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme.

## 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 and are developing pavement strengthening and reinstatement proposals, topographical survey has been completed. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed in two phases, one of which will overlap with the N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements.

## N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming – A revised preliminary design has been submitted to TII and has been approved. Documentation for Part 8 Planning Approval has been reviewed by Planning Department and documentation is being revised by Road Design.
- 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 – This 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. In conjunction with technical staff of the TII, Leitrim County Council is currently assessing traffic report, and a Feasibility and Options Report is being prepared.



### Ongoing stakeholder consultations and meetings are being held with:

- Land and Property Owners
- Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)
- Irish Rail
- National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Irish Water
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)  
Leitrim County Council (LCC) / Roscommon County Council (RCC) Planning Departments
- ESB Networks and ESBI
- Eir

**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 complete and will go to tender asap. Landowner negotiations are ongoing.
- R280 Killarga – Design Consultant appointed, and Topographical survey completed. Options Report has been completed and approved by the Department. GI contractor has completed site works with technical reports under review. Preparation of Draft Part 8 documents is almost complete. Detailed design process is almost complete. Landowner discussions are ongoing.
- R280 Loughmurran Realignment – Following a retender for a Design Consultant for this SIG, a Design Consultant is now in the process of being appointed.
- 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 are currently being procured. Landowner negotiations are ongoing.

**Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) & Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)**

The CIS and LIS allocation has not yet been received for 2026. An updated prioritised LIS Waiting List is being prepared and up to date BISS letters and maps and any other required documentation have been requested from the top thirty applicants on the prioritised LIS Waiting List.

**Roads in Charge (RIC) Queries**

Processed This Month	Processed Year To Date
15	15

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
04	04

**Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2025/2026**

The closing date for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2025/2026 was Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**ACTIVE TRAVEL**

**Active Travel have received an allocation of €2,425,000 for Capital upgrades and Staff Salaries.**

Project	Stage (2026)	Cost
Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link	Under construction (completion Q2 2026)	€5,565
Pedestrian Crossing, Hilly Road, Drumshanbo	Under construction (completion Q2 2026)	€35,000
Drumshanbo – Town Junction Upgrade	Part 8 Planning	€200,000
Carrick-on-Shannon – Attifinlay Rbt → Summerhill AT Scheme	Part 8 Planning	€220,000

Castlecara Pedestrian Crossing	Preliminary & Detailed Design	€70,000
Carrigallen AT Link & Permeability Link	Preliminary & Detailed Design	€190,000
Ballynamony R280 AT Scheme	Design + Part 8/Section 38 required	€200,000
Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade	Design + Part 8/Section 38 required	€20,000
Ballinamore Junction Upgrade	Design + Part 8/Section 38 required	€18,435

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT PIPELINE



### **Bus Stop Enhancement Programme**

An Allocation of €500,000 has been received for the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme for 2026.

- Currently at construction by Contractor:
  - Kinlough
- Currently at Section 38 stage:
  - Ballinamore – 2 no. Bus Shelters
- Other locations to be identified and progressed in 2026.

## ARTS

### CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN (CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY, 29 MARCH):**

**Cruinniú na nóg projects** Sun 29 Mar

Youth/Community/Arts Groups

**Creative Communities Open Call** Sun 29 Mar

Community Groups/Arts Organizations

**Creative Economy Open Call** Sun 29 Mar

Creative Enterprises

**Creative Internship Programme** Sun 29 Mar

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### Professional Development – Creative Frame (Dec 2025 / Jan 2026)

- 80 artists and arts professionals attended Creative Frame events.
- The Leitrim Arts Awards recognised seven artists, with 60 attendees.
- 20 artists attended the Arts Office Funding Information Session on 28 January.
- Work continued Q1 training including mentoring, child protection and artist talks.

### Communications

- News and opportunities updates issued to 405 Creative Frame network members.
- Website updated and new membership applications processed.
- Q1 Spring updates circulated with additional opportunities.

### Youth Arts

- Youth theatre programmes resumed countywide with term schedules confirmed; a visit to Carrigallen Youth Theatre took place to meet members and the new facilitator, with county-wide gathering planning underway.
- Planning for the 2026 Youth Film Camps is well-advanced, with facilitators, venues and dates confirmed, and ongoing coordination with PEACE PLUS.
- The playwriting project brief is complete and ready pending PEACE PLUS direction.
- The Bright Sparks / Down Syndrome summer programme has an agreed eight-session model for the week of 13 July.
- The Narrative 4 programme began with five facilitators engaged and training underway.
- Governance work for Leitrim Youth Arts CLG continued with drafts of safeguarding, membership, data protection and health & safety policies.

### Engagement & Promotion:

Public information sessions were delivered in Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton. Funding opportunities were advertised locally and nationally through media, PPN networks and social media.

### Special Projects – Songlines Music Development Programme

Creative Frame hosted the online introduction session and contributed to designing the upcoming six-month Shared Island programme for musicians from Leitrim and Derry.

### CREATIVE IRELAND

#### APPLICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT:

**Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community** Deadline: 27 Feb

Youth/Community/Arts Groups

**Creativity on a Shared Island** Deadline: 27 Feb

Community Groups/Arts Organizations

**Live Music Performances in Residential Healthcare Settings** Deadline: 13 Feb

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# HOUSING, PLANNING, CORPORATE SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORATE

## HOUSING

### Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

- Target over 5 years 20 units of accommodation
- As of 31<sup>st</sup> January 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 not set a target to date, but it will be in the region of **326** as per last year's figures.

2026 Target for Inspection	No. of Dwelling inspections completed on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	% Complete on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 out of the overall target
326	5	1.53%

There are **5** dwellings inspected, and **5** 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 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	% Complete on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 out of the overall target.
250	40	16%

#### Energy Efficiency

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme is ongoing with the focus on targeting the houses with the lowest BER rating. In 2026, Leitrim County Council has set a target of 16 units and progress is ongoing in achieving that target by the end of Q4 2026.

#### Private House Grants

At the end of January, the following table outlines the progress and status of Private House Grant applications, which are at various stages of completion. The allocation for 2026 has not yet been announced by the Department; however, applications continue to be assessed and progressed while awaiting confirmation of this year's allocation.

	<b>Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)</b>	<b>Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability (HGD)</b>	<b>Mobility Aid Grant (MAG)</b>
<b>Number of Applications on Hand currently Under Assessment</b>	42	28	9
<b>Number of Approved Grants to Be Paid Following Completion and Final Inspection</b>	70	39	14
<b>Value of Approved Grants to Be Paid Following Completion and Final Inspection</b>	€365,741	€565,662	€60,734

### **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**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Delivery Mechanism</b>
Newtowngore	<b>7</b>	Direct Build
Sean McDermott Street	<b>4</b>	Direct Build
Dromahaire	<b>2</b>	Turnkey
Drumkeerin	<b>3</b>	Turnkey
Dromahair	<b>2</b>	Turnkey
Kinlough	<b>2</b>	Turnkey
Drumshanbo	<b>1</b>	Part V
Kinlough	<b>1</b>	Part V
Dromod	<b>2</b>	Part V
<b>Total No. of Units projected for delivery in 2026</b>	<b>24</b>	

### **Affordable Housing in Carrick on Shannon**

A survey of interest was carried out in December and January to assess potential demand for affordable housing in Carrick-on-Shannon. A total of 76 responses were received from a mix of First Time Buyers and Fresh Start applicants. The Council is currently reviewing the survey findings to inform the targeted development of a future Affordable Housing Scheme, which will be advertised through Leitrim County Council's media channels once available.

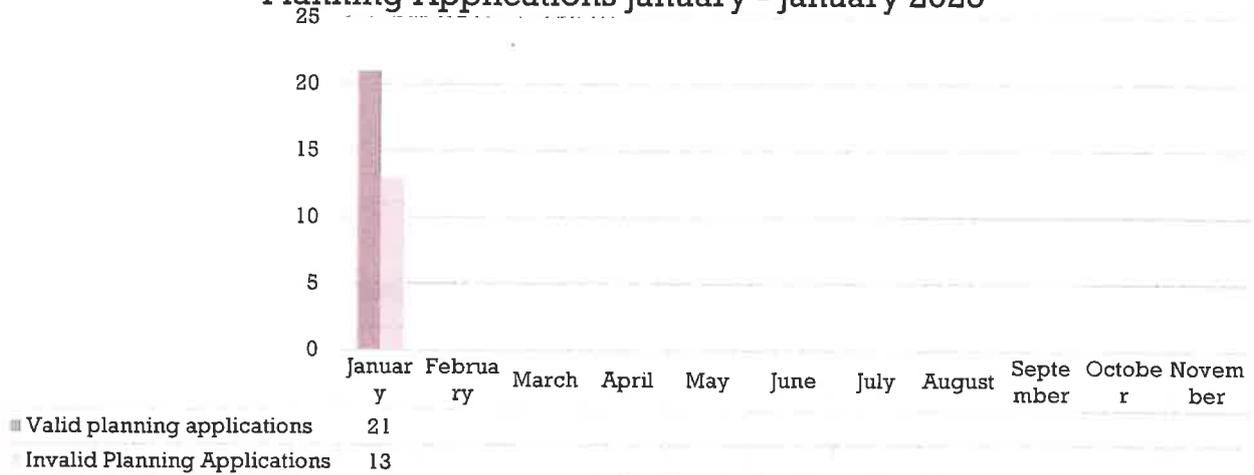
### **Social Housing Supply**

During January Leitrim County Council invited Expressions of Interest for residential-zoned land, new turnkey homes, or renovated vacant/derelict properties to help meet social housing needs across the county. The closing date for receipt of EOIs is Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

### Development Management

Planning Applications January - January 2025



### Further Information Requests Issued

### Further Information Responses Received

### Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries

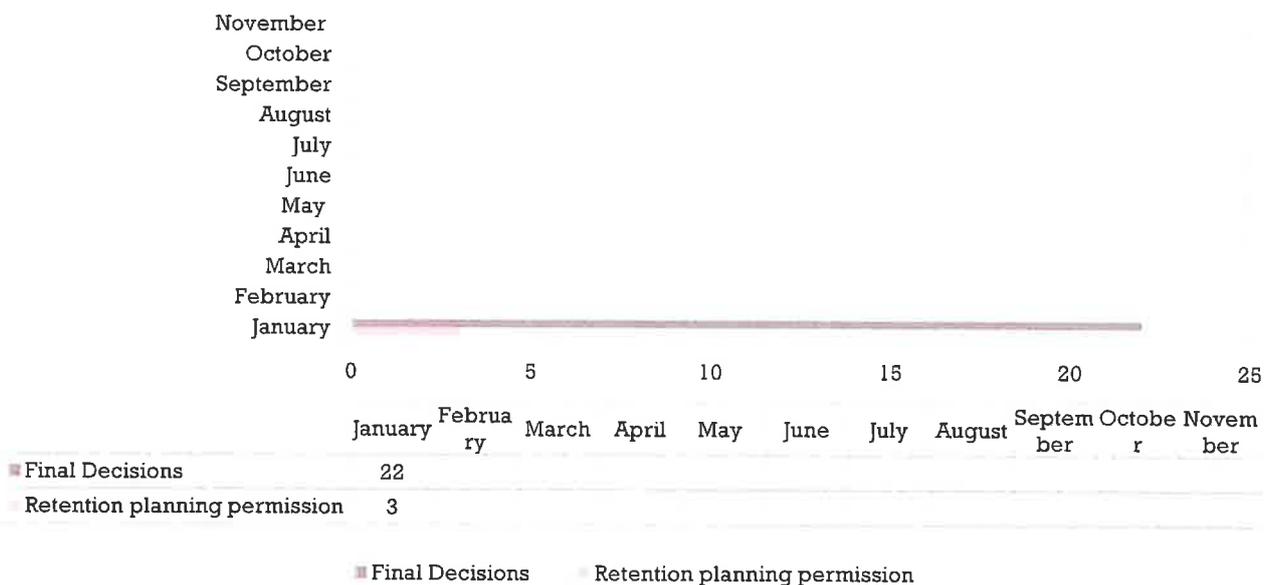
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Breakdown of Planning Decisions January 2025



A Part 8 Public Consultation process is underway with respect to the removal of the existing hard-standing plaza area to the front and side of the Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon and its replacement with a remodelled hard and soft landscape space. Submissions are invited before 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## **Forward Planning**

### Variation to County Development Plan 2023-2029

Work is well underway to consider the preparation of a variation to the County Development Plan 2023-2029 to increase the quantum of land zoned for residential purposes so as to provide for 50% headroom. Ministerial Guidelines instructing Local Authorities to update housing targets in line with the revised National Planning Framework issued at the end of July. A report on the development capacity of existing zoned residential lands as required pursuant to the Section 28 Guidelines 'National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation - Housing Growth Requirements' issued to the Members in late October for consideration at the November Council meeting. It is expected to publish the draft variation towards the end of February.

### Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Draft RZLT maps were published on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January and public consultation will run until April 1<sup>st</sup>. All of the information relating to the RZLT and the manner in which affected landowners can make submissions is on our website: <https://www.leitrim.ie/council/services/planning-building/residential-zoned-land-tax-rzlt/>

## **Heritage**

- The Leitrim Heritage Plan projects for 2026 have been developed in preparation of funding applications to The Heritage Council County Heritage Plan Fund.
- A presentation on the draft *Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2031* was given to the SPC and the public consultation on the draft plan has been prepared. Invitations to quote for the Heritage Plan design have also been issued.
- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim* website and project resources have been promoted.
- The Community Monument Fund 2026 and the Historic Structures Fund 2026 have been promoted and potential applicants engaged with.
- The Community Monument Fund grant recoupment was submitted and approved for the Old Church of Ireland, Manorhamilton Conservation Plan.

## **SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Signed:   
Mary Quinn Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 13th January 2026