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FINANCE

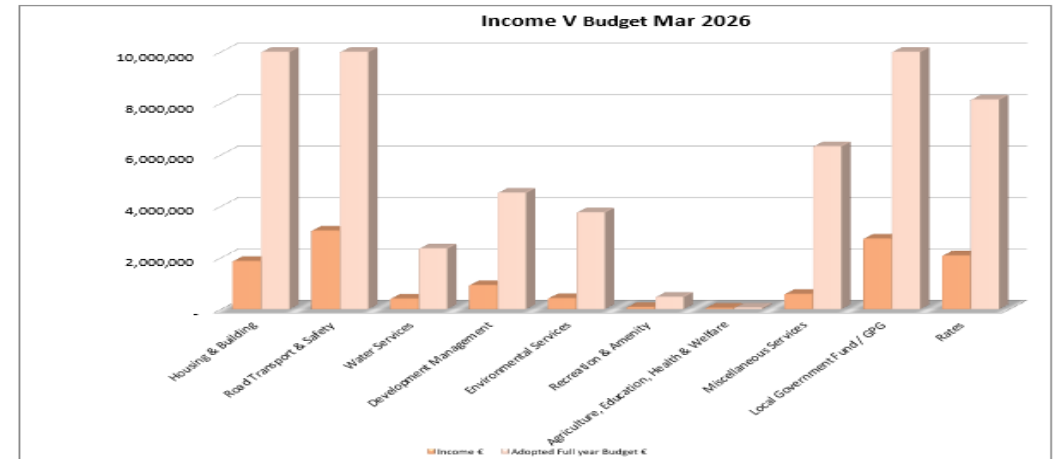
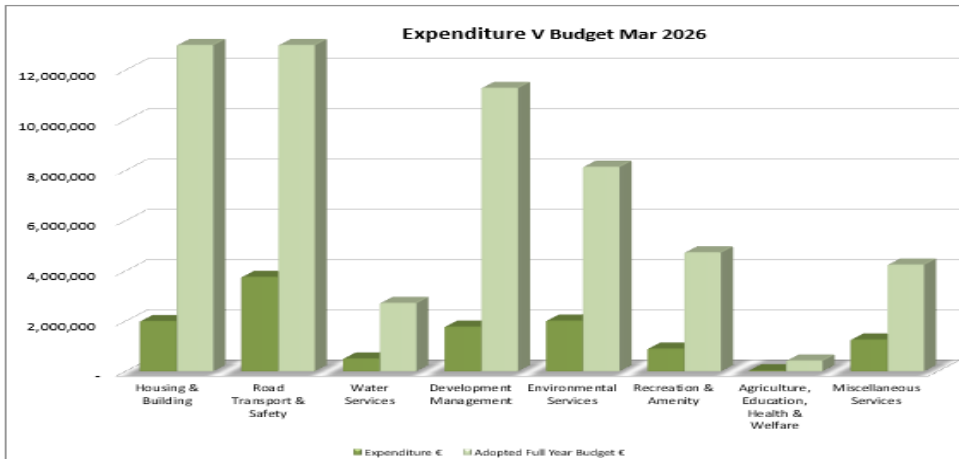
Mar 2026 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY March, 2026 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE			
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A	Housing & Building	2,001,361	13,234,760	15%	11,233,399
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,760,239	19,314,283	19%	15,554,044
C	Water Services	507,995	2,721,921	19%	2,213,926
D	Development Management	1,779,120	11,293,097	16%	9,513,977
E	Environmental Services	2,017,264	8,147,280	25%	6,130,016
F	Recreation & Amenity	903,609	4,737,454	19%	3,833,845
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	39,711	426,673	9%	386,962
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,264,200	4,251,309	30%	2,987,109
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA	Rates			0%	0
		€12,273,499	€64,126,777	19%	51,853,278

		INCOME			
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €
		1,871,322	12,840,667	15%	10,969,345
		3,054,719	14,628,645	21%	11,573,926
		413,270	2,361,229	18%	1,947,959
		936,778	4,527,880	21%	3,591,102
		427,838	3,765,175	11%	3,337,337
		84,265	480,440	18%	396,175
		55,816	65,185	86%	9,369
		594,510	6,332,092	9%	5,737,582
		2,744,515	10,978,059	25%	8,233,544
		2,086,620	8,147,405	26%	6,060,785
		€12,269,653	€64,126,777	19%	51,857,124

		NET	
		Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
		(130,038)	264,055
		(705,521)	3,980,117
		(94,726)	265,966
		(842,342)	5,922,875
		(1,589,426)	2,792,679
		(819,343)	3,437,671
		16,105	377,593
		(669,690)	(2,750,473)
		2,744,515	(8,233,544)
		2,086,620	(6,060,785)
		(3,846)	(3,846)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Mar, 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

Mar 2026 - Recourse to Overdraft

No. of Days in Overdraft during Jan 2026

0

Interest Incurred

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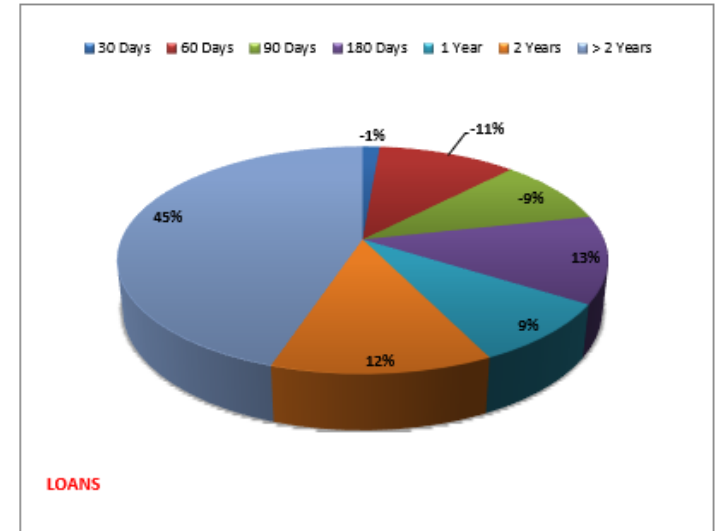
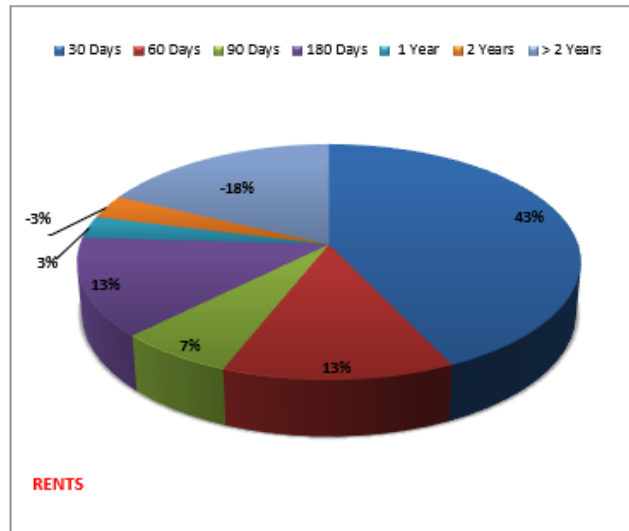
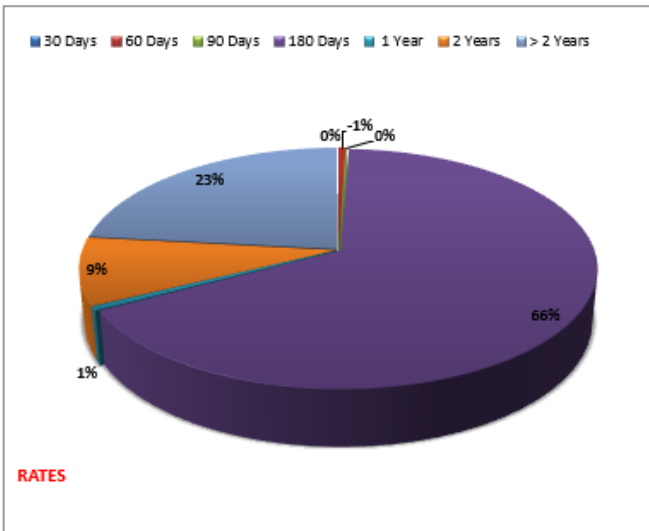
2026 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	€ Mar-26	€ Mar-25	€ FY 2025
Housing Rents	€777,518	€752,086	€3,029,862
Commercial Rates	€2,086,620	€1,837,441	€7,276,537
Housing Loans	€89,647	€85,222	€359,740

	YTD		
	% Mar-26	% Mar-25	% FY 2025
Housing Rents	86%	96%	98%
Commercial Rates	22%	20%	81%
Housing Loans	86%	70%	94%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection remains consistent. 2025 accounts not yet finalised
Rates collection % ahead of Mar 2025. The 2025 accounts not yet finalised
Loans collection % ahead of Mar 2025. The 2025 accounts not yet finalised

Mar 2026 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	-€46,829	€10,138	€6,027,534	€51,554	€823,846	€2,107,147
RENTS	€165,539	€50,044	€25,080	€51,908	€11,639	-€12,494	-€68,523
LOANS	-€559	-€4,558	-€3,919	€5,199	€3,672	€5,164	€18,811

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. National Monument Service workshop on implementation of sector adaptation for the Built and Archaeological Heritage through actions in the Climate Action Plan (4 March 2026)
2. Q1 Climate Action Committee Meeting (05 March 2026), minutes available. Included a tour of the Junction complex and restoration journey.
3. Application for NWRA DZ Scheme for pumps (Project Type 2, €250k, theme Adaptation) and Tree & Hedge Management Plan (Project Type 1, 50k, theme Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity) (6 March 2026)
4. Prepared a progress and plans briefing for Leitrim County Council to meet emissions reduction targets by 2030 for an Energy Performance Officer national event 23 March 2026
5. SEAI Critical Success Scorecard annual review (26 March 2026). Some progress has been made from the previous year, but substantial emissions reductions required to meet the 2030 target (51% reduction from baseline 2016-2018)
6. Ongoing engagement with Community on bringing a climate course for over 55s to Co. Leitrim (with Jacinta Barrins) in September
7. Ongoing engagement with the IKC3 Programme to build capacity in climate action among community and business groups in the Decarbonising Zone (April to June 2025)
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 Phase 1 - Strand 1 & Strand 1a</u>	<u>CCAP Phase 2 – Strand 1</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 has had a blanket extension to 1 May 2026 (all projects to be completed).	No outcome of the recommended projects submitted (administration Pobal on behalf of DCEE).

Biodiversity

National Tree Week 2026: Distributed 200 native trees from the Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte to Community groups in Co. Leitrim.

Biodiversity Officer Network: Attended quarterly Heritage Council Biodiversity Officer/Heritage Officer Network training in Kilkenny

PEACEPLUS: Member of Evaluation Panel for Eol's received for Community Biodiversity and environmental awareness projects

Biodiversity Action Plan Scheme: Funding approved by the Heritage Council for financial assistance for implementation of the Co. Leitrim Biodiversity Action Plan (€20,000)

ENVIRONMENT

Animal Control Services

Intake & Outcomes	
Stray Dogs	4
Surrendered Dogs	10
Seized Dogs	3
Equines Seized	0
Dogs Re-Homed	11
Dogs Reclaimed	4
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0

Complaints, Enforcement & Licensing	
Dog Fouling Complaints	0
Barking Complaints	2
Livestock Attacks/Worrying	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	7
Dog Licence Inspections	140
Fines Issued – Dogs	0

Animal Welfare Services	
Dogs Neutered	4
Neutering Vouchers Issued	8
Dogs Micro-Chipped	2
Animal Carcasses Removed	2
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	2000

Communication & Engagement	
Newspaper Articles / Radio	6
School / Community Workshops	1
Social Media Posts	52

COMMUNITY AND INTERGATION

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Applications for LEP 2026 closed on the 27th of February, with 142 successful applications received. Initial review is complete and recommendations for the LCDC Assessment Committee have been prepared.

Age Friendly Programme

Work continues with internal and external stakeholders to progress a Climate Action Course for over 55's in Leitrim. Location has been selected and promotional materials finalised. Recruitment of community champions to support uptake has commenced.

Healthy Ireland

Expressions of interest and SLAs are being put in place with implementing partners to deliver work programmes in 2026. Payment of funds has commenced.

Love Where You Live

The Love Where You Live Primary Schools Competition is open to all primary schools across County Leitrim. Schools are invited to participate by submitting a project aligned with the 2026 theme, Climate Action. The closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday, 24 April 2026.

The Love Where You Live 2026 Community Competition will comprise six categories, as follows:

- Green Community
- Green Estate
- Age Friendly Community
- Social Inclusion
- Community Achievement
- Gen Z Impact Award (*new for 2026*)

The call for entries for the community competition categories will open on **9 April 2026**.

Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan (1.1)

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 and a further in person session was held in Drumshanbo in March. The feedback from participants has been positive to date.
- Volunteer Support Programme – The summer camp program has now been launched; information sessions are planned in various venues and application process is open. Two half day barista training courses, fully subscribed for April in Ballinamore and May in Dromahair.
- Virtual Reality Program Equipment – Headset apparatus fully set up with the help of IT and facilitator Orla Casey (ATU). Staff from Community, IT, Sports Partnership, Arts, Health and Safety completed a day's training in the equipment, experience and software.
- Digital Camps for Young People – Tender granted to Harp Media for the Technical Training Camps for young people scheduled to take place throughout Q3 2026.

Culture Heritage and Faith

- The 2nd event with Daniel Caldwell took place in Newtowngore Methodist Church. There was a strong participant turn out with excellent support from Drumreilly Active Age Group and the Newtowngore Community.

PEACEPLUS Shannonside Peace Arena (1.4)

- The third Project Board meeting of 2026 was held in March, with representation from SEUPB, the Department for Communities (NI), DRCDG and McAdam Design.
- LCC's PEACEPLUS Development Officer attended SEUPB Lead Partner Training on the 5th of March in Belfast – strengthening the relationships with SEUPB and other county councils completing large scale capital projects under SEUPB funding.
- LCC completed the BREEAM data dump for McAdam Design to begin compiling and reviewing.
- Positive feedback was received from the social media update and press release. There were 636 views of the Youtube video, 62 Facebook likes and 658 views on Instagram.

Management

Crowleys DFK auditors have been working on certifying our claims. Under the Council Action Plan, we have 9 Claims up on the Jems Portal from October 2023 to December 2025. Claim periods are quarterly and our first 4 claims have been certified.

- Claim 1 - €24,176.94
- Claim 2 - €30,411.42
- Claim 3 - €27,468.54
- Claim 4 - €31,484.12

We have responded to detailed queries on Claims 5,6 and 7 and are awaiting certification on these.

Under the Shannonside Peace Arena there are 5 Claims on the portal from November 2024 to January 2025. LCC have zero expenditure for first 2 claim periods. The following claims have been certified.

- Claim 3 - €19,553.61

We have responded to detailed queries on Claim 4 and are awaiting certification on these.

Local Community Safety Partnership

A *Stay Safe, Stay Well* event was held in Manorhamilton on 12th March 2026, providing residents with practical advice on home security, fire safety, wellbeing, and storm preparedness. The event was well attended, with positive engagement between the community and service providers, highlighting the value of local safety and wellbeing initiatives.

Leitrim Local Community Development Committee

A meeting of the Leitrim LCDC was held on 25th March 2026, at which two LEADER projects were approved to a total value of €25,353.51.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

During March, the Integration Team delivered a total of nine needs-assessment clinics, supporting individuals and families to access appropriate services.

- Five clinics were held for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP).
- Four clinics were delivered across IPAS Centres.

The Intercultural Workers Group met once in March, featuring a presentation from the Jesuit Refugee Society.

A total of five information sessions were delivered in March which were focused on Volunteering in your Community, Lifelong Learning & Labour Market Session, Housing Information Session (DePaul).

The Wellbeing Advantage Workshop Series commenced in March with its first session, “Build It to Last: Healthy Habits that Stick.” Delivered in partnership with LAIT and Healthy Ireland, the series incorporates a range of wellbeing activities, including walking and running groups as well as individual health assessments.

An event was held in March to mark International Wear Red Day, featuring a community walk organised by the Local Authority Integration Team and Leitrim Sports Partnership, in collaboration with the local primary school. Members of the wider community were invited to come together, wear red, and take part in the initiative to “*Show Racism the Red Card.*”

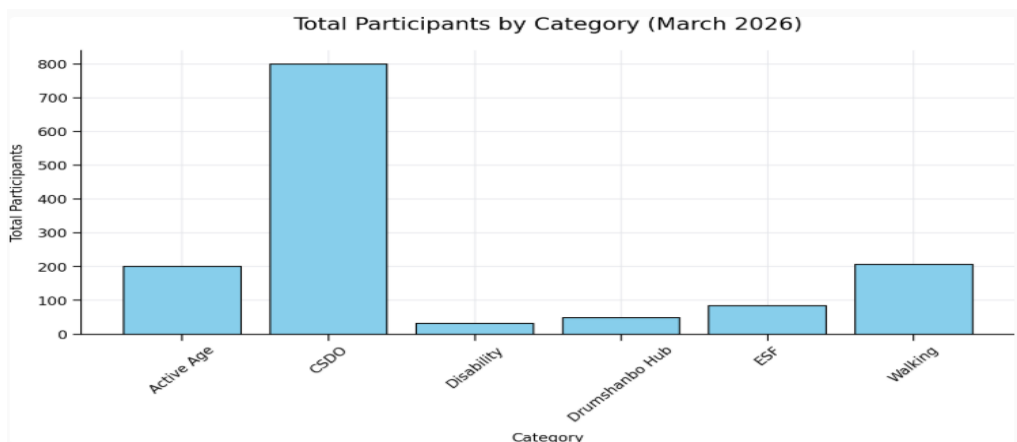
The event was very well attended, with a total of 151 participants joining the walk and demonstrating their commitment to promoting inclusion and standing against racism.

International Women’s Day was celebrated on 6th March, with this year’s theme “*Power in Her Story.*” The event provided an opportunity to reflect on the strength, resilience, and contributions of women within the community.

A total of 11 participants attended the celebration, engaging in meaningful discussion and acknowledging the importance of women’s voices and experiences.

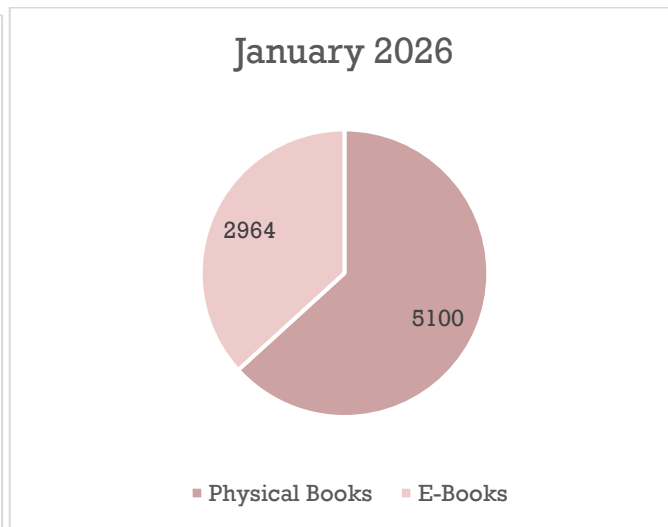
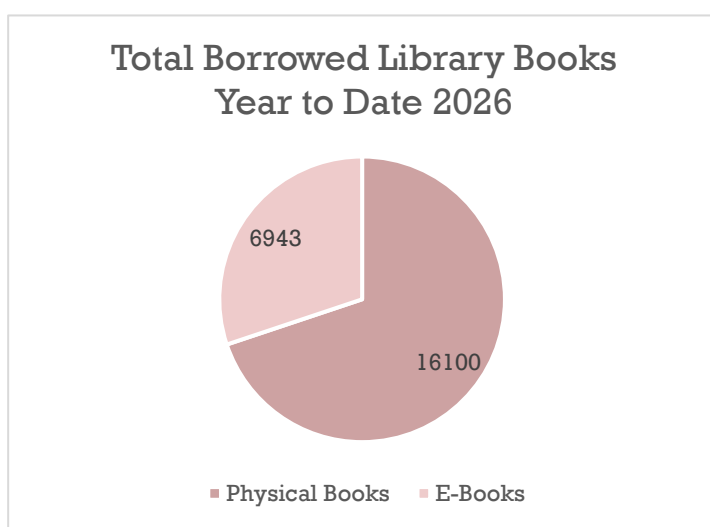
There was 1 Offer a Home activation in March accommodating 2 people.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



• Total Participants: 1,374 (Male: 460, Female: 914)

LIBRARY SERVICES



Over the month of March all libraries were busy with the usual events such as class visits, reading groups and writer group meetings, English and Irish language classes, art & craft sessions, games afternoons/evenings, bridge club and Creative Writing for Young Adults in Dromahair Library. The Ciorcal Comhrá in Ballinamore library had their final night of a 20-week session come to an end in March.

Irish Astronomy Week

Manorhamilton Library marked Irish Astronomy Week with a hands-on introductory session on ‘*photographing the Milky Way and capturing images of the planets*. The workshop drew an enthusiastic group of beginners and amateur stargazers eager to learn practical tips for night-sky photography.

World Book Day

The 5th of March marked World Book Day and witnessed many class visits to our Library branches where reading was promoted to children. 20 class visits from local schools in total took place during the month.

Seed Swap

Ballinamore Library hosted its first Seed Swap Event on 31st March arranged by Ballinamore Biodiversity and Gardening group. Participants were invited to bring seeds saved or pick up freely provided starter packets from the. This event was attended by experienced gardeners, and first-time growers.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge events took place in several branches with Tráth na gCeist activities being enjoyed by local schools who travelled to their local library to participate.

The Forgotten Peterhead Men Exhibition and Lecture Series

The launch of the commemorative exhibition and lecture, *The Forgotten Peterhead Men*, took place in Ballinamore Library on Friday, 6 March at 7.30pm. A special pre-launch reception for relatives was held at 7.00pm, offering family members an opportunity to meet, connect, and view the exhibition in a more informal setting before the main event began. The evening was formally launched by Cllr. Paddy Farrell, Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council. The evening drew a strong attendance, including relatives, local historians and community groups.

As part of the wider commemorative programme, a special series of lectures was also delivered to post-primary schools, ensuring young people had access to this important aspect of local and national history. This event was organised in partnership with Longford County Library and Archives, and the Department of Culture, Sport and Communications. This lecture series and exhibition was funded under Commemorative Grant Funding 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STEM Passport for Inclusion- Maynooth University & ATU

Follow up with Schools on students submitting their assignments to ATU during March. Date of November 2nd confirmed for Graduation of Leitrim Students.

Dream Space Showcase

Reminder email issued to schools in relation to Microsoft Dream Space in March, National event to take place in May at Microsoft HQ, Dublin.

Carrick on Shannon Business Campus (Enterprise Hub)

Meetings with BABLE GmbH and the working group continued in relation to the priming phase of the proposed Enterprise Hub at the Carrick-on-Shannon Business Campus. Stakeholder consultations took place during March, and further meetings are planned during April.

Leitrim Economic Forum

The next meeting of the Economic Forum will take place on 8th May 2026. Work continued in the planning of the Leitrim Ambassadors Summit, an initiative of the Forum. The summit is scheduled for September 2026.

Shaping Leitrim- A Place led Economic and Skills Strategy for Leitrim 2026-2035.

Bi-weekly meetings are taking place with BABLE Smart cities as the consultation phase for the new strategy continues. One to one stakeholder meetings took place in March; the consultation survey was issued in March with a closing date of April 19th. Economic Forum working group meetings continue to take place also.

Global Business Network

The meeting of the group is scheduled for 12th May 2026.

Remote Working Marketing Campaign

StoryLab were appointed consultants for the Remote Working & Croí Cónaithe social media marketing campaign. Planning meetings continued during March, to determine potential case study participants for the video content for the campaign.

DRCDG Funded Schemes

The Clár funding scheme was announced in March and the closing date for Expression of interest is 14th May 2026. Leitrim hosted the regional briefing for counties in the North and West in Carrick on Shannon on 26th March.

The Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund opened during March.

TOURISM

Marketing

The marketing campaign, continued throughout March with sustained media activity across TV, radio, video-on-demand and podcast platforms. Audience engagement remained strong, supported by additional promotional activity, including a prize giveaway on the Virgin Media Ireland AM show. Early performance data indicates strong reach, high visibility and positive engagement trends across all channels. The central call to action directed audiences to www.enjoyleitrim.ie, where businesses from across the county submitted special offers aimed at encouraging visits and increasing local spending.

PR

PR agency StoryLab has been appointed to deliver a 10-month PR campaign showcasing a range of stories and successes from across County Leitrim. The campaign aims to secure strong national and international media exposure throughout the period.

Support Initiatives

Twenty-five Festival and Event applications were received through the joint Arts, Community and Tourism Initiative.

- Arts – 6
- Community – 12
- Tourism - 7

An evaluation of the Community and Tourism applications funded through the GMA was completed. Arts grants are funded directly through the Arts Programme, and the Fleadh was supported through a separate allocation. In addition, a further five tourism festivals received funding through the Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival Scheme.

Ballinamore		Carrick on Shannon		Manorhamilton	
<i>Community</i>	<i>Tourism</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Tourism</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Tourism</i>
5	3	4	1	3	2

As funding in the Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton MD areas was not fully allocated, a second call for applications will be made later in the year.

Tourist office

The Carrick on Shannon Tourist Office has reopened for the season and will operate six days a week, Monday to Saturday. Information points at Ireland West Airport, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore and Glencar continue to be supported.

Meetings

A meeting of the Fáilte Ireland DEDP (Destination Experience Development Plan) working group took place to review progress and report on the status of actions arising from the plan. Leitrim County Council continues to work with Fáilte Ireland and other stakeholders to advance and deliver the actions identified.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training, Mentoring & Export

A number of people received training in March as we ran a series of courses such as AI Training, Cap Cut Training, enhancing social media with AI Insights, Lean to Smarter Solutions, Sustainable Enterprise Development for SMEs, 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 Day's Work Programmes & Associated Financial Supports

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

Atlantic Economic Corridor Update:

Interreg Europe Digital Rural: 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

Workshops and clinics with the Mobile Fab Lab are ongoing under the DS3 Project under PEACE Plus (Smart Towns & Villages). The project will run until July 2028 and offers free digital mentoring, skills development and community-focused digital inclusion activities. This programme is offered to SMEs, micro businesses, community/voluntary groups and individuals located in rural towns and villages. Schools can also avail of workshops with the mobile labs.

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. A comprehensive mentorship programme has been established. Partnership with Creative Skillsnet continues and is entering its third year.

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 REP Programme Manager. A presentation from the consultants OCO was made to group in late January. The draft document was considered by the group and further feedback given to the consultants. A revised document is expected in April.

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 REP Programme Manager. A presentation on the report was made to the CEs and Directors of Economic Development across the four sponsoring counties, Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo and Mayo on 25th March by consultants on the project, GDG Consulting. A presentation of the report is hoped to be made to the steering committee in April where next steps on hosting regional/online seminars will be discussed.

10xNW 2026

The Northwest Region came together to host the 10xNW entrepreneurship exchange in February 2026 in Leitrim. After a very successful event the 11 entrepreneurs and mentors continue to engage with each other throughout March as part of the commitment under the programme.

Next REP development

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 Q2 2026.

ROADS

Annual Area Programme 2026

- Road Crews continuing to carry out routine maintenance works.
- Road Crews carrying out Winter Maintenance Works as necessary

Preparations are underway for the commencement of works under the Annual Area Programme of Works 2026.

N4 Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass & Traffic Management Project

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

- Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation is ongoing.
- The Phase 3 Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is currently being updated based on comments from TII & Legal review
- Ground investigation fieldwork has been completed on-site in the Material Deposition/Reuse Area located east of the River Shannon.
- The River Shannon Bridge is under final design with input from specialist bridge architects
- The Preliminary Business Case and associated Cost Benefit Analysis is currently under final update
- The Draft CPO/PRO deposit maps and schedule have been prepared and are under review
- All phase 3 surveys such as Ground Investigation, Topographical, archaeological, ecological etc. are now complete on site

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. Final Retention payment is being processed.
- **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. Tender documents for Phase 1 are complete and will go to tender mid-April 2026.

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Stradrine to Esky Bridge** – Consultants RoadPlan have commenced development of the 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.

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.

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** – A revised preliminary design has been submitted to TII and has been approved. The Road Design Office is in consultation with the Planning Department regarding Part 8 Planning Approval and consultation is also required with the TII prior to Part 8 Advertisement.
- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Consultants RoadPlan have commenced development of the proposals for the safety scheme in conjunction with the N16 Stradrine to Esky Bridge Pavement Overlay 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, Road design are working with TII safety section to appoint consultants for development of this safety scheme 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. 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. Topographical surveying complete, ecological screening complete and under review, procurement of ground investigation works is in progress.
- **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.
- **Ecological Surveys** – Quotations received for surveying of 18 bridges; appointment of the successful candidate is in progress.
- **Rehabilitation Contracts** – Construction stage tendering has commenced for the bridge rehabilitation works, currently invitations to tender have been sent to 7 contractors for 2 bridges.
- **Bridge Inventory and Maintenance Inspections** – Bridge surveys, inspections and inventory updates are ongoing, currently 50 bridges have been surveyed for 2026.

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Design Consultant appointed. Report on Options approved by Department. Ground Investigations and Topographical survey complete. Detailed design and tender documents complete. Landowner negotiations ongoing and at an advanced stage. It is anticipated that construction stage tendering will commence in late April 2026 subject to completion of the land acquisition agreements.
- **R280 Killarga** – Design Consultant appointed. Topographical surveying and Ground Investigations complete. Options Report complete and approved by the Department. Draft Part 8 documents complete. Detailed design process almost complete. Land acquisition negotiations with landowner ongoing.
- **R280 Loughmurrin Realignment** – A new consultant engineer has been appointed for the scheme and is developing initial stages.
- **R278 Junctions** – Proposed Land take drawings issued to Area office for agreement with landowners.
- **R280 Erriff Retaining wall Rehabilitation** – Design Consultant appointed, Topographical survey complete, De-vegetation of Retaining Wall complete, Bat survey completed. Ground investigation works retendered with appointment of successful candidate in progress. Landowner negotiations ongoing.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The 2026 LIS allocation of €434,040 has been received. The LIS list has been updated, currently there are 121 people on this list. Letters of offer based on our allocation have been issued to 8 applicants.

Roads in Charge (RIC) Queries

Processed This Month	Processed Year To Date
28	72

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

Abnormal Load Permits

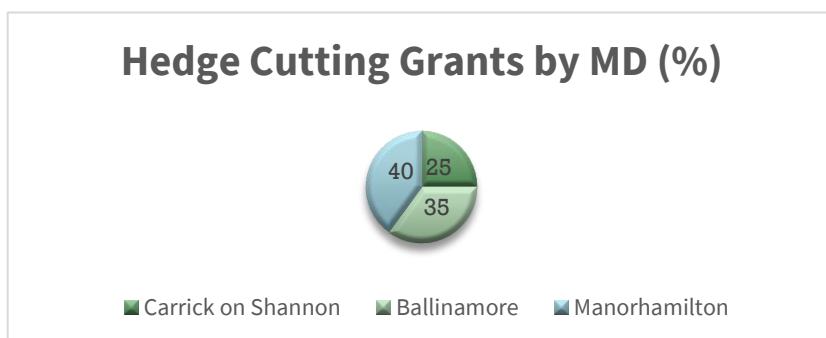
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Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

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



Draft Parking Control (Pay Parking) Bye-Laws 2026

The Draft Parking Control (Pay Parking) Bye-Laws 2026 in respect of the Town of Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim were published in March 2026 and are available for public inspection from 18th March 2026 to 14th April 2026 inclusive. Representations in relation to these Draft Bye Laws may be made up to Tuesday 28th April 2026.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel Schemes currently under construction by direct labour and will be completed in Q2/2026:

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

Currently at Part 8 Planning stage:

- Drumshanbo – Town Junction upgrade advertised submissions due 20/04/2026
- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Active Travel Scheme advertised submissions due 15/05/2026.

Currently at Preliminary and detailed Design Stage in house:

- Castlecara Pedestrian Crossing
- Carrigallen Active Travel Link and additional Permeability Link

Design and Part 8/Section 38 Planning are required for the following when resources allow:

- Ballynamony R280 AT Scheme
- Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade
- Ballinamore Junction Upgrade

Safe Route to Schools

Under construction by Contractor to be completed Q2/2026	Mohill Community College
Contractor to be appointed	St. Clare’s NS, Manorhamilton
Awaiting NTA Design Team Feedback	SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS
Design underway and Part 8 necessary	SRTS Rd 3 – Ballinamore Scoill Chlann Naofa
Delivery Plan received and Design ongoing	SRTS Rd 3 – Drumshanbo VS
Awaiting Delivery Plan for the following from An Taisce:	SRTS Rd 4 – Scoil Mhuire Naofa (Carrigallen NS) - €20,000 SRTS Rd 4 – St. Patrick’s NS, Drumshanbo - €20,000

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 – 1 no. Bus Shelters
- Bus Shelters identified for progression in 2026 at following locations:
 - Mohill, Leitrim Village and Acres Lake, Drumshanbo.
- Bus Pole and Cage upgrades identified for progression in 2026 at following locations:
 - Roosky, Dromod, Kinlough, Jamestown and Dromahaire.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme

A legal review is currently underway for the first draft of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR).

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme

Substantial progress has been made on the approach to compiling a business case for the scheme. Full details of the project are available on website www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie.

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme

The hydraulic analysis and economic feasibility on this project have been substantially complete in Mohill by OPW in partnership with LCC Capital Projects Office. We await OPW's determination, following a business case submitted to them in September 2024. OPW have mentioned that may fall under the Minor Works Scheme, before Scheme progressing to Planning Consent & Construction.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes

Dromahair Scheme

Project went to tender in March 2026. Tender assessment will take place in April 2026. Approval will be requested from OPW in order to commence construction of the scheme in June 2026

Leitrim Village (Keadue Road Scheme) Scheme

The Minor works scheme is substantially complete.

Manorhamilton Minor Works Scheme

This Minor works scheme is substantially complete.

Carrick on Shannon Urban Regeneration Scheme

A Substantial completion has been issued for the Lighting Contact for the Linear Park Marina and the pedestrian bridge on the N4, Defects to be completed by the contractor.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme

Contract No 1 for public realm works on Main Street has been completed. Works on Contract No 2 for the realignment of the access road to Enterprise lands off Park Road is underway on site.

Mohill Public Realm Scheme

Works have been completed. A Substantial Completion Certificate has been issued to the Contractor.

Drumshanbo ExChange.

The Department have confirmed additional funding for the scheme. A Contractor has been appointed and is due to commence works in mid April 2026 with completion of the project approximately Q4 2027.

Drumshanbo Food Innovation & Knowledge Hub

Collins Boyd Engineering Ltd have been appointed by Leitrim Food Enterprise Zone CLG as their Design Team for the Scheme. They are currently preparing a planning application for Phase 2 of this development with detailed design to follow.

Shannonside Recreational Campus

Construction Tender to be published by end of April. Tender documents are currently under review by SEUPB. Works to commence on site Q3 2026.

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

Works are now nearing completion. Lower Ground Floor Works (Towns & Villages) are to be completed by 30th April. Upper Ground Floor and remainder of building to be completed by end of May.

Manorhamilton NCYS Building

Works are now complete. North Connacht Youth & Community Services (NCYCS) are to commence occupancy of building before end of April.

Leitrim Village Community Facility

Further information requested in relation to the planning application has now been submitted to the Planning Authority by Davitt Plan and Design & Associates and a decision is pending.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen

Funding is now in place via Shared Island fund (50%) and DFI (50%) for service contracts & PLO services in Fermanagh. Phase 2 deliverables and reports are now uploaded to the SLNCR dedicated web site. Full details on web site www.sln-cr-greenway.com and key milestones achieved with infographic of information. Phase 3 Design & Environmental Phase is ongoing. The PLO's are meeting Landowner/Property owners on an ongoing basis discussing the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR). This work will continue in 2026. LiDAR/Drone Surveys (ROI) completed and data processed. Topographical & Hydrographical Surveys (ROI only) currently ongoing and 85% survey completed from Blacklion to Dromahair. Survey works in ROI to continue to end June 2026. Consultants now working on optioneering the best fit route to be located within the Preferred Corridor in 2026 and environmental surveys will continue so as to aid in the draft of the EIAR.

Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway

The consultants have to carry out further Aquatic surveys as per IFI Scoping response Opinion from An Coimisiún Pleanála submission. All other Environmental surveys are to be completed to keep surveys up to date for the Planning submission. PLO working with Landowners and Lisney Agronomists and Landowners Land valuers to get Voluntary land Acquisition agreement in place before submission to the Bord. They are also advancing the EIAR with a view that a Planning application will be lodged to An Coimisiún Pleanála at the end of November 2026, once a final Legal Review is complete

South Leitrim Greenway

TII formally approved Phase 0 and gave approval to move into Phase 1 Concept & Feasibility stage and to use TII Framework – Technical Consultancy Framework For Greenways and Active Travel Lot 1 (Ref: TII 349) . TII gave approval for Phase 1 and Phase 2 which aligns with Cavan County Council TII approval for the Cavan Greenway project. LCC working on Tender documents for the appointment of a Consultant Engineer. Tender documents to be uploaded to E-Tenders by end April 2026.

Hartley Bridge

The tender assessment is now complete. Recommendation to award the contract has been sent to the Department Inspector for approval. Plan to be on site in May 2026.

Dromod Roosky Greyway

The Scheme is currently at Tender Stage with closing date for tenders due in Mid-April 2026

Acres Lake Facility Centre

The contractor is currently completing the snagging of the building, and we await his certification of the works at which stage a substantial completion cert will then be issued. It would be expected that the facility will be open to the public in Q2 2026.

Narrow Gauge Trail Drumshanbo

The trail is completed and open to the public.

Fenagh Abbey Trail

A Pre planning meeting with the National Monuments has been scheduled for the 21/04/2026 and following the outcome of this meeting it would be expected a planning application will be submitted for the scheme.

Carrick on Shannon Amenity Parks upgrade

Helena Mc Elmeel Architects have been appointed as the Design Team for the scheme. A Working Group have been developing the scheme, and it would be expected that it will be submitted for planning consent in Q2 2026.

Drumkeeran NW Stop Play and Therapy Centre

Works are progressing steadily and will be completed in Q3.

Ballinamore M.U.G.A.

Site Investigation has been completed and design and tender package is been finalised. It is expected that works will commence in Q2.

Lurganboy Church of Ireland Community Centre

Contractor had been identified but has since indicated that they no longer have the capacity to carry out the works. Unfortunately only one submission was received, therefore quotations will have to be resought for works.

Kinlough Community Garden

Ground mounted PV System is currently being designed. Once proposal has been received it will be communicated to all stakeholders where hopefully agreement will be reached.

Kinlough Arroo Project

Cat 2 RRDF funding of €572,334 was approved for the Scheme in Dec 2025. A tender for the appointment of a Design Team for the Scheme will be issued shortly.

The Dock – Carrick on Shannon

Part 8 Planning consent for the scheme was approved at the Carrick MD March meeting. A tender for the appointment of a Design Team for the Scheme has been issued with closing date 11/05/2026

HOUSING, PLANNING, CORPORATE SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORATE

HOUSING

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

- Target over 5 years 20 units of accommodation
- As of 31st March 2026, there was 6 No. Outputs achieved.
- This represents a 30% completion of the overall 5-year target.

Social Housing Applications & Allocations

- **53** – Applications received for Social Housing Support
- **302** – Social Housing Waitlist
- **21** – 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 31st March 2026	% Complete on 31st March 2026 out of the overall target
313	106	33.86%

There are **106** dwellings inspected, and **108** 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 31st March 2026	% Complete on 31st March 2026 out of the overall target.
250	62	24.80%

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 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 March, 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
March	13	9	7



A Part 8 Public Consultation process was approved at the March Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District meeting with respect to the remodeling of the existing hard-standing plaza area to the front and side of the Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon. The Part 8 Public Consultation processes for 2 no. Active Travel projects are underway - junction tightening and pedestrian priority upgrades at six locations within Drumshanbo and a significant scheme along the L-3412 Local Road from the Attifinlay and Shannon roundabouts to Summerhill in Carrick-on-Shannon.

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 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 approved by the Heritage Council for three heritage projects: a *Heritage Public Awareness Project*, a *Community Holy Well Project* and a *Community Fieldnames Project*. Invitations to quote for both the Holy Well and Fieldnames projects have been issued to contractors.
- A *Connecting Through Heritage* podcast series has been commissioned and four episodes have been planned which will highlight Leitrim Heritage Projects.
- A *Connecting Through Heritage* video series has been commissioned and three Leitrim heritage themed videos have been planned.
- The Creative Ireland *Traditional Aran Knitting* project has commenced. Workshops for the public for both beginners and advanced knitters will start in April.
- The Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2030 Pre-Draft Public Consultation has concluded with 9 no. submissions from the general public. The submissions have been assessed, and the Plan is being translated into Irish.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Mary Quinn Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 14th April 2026