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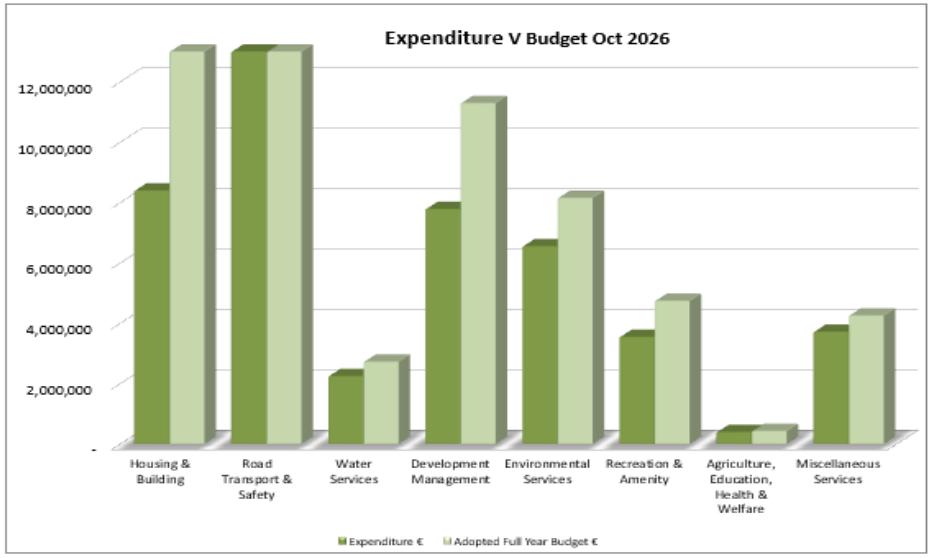
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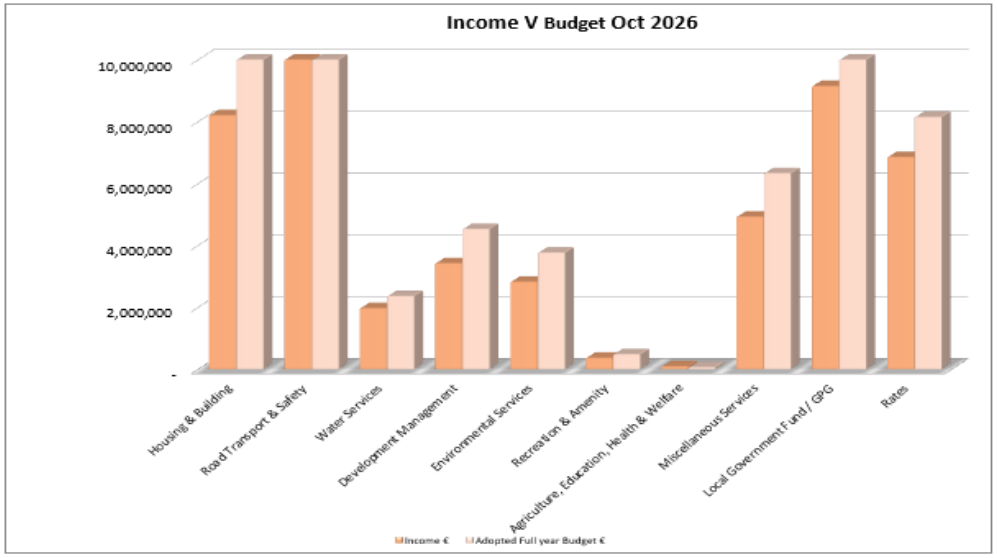
FINANCE

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

(PRELIMINARY Oct, 2026 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
A	Housing & Building	8,391,634	13,234,760	63%	4,843,126	8,202,137	12,840,667	64%	4,638,530	(189,496)	204,597
B	Road Transport & Safety	21,124,141	19,314,283	109%	(1,809,858)	15,937,114	14,628,645	109%	(1,308,469)	(5,187,027)	(501,389)
C	Water Services	2,247,073	2,721,921	83%	474,848	1,969,041	2,361,229	83%	392,188	(278,032)	82,660
D	Development Management	7,780,780	11,293,097	69%	3,512,317	3,421,671	4,527,880	76%	1,106,209	(4,359,109)	2,406,108
E	Environmental Services	6,547,339	8,147,280	80%	1,599,941	2,824,206	3,765,175	75%	940,969	(3,723,132)	658,973
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,544,626	4,737,454	75%	1,192,828	365,969	480,440	76%	114,471	(3,178,657)	1,078,357
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfa	391,523	426,673	92%	35,150	88,786	65,185	136%	(23,601)	(302,738)	58,750
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,712,730	4,251,309	87%	538,579	4,927,719	6,332,092	78%	1,404,373	1,214,989	(865,794)
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0	9,148,383	10,978,059	83%	1,829,677	9,148,383	(1,829,677)
RA	Rates			0%	0	6,852,443	8,147,405	84%	1,294,962	6,852,443	(1,294,962)





MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Oct, 2026

- The AFS audit was completed in October.
- The 2027 Budget is being drafted.

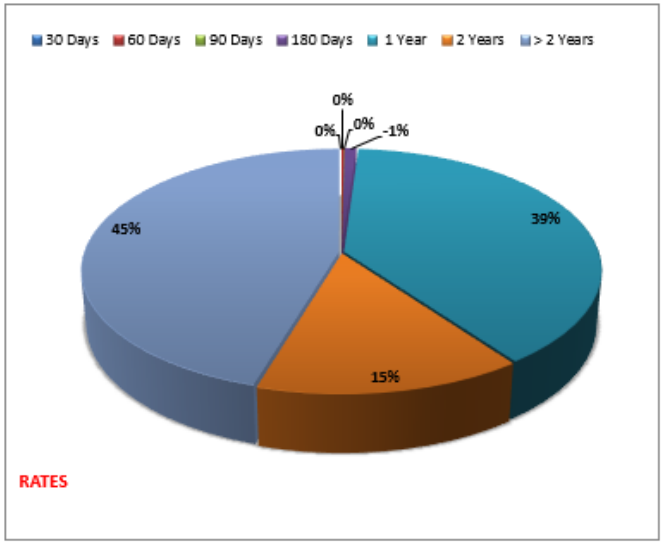
Oct 2026 - Recourse to Overdraft

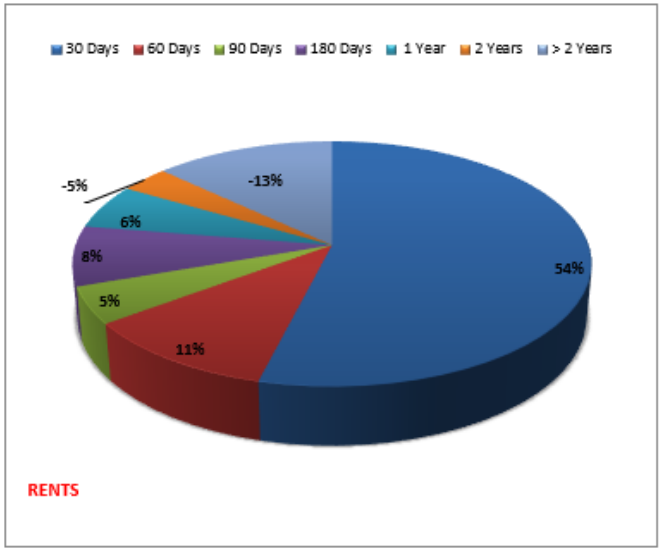
No. of Days in Overdraft during Oct 2026	0	Interest Incurred	€0

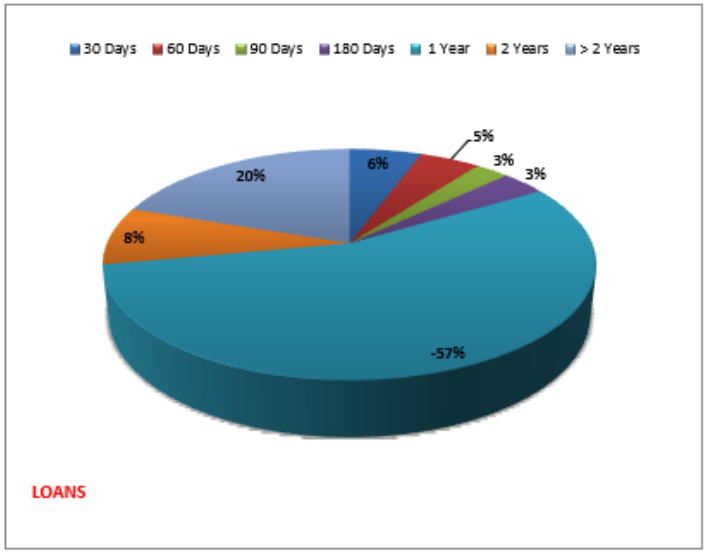
2026 - Collection Rates

	YTD € Oct-26	€ Oct-25	€ FY 2025	YTD % Oct-26	% Oct-25	% FY 2025	COMMENTARY
Housing Rents	€2,839,424	€2,584,254	€3,029,862	90%	98%	98%	Rents collection remains consistent.
Commercial Rates	€6,852,443	€6,930,053	€7,276,537	73%	75%	81%	Rates collection remains consistent.
Housing Loans	€289,367	€314,146	€359,740	103%	97%	94%	Loans collection remains consistent.

Oct 2026 - Aged Debt Analysis







	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	-€7,297	-€1,290	-€33,933	€1,567,910	€588,115	€1,827,354
RENTS	€295,031	€59,463	€26,535	€43,268	€32,374	-€19,220	-€71,136
LOANS	€4,217	€3,516	€1,973	€2,601	-€41,527	€6,094	€14,770

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. Climate Action partnered with An Taisce to deliver Leitrim Climate Action Week (12 – 18 October 2026). A total of 27 no. events were available to the public during the week, 20 no. in-person events were held across the county facilitated by the Council, in partnership with groups or directly by community groups to increase awareness, stimulate dialogue and participation on various themes of climate action.
2. Formal launch of Jute bags in collaboration with Environment (16 October 2026)
3. NWRA DZ Scheme Oversight Committee in Carrick Campus (29 October 2026). Request for reclaim of Carrick Flood Defence in current financial year, if possible (€240,401)
4. Projects spend for the DZ Demonstrator Fund, €10,581 for community engagement and €45,857 to assist in energy targets for buildings and fleet in Carrick-on-Shannon

Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) Fund

All project monies for CCAP Phase 1 (Strand 1 & Strand 1a) have been reclaimed. Preparation of end of Programme Report for CCAP Phase 1 still ongoing.

Biodiversity

1. The Connaught Biodiversity Officer network organised a regional training conference for Local Authority staff (13 October 2026); *Our Road Network, Working for Nature*. Speakers from NPWS, TII, Birdwatch Ireland, Hedgerows Ireland, National Biodiversity Data Centre and Bat Eco Services on the challenges and opportunities for biodiversity conservation along our road network.
2. Biodiversity awareness public events organised as part of Climate Action Week.
3. Biodiversity presentations delivered to participants at agricultural Knowledge Transfer workshops and at Over 55's Climate Action course.

ENVIRONMENT

Animal Welfare Services

Intake & Outcomes	
Stray Dogs	2
Surrendered Dogs	5
Seized Dogs	0
Equines Seized	0
Dogs Re-Homed	12
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0

Complaints, Enforcement & Licensing	
Dog Fouling Complaints	1
Barking Complaints	1
Livestock Attacks/Worrying	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	5
Dog Licence Inspections	67
Fines Issued – Dogs	0

Communication & Engagement	
Newspaper Articles / Radio	5
School / Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	19

Animal Welfare Services	
Dogs Neutered	5
Neutering Vouchers Issued	12
Dogs Micro-Chipped	2
Animal Carcasses Removed	0
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	84
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3500

COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATION

Local Enhancement Programme 2026
139 groups have been allocated funding for capital projects and purchases. 75 groups have been paid to date.

Age Friendly Programme
Age Friendly Ireland are waiting final confirmation that the nursing home project in Leitrim and Roscommon will be extended by another two years with Meath added as a third county.

Healthy Ireland
An approved change to Healthy Leitrim Outcome 1 will focus on reducing the proportion of people who smoke daily or occasionally, with a focus on targeting the prevention of smoking, vaping and nicotine pouch use among young people.

Comhairle na nÓg
Young people from six secondary schools across County Leitrim attended the Annual Youth Conference on 19 October 2026 and selected Cost of Living as their priority theme for 2027.

Community Recognition Fund
14 out of 16 capital projects have been completed under this fund to date.

Love Where You Live
The Love Where You Live Awards Event took place in Drumhierny Woodland Hideaway on 1ST October.

Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan (1.1)
Local Community Regeneration & Transformation

- Play & Art Therapy Centre, Drumkeeran –Official opening scheduled for 27th January 2027
- Carrick Community & Youth Arts Space officially named 'Chapters - Community and Youth Arts Hub'
- Claim 11 certified to the amount of €419,181. Total certified and paid up to 31st October - €945,706

PEACEPLUS Shannonside Peace Arena (1.4)

- The tender evaluation report, incorporating both quality and cost considerations, for the SRC is currently under review by LCC Senior Management.

- Claim 7 Certified to the amount of €108,239. Total certified and paid up to 31st October - €563,503.

Local Community Safety Partnership

Returned Department drawdown budget and supporting documentation. Workshop 1 for the Safety Plan was held, with planning underway for the next workshop.

Leitrim Local Community Development Committee

At its meeting on 21st October 2026, the Leitrim Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved two LEADER projects with a total funding value of €30,465.

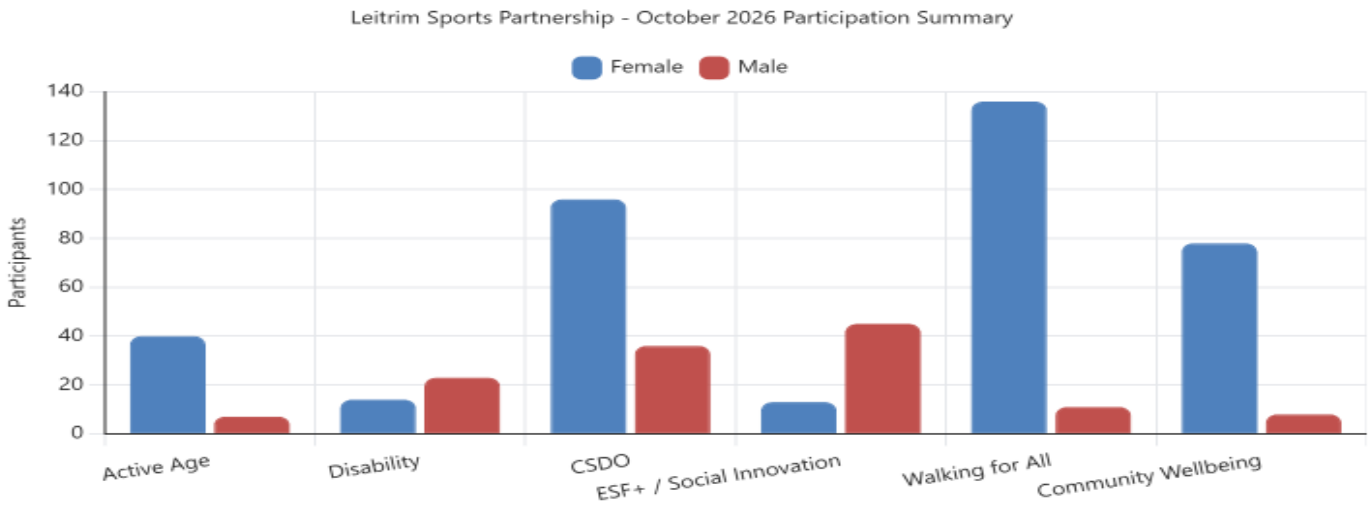
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Integration Team delivered seven clinics across both IPAS centres, processed one Offer a Home activation, hosted a Community Road Safety Event, and facilitated two children's art camps in Ballinamore and Dromahair through a collaborative initiative funded by CYPSC.

Irish Refugee Protection Programme

No new families were resettled in October. Ongoing support to four families resulted in 107 interventions across welfare, education, employment, healthcare, housing, and integration services.

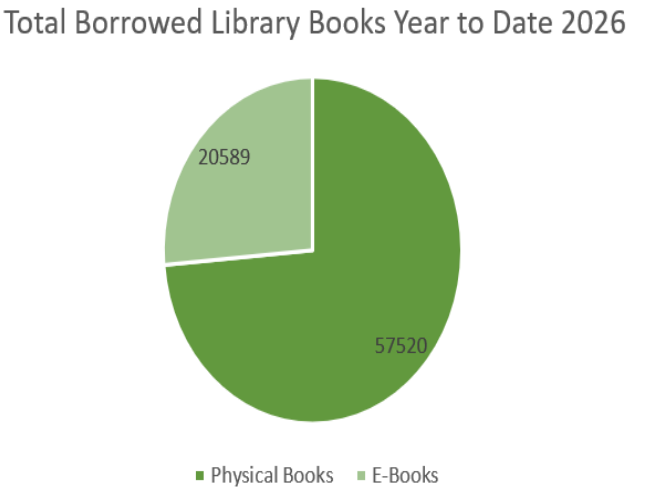
LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



October saw particularly strong engagement in Walking for All initiatives, exceptional programme activity in Dromahair, and continued high levels of female participation in health, wellbeing and community physical activity programmes across County Leitrim

Category	Participation Summary
Active Age	47 (40 Female, 7 Male)
Disability	37 (14 Female, 23 Male)
Community Sports Development Officer (CSDO)	142 (96 Female, 36 Male, 10 Babies)
ESF+ / Social Innovation	61 (13 Female, 45 Male, 3 Kids)
Walking for All	147 (136 Female, 11 Male)
Community Wellbeing	85 (78 Female, 8 Males)
Total Numbers for October Reported: 474 (339 Female, 122 Male, 13 Babies)	
Year to Date Participation (Jan-Oct 2026): 10,584 participants comprising 6,207 females (60%), 4,248 males (38%) and 129 unspecified participants (2%).	

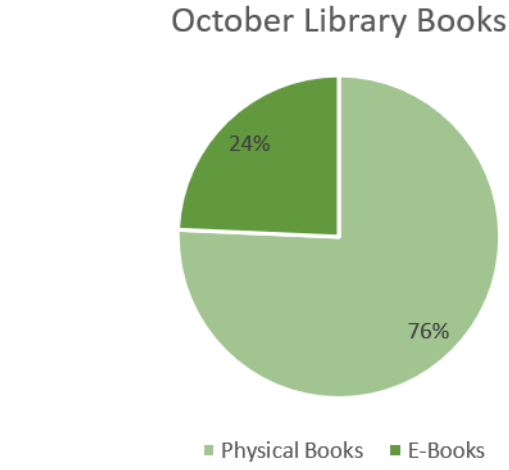
LIBRARY SERVICES



There were over 8,100 active library members, including 149 new members. Approximately 700 members actively used eBook and eAudiobook services, while almost 500 members accessed ePress services.

The Local Studies Department delivered a presentation to Leaving Certificate students from Mohill Community College. A reminiscence event was also held in Ballinamore Library, using Halloween as a theme to support community engagement with local history and heritage.

Children's Book Festival
Libraries across the county participated in the annual Children's Book Festival, welcoming authors, illustrators, storytellers and environmental educators to engage with children and young people. Events took place in a number of branches and schools and featured contributors including Oisin McGann, Raymond Gotlitski, Wayne O'Connor, Gerry Boland, Dr. Chelly van Vuuren and Alexander Peterson.



European Cultural Exchange
Dromahair Library hosted a visit by representatives of Cyprus and Ireland as part of a wider programme of cultural exchange linked to Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The delegation included Ireland's Ambassador to Cyprus and a representative of the Embassy of Cyprus to Ireland. Pupils from St Aidan's National School and Scoil Mhic Diarmada showcased projects on Cyprus and the European Union and performed music and dance.

Innovation and Inclusion
New Tovertafel interactive tables, funded through the Department's Small Scale Capital Programme were installed in Manorhamilton and Drumshanbo libraries. These innovative systems use light-based games and activities to support people living with cognitive and sensory impairments, helping to promote inclusion, engagement and wellbeing. The same funding stream also enabled the purchase of a suite of C-Pens, which are now available for loan through library branches across the county, providing additional support for people with reading difficulties and literacy challenges.

Schools, Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning
Libraries throughout the county continued to welcome school groups and autism support classes for visits, story times, and literacy activities. Branches also hosted climate awareness workshops, Irish language classes, English language supports, book clubs, writing groups, Active Age activities, digital inclusion programmes, arts and crafts groups, sensory sessions and community information events.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STEM Passport for Inclusion- Maynooth University & ATU
The graduation event for the 2025/2026 cohort of students for Passport for Inclusion took place un the ATU on 2nd November. Students from Mohill Community College, Carrigallen Vocational School, Drumshanbo Vocational School and Lough Allen College took part in the programme. The 2026-2027 programme has commenced with Three Leitrim Secondary schools working with Maynooth University.

Carrick on Shannon Business Campus (Enterprise Hub)
The business case in respect of the proposed Enterprise Hub at the Carrick-on-Shannon Business Campus was received in October. An Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Stream 4 payment declaration has been submitted in respect of this body of work.

Leitrim's Diaspora Strategy 2026-2030
The initial meetings of the Diaspora Steering group and working groups will both take place on the 3rd of November 2026.

Leitrim Economic Forum
The next meeting of the Economic forum will take place 11 December. The implementation of the Shaping Leitrim- A Place led Economic and Skills Strategy for Leitrim 2026-2035will be reviewed.

Global Business Network
A meeting of group took place on 8th September 2026. The next meeting will take place on 12th January 2027.

"Most Definitely Leitrim" Remote Working/Croí Cónaithe Social Media Campaign
A wrap-up meeting with the consultants was held on 12th October. The consultants and LCC were in agreement that the campaign had proved to be very successful.

DRCDG Funded Schemes
On 15th October, Dara Calleary, T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht conducted 4 official openings and a sod turning event in Leitrim. The official openings were at the Narrow Gauge Trail, Drumshanbo, Drumkeerin Community Centre upgrade works, Rainbow Ballroom, car park extension, Glenfarne and The Manor Youth Hub, Manorhamilton.

TOURISM

Video Development
Filming was completed for a series of Active Age travel videos aimed at showcasing the accessibility of County Leitrim via rail and bus services. Featuring a diverse range of destinations and experiences throughout the county, the videos promote sustainable and convenient transport options while highlighting Leitrim as an attractive destination for the expanding Active Age tourism market.

Collaborative initiative
In partnership with Roscommon County Council, the Tourism Team hosted a joint familiarisation trip for over 20 tour operators, providing an opportunity to showcase the breadth and quality of the tourism offering across the region. The itinerary was designed to give operators first-hand experience of key attractions, activities, accommodation providers and visitor experiences, enhancing their knowledge of the destination and informing future tour and itinerary development.

The programme also facilitated direct engagement between local tourism businesses and tour operators, creating valuable networking opportunities and fostering potential new business relationships. The familiarisation trip was extremely well received, with participants highlighting the quality, authenticity and diversity of the region's tourism product.

Festival Strategy
A new strategy is currently being developed to review the existing festival landscape and identify opportunities to elevate established festivals to the next level. The strategy will also assess the supports and resources required to strengthen and enhance the overall festival offering across the county.

Acres Lake
Acres Lake was officially opened by the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke TD. The opening marked a significant milestone in the development of this flagship recreational and tourism amenity, which has enhanced the attractiveness of the area for both residents and visitors. The project represents an important investment in outdoor recreation infrastructure, supporting sustainable tourism growth while creating opportunities for leisure, wellbeing and community engagement.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training, Mentoring & Export
A number of people received training in October as we ran a series of courses such as AI for Operations, Administration & Decision Making, Canva Advanced, How to Save Your Business Money on Energy Bills, How to Submit Your Income Tax Return, 1:1 Online Marketing Review Clinic, Small Business Accounts and Start Your Own Business Weekend Course training session.

Regional, Cross Border & European Programmes
PEACE Plus – DS3 Project
Workshops and clinics with the Mobile Fab Lab are ongoing under the DS3 Project under PEACE Plus. The project will run until July 2028 and offers free digital mentoring, skills development and community-focused digital inclusion activities. The rollout of Work Package 1 which provides Digital Diagnostics, Workshops and One-to-One Mentoring for SME's and Community groups located in rural towns commenced in October with the initial workshop taking place in Carrick on Shannon. In person workshops as well as online training workshops are being rolled out on an ongoing basis across Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel Scheme
Drumshanbo – Town Junction upgrade Active Travel Scheme is due to commence by Direct Labour

Safe Route to Schools
Drumshanbo VS Safe Route to Schools Scheme has been completed.

HOUSING, PLANNING, CORPORATE SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORATE

HOUSING

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

- Target over 5 years 20 units of accommodation
- As of 31st October 2026, there was 10 No. Outputs achieved.
- This represents a 50**%** completion of the overall 5-year target.

Social Housing Applications & Allocations to date in 2026
131 – Applications received for Social Housing Support
449 – Social Housing Waitlist
92 – 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 October 2026	% Complete on 31st October 2026 out of the overall target
313	323	103.19%

There are **323** dwellings inspected, and **328** 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 October 2026	% Complete on 31st October 2026 out of the overall target.
250	208	83.2%

Activity under the Disabled Persons Grant Works on Local Authority Dwellings

For 2026, Leitrim County Council submitted a funding request to the Department for DPG works to 31 properties, consisting of adaptations to 30 no. properties and an extension to 1 no. property. Our funding request amounted to €284,670.

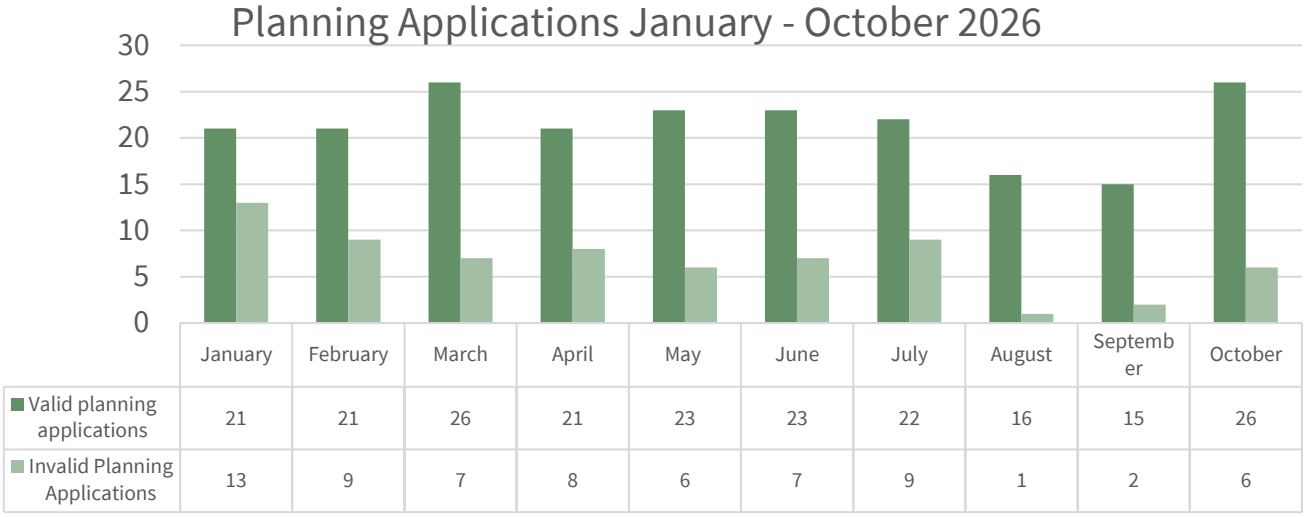
In response, the Department provided Leitrim County Council with a funding allocation of €183,266 – a shortfall of €101,404 from what was requested. Therefore, Leitrim County Council have reduced our DPG programme for 2026 to now include adaptation works to 30 no. properties.

To date in 2026, works have been completed on DPG adaptations in 28 no. properties.

Activity Under the Private House Grants Scheme by Leitrim County Council

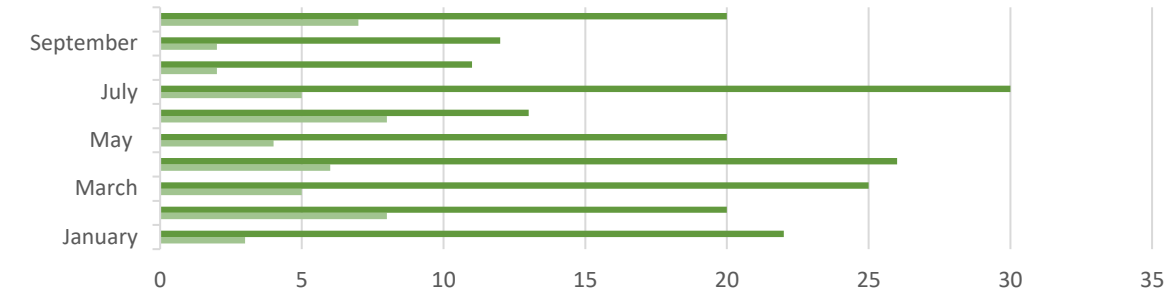
2026 Data / Scheme	Number of Approved Grants Approved at 31st October, 2026	Number of applications awaiting approval (under assessment at 31st October 2026
Housing Aid for Older People Grant	166	21
Housing Adaptation for Disabled People Grant	82	6
Mobility Aids Grant	42	3
Value of 2026 Grants Awarded to Date (Paid & Unpaid)	€1,904,599	

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT



The Part 8 Public Consultation processes for 2 no. projects were underway in October, namely the Carrigallen Lough Community Park and proposed Roads Depot at Derryhallagh, Drumshanbo.

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	8	14	7
February	17	10	3
March	13	9	7
April	8	11	9
May	13	8	7
June	16	8	7
July	8	10	5
August	17	6	7
September	16	16	11
October	13	15	5



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Final Decisions	22	20	25	26	20	13	30	11	12	20
Retention planning permission	3	8	5	6	4	8	5	2	2	7

Final Decisions Retention planning permission

Forward Planning

Variation to County Development Plan 2023-2029

Material modifications to the proposed Variation and their environmental determinations were on public display from 5 August to 2 September. Ten submissions were received, and the Chief Executive's Report was presented to the Elected Members in early October. A Special Meeting to decide on the Variation is scheduled for 16 November.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Draft RZLT maps were published on Friday 30th January and public consultation ran until April 1st. 2 submissions were received requesting lands to be dezoned or rezoned. One of which relates to a site zoned residential use in Kinlough and the other of which is zoned residential in Drumshanbo. It is proposed to amend the zoning of both sites in the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan and the decision on each submission reflects same.

Heritage

- A four-part *Heritage Home* podcast series has been launched, exploring Leitrim's archaeological and cultural heritage through projects on holy wells, field names, sweat houses and basket making.
- The cross-border Shared Island funded Mummers Join Project is progressing. Both School Workshops and Community Workshops have taken place, and a Mummers Parade has been organised.
- The Leitrim Community Holy Wells Project is nearing completion, with surveys and volunteer research completed and the final report being prepared
- Leitrim Community Fieldnames Project phase 1 has been completed. Volunteers have been coordinated to make fieldname submissions, and the final project report has been submitted.
- The Community Monument Fund grant recoupment is being processed for the Manorhamilton Castle Conservation Management Plan and the Old Church of Ireland, Manorhamilton conservation works.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: _____ **Date: 13th November 2026**

Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive