

2009



Louth Local Authorities
Annual Report



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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide leadership and to deliver an
efficient quality service to the people of Louth

Joint address by the County Manager and the Cathaoirleach/Mayor

It is with great satisfaction that we present on behalf of Louth Local Authorities, the Annual Report for 2009.

The publication of this report presents an opportunity to illustrate and provide information on accomplishments and progress on the many and varied services provided by Louth Local Authorities in 2009.

In what was without doubt, a challenging economic year we have continued to deliver a high quality service to our customers and clients. Our continued focus on the economic, social and cultural aspects of life in our County and towns has created improved opportunities for us to engage with and work more effectively with communities and other agencies in making County Louth an ever improving place to live, work, socialise and be educated in.

The completion of a number of housing schemes and housing restoration programmes added to our social and affordable housing stocks providing an improved living environment. The establishment of The Future Planning Unit and their successful production and delivery of both the County Development Plan 2009 – 2015 and the Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009- 2015 was a significant achievement in the year. A review of the County Development Board ten year Strategy was also initiated in 2009. This together with the continued work of the County and Towns Economic Forum sets out a strategic pathway for the counties continued development.

Local elections brought changes to our membership and we wish well those colleagues who have not returned to the Council Chambers. The opportunities that the year presented to work with new and returning members together with the Community Fora members at Strategic and Municipal Policy level including the recently constituted Joint Policing Committees has been encouraging and holds well for the County in the coming years.

The loss of Cllr. Mary Grehan and of staff members Sean Maloney, Kathy O'Hagan was recorded in 2009 – May they rest in peace.

In conclusion we wish to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the staff and elected members together with the sectoral group's representatives on the various Strategic and Municipal Policy groups. We also acknowledge the work of the membership of the County Development Board and Community Forum for their enthusiasm and perseverance in the challenging economic climate. We look forward to these vital alliances continuing their good work in the future.



Conn Murray
County Manager
Louth Local Authorities



Jim Darcy
Cathaoirleach
Louth County Council



Martin Bellew
Chairman
Dundalk Town Council

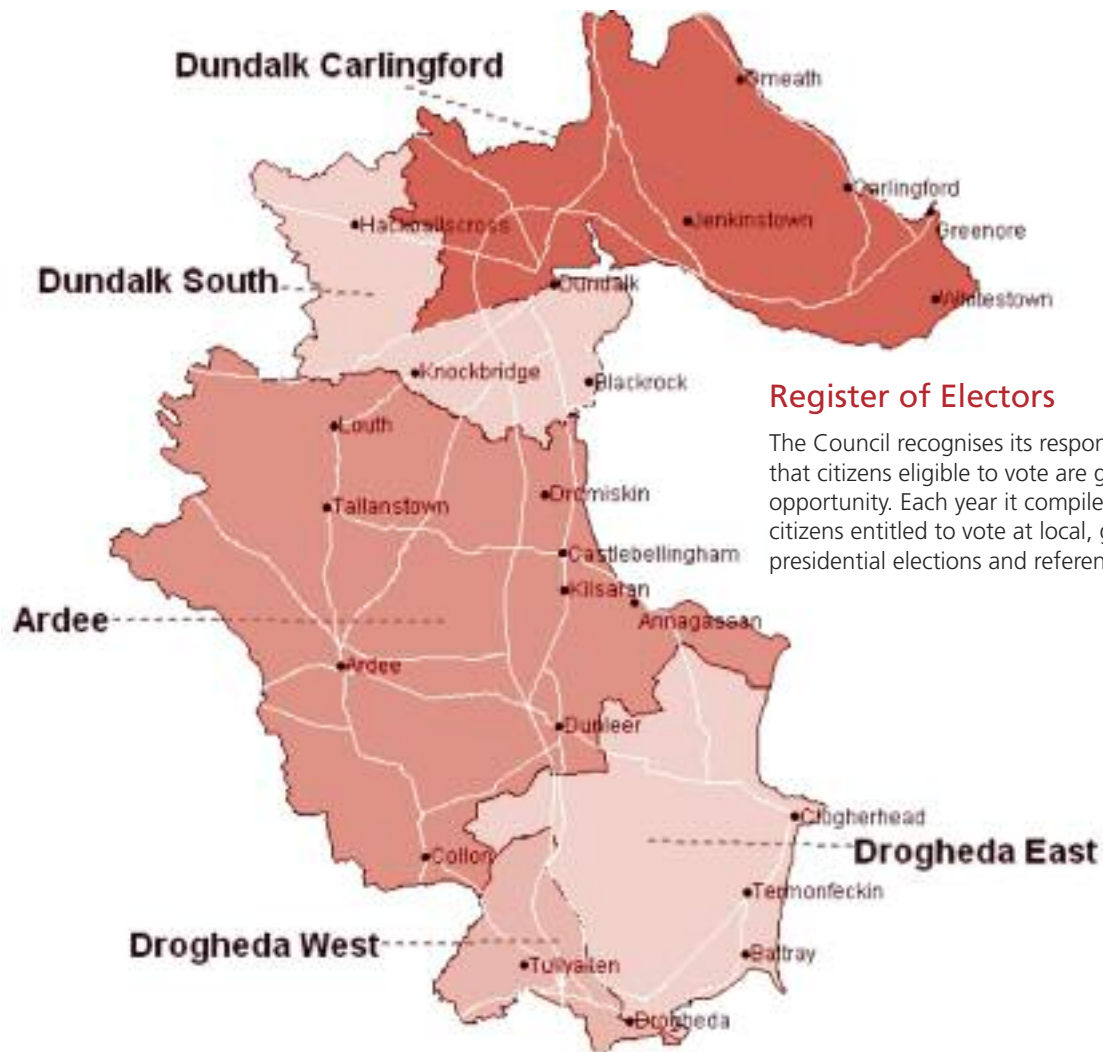


Michael O'Dowd
Mayor
Drogheda Borough Council



Jim Tenanty
Chairman
Ardee Town Council

Electoral Areas



Register of Electors

The Council recognises its responsibility in ensuring that citizens eligible to vote are given that opportunity. Each year it compiles a register of all citizens entitled to vote at local, general or presidential elections and referenda.

Area	No of People on Electoral Register
Ardee	17,683
Drogheda East	19,712
Drogheda West	13,305
Dundalk/Carlingford	18,708
Dundalk South	20,552

Louth County Council Members

Dundalk/Carlingford



Fine Gael
Terry Brennan



Sinn Féin
Edel Corrigan



Sinn Féin
Jim Loughran



Non-Party
Jim Ryan



Fianna Fáil
Peter Savage

Dundalk/South



Non-Party
Martin Bellew



Fianna Fáil
Declan Breathnach



Fine Gael
Jim D'Arcy



Green Party
Mark Dearey



Non-Party
Alan Grehan



Sinn Féin
Tomás Sharkey

Drogheda West



Labour
Paul Bell



Fine Gael
Anthony Donohoe



Fianna Fáil
Frank Maher



Sinn Féin
Paddy McQuillan

Louth County Council Members *cont.*

Drogheda East



Fianna Fáil
James Carroll



Independent
Frank Godfrey



Sinn Féin
Imelda Munster



Labour
Gerald Nash



Fine Gael
Michael O'Dowd



Fine Gael
Oliver Tully

Ardee



Fine Gael
Jim Lennon



Fine Gael
Colm Markey



Fine Gael
Finnan McCoy



Sinn Féin
Pearse McGeough



Fianna Fáil
Liam Reilly

Dundalk Town Council Memebers

Dundalk Town Council Members *cont.*



Non-Party
Martin Bellew



Fianna Fáil
Sean Bellew



Green Party
Marianne Butler



Fine Gael
Jim D'Arcy



Green Party
Mark Dearey



Sinn Féin
Ian Dooley



Fianna Fáil
Conor Keelan



Sinn Féin
Kevin Meenan



Fianna Fáil
Oliver Morgan



Fine Gael
Eamonn O'Boyle



Independent
Jim Ryan



Sinn Féin
Harry Todd

Drogheda Borough Council Members

Drogheda Borough Council Members



Labour
Paul Bell



Fine Gael
Kevin Callan



Sinn Féin
Matthew Coogan



Fine Gael
Richie Culhane



Fine Gael
Anthony Donohoe



Socialist Party
Frank Gallagher



Fianna Fáil
Frank Maher



Sinn Féin
Imelda Munster



Labour
Gerald Nash



Fine Gael
Michael O'Dowd



Non-Party
Ken O'Heiligh



Sinn Féin
Dom Wilton

Ardee Town Council Mememebers

Ardee Town Council Members



Non-Party
Michael Farrelly



Labour
Leonard Hatrick



Green Party
Mary Kavanagh



Fianna Fáil
Fintan Malone



Fine Gael
Finnan McCoy



Sinn Féin
Pearse McGeough



Fianna Fáil
Padraig McKenny



Fine Gael
Dolores Minogue



Non-Party
Jim Tenanty

Senior Staff of Louth Local Authorities

Louth County Council

County Manager	Conn Murray
Directors of Services	
Economic Development and Future Planning.....	Michael Curran
Water, Environment and Emergency Services.....	Eamonn Walsh
Housing, Community Planning and Social Policy.....	Joe McGuinness
Transportation, County Development Board and Cross-Border Matters	Joan Martin
Town Clerk and Director of Services Arts.....	Des Foley
Town Clerk and Director of Services Libraries.....	Frank Pentony
Head of Finance	Bernadette Woods
Head of IT	Eugene Mulholland
County Librarian	Bernadette Fennell
Senior Executive Officers	
Corporate Services and Human Resources.....	Colette Moss
Community and Enterprise, Economic Development, Sports and Recreation	Paddy Donnelly
Planning.....	Willie Walsh
Housing.....	Patsy Fitzsimons
Environment.....	Mary Murtagh
Library.....	Amanda Branigan
Financial Accountant	Brian Lynch, Roisín McAuley
Administrative Officers	
Motor Taxation	David Jones
Transportation.....	Eugene McManus
Planning.....	Pauline Watters
VFM Section.....	Fiona Downes
Human Resources.....	Anne Callan
Finance.....	Pauline Goss
Sanitary Services	Brenda O'Brien
Community and Enterprise, Economic Development, Sports and Recreation.....	Mary Deery, Ellen O'Hanlon
Housing.....	Therese McArdle
Partnership Facilitator.....	Michael McCabe
Senior Engineers	
Transportation.....	Gerry Kelly
Sanitary Services.....	Mark O'Callaghan
Environment.....	Pat Finn
Housing.....	Raymond McKenna
Senior Executive Engineers	
Transportation.....	Frank Magee, Donal Clarke
Ardee Area.....	Paul Gallagher
North County Area.....	Padraig O'Hora
South County Area.....	Paddy Connolly
Sanitary Services	Keith Hanratty, Peadar McGuinness
Housing.....	Declan McMahon
Enforcement	Vincent Toner
Senior Planner.....	Gerry Duffy
Senior Executive Planners.....	Emer O'Callaghan, Marguerite Quinn, Terence Savage,
County Arts Officer	Brian Harten
County Coroner	Ronan Maguire
County Veterinary Officer	Garret Shine
Chief Fire Officer	Eamon Woulfe
Senior Social Worker	Catherine Vaughan
Sports and Recreation Officer	Noel Redmond
Chief Technician	Paddy Birch
Heritage Officer	Brendan McSherry
Social Inclusion Officer	Sinead Lally
Tourism Officer	Alison Condra
Rapid Co-ordinators	Valerie Atherton, Paula Gribben

Senior Staff of Louth Local Authorities continued

Drogheda Borough Council

County Manager.....	Conn Murray
Town Clerk.....	Des Foley
Senior Executive Officer	Mary T. Daly
Administrative Officers.....	Jeanne Kiernan, Brona O'Reilly, Marian Whearty
Senior Staff Officers.....	Mary Gormally, Christine Mullen
Borough Engineer.....	Dermot Agnew
Senior Executive Engineers	Padraig Judge, Martina Sheeran
Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer.....	Joe Lumsden

Dundalk Town Council

County Manager.....	Conn Murray
Town Clerk.....	Frank Pentony
Senior Executive Officer.....	Dave Storey
Administrative Officers	
Housing & Planning.....	Jim Byrne
Accounts	Joan Smith
Town Clerk's Office.....	John Lawrence
Town Engineer	Catherine Duff
Senior Executive Engineers	Peter McVeigh, Pat Stuart
Assistant Chief Fire Officer.....	John Cummins

Ardee Town Council

County Manager.....	Conn Murray
Town Clerk.....	Mairéad Duffy

Corporate Affairs

Local Elections June 2009

Local elections were held in June 2009 to fill the 59 seats on the four Louth Local Authorities. A total of 89,846 citizens were registered and entitled to vote at the elections and an overall turnout of 55.87% was recorded at the polls. A total of 41 outgoing members retained their seats and 18 new councillors were elected for the first time.

	Louth County Council	Dundalk Town Council	Drogheda Borough Council	Ardee Town Council	TOTAL
Members who did not seek re-election	3	3	3	1	10
Members who failed to be re-elected	5	1	1	3	10
Members re-elected	20	8	8	5	41
New members elected for first time	6	4	4	4	18



Following the Local Elections each of the four Councils held their inaugural annual meeting and elected their Chairman/Mayor and Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor

	Louth County Council	Dundalk Town Council	Drogheda Borough Council	Ardee Town Council
Mayor/ Chairman	Cllr. Jim Darcy	Cllr. Martin Bellew	Cllr. Michael O'Dowd	Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Deputy Mayor/ Vice Chairman	Cllr. Jim Lennon	Cllr. Mark Dearey	Cllr. Kevin Callan	Cllr. Fintan Malone

The Councils also appointed one or more of their members to the positions on a wide range of external bodies including:

- County Louth Vocational Education Committee
- Dundalk Joint Burial Board
- Association of City & County Councils
- East Border Region Forum
- Drogheda Port Company
- Dundalk Port Company
- Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)
- Louth County Enterprise Board
- Louth Leader Partnership
- Border Regional Authority
- Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly
- Regional Health Forum
- Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland
- Dundalk Drugs Advisory Group
- Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
- Drogheda Community Services Centre
- Droichead Arts Centre
- Louth Hospitality Ltd.
- Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
- Drogheda Community Services Centre
- Droichead Arts Centre
- Louth Hospitality Ltd.



Councillor Mary Grehan R.I.P.

The untimely death took place in March 2009 of Councillor Mary Grehan who was a member of Louth County Council and Dundalk Town Council. Councillor Grehan's son Alan was subsequently co-opted to fill his late mother's seat on both Councils.

New Organisational Structures

Following the June 2009 Local elections the opportunity was taken to review the overall corporate and organisational structure of Louth County Council with a view to achieving a more efficient and streamlined organisation and building on the experiences gained over the previous 5 years.

Strategic Policy Committees

At their meeting in September the members of Louth County Council approved a new Strategic Policy Committee (S.P.C.) structure comprising four S.P.C.s in place of the five which previously existed. The four new S.P.C.s and their respective Chairmen are:

- Economic Development and Future Planning
Cllr. T. Brennan
- Transportation, Cross Border Matters and Marine
Cllr. F. Maher
- Housing, Community Planning and Social Policy
Cllr. J. Ryan
- Water, Environmental and Emergency Services
Cllr. A. Donohoe

As well as comprising elected members of Louth County Council the S.P.C.s also have representatives from the town councils and outside sectoral interests.

Area Committees

The Council also decided to re-organise the area committee structure by amalgamating the previously separate areas of Dundalk Carlingford and Dundalk South to form 3 area committees commensurate with the electorate area boundaries and these committees appointed chairmen for a one year period up to June 2010.

Area Committee	Chairman	Meetings Held
Dundalk Carlingford/ Dundalk South	Cllr. Declan Breathnach	2 nd Monday of each month
Ardee	Cllr. Jim. Lennon	4 th Thursday of each month
Drogheda East/ Drogheda West	Cllr. Oliver Tully	1 st Monday of each month

Joint Policing Committees

The Garda Síochána Act 2005 requires local authorities, in co-operation with the An Garda Síochána to set up joint policing committees in their areas. These committees serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations affecting the policing of local areas and can review levels of and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and make recommendation to the local authorities and An Garda Síochána as to how these issues might best be dealt with. The fora will comprise members and officers of the local authorities, representatives of the Garda Síochána, community representatives and members of the Oireachtas.

Louth County Council approved the establishment of 3 Joint Policy Committees based around the towns of Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee and coinciding with the area committee structure and the Garda Síochána policing districts. It was also decided to establish a Joint Policing Committee Steering Group comprising the Chairman of Louth County Council, the Chairs of the joint policing committees, the County Manager and the Garda Chief Superintendent whose function is to guide and monitor the operation of the 3 committees.

Joint Policing Committee

Drogheda
Ardee
Dundalk

Chairman

Cllr. Frank Maher
Cllr. Pádraig McKenny
Cllr. Martin Bellew

Corporate Policy Group

The Local Government Act 2001, requires each County Council to establish Committee known as the Corporate Policy Group (C.P.G.) which consists of the Chairman of the County Council and the chairs of the S.P.C.s The function of the group is to advise and assist the elected council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy. The C.P.G sat on 7 occasions during 2009 and towards the end of the year established their meeting schedule on a monthly basis. One of the primary functions of the group is to review the agenda for the monthly council meeting. They also play a pivotal role in the formulation of the annual budget and the preparation of the Corporate Plan.

Corporate Plan

Section 134 of the Local Government Act requires each county council to draw up and develop a new Corporate Plan within 6 months of a local election. The Corporate Plan is a broad strategy statement of the principal activities and objectives of the Council and the principles and core values guiding the achievement of the objectives. A new Corporate Plan covering the period 2010-2014 was adopted by the Council in December 2009. The plan embraces nine strategic objectives each supported by a number of strategies which in turn translate into the operational plan actions of each of the Councils various departments.

Council Meetings

Louth County Council holds a monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month together with a statutory Budget meeting and Annual Meeting and also special meetings from time to time as required to deal with issues such as review of the County development Plan. A total of 21 meetings were held during 2009.

The statutory Budget Meeting was held on 14th December 2009. at which the Council considered a gross revenue expenditure of €74,877,843 for 2010 and adopted an annual Rate on the valuation of €55.08 with an additional levy of €1.815 for the area of Ardee Town Council.

The report presented to the Council with the draft budget incorporated reports from each directorate on progress achieved throughout 2009 in the context of the previous Corporate Plan so as to comply with the requirements of Section 134 (ii) of the Local Government Act 2001.

Citizen Services

Freedom of Information

During 2009 a number of applications were made under the Freedom of Information Act 1997/2003. In Louth County Council and Drogheda Borough Council there was a 29% increase in the number of applications received compared to the number of requests in 2008. In Dundalk Town Council the number of requests received fell by 34% in 2009.

	Louth County Council	Drogheda Borough Council	Dundalk Town Council
Total Number of Requests	22	9	4
Personal	3	5	0
Non-Personal	14	4	3
Mixed	5	Nil	1
Requests Granted	8	7	2
Requests Part Granted	4	Nil	2
Requests Refused	7	2	1
Requests withdrawn	1	Nil	Nil
Requests withdrawn and handled outside of FOI	1	Nil	2
Requests for Internal Review	1	Nil	Nil
Appeals to the Information Commissioner	1	Nil	Nil
Source of Requests			
Journalists	3	1	Nil
Business	3	Nil	Nil
Oireachtas	0	Nil	Nil
Others/General Public	13	8	4
Staff	3	Nil	Nil
Ombudsman Complaints			
Complaints received during the year	5	2	0
Subject of Complaints			
Community, Recreation & Amenities			
Corporate Affairs	0	0	
Environment/Enforcement/Vets	1	0	
Finance	0	0	
Future Planning & Economic Development	1	0	
Housing	2	0	
Planning	0	0	
Transportation	1	1	
Motortax	0	0	
Water Services	0	1	
Citizen Charter Complaints			
Complaints received during 2009	3	1	2

Register of Electors

The final Register of Electors effective from the 15th February 2009 rose to 88,815 electors.

Edited Register of Electors

The final Edited Register of Electors effective from the 15th February 2009 contained 3569 names.

Elections during 2009

During the course of the 2009 two supplementary registers were created for the Local and European Elections held in June, 2009 and the Referendum for the 28th Amendment to the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) held in October 2009.

Higher Education Grants

The Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009 was adopted by Louth County Council at its meeting on the 21st September, 2009. During the course of 2009 a total of €3,050,566 was paid for Higher Education Grant applications.

Number of Renewal Grants

Awarded in Academic Year 08/09 401

Number of Grants for New Applications

Awarded in Academic Year 08/09 218

Irish Language Scheme

Louth Local Authorities is continuing the process of implementing its Irish Language Scheme and is determined to meet its statutory obligations in relation to the commitments set out in the Scheme.

Among those commitments in the Scheme currently being rolled out and expected to be completed this year are:

- Application forms & associated information leaflets to be made available in bi-lingual format, in all offices and on-line
- Static content on all the Local Authorities' websites to be published in both Irish & English
- Interactive services currently available in English to be made available in Irish also
- E-payments on-line to be made available in Irish as well as in English
- Public-facing IT systems to be dual language, where this is possible

Louth Local Authorities is currently also in the process of procuring suitable training in the Irish language for a number of its staff, in order to ensure that sufficient services can be provided through Irish to a satisfactory standard and on demand.

Louth Local Authorities is also aware of, and is endeavouring to ensure that it complies with, its legal obligations under the Official Languages Act (Section 9) Regulations 2008 in relation to recorded announcements, stationery and signage.

Louth Local Authorities remains dedicated to encouraging the use of Irish amongst its staff and to ensuring that sufficient numbers of its staff are suitably proficient in the Irish language in order that services can be provided to the public in Irish when so requested. While recognising that this may not currently be the case, Louth Local Authorities is determined that sufficient resources shall be allocated to this area in order to ensure full compliance with the relevant legislation and with its own Irish Language Scheme.

Housing Services

Housing Needs Assessment

At the end of 2009, there were 759 applicants on the housing list for Louth County Council, 1,876 applicants on the housing list for Drogheda Borough Council and 1,654 applicants on the housing list for Dundalk Town Council.

Housing Provision

Housing provision is managed through the Action Plan for Social and Affordable Housing as agreed with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. In the case of Louth County Council during 2009, housing developments at Collon, Termonfeckin and Ardee were concluded, while works on phase 3 of Gort na Glaise, Blackrock were commenced. The onset of the economic recession in 2008 has resulted in changes to housing policy at a national level. There has been a de-emphasising of the direct provision of social housing through the funding of new construction. Government policy is now developing in the direction of providing social housing through lease arrangements with existing property owners and developers carrying unsold housing stock.

Regulation Of Standards For Rented Housing

In parallel with this policy development, increased regulation of standards for rented properties came into operation during 2009 with the commencement on

- 1st February 2009 of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008, and
- 1st December 2009 of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2009.

The regulations set minimum required standards for, inter alia, the Structural Condition of a property (article 5 of the regulations), Sanitary Facilities (Article 6) Heating Facilities (Article 7), Food Preparation & Storage and Laundry (Article 8), and Ventilation (article 9). Articles 6 to 8 will initially apply only to new tenancies and will only come into operation for existing tenancies from 1st February 2013.

Social Housing

At the end of 2009 Louth County Council had 894 social housing units in stock.

During the course of 2008, the Minister for the Environment approved the Scheme for the Allocation of Social Housing and this is the scheme now in use in all allocations.

Affordable Housing

During 2009, 38 affordable units were added to a stock of 19 such units remaining from the previous year. Two successful open days were held in new affordable housing estates during 2009, where show houses were available for viewing by potential purchasers.

The demand for affordable housing has receded significantly as a result of the current housing market difficulties. In consequence, 26 affordable units were directly converted to social units during 2009, while a further 17 unsold affordable units are to be leased for a period of up to 5 years to the voluntary housing sector for letting to tenants from the Council waiting list.

Voluntary Housing

Louth Local Authorities have a distinguished record in working with voluntary bodies for the provision of voluntary housing units. This continued in 2009 and, in the case of Louth County Council, saw work completed and units delivered at Collon through Cluid and Tierney Street, Ardee through Oaklee.

Special Needs Housing

In 2009, Louth County Council concluded a number of projects to facilitate adaption to existing stock where the needs of Tenants had to be addressed. This included works at Smarmore and Carrickedmond.

Homelessness

The provision of services and accommodation to homeless persons in the county is co-ordinated by the County Louth Homelessness Forum which comprises the following organisations:

- Louth County Council,
- Dundalk Town Council,
- Drogheda Borough Council.
- Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre Ltd.,
- Drogheda Homeless Aid Association,
- Dundalk Simon Community,
- Women's Aid Dundalk,
- St. Vincent De Paul,
- The HSE Community Welfare Service,
- The HSE Homeless Service,
- The Probation and Welfare Service,
- The County Louth VEC Adult Education Office,
- The North Eastern Regional Drugs Task Force,

To Forum met 4 times during 2009, and agreed terms of reference for an independent review of homelessness services in the County. This review, taking account of Government policy for homeless services to be coordinated on a regional basis, was to be carried out during the early part of 2010, and will form the basis for the development of a Homelessness Strategy. In December the Minister for the Environment indicated that Louth County Council would become a Responsible Housing Authority for the implementation of a Regional Homelessness Action Plan.



Rental Accommodation Scheme (Ras)

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) is an initiative administered by Local Authorities in support of their social housing programmes whereby good quality privately owned accommodation is leased on behalf of eligible tenants (people with permanent residency rights in the State who have a long term housing need and are in receipt of Rent Supplement for more than 18 months).

The local authority enters a contract with the landlord for a specific period at an agreed rent.

- The landlord must be tax compliant in order to join the scheme. A tax clearance certificate must be provided in every case.
- The property must be of a good standard as determined by the local authority.
- The landlord must register the tenancy with the PRTB.
- Vacant accommodation must have a BER certificate
- The local authority nominates the tenants
- The contract is a tripartite contract signed by the

Local Authority, the landlord and the tenant. The predominant relationship remains that between the landlord and the tenant, and is governed by the Residential Tenancies Act 2004.

- The local authority pays the full rent each month on behalf of the tenant. The tenant pays a contribution each week towards the rent to the local authority. The rent is calculated by using the Louth Local Authorities Differential Rent Scheme.

In the order of 1,500 people in Louth receive rent supplement at present. Of these some 740 have received it for over 18 months.

At the end of 2009 there were 173 properties in RAS in Louth.

Other Leasing Initiatives

The Rental Accommodation Scheme is now supplemented by

- a government leasing scheme for unsold affordable houses (such houses are leased to voluntary housing associations for periods of up to 5 years, and offered for rent to households from the local authority waiting list on the same rental basis as local authority houses), and
- a long term leasing initiative (of 10 to 20 year lease duration) whereby properties will be leased from the private sector (with rents guaranteed for the whole lease period, but subject to review depending on market conditions) and used to accommodate households from local authority waiting lists. Properties will be allocated in accordance with the local authority allocations schemes, and will be managed, insured and maintained by the local authority. This leasing initiative is restricted to property owners with a minimum of 5 properties on offer.

Housing Stock Maintenance and Improvement

2009 saw 1,000 requests for maintenance to existing social housing stock in the Louth County Council area, three quarters of which were resolved before year end. Over 15 houses in the County area were refurbished during 2009 following the departure of the tenants.

A condition survey of the houses in Louth County Council's stock of social housing, which had been ongoing for a number of years, was completed during 2009. This survey will form the basis for the development of a Planned Maintenance programme over the coming years.

Housing Rents

The Housing Rents Scheme provides for income-related rents and is reviewed each year. Differential rents are now set at a minimum of €25 per week.

Housing Grants

Louth County Council offered grants under the DOEHLG Scheme of Grants which ran for a number of months in 2009. These are listed below.

	No.	TOTAL VALUE
DPGs (Old Scheme)		
Disabled Persons Grant	17	€302,839
HAGs		
Housing Adaptation Grants	97	€1,348,342
HOPs		
Housing Aids for Older Persons	55	€228,862
MAGs		
Mobility Aids Grants	3	€18,000
Total	172	€1,898,043



Transportation



Dundalk Western Infrastructure North and West Sector

Design of the road is ongoing and discussions with developers and landowners is taking place with a view to finding an alternative funding mechanism to deliver this section.

Links to Gateway – Dundalk to Carrickmacross

Construction on the Red Bog section of the Dundalk/Carrickmacross Road was completed in November 2009, 3 months ahead of schedule. This section forms part of the proposed Dundalk-Cavan route. Louth County Council, along with Cavan and Monaghan County Councils, are also reviewing the East-West Dundalk to Sligo Route.

Narrow Water Bridge

Preliminary design and route selection were completed in 2008, with a cable stay bridge being chosen as the preferred option. During 2009 an Economic Appraisal was carried out, however, no further progress can be made until finance has been secured.

Ardee Bypass – Western Section

Land Acquisition continued during 2009.

N53 Dundalk Castleblayney Road Barronstown to Newtownbalregan Section

The Scheme was divided into 2 Phases and the Part 8 for Phase 1, in the townlands of Barronstown, Philipstown, Deerpark and Rathmore was approved by the Council in July 2009.

Tullyallen Village Improvement Scheme

The scheme was completed in 2009 and provided new and upgraded footpaths, public lighting, drainage, road resurfacing, signage and road markings.

Regional Road Signage

In co-operation with the Dept of Transport Louth County Council undertook a complete refurbishment of directional signage on Regional Roads throughout the county. This in conjunction with NRA refurbishment of national Road Signs resulted in a consistent signing of destinations on the National & Regional Road network throughout the county.

Woodlands Depot

In conjunction with Celtic Road Group, Louth County Council has redeveloped the mid Louth maintenance depot at Woodlands, Dunleer. The resulting facility has greatly improved the accommodation and storage for our maintenance team in this area.

Transport Study

A review of passenger transport services in the County commenced in September 2009, with the final report due in February 2010.

Coastal Study

The procedure for appointing Consultants to carry out a Flood Risk Assessment for Dundalk commenced. The successful Consultant will be appointed early in 2010.

Local Improvement Scheme 2009

Five schemes were carried out in various parts of the county at a cost of €127,213.00.

Local Contribution Scheme

Ten schemes were completed with a budget of €94,170.00

Safety Improvement Works

Low cost safety improvement grants were obtained from the NRA and the Department of Transport. Works undertaken included:

- Topographical survey carried out to prepare design for realignment of poor section of N52 (Fane Bridge to M1). Also traffic calming signs were erected.
- Improved drainage, signage and road markings on a narrow section of R173-298 at Cornamucklagh, Omeath.
- Improved road signage over 3km section of R178-62 Dundalk to Carrickmacross Road.
- Anti-skid surfacing, improved road markings and signage at bend on R173-140 at Bush, Carlingford.
- Constructed traffic island, with signage, road resurfacing and markings at junction at Priorstate LP-1172-0.
- Increased sight lines by moving stop line and centre line road markings, erected signs on R171 junction at Grange.
- Provided mini roundabout with associated signage and road markings at Kellystown (LP-2275-0), junction of LP-2275-0 with LS-6277-0.
- Provided speed bar markings and junction road markings at junction of LP-2307-24 with R166, Newtownstalaban.
- Provided speed bar markings and junction road markings at junction of LS-56237-0 with R166, Beaulieu.

Road Safety Programme 2009

Local Authority staff and members of the Road Traffic Corps of An Garda Síochána held quarterly meetings of the North, Mid & South Louth Collision Prevention Programme (CPP).

The Council operated 2 flashing speed limit signs, which alerts motorists if they're breaking the speed limit, at

various locations and these have brought about a reduction in speed at these locations in the County.

During 2009 **Seat Belt Sheriff** programme, which demonstrates the importance of wearing seat belts to young children, was delivered to 16 primary schools in the county. Adult School Wardens throughout the county received health and safety training in April. During the year the Council sponsored high visibility clothing for Tinure National School, DkIT Road Safety Week and Garda road safety promotions.

The RSO was pleased once again to assist the Road Safety Authority in publicising their "**Check It Fits**" child seat restraint roadshow which visited the Drogheda Retail Park in May.

The Council was involved in two initiatives during Irish Road Safety Week held in October. For the **RSA Leading Lights Road Safety Awards** we nominated Matthews Coaches (jointly with Monaghan County Council) for their safe driving practices. The company won the award in the road safety 'organisation' category and also the overall award. Together with colleagues in Meath, Monaghan & Cavan, Louth RSO joined with the HSE in organising and running **European Night Without Accidents** in a nightclub in each of the four counties (Amber nightclub in Dundalk). DkIT student volunteers encouraged young people entering nightclubs to appoint a "designated driver" for the night. The "designated driver" is given a wristband and when leaving the nightclub is invited to be voluntarily breathalysed by the volunteers to see if the commitment was honoured.

By way of recognising **World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims** the RSO contacted all religious denominations throughout the county asking them to read out a notice and light a candle in remembrance of road traffic victims.

Infrastructure Spc

During 2009 the Infrastructure SPC considered policies on the Taking in Charge of Housing Estates and the introduction of revised Speed Limits.

Iso 14001 Environmental Management

The Transportation Directorate, which had previously been awarded the ISO 14001 standard for Environmental Management Systems retained its accreditation for the roads function.

Water Services

Service Delivery

Responsibility for all water production in County Louth transferred to Louth County Council in 2009. Dundalk and Drogheda continued to maintain water services networks in accordance with Section 85 agreements under the Local Government Act, 2001. Arrangements were put in place for the County Council to collect all non-domestic revenue in the towns and charge the towns for water services provided to domestic customers from 2010.



Regulatory Compliance

Applications were submitted by the statutory deadlines during the year to the Environmental Protection Agency for wastewater treatment plant licences and there are no applications now outstanding. No decisions have yet issued from the EPA in relation to any of the applications made to date. Compliance with licence conditions is likely to entail significant future costs.

In the case of water supplies significant investment continued in monitoring systems and other measures to comply with EPA requirements. Major upgrading works continued to be carried out at Staleen. Significant works were also carried out in Greenmount, Rosehall, Ardee

and Omeath during 2009 and will extend into 2010. Significant costs arise due to the increased level of water quality monitoring required. The installation of equipment to deal with lead issues in the Dundalk drinking water supply was also completed during the year.

Water Conservation

Significant further reduction in water inputs to our distribution networks was achieved during the year through continued implementation of the Water Conservation project which was substantially funded by Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government. Going forward it is intended to focus our own resources on water conservation to achieve further reduction in losses, utilising the skills and systems developed.

New Plants

Upgraded wastewater treatment facilities were completed during the year at Knockbridge, Tallanstown, Collon and Louth Village thereby improving the quality of treatment and providing limited further capacity to facilitate development.



Environment

Waste Management

Louth County Council continued to work with the other constituent local authorities in the region to achieve the targets set out in the North East Waste Management Plan. The pilot brown bin service in Dundalk, Ardee and Blackrock diverted considerable volumes of organic waste from landfill and plans were progressed during the year to expand this service to all centres in the county with a population in excess of 1500 people. A number of promotions were undertaken to create awareness about the proper use of the brown bin including supermarket events.

Recycling

2009 continued to see excellent results in terms of recycling in Louth with all previous records broken in terms of tonnages recycled at the network of Bring Banks throughout the county. Waste minimisation and recycling initiatives were undertaken with community groups and schools.

Our strong recycling performance combined with effective enforcement of the packaging regulations resulted in Louth County Council being awarded the Repak Local Authority of the Year for the second time in three years.

Whiteriver Landfill

The landfill facility operated within the conditions set out in the EPA licence during 2009. Council officials and local residents met regularly to ensure best practice in management of the site and in 2009 the landfill achieved the ISO14001 standard as a result of improvements in site management. The economic downturn has had, unsurprisingly, an effect on the waste industry generally and this continues to present significant challenges to both the Council in operating the landfill and the various service providers in terms of revenue.

Waste Enforcement

Louth County Council continued to actively enforce the provisions of all environmental legislation as required by statute.

Enforcement included inspections to determine compliance with Producer Responsibility legislation, including the Plastic Bag Levy, Farm Plastics Levy, End of Life Vehicles, WEEE, Packaging, Batteries and Tyres Regulations.

Audits of waste permitted facilities, waste collection permit holders and effluent discharge licences are also completed, as well as road checkpoints in conjunction with An Garda Síochána. Complaints continued to be received and were investigated with legal proceedings initiated where appropriate.

Once again a considerable sum was spent in 2009 on work associated with the handling and disposal of the by-products of illegal diesel laundering activities in the border area.

Litter Management

The three litter authorities in the county continued to enforce the provision of the Litter Pollution Act during the year with the county, as a whole, once again recording one of the highest number of litter fines issued with 928 fines issued during the year. This stick approach was supplemented by a carrot approach, through a series of litter awareness initiative events, school visits and support for National Spring Clean which saw over 4,000 volunteers in Louth take to the streets to clean up the county.



School Environmental Programme

At year end the county proudly flew 51 Green Flags which demonstrated excellent litter and waste management programmes throughout the county. Many of the schools as part of the process also now have Energy Management and Water Conservation Plans with a few of the earlier participants having advanced to Sustainable Travel Action Plans. The local Primary School Awards Scheme enjoyed its best year yet, with the highest ever level of participation.

National Tidy Towns Competition

In 2009 the county recorded its highest ever participation in the National Tidy Towns Competition with 24 centres taking part and the county remaining the only county in Ireland to achieve Four Gold Medals.

The National Bring Bank Award and the National Can It Award together with the Regional Award for the Midlands East Region went to the Mid Louth village of Tallanstown.

Water Quality

River Basin Management plans were significantly progressed during the year and the first cycle, to 2015, will begin in 2010.

Bathing Water quality continued to be monitored during the year and met the required standard. Louth retained the prestigious Blue Flag for its beaches at Templetown and Port in 2009 and Clogherhead also secured a Flag for the first time in many years.

Energy Management

To further improve the efforts of Louth County Council in energy management, a project on passive ventilation of County Hall and energy savings was completed in December 2009. The project was successful in attracting 70% funding from Sustainable Energy Ireland.

Food Safety

The service contract work for the FSAI continued on schedule for 2009, with over 250 inspections and 16 full audits conducted during the course of the year.

Animal Compound

The pound continued to produce very strong re-homing figures, with 92% of the 712 dogs coming into the pound during 2009 finding new homes. Licensing numbers have been holding up well, with over 7,000 licenses in 2009. The ISO14001 environmental standard was also retained for the facility.

Horse welfare became a particular issue in 2009, partly driven by the economic downturn, and 29 horses were taken into the pound, some in very poor condition.



Emergency Services



There were 649 emergency callouts by Dundalk Fire Service and 747 callouts by Drogheda Fire Service during 2009. Ardee, Carlingford and Dunleer fire services attended approximately 300 incidents during the year. Louth Fire Services have agreed and implemented a joint turnout service with Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service to four cross border roads. There was a cross border exercise to test the new joint turnout in November 2009.

Approval was secured from the DEHLG in 2009 to go to tender for the design and construction of an extension to Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre.

A wide range of fire service training was provided during 2009, with new courses provided on officer management development and hillside fire fighting.

The Fire Prevention Section targeted apartment buildings and nursing homes for fire safety inspections during 2009. 96 fire safety certificate applications were processed during 2009, down from 185 applications in 2008.

The Primary Schools Fire Safety Programme was delivered by personnel from Dundalk, Drogheda and Co. Louth Fire Services to all schools in Louth during 2009.

Louth organised and hosted a successful national Civil Defence exercise in Drogheda during October 2009.

Forward Planning

The dedicated Future Planning Unit was established in 2008 and is now fully functional and operating to a high standard. The two major achievements of the Unit in 2009 were the successful production and guidance through the statutory processes of both the Louth County Development Plan 2009-2015 and the Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015. Both plans came into legal force in late 2009.

Work commenced in 2009 on the review of the Drogheda Borough Council Development Plan 2005-2011. A new plan must be prepared throughout 2010 to cover the period 2011-2017. As with both the County and Dundalk plans, the preparation of a new plan for Drogheda Borough is a major undertaking and will be carried out in tandem with preliminary research into reviews of the local area plans for both Ardee and Dunleer. The Future Planning Unit has also been engaged in the process of reviewing the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Border Region and has been progressing the further development of the Newry-Dundalk Twin City initiative.

Both the County and Dundalk plans and subsequent plans to be produced by the Unit will be based on a new corporate template which will see the County provided with a user friendly suite of spatial plans incorporating the same generic layout. The various development plans being produced by the Future Planning Unit are fully reflective of the transformations currently underway in the national planning system. These changes include new approaches to environmental issues, transport, urban design, energy and flooding among others. The incorporation of a raft of national and regional guidance on these and other issues into development plans has introduced new elements into the Future Planning process thus making the production of development plans more complex.

Despite the additional guidance and policies, the plans remain in essence the primary physical blueprints for the physical development of the County. They outline the local authorities land use objectives for particular areas and thus, for example detail where residential, commercial, industrial or mixed uses would be most appropriate. The plans also detail specific works which the local authorities propose to carry out during the lifetime of the plan. In overall terms the plans provide guidance to private developers and investors as to the form, nature and extent of development which would be likely to be acceptable in various locations. In this respect, the Future Planning Unit worked in tandem with the Economic Development Unit of the Council throughout 2009.

During the course of 2009 the Economic Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee were briefed on:

- Louth Local Authorities submission to the review of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Border Region
- The Future Planning Unit work programme for 2010



Economic Development

The Louth Economic Forum

The Louth Economic Forum was established in Louth Local Authorities in 2009 under the chairmanship of Padraic White, former Chief Executive Officer of IDA Ireland, the State agency charged with attracting foreign direct investment to Ireland.

The Forum brings together all of the State agencies that interact with those generating economic activity in the county, and is a one stop shop, for potential investors. A study entitled "Louth County Economic Development Strategy (2009-2015)", commissioned by the Louth Local Authorities from Indecon International Economic Consultants, provides a blueprint for the Louth Economic Forum and their recommendations will shape the work of the Louth Economic Forum for the future.

The following agencies are represented on the Forum:-

- Louth Local Authorities
- Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce
- Ardee Business Community,
- Dundalk Chamber of Commerce
- Louth County Enterprise Board
- Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Enterprise Ireland
- IDA Ireland
- FÁS
- Sustainable Energy Ireland
- Teagasc
- Fáilte Ireland.

The main aims of the Louth Economic Forum are to;

- Promote Louth as the county of choice in Ireland, to do business in.
- Work with new business intending to establish in the county and ensure that all local authority issues affecting new business are dealt with in a coherent and timely manner
- Liaise with and work with existing indigenous business in the county and assist them with any local authority related issues
- Promote and market the county of Louth as a Tourism and Heritage destination of choice
- Create the environment and the conditions within which economic development and job creation can happen
- Assist in the creation of an operating environment which is based on flexibility, speed, agility, capability and expertise

The Louth Economic Forum has, in 2009, devised an overall 9 point plan identifying specific areas to be

addressed within its work programme over the next 3 years. A Task Group has been established for each of the areas and will, over those 3 years, prepare an action plan to cover the following for specific attention;

- Foreign Direct Investment
- Indigenous Industry
- Sustainable Energy
- Education and training
- Tourism and Heritage
- Agriculture and Fisheries
- Broadband
- Making Louth the Best County to do Business
- Drogheda Dundalk Newry Economic Corridor



In preparing these plans, each of the various sub groups will take cognisance of the following enhanced value propositions of the County;

- Unrivalled location between Dublin and Belfast at the centre of Ireland's Eastern Economic Corridor
- Two largest Towns in Ireland
- First Rate Infrastructure
- Fast Developing as a "Green City" Region
- Culture of Entrepreneurship and "can do" attitude
- Highly Educated & Productive labour force
- Test County for several Government Funded Initiatives
- Excellent Quality of Life
- Population set to grow to almost 190,000 by 2015

It is intended that the Foreign Direct Investment Action Plan will be available in February 2010 to be followed in that year by the Indigenous Industry Action Plan and thereafter in that year by the Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

Low Carbon Initiative

In Louth we have established the **Low Carbon Initiative** which is a partnership between the Local Authority, Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) and Dundalk Chamber of Commerce and which will become a regional/all Island initiative. We are in the process of doing a business plan at present. The concept of the Low Carbon Initiative, which has six elements, is to foster innovation in low carbon technologies through:

- Centres of competence in the area of smart grids and home area network.
- The testing of bio fuel, micowind to EU norm, smart metering and heat pumps.
- The Trialling of living labs for new and combined technologies and applied research.
- Training in the area of sustainable energy communities through best practices.
- Assist our indigenous and foreign direct investment companies in regard to energy management and improving competitiveness.
- New business development.
- Companies involved to date. Glendimplex, Netwell project, Oriel Wind, Cool power, IBM.

Dundalk 2020 – Holistic Project

Dundalk- Holistic project is an EU Concerto funded initiative in a specific sustainable energy zone that embraces all elements of the community- residential, schools, hospital, business, leisure etc. and which is proactively addressing the challenges of creating a more sustainable future for Europe's energy needs. The Holistic Project demonstrates how low energy neighbourhoods combined with sustainable energy supply can be realised on a European scale. It promotes the integration of energy efficiency measures and renewable energy systems by focusing on retrofit and construction of building that are highly energy efficient with the addition of renewable technologies. The Holistic Project is led by Louth County Council with a project manager jointly funded by Louth County Council and Sustainable Energy Ireland and consists of 24 Partners a mix of public and private. Our partner communities in Europe are Modling (Austria) Neuchatel (Switzerland) with observer communities of Newry & Mourne, Aachen (Germany) and Ministry of Environment (Italy). We received €10.7m from the EU Concerto programme of which Dundalk received €3.5m to achieve the following targets by 2010 in the Sustainable Energy Zone,



20% of Heat used from Renewable sources

20% of the Electricity from renewable sources

40% more energy efficient within selected buildings

We are well on our way to achieving these targets.

Examples of projects undertaken to date include:-

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| • District Heating System | ESCo Joint Venture (presently being commissioned) |
| • 1.8mw Wind turbine | ESCo Joint Venture (discussing a PPP) |
| • Street Lighting (renewable) | IDA Business Park (mini wind turbines / solar / photovoltaic) |
| • Housing(Social) | DTC 40% improvement in energy efficient in 100 Homes |
| • Smart Meters installed in Social Housing (Muirhevnamor) | (100) ESB (complete) Interim report and study comparison on behavioural aspects |

To date companies in the sustainable energy zone have made savings of €1m on energy efficiency and reduced their carbon foot print by 5000 tonne (as recorded at the end of December 2008)

Heritage Service

The year, 2009, was a challenging but successful one. Despite severe funding problems, that prevented most of the heritage plan implementation projects that had been planned for action during the year from going ahead, it was a busy and productive year for the Louth heritage office.

The Heritage Council continues to provide a 25% subvention to Louth Local Authorities in support of the heritage officer position. County Louth applicants received the fourth highest total value of grants from the Heritage Council's 'Local Heritage' grant scheme in 2009.

The heritage officer was strongly involved in forward planning in 2009, with the production during the year of development plans (or guidelines) for the region, county and county town. This engagement was formalised towards the end of the year with the transfer of heritage from the department of Community and Enterprise to a newly formed "Economic Development and Future Planning". This is a very positive development and shows that Louth Local Authorities value heritage as an important resource for the future development of Louth and its people and whose protection must be core to planning in the county.

Project Work in 2009

The main thrust of the heritage work programme in 2009 was:

- Promoting and providing for the protection of Monasterboice
- Applying for INTERREG funding for major, cross-border projects
- Strong involvement in development plan production
- Supporting and promoting major events for Walled Towns Day (part of Heritage Week) in Carlingford and Drogheda but not in Ardee (funded by the Irish Walled Towns' Network). Louth is one of just two Local Authorities with three member towns. The Irish Walled Towns' Network held its annual meeting in Carlingford
- Helping develop wildlife as an attraction, though provision of birdwatching panels and other facilities in Carlingford and Dundalk

In addition the heritage office advised on:

- Development management (planning application referrals)
- Habitats Directive Assessments
- Archaeological investigation prior to the proposed placement of a pontoon in the Boyne at Drogheda
- The restoration and display of Drogheda's civic regalia
- Supporting Dundalk's role in representing Ireland in the Entente Florale
- Recruiting volunteers to do a biodiversity study at the council landfill
- Raising awareness of the special geological heritage of north Louth and adjacent areas
- Helping run the Brat Bhríde Festival
- Maintaining the biodiversity garden at County Hall and advising other groups on their biodiversity projects





Tourism

During 2009 development of the walking infrastructure continued with the addition of two new loops in the Cooley Peninsula- Annaloughan and Barnavave, further establishing the area as a " walking hub" in the East Coast and Midlands region. Collaboration between Louth County Council, Fáilte Ireland, Meath County Council and the tourism trade has led to the development of the Boyne Valley Signature Project which has seen the publication of the comprehensive Boyne Valley guide and its distribution through northern Europe and the UK, and the development of a tourism champions programme in the greater Drogheda area. Dundalk's prominence as a destination for leisure breaks was highlighted at the launch of the Dundalk- Adventure & Activity Brochure which highlighted the wealth of all weather, activity and sports facilities the town contained. The promotion was supported by the travel trade and was focused on the greater Dublin and Belfast area and comprised of radio and press advertising, shopping centre promotions and leaflet drops to homes in the catchment area. A "Play and Stay" Golf package for the county was also developed with an associated marketing programme targeted at the domestic and Nordic markets.

The department supported a number of events throughout the year including a stand at the 3 Irish Open held in Baltray, the BBC Good Food Show in Birmingham and was instrumental in the development of the Drogheda Food Fair in August with the retail and restaurant trade.



County Development Board

The review of the Louth County Development Board 10 year strategy in 2009 resulted in the development of a three year action plan. To implement the action plan three themes and teams were agreed to activate the actions. The three fora agreed were Economic, Social and Culture.

Culture Forum

The aims and objectives of the Culture Action Plan are as follows:

- Build on the Louth identity, fostering pride and cultural awareness.
- Provide cultural opportunities and choice for people of all ages, abilities and culture.
- Improve wellbeing for the citizens of Louth through a cohesive approach in delivering sports & recreation, arts, museum, libraries and heritage services.
- Foster pride of place through Tidy Towns Network, Irish language, multicultural diversity and indigenous cultural centres

Key projects include the Age Friendly County Initiative, Comhairle Na nÓg, delivery of the Louth Sports Strategy, the Louth Walking Strategy, supporting volunteering, heritage and arts projects and development of a communications strategy.

Louth Age Friendly County Initiative

The Louth Age Friendly County Initiative was launched in November 2008, by Dermot Ahern, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform. Before this, Dundalk and its Institute of Technology led the way as the Irish participants in an international project on Age Friendly Cities sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2007.

The Louth Age Friendly County Strategy document was launched by Ms Aine Brady, TD, Minister for Older People in November 2009 in Drogheda. The strategy is aligned to the WHO 8 point framework arising out of the international study project on 33 cities in 2007.

Age-friendly branding

The communications group of the Louth Age Friendly County Alliance agreed a branding for the Louth Age Friendly County Initiative. The branding focuses on the eight strategic objectives of the Louth Age Friendly County Strategy which mirror the eight action areas recommended by the World Health Organisation. The branding consists of 8 coloured petals spreading out representing the evolution of the initiative as it grows. This branding can be replicated by other counties should they wish to use it.

Barrack St Housing Project – Great Northern Haven

The Barrack St Housing Project is collaboration between Dundalk Town Council, HSE North East and DkIT. The aim of the project is to enhance quality of life through

- Innovations in sustainable housing design
- Smart Living Technologies
- Person Centred Community and Health Supports

Development consists of 16 2-bedroom apartments with sensors to help safety and security, falls and fear of falling and managing chronic healthcare conditions.

Louth Older People's Forum

The Louth Older People's Forum was established during 2009. The first significant action undertaken by the LOPF was the management and hosting of a seminar in November 2009 which officially launched the Louth Age Friendly County Strategy document and the Citizen's Information Services Directory of Services. The forum engaged in the transport audit public consultation process in December 2009.



Comhairle na nÓg

Funded by way of a grant of from Office for Minister of Children and Youth Affairs Comhairle na nÓg aim to increase participation from seldom heard youth, increase the level of participation of the Counties youth in the initiative by way of voter training, media and communication skills training, participation in Dáil na nÓg. Particular emphasis was placed on ensuring that the ideas of the Youth were heard in co-operation with the VEC and others. The "Speak Out" event held in March at which the Youth's opinion on the education cuts was aired was one such initiative.

The launch of the Student discount card was the most successful project undertaken by the Comhairle. The Card was born out of an idea from the members of the Comhairle and the whole initiative was developed, marketed and launched by the members following engagement with schools retailers and commercial sponsors.

Disability Implementation Team

2009 saw the further roll-out of Disability Strategy Funding and information technology and capital works were undertaken to assist persons with a disability access the local authority services.

ARD Team

The Anti-racism and Diversity Plan Implementation Team met four times during 2009 and continue to oversee implementation of the actions of the ARD Plan until 2010.

Awareness raising on social inclusion issues remained a continued focus for 2009. The ongoing work of the unit will continue to endeavour to secure funding for social inclusion initiatives

The Team will review the ARD Plan in 2010.

Social Inclusion Measures Team

As part of the Review of the Louth County Development Board in 2009 the Social Inclusion Measures Team held two workshops to agree the strategic theme for this team. The theme selected was "developing equality of opportunity and access for all". Culminating from these workshops was the formation of the Social Pillar (SIM) which identified relevant objectives to form a Strategic Action Plan which would ensure a co-ordinated and integrated approach to tackling social exclusion in Louth.

The composition and role of the SIM Team was also reviewed to strengthen and enhance its effectiveness. It was agreed at the first meeting of the team to select two actions for 2009/2010 and set up two sub-groups to carry out research on these actions.

The actions are:

- Support and Sustain Early School Leaver Initiative
- Sustain Existing Community based Employment Initiatives.

Community and Voluntary Forum

Two public meetings were held in July 2009 to outline the steps necessary to progress a new Community and Voluntary Scheme and to establish a new Community and Voluntary Forum.

It was agreed at these meetings that the Louth Community and Voluntary Forum move away from area-based structures (electoral areas) and a new themed approach was adopted. The new Community and Voluntary Forum have 27 members with three members each drawn from the following thematic groups:

- Older People's Forum
- Heritage and Community Arts Forum
- Environmental Groups and Tidy Towns Network Forum
- Disability Forum
- Intercultural Forum
- Rural and Urban Residents Associations Forum
- RAPID Area Groups Forum
- Youth Works Forum
- Social Economy and Community Enterprise Forum

Following the successful information meetings elections took place in August and the inaugural Meeting of the County Louth Community and Voluntary Forum took place on 15th September, 2009.

The work of the Forum is supported administratively by staff from the Louth County Development Board secretariat of Louth County Council.

Intercultural Sports Project

Two very successful Intercultural Sports events were hosted by Louth County Council with the assistance of GAA, FAI, DKIT, ARD Committee, St. Vincent's TYI Year. The events were assisted financially by the Department of Justice and Integration.

Educational Bursaries

Louth County Council, with the assistance of Drogheda Borough Council and Dundalk Town Council operates educational bursaries annually. In 2009 six bursaries were allocated.

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

350 dwelling were allocated smoke alarms under this scheme, with the assistance of the RAPID Co-Ordinators, Community Groups, Dundalk Fire Service, St Vincent De Paul, Councillors throughout the County and our Dail Deputies.



PEACE III

The Aim of the Peace III Programme is to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region.

Following the acceptance of our Peace III Plan and the offer of €2.5m funding from the S.E.U.P.B. the following awards were made by the County Louth Peace & Reconciliation Partnership;

Small Grants	€412, 699,
Partner Delivery	€768, 874,
Tendered Activities	€938, 211

The balance of funding will be awarded early in 2010. A Peace III Project launch was held in County Hall, Dundalk on 18th February 2009, which afforded the County Louth Peace III Partnership an opportunity to showcase their plan.

Many of the successful projects held their launches during the year and are now well advanced with their programmes.

During the year a number of capacity building events were arranged for the Peace III Partnership and project partners

Seminars/events arranged by the consortium Pobal /CRC under a number of themes relating to Peace buildings were well attended by the members.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Louth Local Sports Partnership is a sub group of the County Development Board. The key aims of Louth LSP are to increase participation in sport and physical recreation and ensure that local resources are used to best effect.

Buntús and Buntús soccer are programmes developed to support teachers and other adults in introducing young people of primary school age to sport and to develop their interest in activity.

The LSP in conjunction with Louth County Childcare Committee delivered the Buntús Start programme to 18 childcare facilities throughout the year. The Buntús programme for primary schools was delivered to 28 schools in 2009 bringing the total number of schools trained in the programme to 47. The Buntús soccer programme in conjunction with the FAI was rolled out for the first time in Co Louth in 2009 with 10 schools completing the training to date.

The Girls in Action programme is a joint initiative funded by the HSE and Louth LSP which encourages young girls to participate in physical activity. The programme was offered to all secondary schools with female pupils in Co Louth and is currently running in 10 secondary schools in the county.

Louth LSP arranged 3 workshops which were delivered by a qualified sports scientist/exercise physiologist on sports science topics which 56 people attended. Louth LSP has also been involved in various initiatives for older adults including the FitLine project designed to help over 55s get more active. Three older adults fests were held in 2009 with various activities offered. Networks established during the year include the Sport Development Officer forum and the P.E. teachers network.

During 2009 Louth LSP facilitated the delivery of ten Irish Sports Council Code of Ethics – Child Welfare and Protection in Sport basic awareness courses, which 136 people attended.

Louth LSP allocated €15,000 in grants to 24 sports clubs/organisations under the Sports Club Grant Scheme for Increasing and Sustaining Participation. The Louth LSP Strategic Plan 2009-2012 was formally launched by John Treacy, C.E.O. of the Irish Sports Council on the 28th October.

Louth LSP was awarded €122,000 funding under the PEACE III Programme to deliver the Building Positive Relations at the Local Level through sport project which is scheduled to commence in 2010.



Sports Inclusion Disabilities Officer

Louth County Council Sports Inclusion Disabilities Officer was involved in working to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in sports and physical recreation activities. The project also aims to increase awareness of the benefits of such participation among those with disabilities. An initial target of 600 people to be supported throughout the two year SIDO project was set, however this target was surpassed in 2009 and by year end over 1058 people were supported by the SIDO.

The SIDO provided training to disability organisations and schools in APA (adapted physical activity) and inclusive games training. A Disability Awareness programme for transition years was also established. A total of 17 sessions were delivered to schools in Louth with over 673 students benefiting from the programme. During 2009 a number of activities such as adapted aerobics, learn to swim programme and Boccia made sustainable and taken over by disability and community groups. A Louth Disability Forum has been established and this helped the SIDO plan new and unique activities for people with disabilities. Such activities include Zumba dance and the commencement of wheelchair ice skating and wheelchair ice hockey, the first of its kind in Ireland.



Louth County Library Service

Louth County Library Service is operated through five branch libraries at Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Carlingford and Dunleer. A Mobile Library service is also operated and currently visits 53 locations throughout the County, including day care centres and crèches. The mobile service continues to call at 2 stops in Laytown, County Meath on an agency basis. The Louth Schools Library Service continues to serve and support 78 primary schools within the County

Usage of Libraries	2009	2008
Items borrowed	336,757	298,841
Visits to full-time libraries	219,531	200,350
Registered borrowers	11,965	10,627
Internet sessions provided	19,317	14,936



Library Stock

The Library stock collection includes books, music CDs, language resource packs, informational videos and DVDs which are available for loan to borrowers. Audio books on MP3 CD were introduced in 2009, along with an expansion in literacy materials for tutors and students.

Local Studies/Archives

In 2009 Louth County Archives Service came under the remit of the Libraries Directorate. In conjunction with Louth Local Studies and Genealogy Service, Louth County Libraries continued to acquire relevant materials relating to the history and cultural heritage of the County. Close links are maintained with local historical societies and groups to promote and preserve the rich heritage of Louth. The online genealogy service provides information and assistance to people tracing their family tree, and it generates an additional income stream for the library service.

Newspaper Collections

Bound copies of The Dundalk Democrat, The Argus and Drogheda Independent are available for consultation in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries. The Dundalk Democrat is available on microfilm from 1849 – 2005 and The Argus from 1986 – 1999 in the Reference Section of Dundalk Library. Microfilm copies of The Drogheda Independent from 1884 – 1949 and from 1986 – 2004 and The Argus on microfilm from 1838 – 1896 are available in Drogheda Library. Historical journals and other material relating to the towns are also available for reference.

Branch Development

Planning work commenced on the refurbishment and development of Carlingford Library. This development will ensure a greatly enhanced service to the local community.

Computerisation

Louth County Library's catalogue, available on the Internet, continues to be updated. Online services include access to International Newspapers and Britannica Online.

Louth County Libraries are involved in two new initiatives with Age Action Ireland and an eLearning project with FÁS, to encourage people to learn new computer skills and mobile phone training in their local library. A facilitator is available in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee Libraries to deliver workshops to beginners, and to support learners through a suite of online courseware.

Europe Direct Project

Dundalk Library was successful in its application to become a Europe Direct Information Centre in 2009. Funding from the European Commission is available to provide an information service for citizens and businesses on EU matters and activities. The service offers a dedicated PC access to European information in twenty languages; reports and pamphlets; books for adults and children; a free phone service to the Europe Direct centre in Brussels and ongoing events and activities with a European theme.

Outreach Activities

A full and varied programme of events and activities took place in Louth County Libraries in 2009. These events included exhibitions, lectures, storytelling, local history, genealogy workshops, and art events and craft sessions. The libraries involvement in national events such as Adult Literacy Week, Children's Book Festival, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Bealtaine and Science Week continued during the year. The theme of the Bealtaine Festival in Louth was "Living it Lively at Louth County Libraries" and many older people showed their enthusiasm and support in events ranging from beauty therapy to Zumba dancing!

Reading Events

A host of authors visited Louth County Libraries during the year including Niall De Burca, Oisín McGann and Sandy Sneddon. The theme of the Summer Reading Challenge for children was 'Quest Seekers'. Children in each of the branch libraries were encouraged to read an entertaining selection of adventure books, engage in activities and games, and in return receive certificates of their achievement

Archives Service

Standardization work on sections of the archive catalogue was ongoing, and work was carried out in particular on the voluminous Louth County Council correspondence files, dating from the 1930s-1970s. The files cover a wide range of subjects, and thereby provide the context for the archives of all the other sections of the local authority.

A project, which was funded by the Heritage Council, was undertaken for the Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust whereby they deposited their archival collection with Louth County Archives Service for archival processing. This involved sorting, cataloguing, numbering, and packing the collection which consisted in the region of 5,500 items including files, loose documents, photographs, and a quantity of maps, plans, and drawings.

2009 marked the 110th anniversary of the first representative local elections which were held in April 1899. To mark this, Louth County Archives Service hosted a travelling exhibition on 'Local Elections in Ireland' during June 2009. The exhibition was highly educational. It gave an outline of some of the major historical themes and events surrounding local elections since the first elections in 1899 including the Local Government Act 1898 and the franchise, the result of the first election and its consequences, famous elections, election campaigns, and legislative changes over the years.

To mark Heritage Week and Archive Awareness Month, Louth County Archives Service held an exhibition of old photographs of Dundalk and surrounding areas. The photographs were taken from the Old Dundalk Society's photographic collection and featured shops and streetscapes, people and events, estates, and transport. The photographic collection, which contains hundreds of old photographs of local interest, will continue to be available to the public to view by appointment (Tel: 042-9339387) in the Archives Service's Research Room. The Service arranged for conservation treatment on a number of Board of Guardians and rural district council archives during 2009, which was funded by the Heritage Council. Items conserved included workhouse minute books, financial records and a rental book. Treatment included surface cleaning, disinfection, structural repair, and binding repair work.

The Archives Service was delighted to acquire a number of important archive collections during the year. These included the archive collection of Dundalk Gas Company dating from the 1840s – 1970 consisting of minute books, lists of members, wages books, reports and various correspondence, donated by Arthur McManus; papers of Peter McCourt and Briege McCourt, dating to

the 20th Century, donated by Brian MacCuarta; research material regarding Dundalk's military history and Ordnance Survey maps from Stephen O'Donnell; impression from an old 13th century seal of the new town of Dundalk by Martha Martin; slides and images of Dundalk donated by Sean Casey; a microfilm copy of the Ordnance Survey name-books from the National Archives of Ireland; County Louth tillage registers created under the Compulsory Tillage Order from 1940 to 1948 and Fertiliser Scheme registers, 1950s-1960s; a minute book of PJ Carroll & Company Limited Pensioners Association from Jim Cousins; the Emerson Papers, 1825 – 1925, donated by John Emerson, which include rentals, journals, and a timber book (1825-1832) recording tenants planting on Collon estate. The collection relates partly to the Massereene estate in Collon which was of particular interest as the only estate in Co. Louth where the tenants adopted the Plan of Campaign (1886-1891) and combined to demand a reduction of rent. This collection will receive conservation treatment in 2010.

Other collections deposited by the County Louth Archaeological & Historical Society include a quantity of Roden estate leases regarding Seatown and Upper Seatown, 1808-1819; a collection of various Dundalk related documents, such as correspondence, accounts, legal material, and photographs dating from 1775-1938, including indenture of election of James Edward Gordon in 1831, copies of ballad sheets, Glyde Drainage District schedule, abstract of title regarding Hinds estate, particulars of sale of Killineer House Drogheda, 1849 address to the Earl of Roden for his removal from magistracy, rent accounts for Marsh Farm in Castlebellingham, and others; and research notes and papers of the late Very Reverend Diarmuid Maclomhair relating to the parish of Ardee, 19th Century. The Service is grateful to those who have deposited or donated collections as they enhance the wonderful archival heritage held by the Service and assist users in their research. Newly acquired collections will be catalogued and made available to researchers in due course.

Drogheda Borough Council

Corporate Services

Drogheda Borough Council has 12 members representing two electoral areas - Drogheda North and Drogheda South. Monthly Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of August. In addition the Council holds an Annual Meeting, Budget Meeting and Special Meetings are held as the occasion demands. During 2009 a total of 14 meetings were held.

At the Annual Meeting held in June Councillor Michael O'Dowd was elected Mayor.

Freedom Of Information

Nine applications were received by Drogheda Borough Council in 2009.

Civic Receptions

Civic Reception - 31st March, 2009 - Bishop Michael Smith, DCL, DD, Bishop of Meath Boyne R.F.C. - Winners of the Provincial Towns Cup - 4th May, 2009

Civic Awards

Civic Awards were presented to the following:

Mr. Peter Moroney, for his work with suicide awareness and Sosad Ireland

Mr. Keith Kelly, winner of the National Inter Club Cross Country Championship Mens Senior Title.

Mrs. Julia Kierans, for her work with Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland.

Mr. Charlie McAllister for his work with the Louth GAA Teams.

Transition Year Students of Our Lady's College, Greenhills on winning the Empire City Invitational Mock Trials in New York.

Housing

The Housing Department is responsible for the maintenance of the Borough Council's housing stock, estate management, collection of rents and loan repayments, sale of houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and the Shared Ownership/Affordable Housing Scheme, provision of housing loans, housing adaptation grants and accommodation for travelling people. Maintenance and repair of our rented stock (1,277 dwellings) was completed throughout the year. Planned maintenance included the installation of gas central heating, attic insulation and smoke alarms into 14 dwellings, and window and doors into 17 dwellings.

Housing Strategy

A total of 12 affordable units were acquired by Drogheda Borough Council under Part V of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, and allocated to persons on the affordable housing list.

Housing Acquisition

A total of 8 units were purchased by Drogheda Borough Council

Voluntary Housing

Newtown Meadows	30 units provided by Cluid which were allocated in 2009
Tredagh View, Marley's Lane	21 units provided by Respond which were allocated in 2009
Foscadh Housing Association	29 units completed in 2009. All 65 units now complete.

Housing Stock Maintenance and Improvement

Drogheda Borough Council has a housing stock of 1,277. In 2009, 1708 maintenance calls were reported and subsequent repair works carried out.

St. Finian's Park Remedial Works Scheme

Works on the final Phase No. 4 of this project were completed in 2009. A total of 70 houses were included in Phase 4. The original project which provided for the refurbishment of 200 dwellings and associated site development works commenced in January 2003 and qualified for capital funding under the Remedial Works Programme from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Disabled Persons Grants

In 2009, approx €165,000 (excluding VAT) was spent on 24 different dwellings.

Mell

Drogheda Borough Council secured funding for 50 no. dwelling units at Mell. Tender documentation has been finalized. Construction is to commence in 2010.

Water Services Section

As part of an ongoing restructuring of the Water Services within County Louth from 1st January 2009 Louth Co. Co. took charge of water production at the water treatment plants. The 'Water Services' Section of Drogheda Borough Council covers both the Public Water Supply and the Public Sewerage Service and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of both the water distribution and drainage networks within the Borough.

Activities 2009

- Continuation of the Water Conservation Project in Drogheda in conjunction with Louth Co. Co. The work consisted of active leakage detection and repair of leaks in the network and the identification of water mains requiring rehabilitation.
- Continuation of the installation of water meter boundary boxes / water meters for non-domestic customers.
- Continuous maintenance and operation of the existing water distribution network within the Borough.
- Continuation of the Drogheda Sewerage Network Improvement Assessment scheme Phase

- 1 in conjunction with Louth Co. Co. This project is ongoing and involves a comprehensive assessment of the existing sewerage network within the Borough. The assessment includes CCTV camera and condition surveys, mapping of the network, flow surveys, etc. The Project is ongoing and the survey is due for completion in mid 2010 with a report at the end of 2010.
- Continuous maintenance and operation of the existing sewer drainage network within the Borough.

Roads Section

- Road and footpath maintenance throughout the Borough.
- Implementation of the Traffic Management and Transportation Review.
- Implementation of 2008 Drogheda Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws.
- Upgrading of R132, Dublin Road between Beubec and Glanbia.
- Upgrading of Shop Street --- footpaths, road surface plus poles for banners.
- Upgrading of Constitution Hill.
- Disability works including raised table and pedestrian crossing facilities at Westgate junction, North Road, Liam Leech Terrace, Dublin Road, Mary Street junction, Bull ring, bottom of Barrack hill, Sunday's gate & Hardeman's Gardens.
- Disabled bay road markings at various locations.
- Upgrading of road markings at various locations.
- European safety charter – Balymakenny school – line marking, pedestrian railings and crossing. Ongoing implementation of European Road Safety Charter.
- Housing estate – resurfacing of roads at Stameen, Meadowview, Laurence's park, Rathmullen estate and St. Finians.
- Parking bays at various locations.
- Review pay parking at North Strand and provision of additional parking at old Fire Station site, Stockwell lane and West Street.
- Survey of public lighting assets within Borough Upgrading of public lighting infrastructure in the Borough.
- Provision of disabled access on footpaths and signage at various locations.
- Daily Traffic Management, monitoring and maintenance of traffic signals including traffic and speed counts at various locations
- Assessment of Planning application and road reports.
- Routine road and footpath maintenance.
- Road Gully monitoring and maintenance.
- Road markings and signage renewed and / or provided at various locations.
- Enforcement of Road Pay parking.

Planning & Development

In 2009, the planning section was responsible for the consideration of applications for planning permission,

the control of ongoing development, the enforcement of planning legislation, and providing advice on planning related matters together with enforcement of the Building Control legislation.

The assessment of planning applications for the development in that area covered by the Master Plan for the Northern Environs of Drogheda was ongoing during 2009.

As recommended in the Drogheda Economic Development Strategy, Drogheda Economic Forum was established, bringing together key stakeholders to implement the integrated Economic Development Strategy and to secure the economic development of the greater Drogheda area over the period 2009-2015 and beyond and to realize the overall vision for Drogheda of a flourishing urban centre with vibrant communities either side of the River Boyne.

On 20th May 2009, the statutory two-year process for the Review of the Drogheda Borough Council Development Plan commenced with the publication of the required public notice, the publication and circulation of an Issues Paper and the commencement of the public consultation period. Following consideration by the elected members, of the Manager's Reports on the submissions received, the preparation of the Draft Plan commenced in November 2009.

Under Section 48 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 -2009, a new Draft Development Contribution Scheme for the period 2010-2014 was prepared in late 2009. The proposed scheme went on display on 16th December 2009.

In 2009, 152 planning applications were processed by Drogheda Borough Council, which represents a decrease of 38% on the 2008 figure.

Out of a total number of 23 decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála in 2009 in relation to appeals, 20[87%] upheld/varied the decision of the Planning Authority, while 3 [13%] reversed the decision of the Planning Authority.

During 2009, 2 proposals by Drogheda Borough Council to carry out development were the subject of the public consultation process provided for under Part 8 of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations.

There were two variations to the Drogheda Borough Council Development Plan 2005 -2011, rezoning lands in Newtown from Residential New to Employment Generating Zone and rezoning an existing dwelling & cartilage at Rope Walk from Open Space to Residential

Existing. In order to facilitate potential applicants, Drogheda Borough Council continues to provide a pre-planning Service with appointments with the Planners to discuss pre-planning issues available on Tuesdays. In 2009 the Borough Council also made all planning applications, decisions of the Drogheda Borough Council and An Bord Pleanála between 1963 and 1990 available on the website.

Environment

Actions for Environmental Protection and Pollution Control, both completed and ongoing are as follows: Annual Street-cleaning, weed control, grass and hedge cutting programmes were implemented; Gas Monitoring continues at the Old Landfill Site on the Collon Road; Drogheda Borough Council continued to complete surveys for the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System (Litter GIS); Administration of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990; Graffiti survey carried out and graffiti removal programme commenced.

Drogheda was awarded a Gold Medal in the Tidy Towns Competition for the second year in succession. Drogheda was also ranked as Ireland's third cleanest town in the Irish Businesses against Litter League 2009.

Clothes banks were installed at 8 of the 9 bring bank locations in the town.

Amenity grants totalling €29,900 were awarded to 42 Residents associations Community Groups for projects to improve estate management and their environs. Drogheda Borough Council in conjunction with the Supermarkets in the town and Boyne Fishermen's River Rescue implemented the shopping trolley initiative in order to reduce the numbers of shopping trolleys abandoned both in the town centre and in the River Boyne.

Drogheda was nominated and judged for the Best Kept Town in Ireland Competition in 2009 and we continued to build a pro active working relationship with Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee.

Preparation for the Golf Open in Baltray.

Drogheda Environmental Campaigns

Drogheda environmental campaigns for 2009 were as follows:

- Beauty on Boyne Awards sponsored by Drogheda Borough Council, Coca Cola, V&W Recycling, Scotch Hall, Scholars Townhouse and the d Hotel was held for third year.
- Successful organisation of National Tree Week and National Spring Clean.
- Rollout of Halloween Bonfire Initiative to reduce quantities of waste being burned and the cost of clean up.
- Litter Prevention Campaign rolled out for the first time with the cooperation and participation of the five second level schools in the town.
- Participated in National Recycling Week in September 2009.
- Total number of Green Schools increased to 12.

Finance

Drogheda Borough Council's Financial Figures (Audited)

Total Revenue Expenditure 2009 €28,438,080
Total Capital Expenditure 2009 €12,057,655

RAPID - Drogheda

Highlights for 2009 included a visit from President McAleese and her endorsement of the work of the RAPID programme in Drogheda. This visit occurred in the same week that Drogheda Borough Council was awarded the overall prize in the Chamber of Commerce Local Government Excellence Awards for the "Big Hog" a waste management project located in St. Paul's National School and supported by Drogheda RAPID and Louth Council Green Schools Committee.

Some key and urgent projects identified through consultation with residents were implemented. These included alley gating at Yellowbatter, an ambulance bay and bollard structure at Rathmullen. All of the above made a significant contribution to the safety and quality of life of residents. The RAPID Community Environmental Initiative working in cooperation with residents. €160,000 was allocated to progress actions agreed by the themed sub-groups representing education, health, family support, community safety and environmental enhancement.

A sample of activities in 2009

- **Community Safety Sub-Group**
 - the refurbishment of the CABLE Garda project House at 158 Moneymore.
 - Introduction of Peer Education programmes on Drugs Awareness at CABLE, Boyne Garda Project.
 - Installation of a further 6 CCTV cameras bring to the number to 12 in Drogheda RAPID areas.
 - RAPID facilitated the Data Protection Unit Audit of the initial six CCTV cameras.
 - Funding to training young people engaged in the Boyne Garda project to design and plant an organic garden at their premises.
 - On going roll out of Home Security packages for older persons.

In addition the Community safety Sub- Group coordinated the implementation of the successful 'Bin It, Don't burn It' campaign at Halloween and hosted a Crime prevention evening and event which is to be repeated in 2010. An audit of existing provision to tackle the addiction issue has been undertaken as part of the on going work of the Community safety sub-group.

- **Education Sub-Group**
 - Agreement around an action plan for education.
 - Investment towards sustaining development IT in primary schools.
 - Installation of a new library at St. Pauls NS.
 - Catering equipment for St. Oliver's CC.
 - Investment in development of a sensory room at St. Ita's Special school.
 - Summer dance programme at Marymount NGS.
 - Funding to sustain Child & Family Literacy programme at St. John's NS Rathmullen, football coaching.
- **Family Support Sub- Group**
 - Continuation of Effective Parenting Initiative with the support of the Family Resource Centre. The CONNECT FRC was officially opened this year by Aine Brady Minister for Children and Older people.
 - On going development of the Incredible Years project in Drogheda.
 - Provision of three Effective Parenting programmes.
 - Developments in the new childcare centres

include completion of boundary wall, environmental works and the soft play area at Moneymore.

- The **Health Sub-Group led by the HSE** notably the Health Promotions Unit has made a significant contribution to awareness around health and safety issues in 2009. A number of programmes were rolled out in cooperation with existing community and voluntary sector organisations. This work will continue in 2010. The Health Leverage scheme was progressed in 2009. Drogheda Alzheimer's, Meals on Wheels, Lifestyle Development and Drogheda community Services centre all received funding for capital improvements designed to enhance the level of service to older people.
- **RAPID Employment and Training Theme** was launched in June. For Drogheda this has led to an increase of 32 places for young people between 18-25yrs on FAS Local Training Initiative Schemes. This brings to 60 the number of participants engaged in training. The new initiatives have included Digital Media Training and Focus Your Future. Existing schemes include the Drogheda Youth Training Initiative and the Early School Leaving Opportunities and both target young people from RAPID areas and the wider town. The success of the LTI schemes depends on the transfer of these young people into further education and training and into future employment. To date outcomes for young people have been very positive.

Work has continued through out the year with young people, notably the development of the Drogheda Young Persons Network. Also the programme is facilitating the development of an Integrated Youth Service for South Louth in collaboration with Drogheda Youth Development.



Arts Office

In recent years, Louth has developed a strong reputation for quality music programming. 2009 saw many memorable concerts throughout the county, some promoted by Louth Local Authorities, while others were partnerships between promoters such as Louth Contemporary Music Society. Below are listed some of the highlights held in Drogheda:

- **Ensemble Avalon Turina**, Guilfoyle, Beethoven - Drogheda January promoted by Drogheda Borough Council.
- **Badke Quartet Wilson**, Haydn, Bartok - March promoted by Drogheda Borough Council.
- **The Rest is Noise: The Music of Alexander Knaife** - May Drogheda Arts Festival.
- **The Funeral Band** - Liam O Flynn, Shaun Davey, Seamus Begley et al - May Drogheda Arts Festival.
- **Eliza Carthy and Band** - May Drogheda Arts Festival.
- **Tredagh Singers Vivaldi** - May supported by Drogheda Borough Council.
- **Valentin Silvestrov**, Elizabeth Cooney Silvestrov September Drogheda - supported by Louth Local Authorities.

Festivals

This is an area which Louth Local Authorities have prioritised in our Arts Plan, and to which we have directed much resources. From a low base, we have initiated, prompted, and supported festivals and festival organisers so that Louth now has a near-year-round calendar of arts festivals.

- **Drogheda Arts Festival** - Multidisciplinary - Six days around May Bank Holiday weekend - managed by Louth Local Authorities.
- **Drogheda Samba Festival** - Samba and Latin-American music - Three days in June - supported by Louth Local Authorities.
- **Drogheda Traditional Music Weekend** - Traditional music - Three days in June supported by Louth Local Authorities.
- **Leanbh** - Childrens multi-disciplinary - Six days in September supported by Louth Local Authorities.

In addition, the Arts Office coordinated and paid for the Louth contribution to the digital database and presentation of visual arts spaces in Ireland, as curated at

the Venice Biennale by Commissioner Caoimhín Corrigan. Text and images detailed the Basement Gallery, Droichead Arts Centre, and Highlanes Gallery, and ensured that the growing visual arts infrastructure in Ireland, especially outside the cities, had a public platform during the festival.

Funding

Drogheda Borough Council also fund Arts Act Grants In 2009, Drogheda Arts Festival, which is a Louth Local Authorities initiative, reached the milestone of its fifth successive and successful festival. To review the work so far, and to advise on the future development of the festival, Louth Local Authorities commissioned Richard Whately to produce a report which would recommend actions which would contribute to the on-going growth of this multi-disciplinary celebration of the arts.

Other initiatives in 2009 included -

- National Poetry Day. Organised in conjunction with Poetry Ireland, this second year saw a greatly expanded range of poetry-related activities in Drogheda,
- In June, Louth Local Authorities worked with the Traditional Arts Section of the Arts Council in organizing a seminar on supports for the traditional arts, both nationally and locally. One of the positives which arose from this well-attended seminar was the establishment of a Louth Traditional Arts Network, which uses emails to inform members of events and subjects of mutual interest.
- The Arts Service worked with Calipo Theatre and Picture Company to devise and operate two Film-making summer schools, in Drogheda and Dundalk, in July of 2009. With the support of the Arts Council, participants were introduced to scripting, storyboarding, shooting, editing and all related skills, as they made their own short film.
- Drogheda Youth Dance Company continued its programme of workshops and classes in the Abbey Dance Studios. Set up as part of a Dancer in Residence project, DYDC has a core of about twenty members who meet weekly. One of the highlights this year for the members was participating in dance workshops lead by Coiscéim as part of Drogheda Arts Festival. DYDC is part-funded by the Arts Council.

Dundalk Town Council

Housing & Building

Work was completed on the Glenwood Infill Housing Scheme in May. The contract for the Nestling technology housing scheme at Barrack Street has commenced and is expected to be completed in February 2010. This is a major collaboration between the Council, DkIT and the HSE to provide life long living facilities close to the town centre. Work on A turnkey development at Blackrock road is continuing with an anticipated completion date of February 2010.

A total of 87 houses were returned to stock by the Council during the year and in excess of 2,000 housing repairs were completed. During 2009 work also commenced on the replacement of Windows and Doors in council estates as part of a planned maintenance programme.

Regeneration

The Council completed significant works in both Muirhevnamor and Cox's Demesne estates under the Regeneration programme. The works completed included the demolition of old person's dwellings, extinguishment of public rights-of-way, landscaping work, tree planting, traffic calming measures and the appointment of consultants to prepare the urban vision document. It is anticipated that a pilot scheme project for Coxes Demense will commence in 2010.

Affordable Homes

It is expected that by the end of 2009 that 90 affordable units will have been delivered. These units include properties obtained under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2002 and properties built under the Council's Housing Construction Programme.

Dundalk Rapid Programme

The Dundalk RAPID Programme has been a hive of activity over the past year, its focus being on service integration, leadership and new investment. Through the work of the Dundalk RAPID Area Implementation Team, a number of actions have been progressed & achieved in the two RAPID areas in Dundalk, Cox's Demesne and Muirhevnamor. The other forums, that are actively pursuing social inclusion measures in the RAPID areas, is the Dundalk Drugs Advisory Group and the Development Group for the Young People's Facilities and Services fund, facilitated by the RAPID Co-ordinator,

Key actions Achieved during 2009 include:

- **The Incredible Years Project**- a project funded from the Dormant Accounts Funda and Peace III and focusing on educational disadvantage.
- **RAPID & Junior Achievement** "Enterprise Challenge". This project, funded by Louth County Development Board and Louth Leader Partnership, focused on four secondary schools serving RAPID areas in Drogheda and Dundalk during 2009. It was officially launched by the Minister of Justice; Equality & Law reform Dermot Ahern.
- Progress was made on the proposed **Creative Community Hub** planned for the inner relief road in partnership with the Local community.
- The **RAPID Summer Camp and Easter Camps** in partnership with FAI were successful; with over 90 children from RAPID areas attending in total both camps. These camps were held in RAPID areas.
- **Local Training Initiatives** targeting young unemployed people currently operate in both Cox's Demesne and Muirhevnamor. These multi agency initiatives involve FAS, VEC, LES, Louth Leader Partnership, Dundalk Town Council, local CDP's, Youth Work Ireland, Louth and local community and youth projects.
- **A Midsummer Madness** event was held on the **Bonfire night 29th June** (Local tradition) in Oriel Park in partnership with Dundalk Town Council, An Garda Siochana, Dundalk Football Club & the F.A.I. this was an initiative to try and discourage bonfires on Local Authority estates. Over 300 youth attended this event, and it was a great success, this event will now be held annually.
- **Estate Management Committee**
An estate Management committee established in partnership with Senior Officials in DTC, Community Development projects & community representatives in RAPID areas. This group continue to meet to implement the Louth Local Authorities tenant Participation policy and to promote positive relationships between local authorities and Communities.

Improvement And Maintenance Of Regional And Local Roads

During 2009 there was an on-going programme of general maintenance and improvement of the 103km of regional and local roads in the Town. This includes repairs to potholes, footpaths, gully cleaning,



maintaining and replacing road signs and nameplates, grass cutting, verge trimming and the renewal of road markings and delineators.

Other works completed during the year included resurfacing, renewal of road markings, upgrading of public lighting, provision of bus promontories and the creation of additional cycle lanes.

Water Services

The Council continued to successfully managed and implemented a lead reduction programme following the detection of excessive lead levels in public water supplies. The programme involved extensive testing of water supplies, supplying bottled water to affected customers, scouring of water mains and the replacement of lead pipes in many locations. The Council in conjunction with Louth County Council offered advice to customers on replacing lead pipes and will implement a program of dosing water with phosphoric acid to reduce the lead levels in 2009.

The Council continued its water conservation project in conjunction with Louth County Council. The work consisted detection and repair of leaks in the network and the identification of water mains requiring rehabilitation.

Planning

Dundalk & Environs Development Plan 2009-2015

A new Dundalk & Environs Development plan went on public display in May 2009 and following the statutory process for receipt and consideration of submissions was finally adopted in November 2009.

Market Square Redevelopment

Funding of €2.6m was received for the re-development of Market Square. The overall aim of the project is to redevelop the Square as a flagship project in the heart of the town, as an active focal point for residents and visitors alike and as an indicator of Dundalk's future as a Gateway town in a cost efficient manner. The acquisition of this funding has paved the way for the advancement of this project in accordance with the bid submitted to the BMW Regional Authority.

Part 8 Applications approved in 2009

Part 8 Planning proposals were implemented in 2009 for the following projects:-

- Foul Water Pumping Station at Ardee Road.

- Junction upgrade works to the Carrickmacross Road / McEntee Avenue Junction.
- Upgrade of the N.52 / Avenue Road Roundabout.

Dundalk Town Council Development Contribution Scheme

- Total amount of contributions received by DTC in 2009 was €1,283,047.23
- The amount of Contributions outstanding at 31 December 2009 €11,165,128.97

BIDS

BIDS, or **Business Improvement District Scheme** is a partnership between the Dundalk Town Council and the Ratepayers of Dundalk and one of their main projects last year was the creation of the **Town Centre Commercial Manager's Office** which they directly finance using the rates collected from the Town. Dundalk is the **first town in Ireland** that has this unique structure that allows monies to be directly invested in the commercial development of the town.

The TCCM is an independent office and it has a steering group which consists of representatives from all sectors, **Retailers, Dundalk Town Council Councillors & Executives, Chamber of Commerce as well as nominees from the Retail Parks and Business Parks.** The simple but challenging task of the office is to improve Dundalk Trading environment and give the town that extra edge by increasing footfall into the town and attracting the right type and mix of investment.

Environment Protection

Tidy Towns

Dundalk scooped a Gold Medal for the first time at the 2008 Tidy Towns Awards having jumped up the point's league to 295, an increase of 15 points on 2007. The judges highlighted new ventures such as the new Riverside walkways and cycle paths as being key to the town's improvement. The judge's noted also that Dundalk is "a town that looks great and has a heart that is clearly thriving" and commenting on cleanliness stated "the hard work put into the litter management plan is clearly paying off as the town was practically spotless during my visits".

The Council is grateful to the assistance that the Tidy Towns Committee, residents and business community have given to enable the town achieve this award. This remarkable achievement has resulted in Dundalk being chosen to represent Ireland in the prestigious European Entente Florale Competition in 2009.



Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL)

Although Dundalk slipped down the league table in 2008, the town continues to perform well and retained its status as a litter free town and clean to European norms. The town received "three excellent surveys" during the year and it is worth noting that the difference between the top towns is slight.

National Spring Clean 2008

A massive clean-up of the town, which involved approximately 750 volunteers from residents associations, sporting groups, schools etc. took place in April 2008. This voluntary effort, supported by the local authority resulted in over 40 tonnes of waste being removed from our town. Pictured are members of Dundalk FC along with Council Chairman Jim D'Arcy and Joe Berrill Dundalk Town Council.

Improve Our Town Awards 2008

The annual Improve our Town Awards night took place in October and a total of sixty three prizes were awarded to resident associations, community groups, individual households and members of the business community in recognition of their efforts to improve the appearance of their own area or business. Once again, there was a big attendance on the night and the following award recipient's merit special mention.

Best Estate

- Category A: Suil Na Mara
- Category B: Willow Grove
- Category C: Manydown Close

Best Local Authority & Voluntary Housing

An Chearnog

Best Individual Garden Kevin McKenna,
Doylesfort Road

Best Public House The Jockeys

Best Retail Premises Jacqueline Woods Interiors

Most Improved Premises F.J. Murphy Park St

Adjudicators Award Redeemer Crèche

Litter Awareness Award Diageo, Carrick Road

Amenity Grants Scheme

Dundalk Town Council continued to support residents associations with their efforts in maintaining their areas to a high standard.

In total grants amounting to € 77,500 were given to over eighty residents associations and community groups in the town.

Dundalk Recycling Centre

The volume of material recycled continues to grow with 9,780 tonnes of material received in 2008. Together with the volume recycled through the bring bank network resulted in the town exceeding the 10,000 tonne mark for the second year running. The Centre now supplies its own compost to the Town Council for use throughout the town.

Recreation & Amenity

Arts

The Basement Gallery, which is programmed and managed by the Arts Service, mounted eight full-scale exhibitions, which were accompanied by a programme of artists' talks and workshops.

The implementation of the Per Cent for Art Scheme resulted in a further fifteen artworks being placed in public areas throughout the county. One of the pieces commissioned under this Scheme was nominated and shortlisted for a national LAMA Award. "Clutch" by Rachel Joynt was inspired by nests made by Little Terns on the Boyne Estuary near Baltray, and the piece reflects the wealth of natural heritage in the area.

Many arts projects, devised and rooted in the community, were developed during the year, with one of the more high-profile being the very successful Traditional Musician Residency in Drogheda, involving a range of activities which introduced traditional music and song to new audiences, and celebrated the music and song from Drogheda and south Louth. The Residency culminated in the publication of "Sing Out", a book which provides words, music and background information to songs of the area."

County Museum

2009 was a busy year at the County Museum, Dundalk. Several developments distinguished the year including:

- the implementation of the Heritage Council's *Museums' Standards Programme for Ireland* (MSPI).
- exhibitions on Childhood in 20th Century Ireland and the range of finds discovered during the construction of the western bypass around Dundalk.
- the launch of a newly-dedicated website.
- the advent of walking tours during the summer months.
- the organisation of the art history course.

Museums' Standards Programme for Ireland

The introduction of the Heritage Council's system of standards and accreditation for Museums is arguably one of the most important developments in the sector in the last number of years. The system covers all aspects of a Museum's operation ranging from the provision of signage to documentation, policy provision to strategic management. Having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Programme at the interim stage the County Museum, Dundalk will be one of a select group of institutions to achieve this distinction and serves to highlight the quality of the service provided.

Exhibitions

The Museum hosted two nationally significant Museum exhibitions during the year. *Seen But Not Heard: A Century of Childhood in Ireland* is a touring exhibition organised by the Local Authority Museums' Network, celebrating the change in childhood as experienced in Ireland over the course of the 20th Century. Told through the photographs and reminiscences of people not only in Ireland but also in County Louth, the exhibition examined areas including play, health, work and education highlighting the many changes in Irish society over the past 100 years.

ASI: Archaeological Scene Investigation in North County Louth showcased some of the finds uncovered during the construction of the western bypass around Dundalk. These included a magnificent paisley style design carved on a stone found in a souterrain, a stone shaped as a sheep or cow which appears to have served as some form of altar, a collection of medieval beads and several intact bowls. Developed with the NRA the most poignant feature of the exhibition was a short video feature revealing the discovery of a grave containing the body of a woman and baby. The inclusion of this footage acted as a salient reminder of the fragile nature of life and the manner of life as experienced by our ancestors. Significantly, a legacy of this exhibition will be the inclusion of some of the bowls in the permanent display.

Website

The introduction of the Museum website (www.dundalkmuseum.ie) represents a significant development in the rollout of services offered to the public. The website is seen in two distinct ways firstly as a promotional and marketing tool for visitors; presenting the nature and extent of the permanent collection. Secondly the website is seen as a resource, archiving past events and exhibitions thus enabling those who might have missed an exhibition the opportunity to view it after it has closed.

Walking Tours of Dundalk and Art History talks.

One of the most important requirements of a Museum exhibition is the need to link the artefacts to their place in the wider world. This requirement formed the rationale to introduce both the walking tours and art history course. In so doing the importance and relevance of the collection increased as visitors can readily connect the physical landscape of the town (or country) to an artefact and a particular historical event. In manufacturing such a situation the importance of the item or, indeed, an exhibition is ultimately enhanced.

Dundalk Sports Centre

Although 2009 was a year that brought several challenges to the Sports Centre the investments and programmes put in place during previous years (new timber floor, programmes introduced by the Sports Co-ordinator, etc) helped to ensure that the centre maintained much of its income during the year.

Most of the **in-house** programmes were maintained and included; eight week summer activities programme (multi-sports, mini camp, basketball, tennis, badminton), mid-term camps, Easter camps, after schools activities programme (basketball, tennis, soccer), Louth secondary school badminton competition, Louth primary school basketball blitz.

We have also continued our **Special Needs Activities Programmes** (Malta Services, REHAB, St. John of Gods, National Learning Network, St Brigids, Louth Disability Network, and Irish Wheelchair Association National Basketball Team) as well as integrating children with Special Needs into many of our regular activities.



Tables and Appendices

Key Performance Indicators

FIRE SERVICE		2007	2008	2009
F1: Fire Service Mobilisation				
A.	Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	1.7	2.17	2.06
B.	Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	4.8	3.57	3.97
C.	Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	-	1.82	1.6
D.	Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	-	3.64	3.84
F2: Percentage of attendances at scenes				
A.	Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	75.9	60.93	71.85
B.	Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	22.1	34.94	30.57
C.	Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	2	4.13	3.26
D.	Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	-	53.41	54.36
E.	Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	-	40.91	40.27
F.	Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	-	5.68	5.37
F3: Fire Prevention				
A.	Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	371	180	96
B.	Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	380	170	96
C.	Total number of applications deemed invalid	-	7	6

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION		2007	2008	2009
CP1: Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme				
Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme		81.25	65.52	65.52
CP2: Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum				
Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum		-	108	224

CORPORATE ISSUES		2007	2008	2009
C1: Working Days lost to Sickness				
A.	Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	4.25	4.41	4.27
B.	Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.9	0.97	0.79
C2: Staff Training and Development				
Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs:		4.75	5.23	3.75

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		2007	2008	2009
WATER				
E1: Unaccounted For Water				
Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for		-	44.19	47.14
E2: Drinking Water Analysis				
A.	Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes	97.63	97.47	XXXXXX
B.	Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to private schemes (where appropriate)	95	94.99	XXXXXX
WASTE MANAGEMENT				
E3: Waste Segregation * PRIVATISED. L.C.C.				
A.	Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	- *	- *	92.72
B.	Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	- *	- *	27.79

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling				
A.	Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	20	27.59	47.10
B.	Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	7802	10637	8968
C.	Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	-	5590	15724
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill				
A.	The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	80	72.41	60.19
B.	The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	31129	27911	19735
E6: Recycling Facilities				
	The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	38	37	42
	The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	2	2	2
Glass				
A.	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	38	37	37
B.	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2	2	2
C.	The total number of facilities for recycling	40	39	39
D.	The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	1.8	1.75	1.75
Cans				
E.	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	43	37	42
F.	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2	2	2
G.	The total number of facilities for recycling	45	39	44
H.	The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	2.02	1.75	1.98
Textile				
I.	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0	0	0
J.	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2	2	2
K.	The total number of facilities for recycling	2	2	2
L.	The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.09	0.09	0.09

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
Batteries				
M.	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0	0	0
N.	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2	2	2
O.	The total number of facilities for recycling	2	2	2
P.	The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.09	0.09	0.09
Oils				
Q.	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0	0	0
R.	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2	2	2
S.	The total number of facilities for recycling	2	2	2
T.	The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.09	0.09	0.09
Other Materials				
U.	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	43	43	42
V.	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2	2	2
W.	The total number of facilities for recycling	39	39	44
X.	The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	2	1.75	1.98
LITTER				
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement				
A.	Number of full-time litter wardens	7	7	7
B.	Number of part-time litter wardens	0	0	0
C.	Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	0.343	0.31	0.31
D.	Number of on-the-spot fines issued	1207	1055	933
E.	Number of on-the-spot fines paid	-	910	442
F.	Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	174	145	32
G.	Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	55	44	27
H.	Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	-	23	47
I.	Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	-	157	33
J.	Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	-	44	27
K.	Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	14	10.00	7.74

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
L.	Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	78	77.50	83.87
M.	Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	8	11.88	8.39
N.	Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	0	0.63	0.00
O.	Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	0	0.00	0.00
E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement				
A.	Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	2755	2342	65
B.	Number of complaints investigated	2625	2294	65
C.	Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	-	2155	52
D.	Number of enforcement procedures taken	217	139	13
E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns				
A.	Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	64	64.38	73.97
B.	Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	75	50.0	87.50

HOUSING		2007	2008	2009
H1: Housing Vacancies				
A.	The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	3160	3344	3484
B.	The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects		3320	3481
C.	The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)		1.17	1.75
D.	The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	96	56.41	62.30
E.	The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	4	43.59	37.70
H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings				
	The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	-	8	8
	The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	-	3	3
H3: Housing Repairs				
	Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	95	96.19	93.90

HOUSING <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
H4: Traveller Accommodation				
Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme		33	100	81.25
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector				
A.	Total number of registered tenancies	-	4595	4104
B.	Number of dwelling units inspected	-	122	172
C.	Number of inspections carried out	-	122	194
D.	Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	-	2.66	4.19
H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability				
A.	Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	-	8	8
B.	Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	-	8	8
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses				
A.	Total number of new local authority tenants	-	406	198
B.	Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation courses	-	100	100

LIBRARY SERVICES		2007	2008	2009
L.1: Library Public Opening Hours				
A.	Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	35	34.5	36.8
B.	Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	20	19.4	19.3
C.	Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	-	66.66	66.66
D.	Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	-	100	100
E.	Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	-	100	100

LIBRARY SERVICES <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
L.2: Library Visits				
	Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	-	1800.62	1973.01
L.3: Library Stock				
A.	Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	-	2.65	1.75
B.	Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	-	2.41	2.73
C.	Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	-	0.28	0.31
L.4: Internet Access through Libraries				
	Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	-	134.24	173.61

MOTOR TAXATION		2007	2008	2009
M.1: Number of Motor Tax Transactions				
A.	Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	-	88680	88244
B.	Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	-	4040	3861
C.	Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	-	29339	33765
D.	Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	90.81	72.65	70.11
E.	Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	9.19	3.31	3.07
F.	Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	14.58	24.04	26.83
M.2: Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications				
A.	Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	3215	1885	2454
B.	Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	3895	1863	1253
C.	Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	857	168	75
D.	Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	1412	124	79
E.	Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	34.28	46.66	63.56

MOTOR TAXATION <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
M.2: Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications				
F.	Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	41.53	46.11	32.45
G.	Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	9.14	4.16	1.94
H.	Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	15.05	3.07	2.05
M.3: Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications				
A.	Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	-	9222	5560
B.	Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	-	2812	4703
C.	Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the Fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	-	1599	1110
D.	Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	-	3606	783
E.	Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	-	53.49	45.74
F.	Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	-	16.31	38.69
G.	Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	-	9.28	9.13
H.	Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	-	20.92	6.44
M.4: Public opening hours				
	Average number of opening hours per week	28.75	32.5	32.5

PLANNING		2007	2008	2009
P.1: Planning Applications - Decision Making				
Individual Houses				
A.	Number of applications decided	722	555	342
B.	Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	305	202	135
C.	Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	406	344	205

PLANNING <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
D.	Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	11	9	2
E.	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	72	76.05	66.86
F.	Percentage of applications granted	76.45	86.13	90.35
G.	Percentage of applications refused	23.55	13.87	9.65
H.	Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	59.26	39.13	61.54
I.	Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	40.74	60.87	38.46
New Housing Development				
A.	Number of applications decided	144	95	48
B.	Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	48	32	10
C.	Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	94	62	38
D.	Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	2	1	1
E.	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	78	77	79.76
F.	Percentage of applications granted	74.31	74.74	77.08
G.	Percentage of applications refused	25.69	25.26	22.92
H.	Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	63.64	61.29	70.0
I.	Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	36.36	38.71	30.0
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment				
A.	Number of applications decided	1355	1000	634
B.	Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	926	658	418
C.	Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	414	335	210
D.	Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	15	7	6

PLANNING <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
E.	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	75	74.04	69.60
F.	Percentage of applications granted	90.55	91.30	92.27
G.	Percentage of applications refused	9.45	8.70	7.73
H.	Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	69.23	72.22	79.37
I.	Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	30.77	27.78	20.63
Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment				
A.	Number of applications decided	15	16	6
B.	Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	6	4	2
C.	Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	8	11	4
D.	Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1	1	0
E.	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	107	97.55	107.50
F.	Percentage of applications granted	73.33	100	83.33
G.	Percentage of applications refused	26.67	0	16.67
H.	Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	100	100	100
I.	Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0	0	0
P.2: Planning Enforcement				
A.	Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	700	646	527
				All of Enforcement answers include development
B.	Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	173	123	53
C.	Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	238	156	223
D.	Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	443	412	293

PLANNING <i>continued</i>		2007	2008	2009
E.	Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	135	168	107
F.	Number of prosecutions	36	24	29
P.3: Planning Public opening hours				
	Average number of opening hours per week	39.17	37.3333	38.126
P.4: Pre-Planning Consultation				
A.	Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	-	698	566
B.	Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	9.61	8.0387	6.3993
P.5: New Buildings inspected				
	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	15.86	20.97	16.10
P.6: Taking Estates in Charge				
A.	The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	-	64	62
B.	Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	-	8	16
C.	Number of dwellings in respect of column B	-	309	904
D.	Percentage of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	-	10.94	6.45
E.	Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	-	1	1
F.	Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	-	2	1

RECREATIONAL SERVICES		2007	2008	2009
Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds				
A.	Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.06	0.09	0.10
B.	Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0.01	0.01	0.01
Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities				
	Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	3127.20	3236.69	2966.96

REVENUE COLLECTION		2007	2008	2009
Rev.2 House Rent				
A.	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	88.35	89.55	87.27
B.	Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	8.91	8.78	7.54
C.	Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	11.19	14.00	12.25
D.	Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	71.41	86.49	72.82
Rev.2 Housing Loans				
A.	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	89.97	90.42	82.75
B.	Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1 month old	3.78	10.69	1.79
C.	Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	4.85	14.95	2.62
D.	Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	88.84	179.30	93.97
Rev.3 Commercial Rates				
	Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	76.56	84.28	70.89
Rev.4 Refuse Charges				
	Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end	0	0	0.00
Rev. 5 Non-Domestic Water Charges				
	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	42.46	59.71	44.09

ROADS		2007	2008	2009
R1: Road Restoration Programme				
	Number of kilometers of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	-	95.90	122.784
	Number of kilometers of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	-	0.00	0

Financial Figures

Audited Income And Expenditure Account Statement For Year Ended 31st December 2009

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

	Gross Expenditure 2009	Income 2009	Net Expenditure 2009	Net Expenditure 2008
	€	€	€	€
Expenditure by Division				
Housing and building	6,730,085	5,861,987	868,098	3,483,808
Road transport & safety	11,819,048	6,897,729	4,921,318	9,385,148
Water services	13,076,548	8,264,593	4,811,955	5,436,005
Development management	5,787,027	1,805,928	3,981,099	4,371,308
Environmental services	8,657,659	7,384,188	1,273,470	(619,338)
Recreation and amenity	4,080,826	570,688	3,510,137	3,785,748
Agriculture, education, health & welfare	11,566,323	11,010,638	555,685	779,004
Miscellaneous services	5,659,976	2,757,621	2,902,355	2,694,799
Central management charges	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure/Income	67,377,491	44,553,373		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Government Fund			22,824,118	29,316,482
Rates			7,879,049	7,239,964
Pension related deduction			799,378	-
Local government fund / general purpose grant			11,925,998	14,070,960
County charge			3,452,450	3,350,000
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before			1,232,757	(4,655,558)
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(1,283,047)	2,325,203
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			(50,290)	(2,330,355)
General Reserve at 1st January			1,720,511	4,050,866
General Reserve at 31st December			1,670,221	1,720,511

Audited Income And Expenditure Account Statement For Year Ended 31st December 2009

	2009 €	2008 €
Fixed		
Operational	187,995,188	140,470,268
Infrastructural	1,186,194,649	1,188,867,983
Community	493,550	383,850
Non-Operational	7,743,057	6,143,057
	1,382,426,444	1,335,865,158
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	161,589,579	150,836,858
Long Term Debtors	20,393,825	9,989,218
Current Assets		
Stock	-	-
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	28,140,241	34,148,210
Bank Investments	28,756,963	24,465,816
Cash at Bank	-	736,766
Cash in Transit	66,735	1,877,366
Urban Account	1,237,394	1,140,033
	58,201,333	62,368,191
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft	1,045,475	-
Creditors & Accruals	19,303,911	23,081,585
Finance Leases	-	-
	20,349,386	23,081,585
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	37,851,947	39,286,606
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)		
Loans Payable	35,584,343	8,249,041
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable Deposits	13,000,583	15,058,881
Other	-	-
	48,584,926	23,307,922
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	1,553,676,869	1,512,669,918
Financed By		
Capitalisation Account	1,382,426,444	1,335,865,158
Income WIP	160,007,114	149,220,783
Specific Revenue Reserve	389,995	435,358
General Revenue Reserve	1,670,221	1,720,511
Other Balances	9,183,095	25,428,107
Total Reserves	1,553,676,869	1,512,669,918

Capital Account

Expenditure	€ 57,773,993
Income	€ 58,957,338

Summary Of Major Revenue Collections For 2009

	Arrears at 01/01/2009	Accrued	Write Off	Waivers Off	Total for Collection	Collected	Arrears at 31/12/2009	% Collected
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	988,499	7,879,049	756,462	0	8,111,086	6,313,800	1,797,286	78%
Rents & Annuities	138,600	2,554,331	(1,253)	0	2,694,184	2,398,446	295,738	89%
Commercial Water	1,106,284	872,084	112,926	0	1,865,441	636,378	1,229,063	34%
Housing Loans	58,967	395,112	(10)	0	454,088	358,062	96,026	79%

Drogheda Borough Council's Financial Figures (Audited)

Total Revenue Expenditure 2009 was €28,438,080
Total Capital Expenditure 2009 was €12,057,655

Dundalk Town Council's Financial Figures (Audited)

Total Revenue Expenditure 2009 was €33,590,020
Total Capital Expenditure 2009 was €28,390,285

Conferences & Seminars 2009

Louth County Council

Councillor Conference Attendance Record 2009

(info extracted from Conference Exps Sheets processed as at 31.12.09)

Month	Date	Conference	Location	No. of Councillors
Dec'08	17 th	Dail Eireann Meeting	Dublin	1
January-09				
Jan	2 nd - 4 th	Irish Language Seminar	Connemara Cost Hotel, Furbo, Co Galway	3
Jan	9 th - 11 th	Local Government Planning Service	Hotel Westport, Westport, Co Mayo	1
Jan	16 th - 18 th	Effective Communication for Cllrs.	Days Hotel, Merchants Quay, Waterford	3
Jan	23 rd - 25 th	Local Government Planning Service	Granville Hotel, Waterford	3
Jan	24 th - 25 th	Zurich Lama Awards	City West, Hotel	2
Jan/Feb	30 th - 1 st	Effective Communication for Cllrs.	Dungarvan, Co Waterford	4
Jan	26 th	P & R Meeting	Monaghan	1
Jan	21 st	Newry Chamber of Commerce	Newry, Co Down	1
Jan	20 th - 21 st	Belfast Burms Association	Stormont, Belfast	1
February-09				
Feb	10 th	Sustainable Jobs for Ireland	Dundalk, Chamber	2
Feb	13 th - 14 th	AMAI Spring Seminar	Letterkenny, Co Donegal	4
Feb	20 th - 21 st	Freedom of Information Seminar	Limerick	6
March-09				
Feb/Mar	27 th Feb - 1 st March	20th Colmcille Winter School	Letterkenny, Co Donegal	4
March	3 rd - 6 th	International Local Govern. Convention	Killarney, Co Kerry	3
March	4 th - 8 th	Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference - 'Rattoo Heritage'	Ballybunion, Co Kerry	3
March	6 th - 8 th	Clonakilty Tourism Conference	Rosscarbery, West Cork	1
March	13 th - 15 th	Building Energy Regulations Conference	Bushypark, Co Galway	3
March	20 th - 22 th	Planning & Dev. Control Seminar	Bushypark, Co Galway	2
March	26 th	Survival & Growth In a Challenging Climate	Croke Park, Dublin	1
March	27 th - 28 th	Civic Leadership & Local Government	Edgeworthstown, Co Longford	3
April-09				
April	4 th - 5 th	Environmental Management: Challenges & Opportunities for Local Government	Killashee, Naas, Co Kildare	2
April	2 nd - 3 rd	ACCC Annual Conference	Kilkenny	1
April	16 th - 17 th	LAMA Spring Conference	Portlaoise, Co Laois	5
April	17 th - 18 th	Workshop - How to run a winning campaign		2
April	22 nd - 23 rd	Irish Rural Dwellers Association	Killarney, Co Kerry	1
April-May	30 th - 1 st	Tipperary Peace Convention	Tipperary	1

Month	Date	Conference	Location	No. of Councillors
May-09				
May	7 th - 8 th	Energy from Waste	Carrigaline, Co Cork	2
May	13 th	Irish Public Bodies Ins. AGM	Burlington Hotel, Dublin	1
June-09				
June	26 th - 28 th	Byrne Perry Summer School	Nortre Dame Centre, Dublin	1
July-09				
July	10 th - 12 th	Policy Making in the current recession	Skibereen, Co Cork	2
July	3 rd - 5 th	Planning Law & Practice	Ballyconneely, Co Galway	5
July	9 th	Serving People - Preserving Heritage	Kilkenny Borough Council	1
July	15 th - 21 st	Percy French Summer School	Roscommon	1
July	15 th	Richard Cantillon Summer School	Ballyheigue, Co Kerry	2
July	19 th - 24 th	The 29th MacGill Summer School & Arts Week	Glenties, Co Donegal	1
July	24 th - 26 th	Planning & Building Energy Regs. Seminar	Bunclody, Co Wexford	2
July	27 th - 31 st	The John Hewit Society, Unfettered thought belief in the future?	Armagh, Co Armagh	1
August-09				
Aug	31 st - 2 nd Aug	Training Seminar "Effective Communications"	Furbo, Galway	2
Aug	7 th - 9 th	Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Seminar	Westport, Co Mayo	2
Aug	9 th - 14 th	Parnell Summer School	Rathdrum, Co Wicklow	1
Aug	14 th - 16 th	Protecting our Water Resources	Furbo, Galway	4
Aug	21 st - 23 rd	Local Government Training Seminar	Birr, Co Offaly	1
Aug	28 th - 30 th	CLLr Training Irish Language	Gweedore, Co Donegal	1
September-09				
Sept	4 th - 6 th	Planning & European Law Seminar	Waterford City	2
Sept	9 th - 10 th	Meeting the Challenges of Changes in Economic Environment	Wexford	1
Sept	9 th - 12 th	AMAI 96 Annual Conference	Killarney, Co Kerry	1
Nov	13 th - 15 th	Local Government Ethics in Public Life Your Responsibility	Sligo	2
Sept	18 th - 20 th	Planning & Development Seminar	Galway City	4
Sept	24 th - 26 th	Carlow through the waters of time - 7th National Tourism Conference	The Talbot Carlow, Carlow	2
Sept	25 th - 27 th	TJK Conference	Limerick	3
Sept	30 th	Induction Training for New Councillors	Maynooth	1

Month	Date	Conference	Location	No. of Councillors
October-09				
October	8 th - 10 th	Getting a Grip	Killarney, Co Kerry	2
October	16 th - 18 th	Promoting Community Development	Bushy Park, Galway	1
November-09				
Nov	3 rd - 4 th	Ceifin Conference	Ennis, Co. Clare	1
Nov	6 th - 7 th	LAMA Winter Seminar	Limerick	2
Nov	13 th - 15 th	Ethics in Public Life - Your Responsibility	Sligo	2
Nov	19 th	Business in the Environmental Goods and Services Industry	Dublin	1
Nov	20 th - 21 st	Planning and The Environment	Merlin Park, Galway	5
Nov	27 th - 29 th	Seminar - Finance Budgets for 2010	Bunclody, Co Wexford	4
December-09				
Dec	11 th - 13 th	Alternative Energy - Improving Your Carbon Footprint	Merlin Park, Galway	1

Drogheda Borough Council Councillor Conference Attendance Record 2009

(info extracted from Conference Exps Sheets processed as at 31.12.09)

Month	Date	Conference	Location Home/Abroad	No. of Councillors	Subject
Jan '09	9 th - 11 th	LG Planning Services	Westport, Co. Mayo	3	Planning
Jan '09	16 th - 18 th	Superior Training Services Ltd.	Waterford	1	Effective Communications
Feb '09	13 th - 14 th	AMAI	Letterkenny	2	Annual Conference
Feb '09	15 th - 17 th	LG Renewable Energy	Sligo	1	Renewable Energy
Feb/ March '09	27 th Feb. - 1 st March	Colmcille Heritage Trust	Letterkenny	1	Winter School
March '09	27 th - 28 th	Superior Training services Ltd.	Edgeworthstown	1	Civic Leadership
April '09	17 th - 18 th	Performance Enhancement	Gormanstown	2	How to run a winning campaign
April '09	2 nd - 3 rd	ACCC	Kilkenny	1	Annual Conference
Sept. '09	3 rd	IPB	Dublin	1	EGM
Sept. '09	10 th	AMAI	Killarney	1	Environmental Goods and Services
Nov. '09	6 th - 7 th	LAMA	Limerick	1	LAMA Conference
Dec. '09	11 th - 13 th	Esperanza Enterprises	Galway	1	Alternative Energy

Dundalk Town Council

Councillor Conference/Seminars Attendance Record 2009

(info extracted from Conference Exps Sheets processed as at 31.12.09)

Date	Conference	No. of Clrs
2 nd – 4 th Jan 09	Irish Language Course for Councillors, Furbo, Co Galway	4
23 rd – 25 th Jan 09	The Local Government Planning Service, The Granville Hotel, Waterford	2
9 th – 11 th Jan 09	The Local Government Planning Service, Hotel Westport, Westport	6
16 th – 18 th Jan 09	Effective Communications for Councillors, Days Hotel, Waterford	5
13 th – 14 th Feb 09	AMAI Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny	4
15 th – 17 th Feb 09	Local Government and Renewal Energy, Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	2
25 th – 27 th Feb 09	Election 09 - The Challenges, Ballsbridge Inn, Dublin 4	1
27 th Feb – 1st Mar 09	Colmcille Heritage Trust, Colmcille Heritage Centre, Donegal	2
13 th – 15 th Mar 09	Building Energy Regulations Seminar for Councillors	4
27 th – 28 th Mar 09	Civic Leadership and Local Government, Park House Hotel, Edgeworthstown, Co Longford	1
3 rd – 5 th Apr 09	Public Relations and the media, The Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny	1
16 th – 17 th Apr 09	LAMA, Portlaoise Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, Co Laois	2
17 th – 18 th Apr 09	How to run a Winning Campaign, City North Hotel, Dublin	1
15 th – 17 th May 09	Alcohol and Drug Abuse, The Eccles Hotel, Glengarriff, Co Cork	2
12 th June 09	Nuclear Free Local Authorities Conference, Manchester City Council	1
26 th – 28 th June 09	Byrne/Perry Summer School, Gorey, Co Wexford	1
3 rd – 5 th July 09	Planning Law and Practice, Mannin Bay Hotel, Ballyconneely, Co Galway	1
10 th – 12 th July 09	Effective Local Government Policy Making in the current recession, Skibereen, Co Cork	2
16 th – 17 th July 09	Inaugural Richard Cantillon Summer School, Ballheigue, Co Kerry	1
19 th – 24 th July 09	MacGuill Summer School, Glenties, Co Donegal	1
3 rd – 7 th Aug 09	William Carleton Summer School, Aughnacloy, Co Tyrone	3
9 th – 14 th Aug 09	The Parnell Society, Rathdrum, Co Wicklow	1
14 th – 16 th Aug 09	The Role of Local Government in Protecting our Water Resources, Furbo, Co Galway	1
28 th – 30 th Aug 09	Irish Language Course for Councillors, Gweedore, Co Galway	1
4 th – 6 th Sept 09	Planning and the European Law, Days Hotel, Waterford	2
9 th – 12 th Sept 09	AMAI, Glenagles Hotel, Killarney	2
18 th – 20 th Sept 09	Planning & Development (Amendment) Bill 2009, Kingsvalley Hotel, Galway City	1
25 th – 26 th Sept 09	Local Government Seminar for Councillors, Patrick Punches Hotel. Limerick	1
1 st October 09	Traveller Enterprise and Employment, Hilton Airport Hotel, Dublin 13	2
13 th – 15 th Nov 09	Ethics in Public Life, Your Responsibility	2
27 th – 29 th Nov 09	Council Budgets 2010, Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co Wexford	1
8 th – 9 th Dec 09	Representatives Entitlements, the Legal Basis, Bushypark, Co Galway	1
11 th – 13 th Dec 09	Alternative Energy, Improving Your Carbon Footprint, Kingsvalley Hotel, Galway	1

Ardee Town Council Councillor Conference/Seminars Attendance Record 2009

(info extracted from Conference Exps Sheets processed as at 31.12.09)

Month	Date	Conference	Location Home/Abroad	No. of Councillors
Feb	13 th - 14 th	AMAI Spring Seminar	Letterkenny, Co Donegal	2
Sept	9 th - 12 th	AMAI Annual Conference	Killarney, Co. Kerry	3

Louth County Council

Louth County Council has 26 members, representing the five electoral areas of Dundalk Carlingford, Dundalk South, Ardee, Drogheda East and Drogheda West. Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, with the exception of August, when the Council takes its annual recess. In addition, the Council holds an Annual meeting. Budget meetings and Special meetings are held as the occasion demands. During 2009, a total of 21 Council meetings were held.

Dundalk Town Council

Dundalk Town Council has 12 members, representing the three electoral areas of Dundalk Central, Dundalk East and Dundalk West. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of August, when the Council takes its annual recess. In addition, the Council holds an Annual meeting. Budget meetings and Special meetings are held as the occasion demands. During 2009, a total of 33 meetings were held.

Drogheda Borough Council

Drogheda Borough Council has 12 members, representing the two electoral areas of Drogheda North and Drogheda South. Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of August, when the Council takes its annual recess. In addition, the Council holds an Annual meeting. Budget meetings and Special meetings are held as the occasion demands. During 2009, a total of 14 meetings were held.

Ardee Town Council

Ardee Town Council has 9 members, representing the electoral area of Ardee Urban. Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, with the exception of August, when the Council takes its annual recess. In addition, the Council holds an Annual meeting. Budget meetings and Special meetings are held as the occasion demands. During 2009, a total of 12 meetings were held.

Remuneration

Councillors are remunerated for their representational role by way of a "Representational Payment" which is paid monthly in arrears. In addition, Councillors receive an "Annual Allowance" which is also paid monthly in arrears. The purpose of this allowance is to reimburse the elected representatives for the expenses incurred on behalf of their constituents. Payment is based on a national scheme and varies from Councillor to Councillor, dependant on the distance travelled from home to base. Councillors are also entitled to claim expenses for attendance at conferences and an annual allowance is payable for Chairpersons of Strategic Policy Committees. An annual allowance is also payable to the County Mayor and Deputy County Mayor. The following payments were made during the year

Payments to Members of Louth Local Authorities

Payments to Members of Louth Local Authorities	Louth County Council	Dundalk Town Council	Drogheda Borough Council	Ardee Town Council
Annual Councillors' Expenses in respect of attendance at meetings of the Council and its committees	€122,670.66	€38,305.39	€38,856.00	€2,493.82
Members Representational Payments	€452,894.59	€63,136.65	€52,486.87	€16,706.68
Chairpersons/Mayor Allowance	€26,500.00	€18,455.26	€16,775.36	€886.00
Vice Chairpersons Allowance	€9,500.00	€5,000.00	Nil	Nil
Allowance paid to Chairpersons of Strategic Policy Committee's /Municipal Policy Committees	€26,750.00	€3,450.00	Nil	Nil
Mobile Phones Allowances	€9,244.34	€1,835.85	€2,472.56	Nil
Conferences Travelling & Subsistence At Home	€59,833.61	€27,256.63	€6,753.38	€3,017.13
Conferences Travelling & Subsistence Abroad	Nil	€267.69	Nil	Nil
Number of Council and Committee Meetings	62	36	Nil	12

Breakdown of Representation in Relations to the SPCs

Housing, Community Planning and Social Policy SPC

1. Cllr. Jim Ryan, Chairperson,
2. Cllr. Paul Bell,
3. Cllr. Paddy McQuillan,
4. Cllr. Alan Grehan,
5. Cllr. Pearse McGeough,
6. Cllr. Peter Savage,
7. Cllr. Kevin Meenan,
8. Cllr. Tommy Byrne,
9. Kevin Callan,
10. Niall Mulligan,
11. Benedicta Attoh,
12. Seamus Briscoe,
13. Bill Baldwin,
14. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services, LCC
15. Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, LCC
16. Catherine Vaughan, Senior Social Worker, LCC
17. David Storey, Senior Executive Officer, DTC
18. Mary T. Daly, Senior Executive Officer, DBC

No. of Meetings 2009 - Nil

Transportation, Cross Border Matters and Marine SPC

1. Cllr Frank Maher, Chairperson
2. Cllr Jim D'Arcy,
3. Cllr Edel Corrigan,
4. Cllr Frank Godfrey,
5. Cllr Liam Reilly,
6. Cllr Oliver Tully,
7. Cllr Conor Keelan,
8. Mr. Harry McCarthy,
9. Mr. Ollan Herr,
10. Mr. Declan Murphy,

No. of Meetings 2009 -

Water, Environmental and Emergency Services SPC

1. Cllr Anthony Donohoe, Chairperson
2. Cllr Finnan McCoy,
3. Cllr Martin Bellew,
4. Cllr Jim Lennon,
5. Cllr Michael O'Dowd,
6. Cllr Imelda Munster,
7. Mr. Richie Culhane,
8. Ms Breffni Martin,
9. Mr. John Roche,
10. Ms Patricia Rooney,

No. of Meetings 2009 -

Economic Development & Future Planning SPC

1. Cllr Terry Brennan, Chairperson
2. Cllr Declan Breathnach,
3. Cllr Jim Loughran,
4. Cllr Marianne Butler,
5. Cllr Tomas Sharkey,
6. Cllr Gerald Nash,
7. Cllr Colm Markey,
8. Cllr Jim Tenanty,
9. Ms Mary Malone,
10. Mr. Martin McCaughey,
11. Mr. Paddy Malone,
12. Mr. Colin Marry,

No. of Meetings 2009 -

Other Meetings

Louth County Council

County Louth Vocational Education Committee:

Cllr Martin Bellew
Cllr Jim Ryan
Cllr Tomás Sharkey
Cllr Imelda Munster
Cllr Liam Reilly
Cllr James Carroll
Cllr Oliver Tully
Cllr Jim D'Arcy
Cllr Terry Brennan

Dundalk Joint Burial Board:

Cllr Peter Savage
Cllr Jim D'Arcy
Cllr Liam Reilly

Association of County and City Councils:

Cllr James Carroll
Cllr Jim D'Arcy
Cllr Finnan McCoy

East Border Region Forum:

Cllr Paul Bell
Cllr Pearse McGeough
Cllr Peter Savage
Cllr Declan Breathnach
Cllr Terry Brennan
Cllr Finnan McCoy

East Border Region Board:

Cllr Peter Savage

Drogheda Port Company:

Cllr Anthony Donohoe

Dundalk Port Company:

Cllr Jim Lennon

Local Authority Members Association:

Cllr Oliver Tully

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd:

Cllr Colm Markey

Rural Water Programme – Local County Monitoring Committee:

Cllr James Carroll
Cllr Colm Markey
Cllr Jim Loughran
Cllr Oliver Tully

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

Cllr Paddy McQuillan
Cllr Anthony Donohoe
Cllr Liam Reilly (Chair)

Louth County Enterprise Board:

Cllr Terry Brennan
Cllr James Carroll
Cllr Declan Breathnach
Cllr Oliver Tully

Louth Leader Partnership:

Cllr James Carroll
Cllr Colm Markey
Cllr Finnan McCoy

The Border Regional Authority:

Cllr Peter Savage
Cllr Liam Reilly
Cllr Jim Lennon
Cllr Finnan McCoy
Cllr Terry Brennan
Cllr Jim Loughran
Cllr Mark Dearey

The EU Operational Committee:

Cllr Finnan McCoy

BMW Region Assembly:

Cllr Peter Savage
Cllr Terry Brennan

Audit Committee:

Cllr Frank Maher
Cllr Jim Lennon

Regional Health Forum:

Cllr Colm Markey
Cllr Michael O'Dowd
Cllr James Carroll
Cllr Anthony Donohoe

Louth Hospitality:

Cllr Terry Brennan

County Development Board:

Cllr Anthony Donohoe
Cllr Frank Maher
Cllr Jim Ryan
Cllr Terry Brennan
Cllr Kevin Callan
Cllr Pádraig McKenny
Cllr Jim D'Arcy

Drogheda Borough Council Comittees

AMAI: Cllrs: Paul Bell and Kevin Callan.

LAMA: Cllr. A. Donohoe

IPBM: Cllr. R. Culhane

Border Regional Authority EU Operational Committee: Cllr. K. Callan.

Drogheda Community Services Centre: Cllr. Frank Maher.

County Louth VEC: Cllrs. A. Donohoe and Ged Nash.

Droichead Arts Centre Board: Cllr. G. Nash

Louth Hospitality Ltd: Cllr. K. O’Heiligh.

Traveller Consultative Committee: Cllr. F. Gallagher.

County Development Board: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Housing, Community, Planning and Social Policy SPC: Cllr. K. Callan.

Water Environment and Emergency Services SPC: Cllr. R. Culhane.

Protocol Committee: *Cllrs. K. O’Heiligh, F. Gallagher, K. Callan, F. Maher, D. Wilton, G. Nash (Mayor is Ex Officio)*

Breakdown of Representation in Relation to the MPC’s

Dundalk Town Council

Environment Mpc *Elected Members*

Cllr Martin Bellew

Cllr Seamus Byrne

Cllr Ian Dooley

Cllr Seamus Keelan

Cllr Noel Lennon

Cllr Jim D’Arcy

Number of meetings 2009 - 1

Housing MPC *Elected Members*

Cllr Harry Todd

Cllr Seamus Byrne

Cllr Kevin Meenan

Cllr Mary Grehan

Cllr Eamonn O’Boyle

Cllr Jim Ryan

Number of meetings 2009 - 1

Infrastructure MPC *Elected Members*

Cllr Kevin Meenan

Cllr Harry Todd

Cllr Jim D’Arcy

Cllr Noel Lennon

Cllr Mary Dearey

Cllr Eamonn O’Boyle

Number of meetings 2009 - 1

Planning MPC *Elected Members*

Cllr Martin Bellew

Cllr Mary Grehan

Cllr Ian Dooley

Cllr Seamus Keelan

Cllr Mark Dearey

Cllr Jim Ryan

Number of Meetings 2009 - Nil

Other Meetings

Dundalk Town Council

Dundalk Joint Burial Board

Cllr Martin Bellew
Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Harry Todd
Cllr Mark Dearey
Cllr Eamonn O'Boyle
Cllr Oliver Morgan
Cllr Ian Dooley

Midland East Regional Tourism Organisation

Cllr Marianne Butler

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

Cllr Jim Ryan
Cllr Eamonn O'Boyle

Regional Authorities Operational Committee

Cllr Martin Bellew
Cllr Conor Keelan

Dundalk Port Company

Cllr Jim D'Arcy
Cllr Kevin Meenan

Louth Leader Partnership

Councillor Conor Keelan

Newry & Mourne District Council / Dundalk Town Council

Joint Committee
All 12 members

Vote and Attend IPB AGM

Cllr Martin Bellew

Local Accommodation Consultative Committee (Traveller Accommodation)

Cllr Mark Dearey

Louth VEC

Cllr Sean Bellew
Cllr Marianne Butler

Neagh Bann River Basin District Advisory Group

Cllr Eamonn O'Boyle

Dundalk Drugs Advisory Group

Cllr Harry Todd
Cllr Jim Ryan
Cllr Mark Dearey

Place Name Committee

Cllr Oliver Morgan

Local Elections Expenditure & Donations

Surname	First Name	Total Expenditure	Party Spend on Candidates Behalf	Total Donations	Local Authority
LENNON	Jim	€2,950.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
MARKEY	Colm	€5,306.39	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
REILLY	Liam	€2,458.33	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
McCOY	Finnan	€2,180.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Ardee Town Council
McGEOUGH	Pearse	€2,744.72	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Ardee Town Council
FARRELLY	Michael	€200.00	€0.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
HATRICK	Leonard	€3,117.00	€450.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
KAVANAGH	Mary	€2,007.52	€0.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
MALONE	Fintan	€1,739.14	€0.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
MCKENNY	Padriag	€754.82	€0.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
MINOGUE	Dolores	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
TENANTY	Jim	€200.00	€0.00	€0.00	Ardee Town Council
CALLAN	Kevin	€2,350.00	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
COOGAN	Matthew	€1,748.83	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
CULHANE	Richard	€1,050.00	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
GALLAGHER	Frank	€3,136.98	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
O'HEILIGH	Ken	€3,772.58	€0.00	€972.00	Drogheda Borough Council
WILTON	Dom	€1,524.00	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
BYRNE	Tommy	€5,482.34	€0.00	€1,500.00	Louth County Council
GODFREY	Frank	€5,205.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
TULLY	Oliver	€4,585.21	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
MUNSTER	Imelda	€3,417.60	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council
NASH	Gerald	€3,214.53	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council
O'DOWD	Michael	€5,713.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council
BELLEW	Seán	€1,363.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
TODD	Harry		€0.00		Dundalk Town Council
McQUILLAN	Paddy	€2,055.26	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
BELL	Paul	€4,473.20	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council
MAHER	Frank	€6,595.74	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council
DONOHUE	Anthony	€4,620.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council
BRENNAN	Terry	€4,310.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
CORRIGAN	Edel	€2,616.13	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
LOUGHRAN	Jim	€2,382.32	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
SAVAGE	Peter	€2,204.80	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
RYAN	Jim	€2,731.66	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Dundalk Town Council
DOOLEY	Ian	€1,571.72	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
KEELAN	Conor	€5,043.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
O'BOYLE	Eamonn	€6,919.65	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
MEENAN	Kevin	€1,284.27	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
BUTLER	Marianne	€3,839.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
MORGAN	Oliver	€801.10	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
BREATHNACH	Declan	€1,488.30	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
GREHAN	Alan	€6,643.50	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
SHARKEY	Tomás	€2,808.38	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
D'ARCY	Jim	€4,618.29	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Dundalk Town Council
DEAREY	Mark	€3,099.40	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Dundalk Town Council
BELLEW	Martin	€3,033.44	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Dundalk Town Council

Local Elections Expenditure & Donations (continued)
Unsuccessful Candidates

Surname	First Name	Total Expenditure Candidate	Party Spend on Candidates Behalf	Total Donations	Local Authority
CARBERRY	Niall	€0.00	€0.00	0	Ardee Town Council
MINOGUE	Tom	€1,215.00	€0.00	0	Ardee Town Council
MAGUIRE	John	€754.82	€0.00	0	Ardee Town Council
DOWNES	Rose	€778.02	€0.00	0	Ardee Town Council
MEEGAN	George	€754.82	€0.00	0	Ardee Town Council
BYRNE	Albert	€2,486.64	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
CLARE	Thomas	€915.32	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
DRUMGOOLE	Paul	€4,750.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
LEVINS	Jim	€1,566.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
McCABE	Thomas	€460.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
BELL WOODS	Linda	€5,480.00	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
BRANNIGAN	Finian	€933.39	€0.00	€933.39	Drogheda Borough Council
DUKE	Dermot	€2,745.65	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
FITZPATRICK	Gareth	€3,700.00	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
FLOYD	Gerry	€60.00	€0.00	€0.00	Drogheda Borough Council
DIXON	Yinka	€4,649.34	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
McCONVILLE	Jacqui	€5,771.42	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
PEARSON	Rachel	€5,955.79	€0.00	€700.00	Louth County Council
LYNCH	Joe	€4,183.05	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
McKEOWN	Michael	€2,164.00	€0.00	€900.00	Louth County Council
KEENAN	Pat	€2,300.00	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
McKEVITT	Páraic	€6,563.42	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
WOODS	Michael	€3,158.95	€0.00	€1,300.00	Louth County Council
ATTOH	Benedicta	€6,219.38	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
LYNCH	Donal	€2,223.20	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
Ó'MATHÚNA	Ciarán	€1,400.00	€200.00	€0.00	Louth County Council & Dundalk Town Council
ROCKS	Frances	€1,538.43	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
ENYOAZU	Gerorge	€3,520.71	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
MAGUIRE	Gerry	€1,338.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
MALONE	Patrick	€6,342.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
MARTIN	Luke	€215.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
O'BOYLE	Eamonn	€6,919.65	€0.00	€0.00	Louth County Council
O'BRIEN	Frank	€3,456.78	€200.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
SMITH	Syd	€605.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
WOODCOCK	Joe	€1,785.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
ELLIMAN	Briege	€1,274.27	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
CUMISKEY	James	€3,458.00	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
McKEVITT	Peter	€1,624.86	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council
SHORT	Peter	€1,944.75	€0.00	€0.00	Dundalk Town Council

Council Members who retired in 2009

Surname	First Name	Total Expenditure Candidate	Party Spend on Candidates Behalf	Total Donations	Local Authority
KEELAN	Seamus	N/A	€0.00	0	Retired in 2009
MULROY	Jimmy	N/A	€0.00	0	Retired in 2009

Council Members who resigned in 2009

Surname	First Name	Total Expenditure Candidate	Party Spend on Candidates Behalf	Total Donations	Local Authority
CAROLL	James	€10,947.67	€1,792.47	0	Louth County Council



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