



Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report in
relation to functions performed in the preceding
month / Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil ag an
bPríomhfheidhmeannach maidir le feidhmeanna
déanta i rith an mhí seo caite**

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Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st July 2022
Tuairisc Bainistíochta ag an bPríomhfheidhmeannach – 31 Iúil 2022

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Finance and Water Services Airgeadas agus Seirbhísí Uisce

This Directorate ensures that the financial management of the Council is carried out in an efficient and timely manner, compliant with all relevant legislation, and that all of the activities and programmes of the Council represent good value for money for all the citizens of Louth.

Other responsibilities include Motor Tax and Water Services.

Cintíonn an Stiúrthóireacht seo go bhfuil bainistíocht airgeadas an Chomhairle déanta ar bhealach éifeachtach agus tráthúil, comhlíontach leis an dlí ábhartha, agus go bhfuil luach ar airgead bainte as gach gníomhaíocht agus clár ag an gComhairle, thar ceann shaoránaigh Lú.

Ina chuid den freagrachtaí eile ná Mótarcháin agus Seirbhísí Uisce.

Bernie Woods
Director / Stiúrthóir



FINANCE

Expenditure to 31st July 2022 / Caiteachas go dtí 31 Iúil 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Expenditure to/Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 31/07/2022	Budget Expenditure/ Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2022	% Spent to/ % Caite go 31/07/2022
Housing/Tithíocht	€20,723,966	€47,728,898	43%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€11,294,863	€26,126,012	43%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€4,254,029	€8,379,633	51%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€9,005,971	€17,331,075	52%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€9,969,523	€19,413,023	51%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€5,123,245	€9,615,255	53%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare/Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€581,878	€1,203,454	48%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheanitheach	€5,315,704	€10,474,400	51%
	€66,269,179	€140,271,750	47%

Income to 31st July 2022 / Ioncam go 31 Iúil 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Income to/Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 31/07/22	Budget Income/Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2022	% Invoiced to/ % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 31/07/22
Housing/Tithíocht	€23,744,014	€48,920,854	49%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€2,391,845	€16,718,183	14%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€3,607,855	€8,110,634	44%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€3,433,903	€10,250,958	33%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€1,100,310	€2,253,742	49%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€497,889	€1,043,293	48%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€217,427	€479,424	45%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheanitheach	€4,787,828	€7,097,818	67%
Rates/Rátaí	€34,487,004	€35,030,647	98%
General Purpose Grant (LPT)/Deontas Ilfheidhmeach	€6,577,464	€9,866,198	67%
Provision for Debit Balance/Soláthar faoi Iarmhéid Dochair		€500,000	0%
	€80,845,539	€140,271,750	58%

The above is the current position as of the 31st July 2022. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2022 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 31st July 2022 are as follows:

Debtors as of 31st July 2022/Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31 Iúil 2022

	Opening Balance /Iarmhéid Tosaigh	Invoices/ Sonraisc	Receipts/ Fáltais	Write Offs/ Discríobhanna	Closing Balance/ Iarmhéid Deiridh
Government Debtors/Féichiúnaithe Rialtais	€10,304,674	€35,812,424	(€37,255,233)	(€22)	€8,861,843
Other Authorities/Local Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile	€53,434	€482,694	(€434,280)	(€2,270)	€99,578
Rates/Rataí	€10,273,724	€34,487,004	(€21,836,568)	(€2,372,737)	€20,551,423
Rents/Cíosanna	€2,517,135	€7,729,520	(€7,930,237)	€200	€2,316,618
Loans/Iasachtal	€241,004	€1,093,686	(€1,043,864)	€8	€290,834
Development Levies/Tobhaigh Forbartha	€11,451,043	€2,668,422	(€1,982,162)	(€630,799)	€11,506,504
Fire Charges/Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin	€707,144	€326,469	(€258,775)	(€60,333)	€714,505
Miscellaneous/Ilgheáin	€2,513,794	€7,302,897	(€6,974,756)	(€118,900)	€2,723,035
Total Debtors / Féichiúnaithe Iomlána	€38,061,952	€89,903,116	(€77,715,875)	(€3,184,853)	€47,064,340

Above are the debtor balances as of 31st July 2022. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Vets, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

The write off figure for Rates includes the Quarter 1 2022 Rates Waiver of €1.1m which is funded and is the final rates waiver.

Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2023

We have received notification from the Department that our Provisional Local Property Tax allocation for 2023 will be €9,866,198 which includes €589,905 equalisation funding from Department Central Funds

to ensure that we reach the same amount of funding as 2022. This means that our income from LPT is the same amount as we received in 2014.

The actual amount raised by LPT for 2023 for Louth County Council is €9,276,293 which, despite revaluation and additional properties being added, is a reduction of €459,707 on the 2022 LPT figure.

Budget 2023 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

The Department is still working on the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 which will revoke and replace the 2014 and 2021 regulations. The new regulations will reverse the

changes made in the 2021 Regulations and bring us back to the position prior to 2021.

The budget process for 2023 has begun with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation in July. The deadline for submissions from the public is Friday 19th of August 2022.

The report will go to you, the members, at the September meeting where you can decide whether to vary the basic rate of LPT by up to 15%. If the rate is varied upwards 100% of the additional income will be available for the authority's own use. Similarly, if the rate is varied downwards the loss of income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

For every 1% of variation implemented it will result in +/- €92,763 for the authority.

Budget Workshop

We are going to hold a budget workshop for the members in early September. Confirmation of the dates will issue shortly.

WATER SERVICES / SEIRBHÍÍSÍ UISCE

Irish Water

Elected members/customers are reminded to contact Irish Water directly to log a query or any issue with water supply or quality or wastewater issues. Customers should contact the Irish Water customer care helpline, which is open 24/7, on 1800 278 278 or 1890 378 378 (For hearing impaired customers with minicom equipment) or via Twitter @IWCare or @IrishWater or go to www.water.ie.

Water Quality / Cáilíocht Uisce

Intensive monitoring of water supplies in the County is conducted continually by the EPA on behalf of Louth County Council.

Boil Water Notice

A Boil Water Notice was issued by Irish Water / LCC following consultation with the HSE to the customers

at Woodlands Estate Dunleer (House No's 22 to 103 inclusive) as a precautionary measure, due to low chlorine levels, effective from Monday 18th July 2022, further sampling has confirmed satisfactory disinfection of the water supply and after consultation with the HSE the BWN was lifted 28th July 2022.

Water Conservation / Caomhnú Uisce

Water conservation is ongoing throughout the County.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy /An Straitéis um Oiriúnú don Athrú Aeráide

Water Services continue to engage with Irish Water and LCC Environment Section on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

Capital Programmes/Cláir Chaipitiúla

Irish Water refers to the different phases of a capital project as Gates 1, 2, 3 or 4.

- Gate 1 - Concept Design
- Gate 2 - Detailed design, preparation of contract documents, planning approval and procurement
- Gate 3 - Construction stage
- Gate 4 - Snagging and project sign off.

Tallanstown Rationalisation / Cuíchóiriú Bhaile an Tallúnaigh

Detailed Design is being progressed by Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers. We are liaising with Irish Water and their consultants to advance the project. Land acquisition is currently being progressed by IW. Project to include works at Mullacrew Reservoir, new Pumping Station at Allardstown and new Pumping Station at Bannons Cross.

Omeath WWTW / Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Ó Méith

Construction Phase has commenced. Project programmed for completion in May 2023.

Shared Waters Enhancement and Loughs Legacy (SWELL)

Re-lining works commenced December 2021 and was completed mid-2022. Irish Water are to consider further surface water separation. Phase 1 of SWELL Project is complete. No further progress to report.

Regional Sewer Network Rehabilitation / Athshlánú an Líonra Séaraigh Aitiúil

Further network surveys are being progressed under the 2022 programme for Co. Louth. Works are progressing on the Drogheda network.

Dundalk Drainage Area Plan (DAP)/Plean Limistéar Draenála Dhún Dealgan

We continue to liaise with Irish Water and their Consultants on the Dundalk DAP. The Hydraulic Model to be completed in early Q3.

Dundalk East Strategy - In advance of completion of Dundalk DAP/ Straitéis Dhún Dealgan Thoir

Consultants are currently progressing the design with Irish Water, in consultation with Louth County Council, and is currently at Detailed Design stage.

Coe's Road Pumping Station / Staisiún Ceadéalacháin Bhóthair Uí Chofaigh

Operational modifications to the Pumping Station were undertaken by EPS. Options for cleaning of existing large diameter sewer are being progressed.

Dundalk LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchan Líonra Áitiúil Dhún Dealgan

Strategic Review is underway for Dundalk Wastewater Treatment Plant and Blackrock Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Local Network Reinforcement Project (LNRP) will progress following completion of this review.

Drogheda LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchán Líonra Áitiúil Dhroichead Átha

Works including the provision of Non-Return Valves on the three no outfalls and an Event Duration Monitor are being progressed.

North Drogheda Wastewater Network Strategy/Straitéis Líonra Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Taha Thuaidh

Atkins Consulting Engineers are progressing the detailed design of the North Drogheda Strategic Wastewater Network. Planning and procurement process to progress throughout 2022.

Quay St. / St. Helena Rising Main, Dundalk/Príomhphíobán Aníos Shráid na Cé/Naomh Helena, Dún Dealgan

Irish Water consultants are progressing the detailed Design. Procurement of contractors has been completed with commencement on site now programmed for early August 2022.

Greenmount WTW Upgrade/Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Dhroim Chatha

Irish Water are progressing the design of proposed Upgrade Works at Greenmount WTW. This is an ECI Contract (early contractor involvement). Workshop 1 was completed in July. Workshop 2 is a concept design / design feasibility workshop and is scheduled for September '22, workshop 3&4 is scheduled for April '23, workshops 5&6 is scheduled October '23, expected project completion is Q3 2026.

Drogheda WWTP/Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha

Irish Water are continuing to carry out works at Drogheda wastewater treatment plant and is committed to resolving any potential odour issues arising from the wastewater plant or the network. Irish Water continues to work closely with EPS Limited who operate the plant on behalf of Irish Water.

Drogheda Drainage Area Plan (DAP)/Plean Limistéar Draenála Dhroichead Átha

Irish Water have appointed consultants to undertake the Drogheda Drainage Area Plan. This project commenced in July 2022.

Cockle Hill PS Upgrade / Uasghrádú Stáisiún Ceadéalacháin Chnoic na Ruachan

Contractor has been appointed to undertake Upgrade Works at Cockle Hill Pumping Station. These works are to be progressed in Q3 2022.

Water Networks / Líonraí Uisce

Water Networks Programme/Ciár Líonraí Uisce

Rehabilitation Programme/Ciár Athshlánúcháin

- Design development for the slip lining of the watermain through the Bridge of Peace – This project has been handed back to the Irish Water Infrastructure team to be advanced.

Lead replacement / Ionadú Luaidhe Back Yard Services / Seirbhísí Cúlchlóis

- Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacement in Pearse Park (Lourdes) Drogheda in Louth in July – 100% completed
- Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacement

First Fix / Chéad Shocrú

2 first fix type repairs were undertaken by Irish Water contractors in July.

Find & Fix / Aimsigh agus Deisigh

Louth County Council crews undertake Find and Fix activities in Cooley, Dundalk, Dunleer and Ardee during July.

Water Scouring Programme 2022 / Clar Sciúrtha Uisce 2022

Louth County Council Crew undertook unidirectional network flushing in Blackrock , Dublin Road and Muirhevna Mor areas in July.

Network Maintenance / Cothabháil Líonra

51 essential water tasks were carried out in June including 22 arising out of our Find and Fix program

Planning & Water Connections / Pleanáil agus Ceangail Uisce

The Networks Section processed 22 new connections, 30 Pre Connection Enquiries and 32 Planning Applications in July.

Service Maps / Léarscáileanna Seirbhíse

The Networks Section prepared 6 Service Maps in July.

Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Development Pleanáil, Bonneagar agus Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

This Directorate has three key areas of responsibility:

Planning, the way in which we organise the built environment in our county

Infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, and ports

Economic Development, including the Local Enterprise Office, and work involving partners and funding outside the state

Tá trí eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrtóireacht seo:

Is é Pleanáil an slí a eagraímid an timpeallacht thógtha i gContae Lú

Bonneagar, ár mbóithre, ár ndroichid, agus ár gcalaphoirt san áireamh

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, an Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil san áireamh, agus obair le comhpháirtithe agus foinsí maoinithe lasmuigh den Stát

Thomas McEvoy
Director / Stiúrtóir



Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

- Part of our assessment of projects currently includes their impact on the environment.

- A new support for micro and small businesses in Louth to assist them develop their green and sustainable agenda was launched in 2021. Further details are available at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/green>.

Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

A meeting of the Louth Economic Forum took place on Wednesday 27th July. Members were given a very informative guided tour of the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence (AMTCE) at the Xerox Technology Park. The next meeting will take place in September.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2022

To date this year 15 applications have been received, applications can be submitted until Friday, 30th September, 2022.

Northeast Business Excellence Awards 2022 – Official Launch



Joan Martin, Chief Executive, Louth County Council, Councillor Michelle Hall, Mayor of Drogheda, Robert Murray, President Drogheda and District Chamber of Commerce, Colette Moss, Senior Executive Officer, Louth County Council

The official launch of the Northeast Business Excellence Awards 2022 took place on the 15th July in Highlanes Gallery. It was attended by Mayor of Drogheda Michelle Hall, Chief Executive Joan Martin and IDA Ireland Chairman Frank Ryan, along with a large number of delegates from the local business community. The award for the 'Hospitality & Tourism Excellence' category is being sponsored by Louth County Council.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony in the City North Hotel on Saturday, 26th November, 2022.

Tourism

Visit Louth

A new updated 'Visit Louth' map and guide has been published and is being distributed to all tourism providers in Co. Louth. The map incorporates the 14 sea louth scenic viewpoints. It is also available to download from <https://www.visitlouth.ie/visitor-info/maps-and-guides-louth.html>.



New Updated Visit Louth Map and Guide

A social media campaign showcasing all there is to see and do throughout Co. Louth is ongoing which has resulted in a notable increase in the number of interactions and engagements with the social media platforms.

A number of itineraries are in the planning stage and will be published on the Visit Louth website shortly.

Review of Tourism Websites

A review of the content on the council owned tourism websites – Visit Louth, Drogheda.ie and sea louth, is currently being undertaken in conjunction with an I.T. Specialist and Fáilte Ireland.

'Sea Louth'



Promotion of sea louth is ongoing with recent competitions in the Irish Times (which has 170,000 followers) and Woman's Way. There is also a competition package currently being planned as part of a social media campaign.



Woman's Way sea Louth Competition

sea louth together with Visit Louth will have a stand at the National Ploughing Championships in September.

Festival Grant Funding Applications 2022

A number of festivals who received funding under the festival funding streams have successfully taken place and their post event forms have been assessed and grants are being issued.

Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme

Tender responses for the Wayfinding Manufacture and the Installation and associated Public Realm Works have been received and are currently under evaluation.

The proposed signage will be focused on streets from Magdalene Tower to Millmount and from Westgate to St. Laurence's Gate in Drogheda town centre.

Funding Opportunities

An application has been made to the Shared Island Development Fund for a cross border feasibility study incorporating the Carlingford / Cooley area together with Newry, Mourne and Down.

An application for a Night-time Economy Advisor for Drogheda has been submitted under the pilot scheme initiative.

Boyne Valley Flavours



New Boyne Valley Flavours Brochure

A new Boyne Valley Flavours brochure has been published to promote the Food Tourism Experiences that are open across Louth and Meath. The brochures have been distributed to all Tourist Offices across the two counties, also to the Food Experience providers and are available at all Food Series events.

With support from Fáilte Ireland we have setup a working group in Drogheda to develop a Food Tour experience. Kilkenny have ran a number of successful food tours and a fam trip to Kilkenny at the end of August is currently being planned in order to gain some insights and benefit from their experience.

LEO Louth

COVID-19 Business Supports



Updated information on the range of business supports available can be found at: www.LocalEnterprise.ie/Response.

Businesses seeking support from LEO Louth should email: info@leo.louthcoco.ie or they can call to our office at Town Hall, Dundalk.

'Look for Local' / 'Shop Local'

LEO continues to host a Louth 'shop local' online directory available at: www.louthcoco.ie/ShopLocal.

New businesses can be included on the Louth online directory by emailing: tradingonline@leo.louthcoco.ie.

Brexit Supports

Brexit Advisory Clinic

Brexit Advisory Clinics, involving one to one meetings to help assess the impact of Brexit on Louth businesses, continue to be offered to local businesses.

Microfinance Ireland Loan

Microfinance Ireland is offering a Brexit Business Loan, via LEO, in order to support businesses that will be directly impacted by Brexit.

A full range of Brexit supports to help small businesses is offered by LEO Louth, all information can be found at: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Brexit/>.

Green for Micro



The Green for Micro programme is a free programme which aims to help businesses identify cost savings and improve their green credentials. This is achieved by looking at the business from an environmental perspective.

Projects vary from assessing energy, water and waste costs, guidance with environmental management system, to the greening of the product or business to adapt to the changing market place.

This programme will continue to be delivered throughout 2022.

YTD 11 no. Louth businesses were approved.

LEO Louth continues to welcome new applications.

LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review / Export Adviser Programme

Under this Programme LEO has procured 3 no. consultants who have commenced engagements with our portfolio clients.

The programme provides support to LEO portfolio clients to develop their export and growth potential, working with businesses to identify and pursue export opportunities and to ensure maximum uptake of LEO supports.

The Advisers are now actively engaging with 14 no. LEO Louth portfolio clients for up to 5 days each over the course of 2022.

Business Training

July had 2 no. workshops delivered to 22 no. attendees. Workshops included, Creating an on-line Business and Marketing for small business.

Workshops for August include Instagram for beginners and Starting Your Own Business.



All training courses are available to view and book online at: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>.

Trading Online Voucher scheme



LEO continues to offer the Trading Online Voucher scheme to assist businesses get online or enhance their online presence, under which LEO can provide 50% support up to a maximum grant of €2,500.

Trading Online training workshops to assist applicants apply continue to be delivered on a regional basis with Cavan and Monaghan LEOs.

27 no. Vouchers have been approved YTD.

Business Advice Clinics

31 no. business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the county during July.

LEO Louth Mentor Programme



The Mentor Programme is designed to match up the knowledge, skills, insights and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners with small business owner / managers who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

15 no. businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of July.

COVID-19 Microfinance Ireland Business Loan



LEO Louth offers expert assistance to clients to assist the completion of Microfinance Loan Applications, Business Plans and Cashflow Projections.

During July 3 no. applications for support were received and 3 no. applications were submitted to MFI. While 1 no. loan was approved.

LEO mentors are continuing to assist applicants.

Head of Enterprise is participating on the MFI Strategy Working group and MFI Board.

Micro-Finance Ireland – New Electric Vehicle Taxi Loan

Microfinance Ireland has a loan whereby Taxi owners who wish to buy an electric vehicle can now apply for loans of up to €25,000 from Microfinance Ireland.



Loans of between €5,000 and €25,000 are available, with a 1% reduced APR if the application is made through the Local Enterprise Office. The loans will be up to 5 years.

LEO Louth is accepting applications.

LEAN for Micro Programme



LEO Louth continues to offer the LEAN Programme to small businesses locally. The programme helps businesses to identify issues and potential improvement areas and provides support to implement these as well as achieve savings and improvements in capability and capacity to deliver.

1 no. Louth businesses were approved for Lean in July bringing our approvals YTD to 8 no.

Cross Border Local Enterprise Partnership

LEO Louth is working with the CBLEP (Cross Border Local Enterprise Partnership) of Local Enterprise Office along the border, their northern counterpart in the Local Enterprise Agencies, Enterprise NI and in conjunction with partners Intertrade Ireland and East Border region to scope out a potential Innovation Business Support programme under the upcoming PEACE funding.

Craft Sector

LEO Louth is working with the national LEO / Design and Craft Council Ireland Committee in the design

and roll out of sectoral training and opportunities for the design and craft community.

Louth companies will be able to apply to engage in training programmes, an eCommerce bootcamp and an export focused programme over the next number of months.

Management Development Programmes for the retail sector

In July, LEO Louth launched their suite of 3 no. Retail management programmes themed Retail Management in a Post Pandemic Environment and the first, 'Strategy & Innovation' commenced on 25th July with 10 no. Louth businesses taking part. The second programme 'Building your brand and content' commences in mid-August.

Official Launch of the Northeast Business Excellence Awards

On 15th July, 50 no. guests attended the official launch of the Northeast Business Excellence Awards in the Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda. The Awards Ceremony will take place on 26th November, 2022; Louth LEO is sponsoring the 'Rising Star / Best Emerging Business' award. The event was organised by the Drogheda and District Chamber.



Peter McGrane, Local Enterprise Office Louth with Robert Murray President of Drogheda and District Chamber at the Official Launch of the National Business Excellence Awards

European Relations

Peace IV Programme



Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

Building work is steadily progressing on our shared spaces projects in the Muirhevnamór Community Centre, Dundalk and in St. Peter's Hill, Drogheda.

PEACE PLUS

The inaugural PEACE PLUS Partnership meeting was successfully held in July.



Members of the Peace Plus Partnership from the inaugural Peace Plus Partnership meeting

The Partnership enjoyed a presentation on PEACE PLUS Investment Area 1.1 and its three themes:

- Local community regeneration and transformation
- Thriving and peaceful communities
- Celebrating cultures and diversity

A request for tender for Consultancy support for the development, facilitation and submission of the Louth Peace Plus Action Plan was published via <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/>. The closing date for submissions is 26th August, 2022.

Infrastructure

Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

A North South Ministerial Infrastructure Sub Group meeting was held on the 23rd June, with a further one to be held in August.

Engagement with DFI Infrastructure, Loughs Agency, NPW, etc. is ongoing in order to discharge the Conditions of Planning. Contracts have been awarded for wind tunnel modelling, bathymetric / topographical surveys, advanced works contract for a compensatory roost site, ecological clerk of works and works are ongoing on these contracts.

Works have commenced in creating an access road to the roost site and an ecological clerk of works has been appointed to monitor the works. A contract for water quality monitoring during the roost site works is due to commence shortly.

A Pin Notice was issued on eTenders and OJEU tendering portals and an Industry day with potential main contractors was held on the 24th June. Updates to the detailed design and environmental management plans, etc. are currently ongoing. It's envisaged that the Prequalification Contractors Suitability Assessment documentation will be issued to the market in August.

N53 - Dundalk to Castleblayney Road Phase 4. Hackballscross to Rissan

Louth County Council received correspondence from An Bord Pleanála regarding the CPO process; the Board intends to determine the application before the 9th December, 2022. The design team are engaging with the landowners throughout the process.

N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme

Jacobs continues to progress the design of the road, and is in the process of concluding environmental studies including bat surveys, barn owl surveys and other environmental surveys. Geotechnical, structures and drainage designs are all underway.

Up to 300 landowners could be affected along the 32km route of the project. It is anticipated Jacobs will be in a position to start meeting with directly affected landowners in September, 2022. Full details of the format and programme for these meetings are still being developed, and landowners will be advised of the meetings in due course. Elected members will also receive a briefing in advance of general landowner meetings commencing.

The N2 Project Team can be contacted by landowners and members of the public via the N2 Project Phonenumber 087 340 3786, or email: ArdeeCastleblayney@N2MonaghanLouth.ie.

N52 Ardee Bypass

Part 8 planning has been passed by the Ardee MD on the 7th April.

Note: A local environmental group are seeking leave for a Judicial Review against An Bord Pleanála (ABP) and their directions to Louth County Council concerning the preparations of an EIAR and NIS. The High Court has granted leave for the applicant's application for Judicial Review. An Bord Pleanála and Louth County Council will be filing opposition papers and the next hearing date is 11th October, 2022.

TII HD17 Schemes

A consultant recently carried out Road Safety Inspections (RSI's) on behalf of the TII on both the N2 and the N33 National Roads in Co. Louth. The consultant's reports are currently in *Draft* form and are being reviewed by the TII. The TII will notify Louth County Council in due course as to the various HD17 schemes they will want Louth County Council to pursue in 2022.

Funshog: A Feasibility and Options report for the upgrade of the N2/LS5267-0 junction commenced in 2021. The *Draft* report is currently on hold until the TII review the results of the RSI's that were carried out recently on the N2 as outlined above.

Safety Barriers – N53 and N52

A total of 9 sites on the N52 and N53 have been identified as requiring the provision of safety barriers. Tender documents have been issued and the return date is 19th August, 2022.

N2 Collon Safety Scheme

Following TII design report approval a Road Safety Audit has been commissioned. Tenders have been received for Civil and M&E works and works are due to commence in August.

Port Access Northern Cross Route

Hedge removal works are completed within the CPO land. These works were carried out within the permitted season such that if any ongoing discussion with the developers in case funding does become available before the hedge cutting season resumes.

Footpath and cycle path works to facilitate development on the Ballymakenny Road which is part of the PANCR scheme are completed. The purchase of land to facilitate the footpath and cycle path has commenced in line with the CPO procedure. Public lighting columns have been erected. Watermain, foul sewer and telecoms ducting are substantially complete. Kerbing work and footpath and cycle lane is substantially complete. Public lighting is 100% complete, but awaiting ESB connection.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

The Tender documents for construction of the works were received and are currently being assessed. Ongoing consultations are taking place with stakeholders / landowners.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The project has been reactivated with Cavan County Council being the lead authority. Currently the consultants are reviewing the route using a RibGeom method of assessment. This type of assessment will identify sections of the route corridor where the greatest collision risk exists and these will form a basis of a phased improvement strategy for the route corridor. Currently the consultants are in the process of completing this process and it's envisaged a Risk Based Safety Improvement Measures Report, subject to approval by DoT, will be completed early in the New Year which will give informed recommendations of the sections of the route corridor that improvements are warranted. As part of DoT grants €100k has been awarded under Strategic Regional Local Roads to commence preliminary design work for the identified Risk sections of the R178, subject to DoT approval of the said report and production of a SARs report.

Greenways

Carlingford Lough Greenway - Omeath to Newry *(Joint project with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and East Border Region)*

The consultant is progressing with detailed design for the project. Tender documents for the main contract are being drafted.

CPO submissions received and Louth County Council engaging with affected parties to resolve outstanding issues from submissions. Louth County Council have issued a letter to ABP seeking an update to the process.

SEUPB have granted a 12-month extension to the project programme, and have engaged a third party to independently assess the request for additional funding by the three border Interreg Greenway projects with a decision expected in 2022. This funding request has passed initial SEUPB review and will be brought before steering group.

Updated submission to NI planning department in regard to DFI comments. Liaison with DFI ongoing. It is anticipated that Planning Permission in N.I. will be decided upon in 2022 once DFI approval has been given.

The project partners are continuing to meet monthly to review and assess the various aspects of the project.

Greenway - Carlingford to Templetown

Public Consultation for the proposed Carlingford to Templetown Greenway, an information event was held on Thursday 23rd June, 2022 at the Carlingford Heritage Centre. The drop-in event is Public Consultation No. 1 for the Carlingford to Templetown Greenway. This was well attended by elected members, members of the public and stakeholders. Closing date for submissions is 8th August. Full details at

https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth_county_council/la-test-news/greenway-carlingford-to-templetown-public-consultation-1.html.

Wintering Bird survey completed. Scope being prepared for drone survey of route corridors and tender to be issued thereafter. Traffic counts being carried out at several locations by Louth County Council.

TII Funded Greenway: Templetown to Dundalk

TII have allocated monies towards the feasibility of a new greenway from Templetown to Dundalk.

LIHAF Projects

LIHAF Access Road at Newtown, Drogheda

Engaging with Department and Developer. Contract documents are substantially complete and ready for tender, subject to the Departments approval.

The developer has submitted a planning application for 67 units in order to bring the quota of housing up to 200 units, currently we are waiting for that process to be completed.

LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement

Five tenders have been received on this date and are currently being assessed. Louth County Council are currently preparing a Tender Assessment Report and will seek Department of Housing Approval to proceed with the works.

Safety Improvement Works

Retrofit Fencing

A survey was carried out at various locations on the N53 in regard to the requirement to carry out / not carry out retrofit fencing works on sections of the existing post and rail fencing. A report has been forwarded to the TII and it is currently under review.

Ardee Pedestrian Crossing

A Feasibility and Options Report for the Refurbishment of the Pedestrian Lights on Castle Street, Ardee was forwarded to the TII and approval was received in 2021 for funding of €136,258 for these works. Unfortunately, due to increased design and construction costs, the TII have instructed Louth County Council to retender for a design team to bring the project forward. Draft documentation was sent to the TII and it is currently under review by TII for this scheme.

Specific Bridge Improvement Grants **Obelisk Bridge**

Requested peer review by DTTAS is now completed. Final Tender documents are currently being reviewed by DTTAS prior to release to the Market. Funding of €800k was allocated by DTTAS to progress the scheme.

St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda

There is currently restricted foot traffic permitted on the bridge. An evening road closure will be in operation on the 22nd and 23rd August to facilitate resurfacing works at the junction of Father Connolly Way, Wellington Quay and Dominic Street.

Scaffolding system still fully in place and channel for river users are in place. Repairs to the bridge deck, soffit and web repair elements are completed and snagging is under way.

Repairs to masonry wall are completed with all stone work at approaches on wing walls rebuilt. Bridge deck reinstatement has completed. Edge beams and handrails have been installed. Archaeology licence from Department of Heritage in place for excavations on pavement area on north ends of bridge adjacent the quay walls.



Upstream South elevation footway shuttered

Public Transport

NTA Bus Shelter Installation Programme 2021 – 2022

The NTA have, through discussions with Bus Operators, their bus shelter supplier, and Louth County Council developed a revised list of 10 proposed schemes detailed below. A contractor has now been appointed to carry out these works and a programme of works has been agreed. Works will commence from week beginning 15th August and continue through until mid-November. Construction works will typically take two weeks at each location.

- Drogheda - Donore Road
- Dundalk - Red Barns Road opposite Lennonstown entrance
- Termonfeckin - Big Street at Credit Union
- Kilsaran - South of Standard Brands
- Drogheda - Rowen Heights, Marley's Lane - Southbound
- Ardee - N2 northbound opposite Monastery Church.
- Clogherhead – Fr. O'Donnell Park,
- Clogherhead - Callystown Road,
- Drogheda – at Newtown Meadows, Newfoundland Road (R166)
- Dundalk - Rathmount Estate, Seafield Road, Blackrock



Span 4, two coats of paint have been applied and new bearing bds replaced

Corporate Projects

Ardee Castle RRDF

The Amendment Part 8 process was passed at the May Ardee MD meeting. Detailed design and production of tendering documentation is ongoing. Ministerial consent application is finalised for submission.

Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda



Aerial view of the Site

Main Contractor, Townlink Ltd. commenced work on site on 28th March, 2022. Site Demolition Works continuing, with concentration of works in Block B - Council Chamber and Block D - Annex Building with the stripping out of and removal of waste materials including breaking out existing concrete floors in Block B, dismantling existing bay window and removal of all floor joists and concrete stairs in Block D. Materials for reuse being assessed, segregated, and stored as necessary on site. Minor Ducting Contract in Operations Yard on behalf of ESB / Eircom has commenced. Yard cleared for laying of Piling Matt, to enable piling to commence over the next few weeks. Archaeologist continuing to monitor excavation works to rear of Block C - Community services Building.



Stripped out Council Chamber



Dismantled Bay Window

Dunleer Fire Station

Tender Documents for design consultants finalised and uploaded to eTenders. Tenders due on the 22nd August.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys are complete. Archaeological, Conservation and traffic surveys also complete. These surveys are informing the ongoing design process.

Omeath Public Realm

Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys companies have been appointed and surveys have begun on site. A public information day took place in Omeath on 14th July with the designs being presented by lead consultant BDP and Louth County Council. Detailed design is ongoing.

Ardee 2040

The detailed design and the preparation of the EIAR and AA Screening for Development consent application to ABP are progressing. Costings for implementation of the project are being prepared. The report into the Public Engagement Process has

been uploaded onto the website: www.ardee2040.ie.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

Westgate Vision Project is progressing with agreed planning strategy for EIAR and AA Stage 2 reports for Development consent application to ABP based on the emerging option design. Costings for implementation of the project are being prepared. The report into the Engagement process has been uploaded to www.westgatevision.ie.

Long Walk (Dundalk)

Regular meetings are now taking place with the third party stakeholder to develop the key aspects of the masterplan.

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration

The submission of the preliminary business case to allow URDF approval for the two-phase project is on course to be submitted in Q3. Louth County Council appointed real estate advisors and quantity surveyors have now provided updated property valuations and costings which are now being incorporated into the preliminary business case.

Dunleer Town Masterplan

The tender assessment for an urban design team to prepare the Masterplan has been completed. The appointment process of the preferred team has commenced. Louth County Council liaising with local community stakeholders have established a Team Town who will assist in the masterplan preparation.

Active Travel Investment Program

2022 Budget Allocation

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has awarded Louth County Council an allocation of €6.53 million to advance several projects from preliminary design phase to construction phase. The fourteen projects that commenced in 2021 will continue and an additional nine new projects have been allocated funding for this year.

The Active Travel Projects funded are for promoting Walking and Cycling Infrastructure and development of transport studies.

The status of the ongoing projects are as follows:

- St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda: as reported above
- Drogheda (R132), Bridge of Peace to Train Station (including Marsh Road): it is anticipated that the Design Team will have Feasibility and Options Assessment Report concluded at the end of July, 2022.
- Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda: works ongoing (see PANCR above)
- Drogheda 2021 Active Travel Projects – several Active Travel Projects in Drogheda Urban Centre, namely: *Termonfeckin Road, Collon Road, Hill of Rath to Rosehall roundabouts, Rathmullan Road, Dublin Road and North Road*, are amalgamated together in order to achieve economy of scale. The Design Consultants RPS Group are progressing well with initial design and are currently surveying traffic, cyclist and pedestrian movements along the study routes.
- Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road: as reported above
- R132 Inner Relief Road, Dundalk: Design Consultants, Barry Transportation Ltd. are progressing with the development of concept designs and it is anticipated that the Design Team will have a Feasibility and Options Assessment Report concluded by the end of July, 2022.
- Dublin Road, Dundalk – Design Consultants O'Connor Sutton Cronin (OCSC) are progressing with the development of the design. A Stage F Road Safety Audit has been completed and screening for Environmental Assessment is ongoing.
- Ard Easmuinn Road to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk and Bus Station to Rail Station: Consulting Engineers WSP Ltd, have concluded Phase 2 - Option Development and Gateway 2 Report was submitted to the NTA on the 6th July, 2022 for approval.
- Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: see Operations Report on Annagassan. Cherrybrook and Knockbridge: works have commenced on site in Cherrybrook, Ardee on the 2nd week of May and are nearing

completion. Once complete the contractor will move to Knockbridge.

- R166 Termonfeckin footpath tenders received and procedures to award of contract to MEAT has been completed. Louth County Council are waiting on contractor's insurances in order to commence the works.
- Transport / Mobility Plans:
 - Drogheda and East Meath Transport Plan: Work on the Area Based Transport Assessment needs for Drogheda and East Meath is ongoing in conjunction with the NTA and Meath County Council. Traffic counts have been undertaken at key locations. The results of Stakeholder engagement and public consultation (online survey) have been collated.

Additional Funding has been approved by NTA for the below projects to advance to Design Process and a procurement exercise is anticipated to commence in August, 2022

- R132 Dublin Road, Dundalk (from the Rank Xerox junction to Greengates) - New Cycle paths (2.4km)
- R178 Carrickmacross Road, Dundalk - New cycle paths
- New Pedestrian Crossings (two) on R132 Inner Relief Road, at Táin Bridge, Dundalk
- Hoey's Lane (from junction with Dublin Street to junction Naughton's Close) - New cycle paths
- Mill Street, Dundalk (from Inner Relief Road junction to Castle Road junction) - New Cycle path – 440m and upgrade of junctions
- Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk - New Cycle paths
- College Heights to Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk - New Pedestrian / Cycle path Link

Allocations for Works Contracts:

- Remedial works at various junctions in Dundalk Town Centre to improve accessibility, refer to Operations for progress.
- Moneymore, Drogheda – New Permeability footpaths to link to schools to residential areas.

Dundalk and Ardee Flood Relief Projects

Stage 1 of the Project is continuing, i.e. Options assessment, Scheme Development. Hydrological and Hydraulic modelling method statements have been approved and hydraulic modelling is now nearing completion for both Ardee and Dundalk in tandem with the processing of information from the recently completed CCTV and Topographical surveys. Preliminary Option Assessment to consider and assess a range of possible Flood Relief Measures has commenced and will continue throughout the next few months including further Public Consultation Days, notification of which shall be advertised well in advance.

Further necessary environmental, ecological, noise and landscape assessments will continue through Q3, 2022.

Monthly project briefing notes are being issued to the current relevant stakeholders. The Project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at: www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

RPS has commenced works on Stage 1 of the Project, i.e. Options Assessment and Scheme Development. Topographical Surveys have been completed on site and post-processing works have commenced and will continue in July. CCTV surveys required to assist preparation of the hydraulic models for the Project have commenced on site. Preparation of Tender Documents is also continuing for the necessary environmental and ecological surveys on the Project.

The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at: www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie.



Extract from web page

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

OPW have commenced a data review of the Carlingford and Greenore Flood Defence Project to reappraise the Options identified in the Flood Risk Management Plan. The data review will include additional rainfall data collection and modelling. Two temporary rain gauges are now operational, installed at Carlingford Fire Station and at the rear of Carlingford Library for rainfall data collection, providing additional data to inform project design and development.

Balmers Bog Surface Water Pipe

All works are now complete with surplus flows now diverted through the pipeline from Balmers Bog. Minor M&E works are outstanding and will be completed in due course.

Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works

Applications for the 2021 OPW Minor Works funding were submitted for Coastal Protection Projects in 3 separate locations, Omeath, Bellurgan and Ballagan.

OPW have raised a number of queries with regard to the Omeath and Ballagan applications which have been responded to.

OPW refused the Bellurgan application but have agreed to reconsider a revised application for a reduced scope of works. This revised application has been prepared and was submitted in May.

On 29th June the OPW have made a decision concerning the Omeath works by awarding c.€62k towards this project. We still await the outcome of Bellurgan and Ballagan applications.

Schools Programme Projects

Replacement School for St. Ita's and St. Mary's

Site acquired. Department of Education to submit a planning application.

Ardee E.T.N.S.

Tender have been received for the construction of the school and is currently being assessed, and the

design team are awaiting documentation from the preferred contractor.

Part 8 for the proposed alterations to the SEN units was resolved at the Ardee MD members for the March meeting.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn and Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

Progress has been made in relation to snagging. As constructed drawings of the completed emergency lighting has been issued by the PSDP. Additional snagging items to be completed also.

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

A Section 85 agreement between Kilkenny County Council and Louth County Council has been agreed.

Tender for the proposed works have now been received and been assessed by Kilkenny County Council, as lead for the region, who are close to awarding the contract to the most economically advantageous Tenderer. A final cost estimate for the element of works in Co. Louth will be carried out during the design process.

Planning

Development Management / Bainistíocht Forbartha

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of June, 2022 are given below in tabular form. There were 90 planning applications received during the month of June of which 80 were valid. In addition there were 31 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 20 Pre-Planning Applications received.

The service indicator figures in relation to **planning decisions and decisions on appeals made** during the month, broken down by category, and with a total figure for all categories (Column F), are given below

(A) Description / Cur Síos	(B) Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta	(C) Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair	(D) Other applications -not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT	(E) Other applications-requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area / Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae
(i) Number of applications determined / Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	3	27	65	1	96
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais	2	15	21	1	39
(iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	0% (0)	40.74% (11)	7.69% (5)	0% (0)	16.66% (16)
(iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh	0	1	1	0	2
(v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal / Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt nár Údaraíodh

The Planning indicators are given below in relation to Enforcement complaints regarding unauthorised developments received during the month.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh	
	July 2022 / Iúil 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo	June 2021 / Meitheamh 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	13	145	43	166
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	0	0	0
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	25	156	19	132
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	20	115	27	115
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	3	8	0	2
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	3	1	4
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0	0	3
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Short Term Lettings Enforcement

The Planning indicators are given below in relation to Short Term Lettings Enforcement received during the month.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Short Term Lettings	
	July 2022 / Iúil 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	0	7
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	1
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	2	14
Number of cases currently under investigation / Líon na gcásanna atá á n-imscúdu faoi láthair	30	48
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	0	18
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidmiúcháin a eisíodh	0	4
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	0
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0

Forward Planning

Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027

At the July Monthly Meeting, held on Monday 18th July, the elected members agreed to make Variation No.1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027. This Variation updated the County Development Plan to take account of the methodology and housing projections as set out in the Section 28 Guidelines 'Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning' and the 'Projected Housing Demand by Local Authority Area 2020 - 2031 – ESRI NPF Scenario Housing Supply Target' provided by the DHLGH in December, 2020. The Plan has also been updated to ensure it is consistent with Part V of the Planning and Development Act as amended by the Affordable Housing Act 2021.

This Variation came into effect on Monday 18th July, 2022.

Full details of the Variation and a Consolidated Version of the Development Plan incorporating the amendments agreed in the Variation are available on the Council's website
<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/publications/development-plans/>.

Operations and Waste Management

Oibríochtaí agus Bainistíocht Dramháil

This Directorate provides a range of services which underpin the efficient and smooth running of the economic and social life of our county, working to ensure our environment adheres to legislative standards, and to provide clean and safe parks throughout Louth. Responsibilities include:

- Road Maintenance, Wardens Service, Waste Management, Water Quality, and Climate Action

Cuireann an Stiúthóireacht seo réimse seirbhísí ar fáil mar bhonn agus mar thaca ag an reachtáil éifeachtúil an saol eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta Chontae Lú, ag obair i dtreo comhlíonadh an dlí maidir leis an timpeallacht, agus chun páirceanna phoiblí glan agus sábháilte a chinntiú. Ina chuid den freagrachtaí ná:

- Cothabháil Bóithre, an tSeirbhís Maorachta, Bainistíocht Dramháil, Cáilíocht Uisce, agus Gníomh Aeráide

Catherine Duff
Director / Stiúrthóir



Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk and Cooley Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Litter picks Dundalk Town Wide including all approach Roads, Dublin Road, Inner Relief, Ramparts, Centenary Road, Avenue Road, Hoeyes Lane, Tom Bellew Avenue, Fairgreen Road, Old Newry Road, Racecourse Road, Armagh Road, Castletown Road, Etc.• Cooley isolated locations including Carrickcarnan, Templetown, Rockmarshall, Gyles Quay, Shillinghill and Whitestown
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley - Carlingford, Omeath, Gyles Quay, Templetown, Faughart, Greenore, Lordship
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley rural village sweep programming
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley as per bin emptying

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly by Park Operative in Dundalk • Carried out by Water Safety Officer in Cooley
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily by Parks Operative, repairs in house or contractor

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>L-7062-30 Upper Willville L-7076-16 Earls Quarter R173-201 Omeath Rd, (Slieve Foy to Carlingford) L-3081-50 McCourts Road L-7088-0 Marsh Road L7087-0 Point Road L-7062-0 Crossalaney L-7082-0 Ballygoley</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>L-20022 Cluan Enda L-2000-540 Ecco Road L-20016-20 Long Walk R-176-6 Jocelyn Street R-215-18 Park Street</p>
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>L-2000-990 Coes Road</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Ongoing maintenance to Storm sewer network Town Wide</p>
Fallen or Dangerous Trees /	None this month

Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>L-17102 The Crescent R-215-18 Park Street L-2000-990 Coes Road R-176-6 Jocelyn street R-171-0 Anne Street L-20015-0 John Street L-20016 Market Square</p>	Repairs and edge restoration
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>R-177-3 St Helena</p> <p>Weekly maintenance of all Traffic Lights replacement bulbs (replacement LEDs), vandalism repairs, Etc</p>	<p>Vehicle Collision Repair</p> <p>Ongoing Maintenance Essential</p>
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	None this month	Markings Refresh
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>General Repairs and Cleaning</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Cleaning of Signs and Bollards on the Approach roads</p>	<p>Essential Maintenance</p> <p>Essential Maintenance</p>
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>Numerous small amounts & tyres removed, Long Woman Grave, Mast Road, Omeath,</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Castleross Woodlands Park Newry Road, Riverside Walk, Racecourse Road Ramparts, and Car Parks Dublin Road Avenue Road Ardee Road Carrick Road Castletown Road Castleblaney Road</p>	<p>Domestic Waste</p> <p>Dumped Household Waste, Mattresses, Furniture, Construction and Demolition waste</p>

	Quay Street Point Road Inner Relief Road	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	None this month	

Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock – 6 days/week • Knockbridge – once a week • Dromiskín – once a week • Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra **Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain**

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála

Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain

- Blackrock (7No.) checked weekly
- Annagassan (11No.) checked weekly

Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne

Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil

- Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly
- Blackrock – checked weekly

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
<p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p>	<p>L-7122-33 Tatebane Hackballscross, L-7123 Gorteen Inniskeen, L-7115-16 Cavananore Hackballscross, L- 7114-0 Shortstone West, L-7184- 0/L-7184-29 Green Road Haggardstown, L-7126-0 Cortial Kilkerley. Rd 199 Arthurstown – Springhill, Rd 139 Coolcreedan, Rd 177 Corderry – Killcrouney, Rd 217 Maine – Annagassan and Rd 185 Seabank Rd 205 Flowery Cross – Lagan Br, Rd 202 Nicholastown, Rd 203 N2 – Reaghstown and Rd 200 Reaghstown - Arthurstown Rd173 Mills of Louth – Killany and also patching on Rd 170 Corderry – Redmonds</p>

	N/A N/A	Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	N53, Dundalk/Castleblayney Road , from Junction 17 To County Boundary	Drainage maintenance – cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		Clearing fallen trees & debris
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán		Footpath renewal
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	R132 junction with Old Golf Links Rd (Felda junction)	Major repair works completed
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	N/A N/A	Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
Signage / Comharthaíocht	All surfaced dressing locations any damaged signage replaced/fixed N/A	Cleansing/repair/replacement
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	Cleaning up illegal dumping from LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown. Tallanstown and Louth Village	Collection of dumped waste for disposal. Collection & disposal after community clean up

Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	None this month	
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Verge Maintenance from Junction 17 to County Boundary, N53 Dundalk/Castleblayney Road

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins	
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
Ardee Town	37 Daily
Dunleer Town	20 Tuesday and Thursday
Collon	3 Tuesday and Thursday
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)	
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
Ardee town River Dee	
Salterstown	
Port Beach	

Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Seiceáilte Laethúil Corpacmhainne

Maintenance and cleaning of Fairgreen and Dunleer parks and playground complete with daily checks of the playground & exercise equipment at both locations.

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	R170 Stickillin L-1264-0 Ballapousta L-1233-7 Townspark Ardee R-166-260 Martins Cross to Annagassan R-168-80 Collon Top of Hill to Priest Hill Junction L-6218-0 & L-6219-0 Salterstown L-1228-41 Richardstown L-2226-0 Drumcar to Dillonstown Cross L-6329-0 Dillonstown Church to R166 LS 6222-0 Corstown LT- 12641 Drakestown lane White mountain L-5256-0 Jumping church road LS 5258-0 Funshog LS 5210-0 Cookstown LP 2215-0 Mansfieldtown L-2223-0 Johnstown road
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	L-2253-0 Philipstown to Dunleer L-2295-25 Boyd's to Brannigans cross L-2295-0 Brannigans cross to whiteriver L-2255-27 White river to Stifyans Cross LS 5262-0 Ballapousta
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	Hedges on N52 Dundalk Road Hedge and verge trimming on all surface dressed roads Hedge and verge trimming on the junctions of the R170 and R165.

Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán	R170 at Dromin	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráichta	None for this month	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	Road Markings Dunleer	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	Erecting and removal of signs for all surface dressing	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	None for this month	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	None for this month	



**Surface Dressing Works on the LP-226-0
Drumcar to Dillonstown Cross**



**Surface Dressing Works on the LP-1233-7
Townspark Ardee**



Dromin Footpath prior to works



Dromin Footpath after works

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair

Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí

- Steps and laneways weekly 22 steps when resources allow and green areas.
- Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection.
- Bring Banks in Drogheda Urban are checked and cleared Daily during working week. Also all Bring Banks in Drogheda Urban are checked and cleared Saturday p.m.
- Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week.
- New Signage erected at Ballsgrove Bringbanks.
- Replacement timbers to seats at South Quay.

- Up-grade landscape beds at South Quay – remove existing stone and replace with new.
- Erect new window boxes on bridge railings on South Quay.
- Clean all roads at Meadowview / Blackbush / Byranstown for Blessing of Graves.
- Power washing of paving at West St.
- Cleaning of railings at St Marys Bridge.

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí

Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht

Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
Clogherhead Beach
Port Beach
Termonfeckin
Baltray
Seapoint Carpark

7 Daily
 8 Daily
 6 Daily
 6 Daily
 3 Daily
 3 Daily

Drogheda Town

There are 234 litter bins including 11 Solar compactor bins in Drogheda town which are emptied at the following frequencies

- 19 emptied twice daily
- 104 emptied daily
- 19 emptied 3 times a week
- 82 emptied twice a week
- 10 emptied once a week

Of the 234 Bins

- 19 bins are on West Street and 9 on Narrow West Drogheda
- 16 Bins are in Dominic’s Park & 3 bins in Mell river walk.
- Note: new Solar Bin installed outside McDonald’s on Dual carriageway

Drogheda Rural

- Drogheda Municipal District **rural** area’s public Litter Bins are emptied twice a week
- Beach locations are emptied 6 days a week – Port Oriel Pier (8 bins), Port Beach

(4 bins), Clogherhead Beach (7 bins), Seapoint (3 bins), Baltray Village (8 bins).

Bin upgrade and maintenance ongoing

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre

Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

- Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.
- Public Housing Estates swept every 2 months. Private Housing Estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.
- Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda Urban area.
- Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tinure.
- Drogheda Town Boyne river walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
- Town centre weeds removal.

Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra

Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain

- Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála

Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain

- 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday)
- 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)

Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne

Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil

- Between 4 & 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate park, adult exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) + disinfected

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
<p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p>	<p>L-6284-0 Bellcotton L-2304-0 Sheetland L-2310-11 Ballymakenny Road R-167-11 Beaulieu R-168-30 Begrath R-132-0 Monasterboice to Ferney Park Patching works in Barrackfield Clogherhead</p> <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey / Cleaning of S.W pipelines at TermonAbbey. <p>LCC's crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement Repairs at West Court • Pavement repairs Wheaton Hall • Signage repairs at Town Centre. • Bollard repairs at Town Centre. <p>Footpath Reinstatements at Boyne Hall.</p>	<p>Surface Dressing & Aftercare Surface Dressing & Aftercare Surface Dressing & Aftercare Surface Dressing & Aftercare Surface Dressing & Aftercare Surface Dressing & Aftercare</p>

Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	Drainage works on the R166 at Tubbertoby, Clogherhead Annual Drogheda Gully cleaning programme ongoing Commence Dublin Road	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	Hedge and verge trimming on all surface dressed roads	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West St Survey of footpaths at Wheaton Hall, Westcourt.	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Windmill Road 2. Patrick Street 3. Westgate Junction. 4. R1232 A / Wheaton Hall 5. Bull Ring 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian phase lamp fail. 2. Failed to schedule event. 3. Vehicle phase lamp fail, RED. 4. Vehicle presence fail detector. 5. Failed to schedule event.
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	Road markings complete on West Street crossings Road markings complete on Fair Street	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	Erecting and removal of signs for all surface dressing	
Weed killing	Dublin Road/North Road and Marsh Road	



Weed clearing at Ballsgrove



Graffiti Removal Duke Street Drogheda –Before



Graffiti Removal Duke Street Drogheda - After

Waste Management, Environment and Climate Action Report

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement

Cases continue to proceed through the courts. There has been a delay in getting cases heard due to the ongoing pandemic.

Complaint Type	July 2022	In 2022
Air & Noise	14	55
Farm	2	25
Waste/C&D	6	151

Water Quality	6	20
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A total of 28 complaints were received in the month of July 2022. Bringing the total number of complaints in 2022 so far, to 251. 19 waste complaints have been resolved and 9 remain open, pending further investigations.

Waste Facility Permits & Certificate of Registration

The Waste Management Act 1996 requires that, with a few exceptions, any person carrying out the recovery or disposal of waste shall hold a waste license, a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration, depending on the nature and extent of the activity. Waste licenses are issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) while waste facility permits and certificates of registration are granted by the Local Authority for privately owned waste facilities.

Waste facility permits and certificates of registration are governed by the Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended.

Examples of activities which require a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration include land reclamation/development, car dismantling, composting centers, recycling of construction & demolition waste and the reception and storage of waste.

Two new Waste facility permits were granted in June 2022. Currently there are 27 Waste Facility Permits and 5 Certificates of registration in operation in Louth. There are (2) review applications currently being determined during the month of June.

Annual Return Validations

All Waste Facility Permit (WFP) and Certificate of Registration (CoR) holders are required to submit Annual Returns (AR) where they collected / processed waste in any given year. The National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) Eden Portal opened to Local Authorities from 1st April 2022. Waste Enforcement Officers have started working on AR validations. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies a list of waste facilities which must be prioritised for validation by Local Authorities.

There is a total of 24 WFP and 5 CoR holders in Louth that require desk-top data validation in 2022.

Producer Responsibility Initiatives

Significant Producer Responsibility Initiatives have been introduced in relation to packaging waste, end of life vehicles (ELV's), tyres, food waste, farm plastic waste and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) with inspections underway in 2022 by Louth County Council waste enforcement officers to ensure compliance with Regulations.

The Irish Farm Film Producers Group Ltd (IFFPG) is the national farm plastics recycling compliance scheme

<https://www.farmplastics.ie/>.

The scheme was made available in Louth during the month of May. Bring-centre dates and locations for 2022 are available on IFFPG website.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that funding is available through the WERLA's to support Local Authorities in 2022 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). The 2022 ADI aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping by identifying and delivering projects aimed at tackling illegal dumping 'black spots' throughout the County and adhere to key measures of prevention, abatement, education & awareness and enforcement. The Department continues to strongly encourage innovative projects, which recognise waste as a resource that can be repurposed for use in a Circular Economy. Projects are in the process of being finalised. Applications for 9 projects were submitted. A Grant of €80,000 was received, which is an 83% reduction from the Grant received 2 years ago and 36% reduction from the 2021 Grant. 3 projects have been approved for this year's ADI initiatives which include:

1. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Dundalk V&W civic amenity centre.
2. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Drogheda V&W civic amenity centre.
3. Dundalk Summer Clean-Up project

Both mattress & sofa amnesty events are scheduled to take place in September 2022. The summer clean up event for Dundalk took place over the weekend of 22nd-24th July 2022.

It was a successful event with 317 people registering to participate in the event and 25 areas registered for clean-up.



Dundalk Summer Clean Up

All initiatives to be completed by 7th October 2022.

C&D Waste

The EPA published Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Waste Projects in 2021. Waste Enforcement Officers are required to complete both desktop and site-based inspections of construction and demolition projects in Co. Louth to ensure compliance with the relevant Regulations including enforcement actions where necessary. As part of site inspections, Waste Enforcement Officers ensure that waste is being managed appropriately and that any export or import of waste on site is collected by an authorised waste collector and destined to authorised facilities. Information in relation to unauthorised sites or illegal collectors can be forward to info@louthcoco.ie.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 40 fines were issued in the month of July. Of these fines, 3 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 18 in Drogheda urban area and 19 in the remaining County wide area. There were no fines issued for dog fouling in July.

There have been 992 investigations in the year to date with 169 carried out in the month of July. There have been 223 fines issued in the year to date, 6 of which were for Dog Fouling.

Diesel Laundering Waste

3 IBC's were located in July 2022. So far in 2022 there has been 219 IBC's located within County Louth costing approximately €273,382.08.



Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning

The Waste Management Act (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 allows farmers as a last resort, to dispose of green waste by burning i.e. untreated/uncontaminated wood, trees, tree trimmings, leaves and brush or other similar waste generated by agricultural practices. New amending Regulations have now been introduced extending the exemptions to burn waste generated by agricultural practices until the 1st January 2023. From January 2022 to end of June 2022 a total of 62 Waste Disposal by Burning applications were received.

In July 2022 we received 6 applications bringing the total number of application in 2022 so far to 68.

My Waste

When possible, the MyWaste campaign will be looking to move to more focused interactions with individual dwellings, to establish compliance with the Waste Presentation and Segregation Bye-Laws. Initial focus will be on dwellings in areas where problem dumping exists.



Dumping recently reported to Louth County Council

After a number of recent reports around dumping in specific area, letters have been sent to residents.

A total of 778 reminder letters issued to householders in the 3 urban areas of Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda to date. A total of 401 replies have been received to date from the reminder letters

Environment

Air / Water / Noise Pollution

There were Six (6) water pollution complaints received in June and all six are now closed. Five (5) Air Pollution complaints and Nine (9) Noise Pollution complaints were received during July 2022.



Bathing Water

The annual Bathing Water Sampling programme has commenced on June 1st 2022. So far, all results for our four designated bathing waters are excellent. Results for all the beaches are available on www.beaches.ie. The four beaches identified as designated bathing waters are Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint. The public participation for the identification of new bathing waters ended on the 9th of June 2022. Three submissions were received. Further information on beaches and water quality can be found on the EPA hosted website – www.beaches.ie



Report on Orange Discolouration at Beaches

The reports received of an orange discolouration earlier in July in the waters at Templetown and Clogherhead have been identified as an algal bloom of Noctiluca scintillans.



Templetown Beach, Louth

This is a marine species of dinoflagellate which is totally harmless but very noticeable in the water. This is not a toxic species and will not cause harm to humans. It is commonly seen in coastal waters at this time of the year and has been previously seen in Louth. This species and associated water discolouration is a common occurrence this time of year.



Templetown Beach, Louth

Air Monitor for Drogheda

The EPA currently monitors air quality from two fixed monitoring stations in Dundalk and Drogheda. The data is available to view at: <https://www.airquality.ie/station/EPA-84>

Section 4 Discharge Licences

A section 4 discharge licence is a licence issued under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 as amended to premises for the discharge of treated effluent to a high standard so that it will not impact the groundwater and/or surface water receiving water body. Currently in Louth there are 34 active section 4 discharge licences. All licence holders must comply with licence conditions

and submit regular monitoring results to the Council for assessment. The Council also carries out compliance monitoring on the licensed sites which includes compliance sampling and on-site inspections. Sampling and inspections of these sites is on schedule as per the 2022 inspection plan submitted to the EPA.

Water Framework/River Basin Management

The Local Authority catchment assessments being carried out by the LAWPRO inspection teams with the assistance of Louth County Council where required are on-going in the Castletown catchment. Initial desktop studies have commenced in the Glyde catchment.

LAWPRO works to increase public engagement. It also consults with stakeholders and communities, coordinating these activities across all 31 local authorities. Its work aims to ensure the public and stakeholders are engaged at regional and local level — to enable them to get involved with catchment-based approaches to improving water quality and the development and implementation of measures on the ground.

A key commitment in the Programme for Government, launching a new strengthened River Basin Management Plan will help Ireland protect, improve, and sustainably manage our water environment to 2027. Achieving good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries, and seas is essential for protecting Ireland's drinking water sources, environment and people's quality of life. The plan is produced in implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD).



Louth County Council will be co-operating with LAWPRO and Dundalk Tidy Towns, who have been awarded a grant to progress an assessment of the Ramparts River in Dundalk employing a process-based approach which aims to reset / enhance the natural habitat template of a river, to achieve options which are sustainable and require minimal long-term management.

Landfills

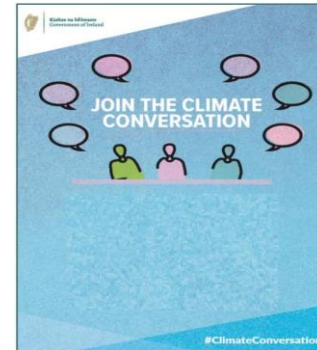
All monitoring and inspections required by the conditions of the three landfill licences have been completed and are up to-date and on schedule as per the RMCEI inspection plan. Work is currently on-going on historic landfills in the County including surveying of site at Carlingford, preparation of planning application and revised Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessment of site in Ardee.

Climate Action

The Climate Action Plan 2021 was published in November 2021 and a subsequent annex of actions was published on 17th December. This provides a detailed plan, with 493 actions for achieving a 51% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting us on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050, as set out in the Climate Act 2021 setting us on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050, as set out in the Climate Act 2021.

The Climate Action Team are actively encouraging people across Louth to participate in the online Climate Conversation 2022 survey that is being ran by the

Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to express their opinions / ideas on climate change across Ireland. A link to the survey can be found here -> <https://climateconversations.citizenspace.com/decc/climate-conversations-2022/consultation/intro/>



Preparation of a Baseline Emissions Inventory for County Louth has been ongoing. The Climate Action Team have been collecting information on how much CO₂ is emitted by all business, buildings, houses, industry, transport / travel and agriculture in the county. This information will form the base for decision making when the preparation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan for Louth commences later this year.

Members of the Climate Action Team promoted climate action as part of this year's theme for #YourCouncilDay across different sections within Louth County Council on July 1st, promoting sustainability and biodiversity across Louth County Council.



Biodiversity, County Hall, Louth County Council



Wind turbine at Louth County Council Dog Pound, promoting renewable energy.



Sustainable electric fleet, used at Louth County Council Dog Pound

Electrical Vehicles Charging Points



Louth County Council and other associate partners have completed preliminary assessments of sites to generate an approved site list 25 EV Rapid Chargers across the border counties.

Louth County Council has advertised a Market Soundings Exercise for the project which is live on ETenders and OJEU until 7th May 2022.

Information is available at the following outlets:

Channel	URL
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge

Twitter	https://twitter.com/FasterEVCharge
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/fasterEVCharge/
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/company/faster-project
TikTok	https://www.tiktok.com/@fasterEVCharge
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0FqxddlpA7WXJr9ShzUaxQ



Louth County Council is currently assessing sites for installation of 20no. EV charging points, as funded through SEAI. The goal of this funding stream is to support people who cannot easily provide their own EV charger at home, such as terraced housing or apartments. <https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/>
Dundalk Decarbonising Zone

The Dundalk Decarbonising Zone project, in common will all such projects around the country, awaits guidance from CARO (Climate Action Regional Office) in order to progress. This is to ensure a common approach with comparable outcomes across the country. Preparatory work is ongoing, in anticipation of guidance early 2022.

Decarbonisation Zones have now been included within the larger Local Authority Climate Action Plan. Plans for Decarbonisation Zones have yet to be updated in Climate Action Plan.

Veterinary Services / Seirbhísí Tréidliachta

Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) / Údarás Sábháilteachta Bia na hÉireann (USBÉ)

As of 31st July 2022, Louth County Council Veterinary Section, under a Service Level Agreement with the FSAI, enforces food safety standards on two abattoirs and fourteen meat processing plants under its supervision in the County. The number of food safety inspections carried out by Louth County Council in the year to date is sixty.

Amhail ar an 31ú Iúil 2022, cuireann Rannóg Tréidliachta Chomhairle Contae Lú caighdeán sábháilteachta bia i bhfeidhm, faoi Chomhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse leis an USBÉ, ar dhá sheamlas agus ar ceithre cinn déag de mhonarchana próiseála feola atá faoi mhaoirseacht aige sa chontae. Is é líon na gcigireachtaí sábháilteachta bia a rinne Comhairle Contae Lú sa bhliain go dtí seo ná seasca.

Control of Dogs / Rialú Madraí

Control of Dogs Act 1986 / An tAcht um Rialú Madraí, 1986

Dogs impounded July 2022 / Madraí curtha i bpóna, Iúil 2022	
Total dogs impounded / Líon madraí curtha i bpóna	27
Strays / Ar seachrán	15
Surrendered by owners / Tugtha suas ag úinéirí	12
No dogs reclaimed by owners / Líon madraí tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	5
No of dogs rehomed direct / Líon madraí a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh go díreach	7
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups / Líon madraí a aistríodh go grúpaí leasa ainmhithe	12

No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/07/2022 / Líon madraí faoi chúram sa phóna 31/07/2022	10
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Dog Licences July 2022 / Ceadúnais Madraí, Iúil 2022

No of Licences sold / Líon ceadúnas díolta	543
Licence Checks / Ceadúnais scrúdaithe:	
House calls / Seiceálacha baile	268
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) / Fógraí Alt 16 eisithe (iarratas ar ceadúnas a thaispeáint roimh deich lá)	67
Fixed Penalty Notices / Fógraí Pionós Socraithe	4

Control of Horses / Rialú Capall

Control of Horses Act 1996 / An tAcht um Rialú Capall, 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003 / Fodhlíthe um Rialú Capall, 2003

Horses impounded July 2022 / Capaill curtha i bpóna, Iúil 2022

Horses seized / Capaill gafa	0
Reason for seizure: / Cúis na gabhála	
Horses reclaimed by owner / Líon capaill tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	0
Horses re-homed / Líon capaill a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh	0
Horses disposed of / Capaill curtha de láimh	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/07/2022/	0

Líon capall faoi chúram sa phóna, 31/07/2022	
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Dog Breeding Establishments (DBE) / Bunchais Pórúcháin Madraí 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010/An tAcht um Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí, 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments July 2022 / Bunachais pórúcháin madraí, Iúil 2022

Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 31/07/2022 / Líon BPM I gContae Lú, 31/07/2022	6
Hunt / Conchróite Seilge	2
Boarding Kennels / Conchróite Cinneála	2
Training Kennels / Conchróite Oiliúna	1
Welfare / Leas Ainmhithe	1



*Dogs Impounded during July 2022 (above)
Madraí curtha i bpóna i mhí Iúil 2022 (thuas)*

Corporate and Emergency Services Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Éigeandála

This Directorate has two key areas of responsibility:

Corporate Services – the maintenance and development of systems which facilitate the effective running of our Council, including Human Resources, and Information and Communications Technology.

Emergency Services – including the Fire Service, Civil Defence, Water Safety, and the planning and implementation of strategies which help to keep our citizens safe.

Other responsibilities include Sustainable Energy.

Tá dhá eochairfhreagrachta ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha – ag cothabháil agus forbairt chórais atá baint leis an reáchtáil éifeachtach na Comhairle, agus Acmhainní Daonna, agus Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide san áireamh

Seirbhísí Éigeandála – Seirbhís Dóiteáin, Cosaint Shibhialta, Sábháilteacht Uisce san áireamh, agus ag pleanáil agus ag cur i bhfeidhm straitéisí chun chabhrú le muintir Chontae Lú a bheith slán sábháilte

Freagracht eile ag an Stiúthóireacht seo ná Fuinneamh Inbhunaithe.

Joe McGuinness
Director / Stiúrthóir

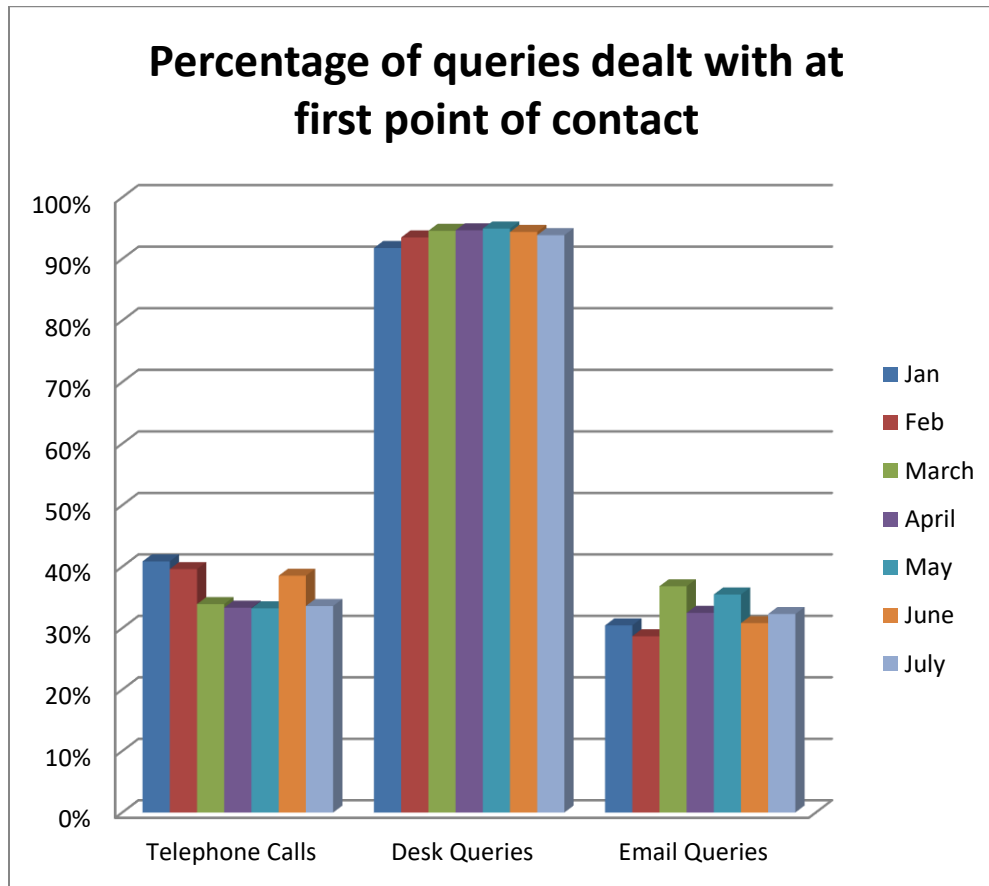


Corporate and Emergency Services

The Corporate Directorate includes the central services required to maintain and administer this Local Authority and includes Corporate, Human Resources and Information Communication Technology. Emergency Services includes all elements of the Fire Service including Major Emergency Management and the provision of Civil Defence Services.

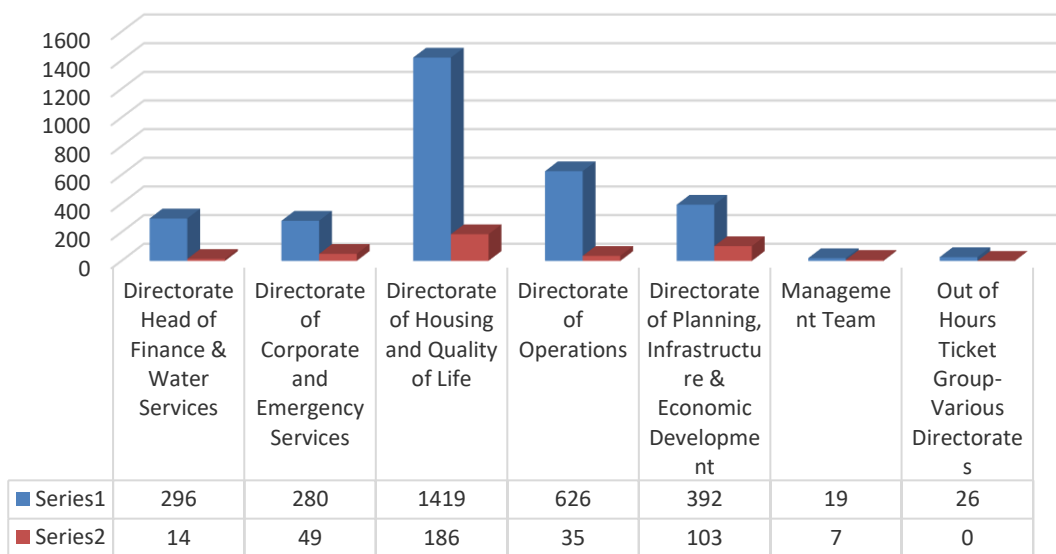
July 2022

During the month of June Customer Services dealt with 12,178 queries – 6,838 calls, 1,458 e-mails and 3,882 counter queries.



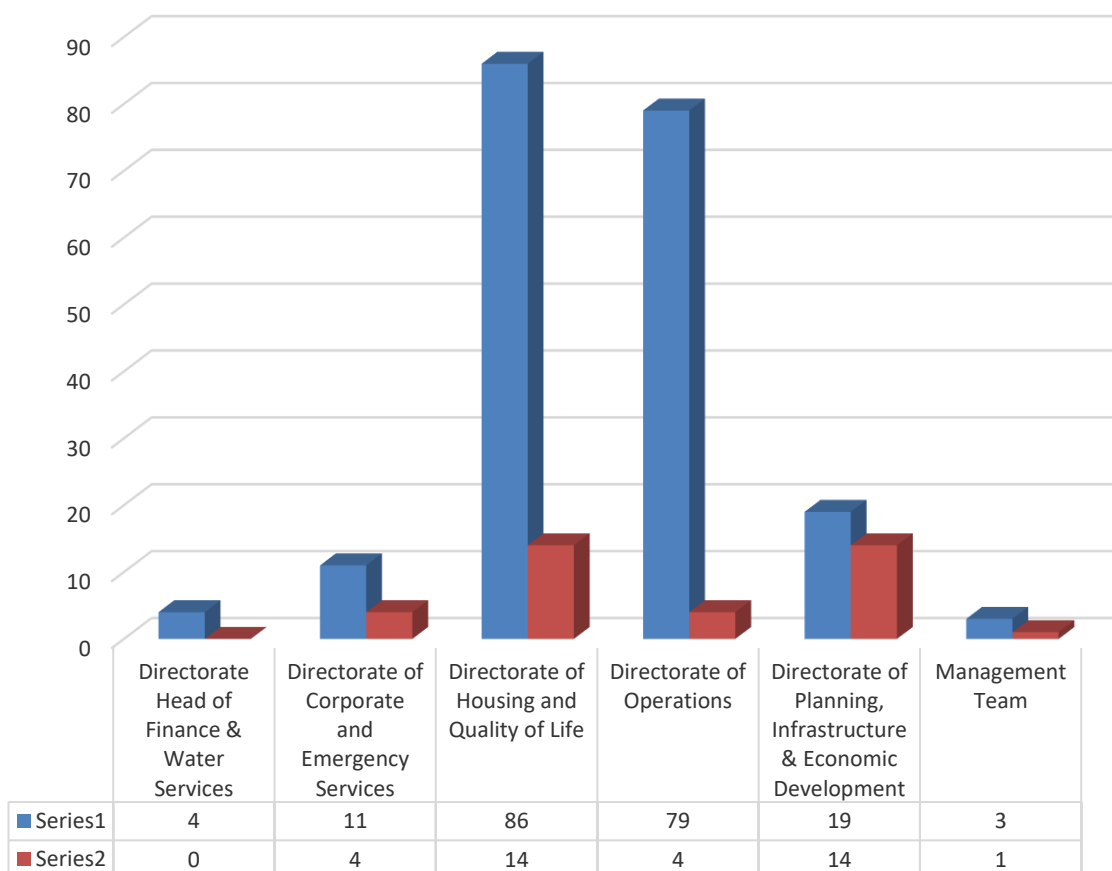
There were 3,058 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during July of which 394 (13%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:

No. of Cases Created in July and still open at 2nd of August



During July 202 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 37 (18%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:

Elected Rep Cases Created in July and still open at 2nd August



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Requests Received	Total 2021 (End July)	Total 2022 (End July)	July 2022
Freedom of Information	65	71	12
Data Protection Request	2	2	1
Data Subject Access Request	5	4	3
Access to Information on Environment	3	7	1
Ombudsman Complaints	8	6	1
LCC Complaints Policy	12	20	1

Electoral Register

Field Officers are calling to a number of Polling Districts throughout the County, specifically Ardee Urban and Rural, Dunleer, St. Peters, Drogheda and Dublin Road, Dundalk. The Franchise Section are processing forms on a weekly basis. Letters were recently issued to electors requesting them to confirm their details specifically in relation to eircodes which will help eliminate possible duplications.

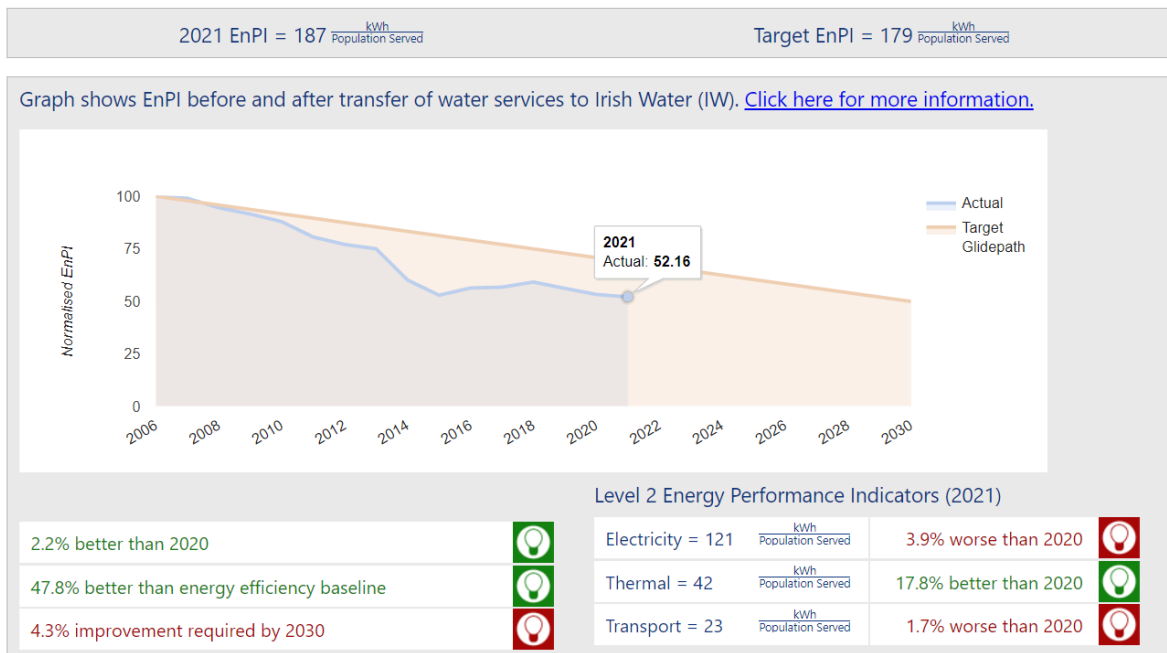
Electors are asked to ensure that all their details are correct on www.checktheregister.ie if details require amending electors are asked to complete the relevant form which can be picked up from Customer Services desks or requested from the Franchise Section (email: register@louthcoco.ie). Electors can register online via the Louth County Council website www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/electoral-register/online-registration/

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

The Council's energy efficiency at the end of 2021 was 47.84%, according to the latest draft report by SEAI.

Energy Performance Indicators - 2021



The Council is now focusing on a new energy efficiency target for public sector bodies of 50% energy Efficiency by 2030. However, the Council is also required to reduce its carbon emissions by 51% by 2030. It is that carbon emissions target that now presents the strongest challenge for the Council.

Gap-To-Target Plan to 2030

Council staff are progressing energy works as part of the Council’s Energy Action Plan for 2022. Staff are developing a Gap to Target Plan to 2030 to identify suitable and sufficient multi-annual energy efficiency works to achieve 51% reduction in Carbon emissions by 2030. The improvements will focus on our highest energy users.

Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018

The Council’s Energy Management System (EnMS) is compliant with ISO 50,001; 2018. A 1-day surveillance energy audit has been scheduled for November 2022 to confirm compliance with that.

15% Reduction Requirement for Gas Use

A key part of the Council’s Energy Management System is the Service Level Agreement between Louth County Council and the Office of Public Works. That SLA assists Council staff with detailed energy monitoring and expert advice for Dundalk Town Hall and County Hall, being the Council’s two biggest energy user buildings.

Gas use for the year to-date at County Hall is 187,068 KWhrs (6 months Jan – Jun). That compares to 237,381 KWhrs for the corresponding part of 2019, which represents a 21% reduction on the 2019 figure for that period (2019 is the most recent ‘normal’ year with which we consider comparison is appropriate). That compares favourably to the recent EU requirement that member states reduce gas use by 15%. However, while gas use in for corresponding period at Dundalk Town Hall has *increased*, gas use for June is down 4223 KWhrs which represents a reduction of 32% compared to that month in 2019.

That demonstrates that the Council is well positioned to achieve that 15% reduction required... but it will still be a challenge for the Council, as for all gas users. it also shows the importance of **detailed energy monitoring**. Arising from our gas data for Dundalk Town Hall, we propose to undertake close monitoring of gas use in the Council’s significant energy user buildings on a weekly basis.

Carbon Emissions

18% less carbon emissions in County Hall to-date compared to 2016... that is an improvement of 10% from last year which correlates directly with the provision of a heat pump to reduce demand on the boilers and gas use.

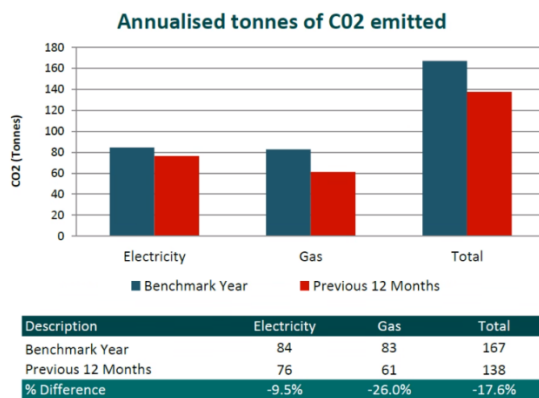


Table1: CO2 emissions for County Hall

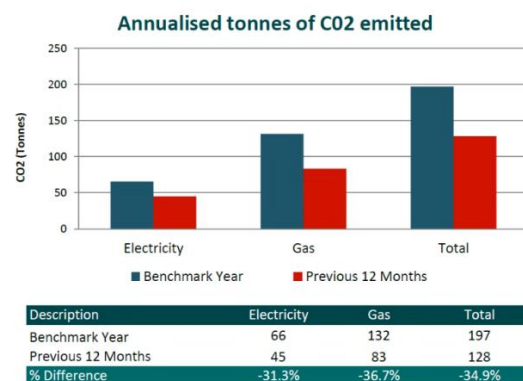
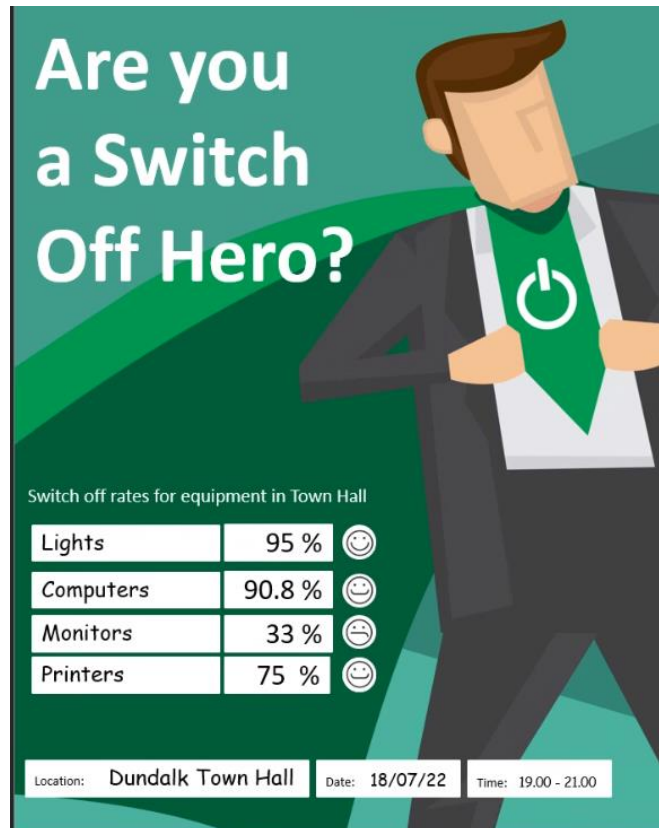


Table 2: CO2 emissions for Dundalk Town Hall

Dundalk Town Hall has 35 % less gas emissions compared to 2014 ...

...so both buildings are on target to achieve 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030.

An energy audit was also undertaken at Dundalk Town Hall outside normal work works to monitor energy use at that time. The results indicate that constant vigilance and ongoing improvements are a necessary part of any energy management plan.



Better Energy Communities Grant 2022

LCC has partnered with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for participation in their application for grant funding for energy projects in 2022. Once the decision on that is made known, the Council will initiate the construction of it's new energy projects for 2022.

Varcities H2020 Funded Project

Dundalk is a pilot city for this project. 3 Visionary Solutions are proposed as part of the EU Horizon 2020 Funded varcities project at the outdoor space at the County Library and Museum, Dundalk.

At the Dundalk Municipal District Meeting, held on the 5th July 2022, a resolution (Part 8) was passed to approve the Chief Executive's Report which recommended that the Council carry out the following works:

Redevelopment of Dundalk's County Museum and County Library Courtyard Area Creation of an Outdoor Learning Pod between Dundalk Library & Museum Quarter to showcase the newest technologies and host shared functions; a Green Learning and Sensory Garden for Health & Well Being; and New Bike Stations and Sensors Bike-stations and all associated site development works. Proposed works are within the curtilage of the Protected Structure County Museum RPS number D223 and the County Library RPS number D266 and

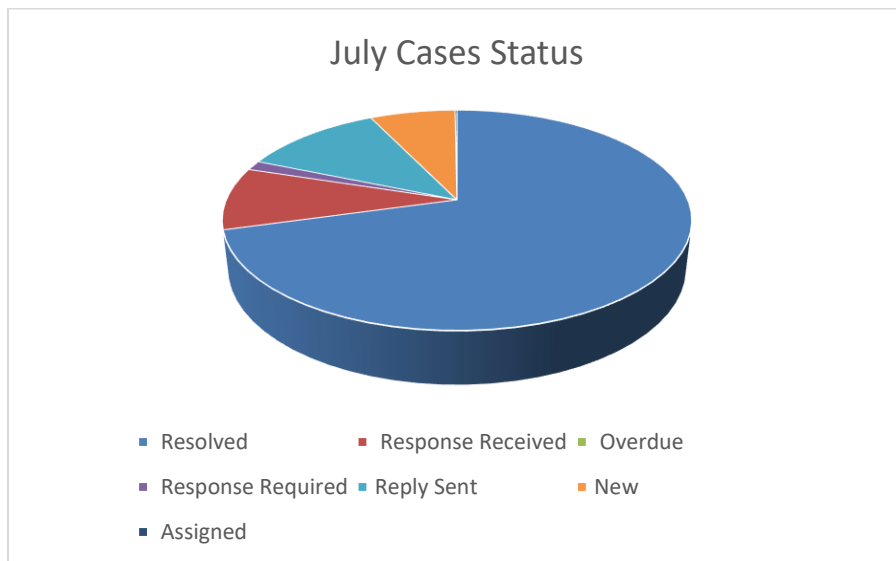
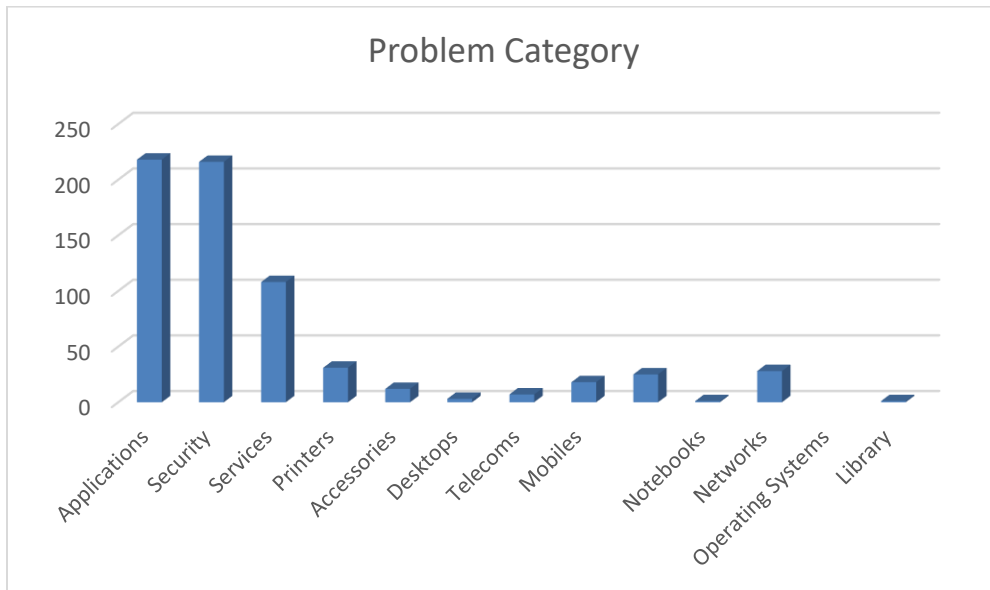
within the Dundalk Architectural Conservation Area No 20; Roden Place as designated in the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

It is the Council's intention to proceed with the development in accordance with the EU funding timeframes.

Information Communication Technology

Helpdesk

During the month of July there were 641 support calls logged in the IT support system. Most of the call received related to issues with applications utilised by staff.



Over 70% of all support requests received have been resolved.

E-Mail Filtering System

Louth Co Co continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. Over 40% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.



Inbound Emails

150,337



Blocked Sender

976



Blocked at gateway

33,525



Blocked by spam /virus

25,512



Blocked by content rules

460

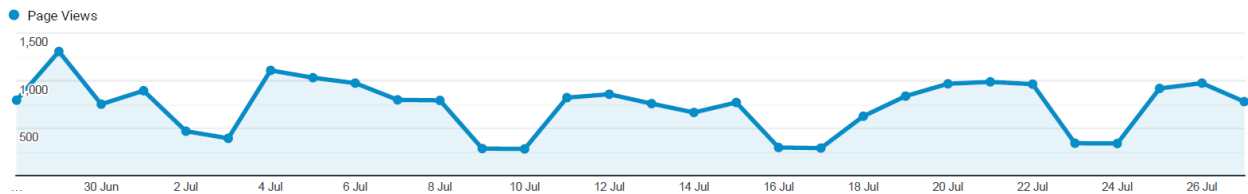


Potentially harmful emails

40.22%

Louth County Council Website

There was 22,123 Page Views on www.louthcoco.ie between the 27th June and 27th July 2022.



Online Planning Maps continue to be the most utilised services on the website, vacancies and the dog pound were the next most accessed service areas on the website in July.

Page	Page Views
	22,123 % of Total: 100.00% (22,123)
1. /en/	2,289 (10.35%)
2. /en/services/planning/online-planning-maps/	2,198 (9.94%)
3. /en/louth_county_council/vacancies/	1,517 (6.86%)
4. /en/services/dog-pound/	810 (3.66%)
5. /en/home/	514 (2.32%)

ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provide an online Planning Register Map Viewer which can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County council website. This application is updated regularly to include all planning applications.

There was an increase in the number of views the Planning Map viewer received between June and July, with 2,137 views in the month of July and an average of 71 views a day.

Usage details for the period:
1 July 2022 - 31 July 2022

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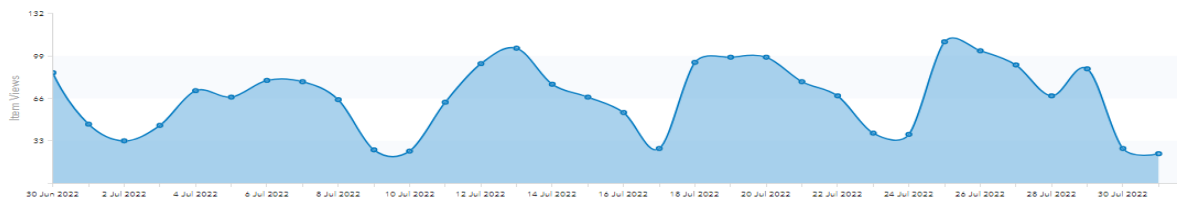
Item Views this Period

2,137

Avg Item Views Per Day

71.23

Usage Time Series



EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

Fire Service

The Quarter 2 incident and mobilisation response times are shown below. The following should be noted:

- The majority of calls are to rubbish fires and skip fires and road traffic accidents, which is normal.
- There were many turnouts to Meath during the quarter (49), more than the combined total of calls attended by Ardee, Dunleer and Carlingford. Almost all Meath incidents are attended by Drogheda Fire Brigade.
- There was a higher-than-average number of ambulances assist callouts, including a number to Meath.
- Mobilisation times were generally good. Fulltime mobilization times have reduced.

Louth Fire Service's training plan is continuing to be delivered:

- A Compartment Fire Behaviour course was run in Hacketstown by Louth Fire Service and successfully completed by nine recent recruits.
- A retained Station Officer successfully completed an ESDS Emergency Driving Instructors Course, bringing Louth's ESDS instructor complement to five.

The Fire Service is working with the Infrastructure Section and the procurement of a design team for Dunleer Fire Station is underway.

The design brief for the major improvement works to Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre is drafted. A Quantity Surveyor inspected the site with a view to completing a summary cost plan. DHLGH approval for the procurement of a design team will be sought once this is completed.

Louth County Council has been assessing additional buildings to be used to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. A number of these buildings have been inspected in relation to fire safety and the works required.

The number of fire safety certificate applications to date in 2022 is higher than in 2021. A fire safety certificate application for a 28m high apartment building is currently being assessed and is expected to be granted shortly.

Incident Types within Station Areas Quarter Two 2022

Type	Ardee	Carlingford	Dunleer	Drogheda	Dundalk	Meath	Other Areas	Total
Fire/Aircraft								0
Fire/Alarm Activation	1		2	19	15	12		49
Fire/Bus/Coach						1		1
Fire/Car	1			7	10	1		19
Fire/Caravan			1					1
Fire/Chimney					4			4
Fire/Controlled Burning								0
Fire/Domestic	1	1		5	9			16
Fire/Persons Reported			1	2	1	1		5
Fire/Fire (General)	1		1	3	5	3		13
Fire/Forest								0
Fire/Gorse		1		1	2	1		5
Fire/Grass			1	1		1		3
Fire/Hay/Barn					1			1
Fire/Industrial			1		4	2		7
Fire/Institutional								0
Fire/Motorcycle								0
Fire/Oil/Petrol								0
Fire/Small/Bin/Skip			1	27	28	12		68
Fire/Smoke Issuing								0
Fire/Truck				1		1		2
Fire/Vegetation								0
SS/Alarm/Carbon Monoxide					1	1		2
SS/Ambulance Assist		1	2	5	8	5		21
SS/Animal Rescue								0
SS/Electrical			1	2	1			4
SS/Entrapment				2				2
SS/Explosion								0
SS/Flooding								0
SS/Garda Assist			1		1			2
SS/Gas Leak								0
SS/Hazardous Material					1			1
SS/Lift Persons Trapped								0
SS/Lockout				1	1			2
SS/Make Scene Safe					1			1
SS/Marine Emergency								0
SS/Oil Spillage						1		1
SS/Other				2	4			6
SS/River Rescue				1				1
SS/RTA	8	4	2	11	19	7	1	52
SS/Smell of Gas								0
SS/Trees Down								0
SS/Water Leak								0
Total no. of Incidents:	12	7	14	90	116	49	1	289

		Time to Mobilisation	
		Fire	Non Fire
Ardee	LH11A1	00:06:06	00:06:02
Carlingford	LH12A1	00:04:32	00:04:55
Dunleer	LH13A1	00:04:26	00:04:43
Drogheda	LH14A1	00:01:23	00:01:30
(Retained)	LH14A2	00:06:57	00:07:10
Dundalk	LH15A1	00:01:25	00:01:37
(Retained)	LH15A2	00:06:31	00:05:44

Climate Adaptation Strategy

Work on the Climate Action Plan is continuing, to include Fire Service and Building Control requirements. This will take account of the contribution of Building Control to climate change. The current fire service fleet is diesel, but any new vehicles will be electric or hybrid.

Major Emergency Management

Regional Major Emergency Steering and Working Group meetings have continued. These meetings have included personnel from the three Principal Response Agencies, i.e. the Councils, HSE and AGS.

Louth County Council continues to chair the Major Emergency Regional Steering Group and Regional Working Group. The most recent meeting took place in the HSE premises in Dublin.

Civil Defence

Assistance was provided to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service in Ardee.

Civil Defence attended the following duties:

- Charity Hurling Match
- Dunleer Road Race

Routine Civil Defence activities in July were as follows:

- Weekly training
- Emergency First Responder training
- Cardiac First Responder training
- Manual Handling training

Water Safety

Beach Lifeguard activity re-commenced in June on a weekend only basis. All water safety infrastructure continues to be checked on a scheduled basis.

Our Blueflag beaches are patrolled by Louth County Council Beach Lifeguards from 11am to 6pm each day during July and August at Port, Templetown and Clogherhead.

Housing and Quality of Life Tithíocht agus Cáilíocht na Beatha

This Directorate has two key responsibilities:

Housing, which encompasses all initiatives which aim to match need and available resources in a sustainable way throughout our county

Quality of Life, a wide range of initiatives and programmes designed to make living in Louth a stimulating, safe and rewarding experience, including the arts, heritage, and our libraries

Tá dhá eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

Tithíocht, a chuimsíonn gach tionscnamh agus de chuspóir acu ná na riachtanais agus na haicmhainní ar fad atá ar fail a chur le chéile go hinbhuanaithe ar fud ár gcontae

Cáilíocht na Beatha, réimse leathan tionscnaimh agus cláir atá deartha chun saol spreagúil, sásúil, sábháilte a chur ar fail i gContae Lú, na healaíona, an oidhreacht, agus ár leabharlanna san áireamh

Paddy Donnelly
Director / Stiúrthóir



Housing

Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the North East Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the North East Homelessness Strategy 2021-2024. The work done within Louth can be summarised as follows:

Presentations of July 2022	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	4	86	91	181
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	4	65	73	142
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	19	15	34
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	1	1	2
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	1	2	3

The tables below reflect monthly returns submitted to the Department with regard to Homeless numbers in the NORTH EAST REGION for 25th July – 31st July. This anonymous and aggregated return of all individuals accessing emergency accommodation is returned to the Department of Housing on a monthly basis.

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	68
Female	31
Total	99

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	11
25-44	57
45-64	25
65+	6
Total	99

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	29
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	66
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	4
Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)	0
Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	0
Total unique individuals	99

Table 4: County

County	Total
County Louth	87
County Monaghan	7
County Cavan	5
Total	99

Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children in Louth	3	4	10
Total	6	7	16

<i>Couples with dependent children in Louth</i>	7	14	17
<i>Total</i>	7	14	17

Ardee Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Dundalk Municipal District	Total
313	1196	1687	3196

Housing First

	Louth	Monaghan	Cavan	Total
Number of tenancies established	27	02	07	36
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	25	01	07	33

Homeless Services and Covid 19

As a direct response to the risk of communal spread of the Covid-19 virus amongst vulnerable individuals in Homeless Hostels, the Council has opened up a number of void properties and temporarily decanted individuals and families from hostel accommodation into these Units.

This has allowed these persons to live in a more isolated environment thereby decreasing the risk of infection. Contracted service providers have continued to provide meals and high level support to these clients.

The Hostels and family Hub continue to operate with reduced capacity, which reflects government guidelines in respect of social and physical distancing. Isolation units have been made available for homeless persons with suspected/confirmed cases of Covid-19 and protocols have been drawn up to address such cases.

The full range of Homeless Services continues to be provided remotely and staff is available on request, in exceptional cases.

Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3196

Accelerate Social Housing

Louth County Council Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026.

A key objective of Housing for All is to increase housing delivery to an average of over 33,000 new homes per year in the period 2022-2030. The delivery of new social homes is an important element of this increased delivery. Housing for All includes a target to deliver an average of over 9,500 new build social homes per annum over the next five years and the Department has prepared social housing targets for individual local authorities.

The social housing targets figure for Louth County Council is 1357, comprising 1323 new build and 34 Long Term Leasing. Under Housing for All, local authorities are required to publish a Housing Delivery Action Plan which will set out the detail of social housing delivery over the next five years. Louth County Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 has been published and can be accessed on the Council's website at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/housing/housing-delivery-action-plan/>. The Plan envisages delivery of 1573 new build units which will exceed the target set by over 200 units.

In addition, the Department has issued a minimum target of 226 to Louth County Council for delivery of Affordable Purchase Homes.

In Q3 2022 Louth County Council will issue a call for Expressions of Interest from eligible households to establish a baseline figure to enable progression to a further call for Expression of interest from Property Owners and Developers to deliver Affordable Purchase Homes. In due course Louth County Council will adopt an Affordable Housing Scheme.

2022 Housing Allocations up to 29th July 2022

District	LA Allocations	LA Refusals	Voluntary Allocations	Voluntary Refusals
Ardee MD	8	1	19	3
Dundalk MD	40	12	114	10
Drogheda BD	64	10	65	5
Total	112	23	198	18

Social housing transfers facilitated up to 28th July, 2022

District	Number
Ardee MD	6
Drogheda BD	5
Dundalk MD	5
Total	16

Housing List – July 2022

July 2022	Ardee MD	Drogheda BD	Dundalk MD	Total
Housing List	383	613	752	1748
HAP Transfer List	313	1196	1687	3196
Total Housing List	696	1809	2439	4944

There are a total of 266 applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including 25 applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Build More Homes

The Council continues to maintain land banks in the following locations, which can be developed if an appropriate project and funding is forthcoming.

Location	Acres
Mullavalley, Louth Village	8.82
Kilkerley	3.80
Ballymakenny	16.53
Point Road	5.2
Various Individual Sites	0

Rent Management

The number of tenants who pay rent by Household Budget is now **964**.

Current Rents Arrears as at 26th July 2022	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	172	€66,552
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	142	€86,059
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	706	€2,479,813
TOTAL	1020	€2,632,424

Improve the Rented Sector

Private Rental Inspections	July 2022	Year to Date
No. of properties inspected monthly	108	612
No. of advisory notes issued to landlord	61	402
No. of improvement notices issued	7	42
No. of prohibition notices issued	0	3
No of Rent Book Notices issued	0	0
Inspections (HAP)	76	425
Improvement Notices (HAP)	7	53
Virtual Inspections Issued	0	0
Private Inspections from complaints	1	5
Hap From Complaints	4	22
Ras from Complaints	0	0
Re-Inspections HAP	5	50
Re-Inspections HAP achieving compliance	0	26
Re-Inspections RAS	0	1

Re-Inspections RAS achieving compliance	0	0
Approved Housing Body (AHB)	11	26
Number where compliance was achieved without requirement for further inspection	0	0
Number where compliance was achieved following further inspection or inspections	0	26

Utilise Existing Housing

The following table summarises the level of maintenance and works activity to existing stock

Maintenance	1 st -28 th July 2022	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	403	3,714
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	292	2,862
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress (July)	81	
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	30	285

Vacant Properties

Currently 17 number social units being used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need during COVID 19 and are not included in the table below.

Vacant Properties on 28 th July 2022	Total
Ardee Municipal District	7
Dundalk Municipal District	20
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	39
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	66
Vacant Properties (CPO units not yet ready for occupation) (All County)	11
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	77

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

The private grant process is continuing with some changes to procedure to reflect social distancing guidelines. These changes are reviewed in light of Government announcements.

The following grants are available

- Housing Adaption Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time care in the home
- Housing for Older People – Priority 1 to works that will preserve the integrity of the dwelling
- Mobility Aids Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time, care in the home.

Private House Grants

Status	HOP	HAG	MAG	Total
Applications Completed 2021	174	119	39	332
Applications rolling into 2022	101	363	166	630
New Applications Up to 29.07.2022	198	109	38	345

Estate Management

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	TOTAL
Tenancy Inspections	15	4	35	54
Pre tenancy Training	5	1	9	15
Tenancy Investigations Visits	12	6	38	56
Tenancy Investigations Remote	0	0	24	24

Anti-Social Behaviour

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Total
ASB Cases	25	11	36	72
ASB Ongoing	7	2	14	23
ASB Completed	14	10	22	46

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Total
Verbal Warning	2	4	4	10
Written Warning	0	0	0	0
Tenancy Notification	0	0	0	0

'The 'Housing for All Projected Delivery 2022-2026' Table/presentation format is no longer available from the HDCO Pipeline Tracker. The presentation format outlining delivery of the 'Housing for All 2022-2026' is being revised and will be included in the next Monthly Report to Council.'

Climate Action

The newly revised **Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme** is now in the second year of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. The new programme sees a significant up scaling (from 'shallow' to 'deep retrofit') on what has been completed by local authorities to date. In 2021, 57 units were completed with a carryover of 7 which were finished in Q1 2022.

In 2022 the Council received an allocation of € 3.654 million to retrofit a minimum of 105 properties. Works have commenced on 26 units. A further 46 units have been awarded with works expected to commence shortly. A final package of 26 units is currently out to tender.

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Cox's Demesne Phase 2B	1/1	22	On-site	23/08/2022	2no. * 2 bed, 4no. * 3 bed, 2no. * 4 bed, 6no. * 1 bed Apt & 8no. * 2 bed Apt.
Muirhevnamor, Dundalk Phase 1	1/1	11	Stage 2 Approved	16/02/2024	3no. * 2 bed & 8no. * 3 bed
Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)	1/1	72	Stage 3 Approved	08/07/2024	27no. * 3 bed, 4no. * 4 bed, 8no. * 1 bed Apt, 25no. * 2 bed Apt & 8no. * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/1	93	Stage 3 Approved	31/07/2024	29no. * 2 bed, 23no. * 3 bed, 9no. * 4 bed, 10no. * 1 bed Apt, 6no. * 2 bed Apt, 16no. * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	6	Stage 1 Approved	02/09/2024	2no. * 2 bed Apt, 2no. * 2 bed, 2no. * 3 bed

Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	80	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved	30/06/2026	To be confirmed
Moneymore, Drogheda - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	27/10/2023	1no. * 2 bed
Gort Uaine, Clogherhead - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 4 bed
School Lane, Dunleer - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 3 bed
Doire Beag, Collon, Co. Louth - Infill	1/1	6	Funding Approved Single Stage	24/11/2023	6no. * 3 bed
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/4	11	On-site	30/11/2022	11no. * 2 bed (3no. Part V of 11)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	2/4	6	On-site	31/01/2023	3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	3/4	6	On-site	28/02/2023	3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	4/4	22	On-site	31/05/2023	11no. * 2 bed, 5no. * 2 bed Apt, 6no. * 3 bed Apt. (5no. Part V of 22)
Linenfield Ballymakenny	2/2	1	On-site	31/08/2022	1no. * 2 bed
Listoke Avenue Ballymakenny	1/1	6	On-site	31/08/2022	6no. * 3 bed
Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/1	3	On-site	30/09/2022	1no. * 3 bed, 2no. 2 bed.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2022 CALF DELIVERY

Scheme	D/HPCL G Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
								Substantial Completion Date	
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8939	Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 2	75	12	Cluid Housing	On-site	30/11/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9681	Newfoundwell Road Drogheda Co Louth	1 OF 2	46	9	Cluid Housing	Completed	30/04/2022	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 4	10		Tuath Housing	Completed	9/06/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 4	5	8	Tuath Housing	On-site	31/07/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases

AHB CALF Turnkey		Tierney St, Ardee	1 of 2	5		Circle	Proposal	31/08/2022	3 x 3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x 3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terrace houses across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey		Tierney St, Ardee	2 of 2	6		Circle	Proposal	01/12/2022	3 x 3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x 3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terrace houses across both phases

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2023 CALF DELIVERY

Scheme	D/HP CLG Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
								Substantial Completion Date	
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 739	Donore Road, Drogheda, Co Louth	1 of 1	59	7	Cluid Housing	On-site	30/09/2023	8 x 3 bed apartments, 54 x 2 bed apartments and 4 x 1 bed apartments
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 644	Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 5	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	06/07/2023	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2021.1 033	Scotch Hall, Drogheda, Co Louth	1 of 1	21		Respond	Funding Approved	31/03/2023	6 x 1 bed apartments and 15 x 2 bed apartments
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 501	Dublin Road, Dundalk	1 OF 1	59	6	Respond	On-site	30/06/2023	5 x 3 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed duplexes, 2 x 3 bed apartments, 16 x 2 bed duplexes, 4 x 2

									bed apartments, 4 x 1 bed houses and 27 x 1 bed
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 939	Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	2 of 2	43		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/08/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 681	Newfoundwe ll Road Drogheda Co Louth	2 of 2	39		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	1 of 4	41	6	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 015	Oriel Heights, Collon	1 of 1	2	11	North & East Housing	Funding Approved	31/03/2023	4 x 3 bed units and 9 x 2 bed units
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 4	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	06/10/2023	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	24/06/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x 3 bed houses

AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	19/08/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	21/10/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	2 of 4	15	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	3 of 4	21	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	4 of 4	43	3	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 791	Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1 of 1	69	16	Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 22 x 3 bed terraced, 24 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 2 bed terraced, 7 x 2 bed duplexes and 8 x 2 bed apartments

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2024 CALF DELIVERY

Scheme	D/HPCLG Ref. No	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
								Substantial Completion Date	
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	01/01/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	5 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	20/01/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	6 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	31/03/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses

Summary of CAS delivery - July 2022

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Affordable units	Approved Housing Body	Project Status	Projected
						Substantial Completion Date
10-16 The Alleys, St Peters Place, Drogheda	01-Jan	14		Peter McVerry	Stage 2 Approved	1/30/2024
Barrack Street, Dundalk	01-Jan	21		Simon Community : Dundalk Simon	Stage 2 Approved	15/01/2025
Coulter Park, Dundalk	01-Jan	7		Túath Housing Association Ltd	Stage 3 Approved	7/31/2024
Four Winds, Mullacapple, Collon	01-Jan	1		St. John of God Housing Association Ltd	on site	08/15/2022
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk	01-Jan	12		Womens Aid	Stage 1 Approved	02/02/2024
Riverwell Close, Dundalk, Co Louth	01-Jan	1		Respond	Stage 2 Approved	07/31/2024
St John's Home, Peters Hill	01-Jan	4		N&E	Stage 3 Approved	1/30/2024
St. Finians Park, Drogheda	01-Jan	1		SJOG	withdrawn	may proceed via CALF
Tierney Street, Ardee	01-Jan	7		Oaklee Housing Trust	Stage 3 Approved	1/30/2025
Kincora House, 1-2 Seatown	01-Feb	8		Peter McVerry Trust	Stage 1 approved	1/30/2024

Community and Sport

LCC Sports Facilities

Events/Programmes

Zumba



Zumba classes run every Tuesday & Thursday in Dundalk Sports Centre from 6pm – 7pm

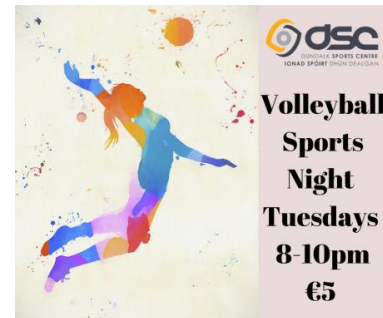
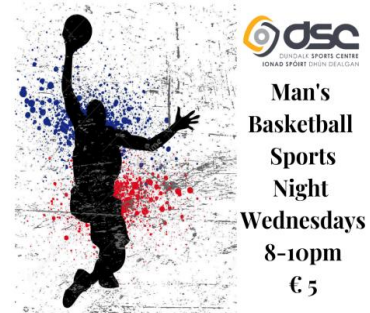
Tennis



The tennis court at Dundalk Sports Centre is available to rent throughout the week. Please call 042-9392987 to book in.

Active Aging Programme

Our active aging programme is ongoing for all older adults every Tuesday from 10.30am – 11.30am. This programme is designed for older adults within the community. It keeps adults fit and active along with a social cup of tea afterwards.



Sports nights run every Tuesday (Volleyball), Wednesday (Men's Basketball) and Thursday (Women's basketball) 8pm-10pm. This is a great way for adults to socialise while getting fit in a sport they enjoy. This programme is a two hour session and all equipment is provided.

Summer Camps



Dundalk sports centre has hosted two weeks of the Multi sports camps in July, with a further camp running on 15th-19th August. These camps consist of a wide range of fun sports and activities with coaches who have a variety of sporting backgrounds

Dundalk Sports Centre Basketball

DSC Basketball is continuing throughout the summer. This programme runs Monday-Friday and caters for all different age groups throughout the week (please see social media sites for details). This is a supervised programme, not coach led but instead allows kids to be creative in their drills and play within the sport of basketball

Basketball Camps

Dundalk Sports Centre have a Basketball Camp running from the 2nd – 5th August for children ages 9 – 13 years. Please ring 042-9392987 for more information.

Boomerang Café ‘Be Active’ Summer Camp



Participants enjoying Boomerang Summer Camp this July

Boomerang Youth Café attended the Lourdes Stadium on Monday 11th and Thursday 14th July to use the bowling green and athletics track as part of their ‘Be Active’ summer camp. The children tested their athletic track and field skills from hurdles to long jump and also enjoyed competing against one another in outdoor bowls.

Outdoor Bowls Event



Bowls Tournament 20th July 2022

The first bowls tournament in over 3 years took place at the Lourdes stadium all-weather outdoor bowling green on Wednesday 20th July 2022. With 34 bowlers in attendance, a great morning of playing bowls and meeting new people or catching up with friends was enjoyed by all. Luckily, the forecasted turn in weather after a blazing spell didn’t emerge with only some blustery winds prevailing which seemed to aid in giving some bowls the push they needed.

Attendees consisted of bowlers predominately from the Drogheda Region who are frequent casual users of the Lourdes Athletic Stadium with others from local Greenhills and Collon Bowling clubs and also Dundalk and Skerries!

Teams of 4 were chosen by pulling names out of a bucket with the team to achieve the highest score (points) after the 3 rounds deemed the winner. When a team won they advanced to the next rink but if they lost they remained on the same rink. The winners of the event were Team 2; Joe Healy, Jim Harmon, Noel Coogan and Fintan McCarthy while the runners up were Team 4; Jack Howell, Peter Woods, Michael Cumiskey and Derek Leary.

Keep an eye on our social media pages for future events.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

National Play Day July 9th 2022

Louth Local Sports Partnership delivered a hugely successful Family Play and Sports Day on Saturday July 9th as part of National Play Day event in partnership with Dundalk Young Ireland's GAA Club.

The aim of National Play Day is to promote and create awareness of play and recreation opportunities for children and young people across the county. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs in collaboration with Local Authorities implement a programme of activities for National Play Day across the country on an annual basis

A large variety of suitable play and multi-sport activities were available for children and young people to participate in during the event with over 300 children and young people participating during the day.



Cllr Emma Coffey at National Play Day July 9th 2022



Children enjoying the activities during National Play Day

Sport Leader Awards



Louth Local Sports Partnership will be delivering two upcoming Level 1 Sport Leaders Awards in Drogheda and Dundalk.

The programme works with teenagers aged 13-17 who wish to develop their leadership skills in Sport & Physical Activity. The syllabus is designed to develop generic leadership skills that can be applied to a variety of sports and/or recreational situations as well as contributing to the personal development of the learner.

The young leaders will use their qualification to develop and lead Sport & Physical Activity opportunities within their local clubs and communities across Co. Louth.

Our next Level 1 Sport Leaders Award courses will take place in the following locations:

- DIFE Drogheda August 8th – 11th.
- Dundalk Sports Centre November 1st – 4th

For further information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318

HER Outdoors Week



HER Outdoors Week will take place from 8th-14th August 2022 across Ireland. HER Outdoors week aims to celebrate and encourage more females to get out and enjoy the benefits of being in the outdoors while bringing visibility to the opportunities for females to get involved in outdoor physical activity.

Louth LSP has developed a number of participation opportunities across the county suitable for females of all ages and abilities as part of HER Outdoors week. Please see below for event listings.

Event Title	Location	Date
Teenage Girls Get Active in the Outdoors	Carlingford Adventure Centre	Monday August 8 th 10am – 5pm
Ladies Beach Yoga & Dip	Priest Beach Blackrock	Monday August 8 th 10am – 11 30am
Ladies Introduction to Open Water Swimming	Templetown Beach	Monday August 8 th 6 30pm – 7 30pm
Ladies Beach Zumba & Dip	Priest Beach Blackrock	Tuesday August 9 th 10am – 11am
Ladies Introduction to Nordic Walking	St Dominic's Park Drogheda	Tuesday August 9 th 11am – 12 30pm
Ladies Hike in the Cooley Mountains	Carlingford	Tuesday August 9 th 10am – 1pm
Ladies Yoga & Dip	Clogherhead Beach	Tuesday August 9 th 10am – 11 30am
Ladies Introduction to Stand Up Paddle Boarding	Carlingford Adventure Centre	Wednesday August 10 th 2pm – 5pm
Teenage Girls Introduction to Open Water Swimming	Carlingford	Thursday August 11 th 11am – 12 30pm
Ladies Introduction to Open Water Swimming	Clogherhead Beach	Thursday August 11 th 10 30am – 12pm

Teenage Girls Get Active in the Outdoors	Carlingford Adventure Centre	Friday August 12 th 10am – 5pm
Ladies Introduction to Sea Kayaking	Clogherhead Beach	Friday August 12 th 11am – 12 30pm
Ladies Introduction to Sea Kayaking	Clogherhead Beach	Saturday August 13 th 11am – 12 30pm
Ladies Lap of Louth Cycling Sportive	Starts and finishes at DKIT Sport	Sunday August 14 th 10am start
Ladies introduction to River Rowing	Boyne Fisherman's Rescue Boathouse	Sunday August 14 th 11am – 1pm

For further information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318

Volunteer & Coach Education Workshops

Louth Local Sports Partnership will be facilitating the following Volunteer & Coach Education workshops in July and August for volunteers and sports coaches in Louth

Activity	Date & Time	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	11 th August 6pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	25 th August 6pm	Online
Autism in Sport Workshop	20 th September 6:30pm	Online

For further information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318.

Inclusive Summer Programmes

Louth LSP is delighted to provide the following summer programme opportunities for children and adults with disabilities and additional needs to engage in Sport and Physical Activity.

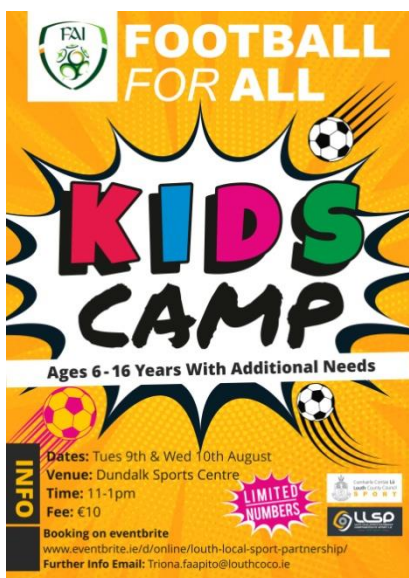
Activity	Date & Time	Time	Venue
Football For All Kids Outdoor Camp	August 9 th & 10 th	11am – 1pm	Dundalk Sports Centre
Adult Inclusion Camp	August 15 th & 16 th	11am – 1pm	Lourdes Stadium
Adult Inclusion Camp	August 17 th & 18 th	11am – 1pm	Dundalk Sports Centre

For further information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318

Community Development

Green Coast Award – Seapoint Beach

On 19th July, the Green Coast Award Flag was raised at Seapoint Beach, Termonfeckin having been awarded for the 2022 season. Councillor Michelle Hall, Mayor of Drogheda was in attendance alongside Finbar Gethins, SEO, Community Section, Louth County Council and members of the Termonfeckin District Community Group. Joan Conaghy displayed many interesting artefacts that have been found on the beach over the years.



Councillor Michelle Hall, Mayor of Drogheda and Finbar Gethins, SEO, Community Section with members of Termonfeckin District Community Group



Raising the Green Coast Award Flag was raised at Seapoint Beach, Termonfeckin

Pride of Place 2022

The judging day has been changed for the IPB Pride of Place competition 2022. Our two nominees, **The Reddoor Project** and **Creative Spark** will both be visited by the judges on 18th August 2022. We are looking forward to welcoming the judges to Louth. The groups are currently working hard on putting together a presentation and preparing for the judges.



Anti-dumping Initiative funding 2022

The community support team was busy preparing for a summer weekend clean up event in Dundalk under the Anti-dumping initiative fund.

The Dundalk Summer Clean weekend event in partnership with Dundalk Tidy Towns was held on Friday 22nd July to Sunday 24th July.

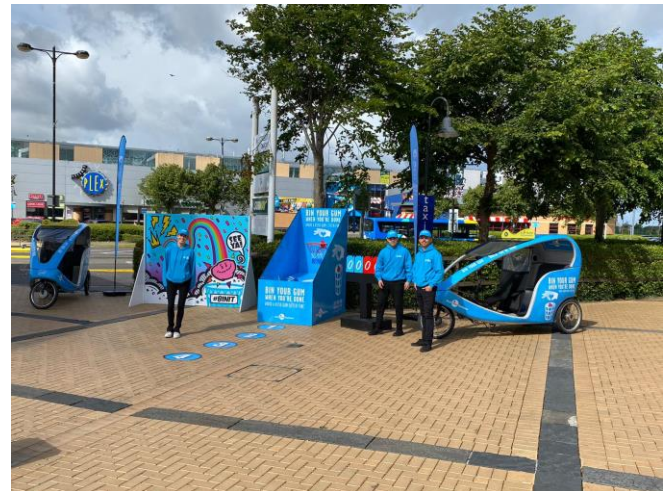


The Gum Litter Task force

In partnership with Louth County Council the Gum litter task force held a Road Show on the town

square in Dundalk on 22nd July, to raise awareness around chewing gum litter and the negative impact it has on our environment. This coincided with the launch of the Dundalk Summer Weekend Clean up event, it is hoped that this will make the general public more aware of litter around the areas in which they live, work and play. This year there were:

- 2 x Ecocabs bikes - which can offer short trips around the area
- 1 x Basketball Machine (approximately 3m x 2m)
- Branded Flags and Banners
- Photo wall - to take pictures at



Launch of the "Bin Your Gum Campaign"

The Litter league 2022

The litter league underwent a review in June. Tidy towns groups have been informed and a survey monkey questionnaire was circulated, to receive their feedback on the League. There will be some changes to the league this year, which is due to roll out over July & August. The most notably being that volunteers from the Louth Volunteer Centre will adjudicate the League this year, training was provided by the community team for the volunteers.

The 21 groups who were entered the National Tidy Towns competition, will form this year's league. We wish all those entered into the League the very best of luck.

European Relations

Peace IV Programme

Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

Building work is steadily progressing on our shared spaces projects in the Muirhevnámór Community Centre, Dundalk and in St Peters Hill, Drogheda.

PEACE PLUS

The inaugural PEACE PLUS Partnership meeting was successfully held in July.



Members of the PeacePlus Partnership

The Partnership enjoyed a presentation on PEACE PLUS Investment Area 1.1 and its three themes

- Local community regeneration and transformation
- Thriving and peaceful communities
- Celebrating cultures and diversity

LEADER

The LAG at its July 2022 meeting approved funding support, in the amount of €161,675.84 for a total of 7 LEADER projects, under the Transitional LEADER Programme, 2021-2022. These projects funded were spread across the North Louth and Mid-Louth areas.

Comhairle na nOg July 2022

Comhairle members completed their CLUEDIN training with Dundalk Credit Union and made a short film to highlight how important it is to save for a rainy day. The project has been very successful, and the young people have gained a lot of practical knowledge to pass onto their peers.

Members of Louth Comhairle na nOg took part in regional Networking days organised by the National Comhairle na nOg Participation Team of the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth. Held in the Department offices in Dublin the young people got to engage in person with other Comhairle Members from around the country and discuss their work in 2022. Aisling McQuillan, Katie Reenan and Nneka Okosi represented Louth at the events

The Comhairle Coordinator and Administration Officer in Louth County Council Social and Community Department attended a National conference on Comhairle na nOg where the Department outlined the achievements thus far under the Comhairle na nOg 5 year action Plan.

Young people from all three municipal districts took part in a fun day karting and bowling in Navan on the 21st July.



Members of Louth Comhairle Na nOg karting in Navan



Comhairle members completed their CLUEDIN training with Dundalk Credit Union



Louth Comhairle na nOg members took part in regional Networking day

PPN

The latest PPN Secretariat meeting took place on Tuesday 26th July 2022, to plan and discuss the activities for Quarter 3 and early Quarter 4

Archives

The Co Archives supports Corporate Climate Action Goals. Operations are currently implementing energy upgrades to the Archives building including an air to water heat pump, 5 improvements to doors and several windows and low energy lighting to reduce energy use.

LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICES

My Open Library Funding 2022



Louth Library Service have been granted €107,139.38 from DRCD towards enhancements to new and existing MOL services in Drogheda and Ardee. The funding is subject to Louth County Council meeting a minimum of 10% of the total eligible costs. Funding will cover the cost of replacement windows in Drogheda Library; upgrade of RFID self service kiosks in Ardee; occupancy

software, enhanced signage and hardware for both services.

My Open Library Ardee Library

My Open Library service has re-launched in Ardee Library and welcomes new members to this service. Borrowers can access the library during unstaffed hours and use all library facilities as usual; access is provided from 8:00am to 10:00pm seven days a week. Borrowers need to register for this service and take a short induction led by staff of Ardee library; if you would like to avail of this service please contact Ardee Library at 041 685 9023.



Helen Clinton inducting Ardee Councillor Jim Tenanty to the My Open Library service in Ardee Library.

My Open Library Drogheda Library

Drogheda Library has held My Open Library information sessions throughout July ahead of a proposed launch date in late August. My Open Library will offer extended opening hours 8:00am - 10:00pm to registered My Open Library members, on a self-service basis outside normal opening hours. To become a My Open Library member please speak to staff at the library desk or contact Drogheda Library on 041 987 6162.



Cllr Michelle Hall and Drogheda Library Branch Manager Leona Burgess at a recent MOL information session

Library Housebound Service

The Library service continues to offer the Housebound delivery service to our elderly customers with over 317 deliveries made since January 2022.

Housebound Book Delivery Service

Louth Library Service is currently offering a Housebound book delivery service for those who require it

Anyone interested in having books delivered to their door on a long loan basis can contact their local branch

Ardee Library 041-6859023
Dundalk Library 042-9353190
Dunleer Library 041-6859016
Drogheda Library 041-9876162
Carlingford Library 042-9324113

A collection of books will be put together based on your reading interests and will be delivered safely to your door

online. For more information on these services click [here](#)

The eServices demonstrations will continue throughout the month of August in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee libraries. If you need any help with the range of eServices Louth Library Service provides, like Borrow Box, Libby, LOTE, Transparent Languages or Universal Class pop into Dundalk, Drogheda or Ardee libraries on these dates:

Dundalk Library : 26th August 11am-12noon
Drogheda Library : 25th August 2.30pm-3.30pm
Ardee Library : 26th August 10.30am-11.30am

For more information contact
Dundalk Library **042-9353190**
Drogheda Library **041-9876162**
Ardee Library **041-6859023**

eServices

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Borrow Box

There is a wide range of eServices available to library members, including free eBooks & eAudiobooks through Borrow Box. Louth Library service have seen an increase of 28% more users since March 2020.

Meet Libby.
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In addition, free newspapers and magazines and Comic Books are available through Press Reader and Libby. Lastly there is a host of online courses with Universal Class and Transparent Language

Library Newsletter

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The August edition contains the latest news, events, services, and recommendations from our libraries. Anyone interested in receiving this monthly newsletter to their inbox can sign up here: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/louth-library-newsletter-emailing-list-registration.html>
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A Welcome for Ukraine



Dundalk Library continues to host weekly information sessions for Ukrainians and their host families every Thursday from 4pm-6pm. This informal gathering is an opportunity for Ukrainians of all ages and host families to meet others in the same position.

A welcome brochure, in Ukrainian, is now available in all of our branches and on our website. The brochure can be accessed here:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/welcome-brochure-ukrainian.pdf>

Louth Library Service attended a coffee morning for Ukrainians' in The Barbican, Drogheda on 7th of July. The information session for Ukrainians' had representatives from local services in attendance which included Louth Leader Partnership, Boomerang & Louth Volunteer Centre. A local GP & HSE representative provided information on accessing the Irish Health Service. Library staff shared information on services, events, electronic resources available and provided information leaflets in Ukrainian.



Representatives from Louth Leader Partnership, HSE, Boomerang, Louth Library Service & Louth Volunteer Centre

Transparent Language[®] Online

A new beginner English course for Ukrainian speakers is now available on Transparent Languages.

The course has over 100+ hours of content and 187 basic vocabulary lessons covering everything from doctor's visits to grocery shopping.

You can access the class here: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/online-services/>

Contact your local library branch or email Libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie if you need any assistance.

Digital Learning Space

Work is continuing the installation of the new digital learning space in Drogheda Library with new PCs now in use for library customers. The rollout of the equipment has progressed to all other branch libraries. Our customers can look forward to the use of new PCs, iMacs, HP Sprouts and gaming zones, along with a programme of STEAM events.



Ardee Councillor Jim Tenanty using the Digital Space in Ardee Library.

Right to Read at your Library

Summer Stars 2022



Summer Stars is a National Right To Read programme, which encourages children to read for enjoyment during their summer holidays.

Since the initiative was launched on 13th June over 700 children have visited their local library branch to pick up a reading card and Summer Stars bag. Louth Library Service is continuing to provide a fully in-person programme of events for the first time since 2019 with over 2,000 attendees so far this summer visiting our library branches.

A full programme of events, including Young Adult Books Clubs, Art & Crafts and Children's Storytime, continues throughout the month of August in all our library branches.

August Storytime and Art & Crafts in Dundalk Library

- Storytime on Friday 12th August at 11:30am.
- Art & Crafts on Wednesday 17th August at 3pm.

August Storytime in Drogheda Library

- Storytime Friday 05th August and Friday 12th August at 11:30am.

August Storytime in Carlingford and Dunleer Libraries

- Carlingford Library on Saturday 27th August at 11am.
- Dunleer Library on Friday 12th August at 11am.



Summer Stars closing ceremonies will take place in all branch Libraries on Friday 26th August at 11am where all participants will receive a certificate of achievement.

Dublin Zoo Competition



In addition, Louth Library Service is running a competition. Each branch will have one family pass to Dublin Zoo to give away at the end of the Summer. Children can return their Summer Stars cards to their branch to be entered in to the prize draw. The closing date is 26th August at 11am.



Enjoying Summer Stars Storytime



Children's Art & Crafts in Drogheda Library



Enjoying the craft workshop in Dundalk Library



Drumming Workshop with Karen from The Mobile Music School

Book Wizards

The Book Wizards initiative continues throughout the month of August. Book Wizards is a book prescription service which is facilitated by library staff. If parents have a child who is wondering what to read next; whether they are a reluctant reader or have read everything they can find, the Book Wizards will help them choose their next favourite book. By answering a few questions about their likes and dislikes and a short consultation with one of our wizards, they can go away with a list of new books perfect for them.

For more information parents can contact bookwizard@louthcoco.ie or contact Drogheda Library on 041 9876162

Deis Camps

Deis Schools Literacy & Numeracy camps will take place in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries during August. Attendees will take part in activities and tours of the library.

Parent & Toddler Mornings



Toddler Morning in Dundalk Library

- Every Thursday 10am-12pm in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries
- Every Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm in Ardee Library

Baby Book Club

Explore the benefits of reading to your baby from an early age during Baby Book Club, first Wednesday of each month in Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries.



Baby Book Club in Drogheda Library



Baby Book Club in Dundalk Library

Ciorcal Cómhrá / Irish Conversation first Tuesday of every month at 4pm in Dundalk

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó a chleachtadh? Tá an Ciorcal Cómhrá i leabharlann Dhún Dealgan ar ais! Beidh sé ar siúl ar an gcéad Máirt chuile mhí ag 4 sa leabharlann. Tá sé dírithe ar dhaoine fásta ar mhaith leo an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim nó a úsáid.

Would you like to use or practice your Irish skills? The group is aimed at adults who would like to learn

or practice Irish. For more information, contact Dundalk Library on 042 935 3190.

Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Decade of Centenaries History Lecture Series

The full programme of talks relating to the LCC 2021 Decade of Centenaries Programme is now available as podcasts via Spotify.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/52FI238xrRbDKKOFrUxy2b?si=PvHWxAJPSEaRkoBL--aBGQ>

Dr Síobhra Aiken in conversation with Dr. Thomas Tormey

Dundalk Library hosted an event “Spiritual Wounds: Trauma, Testimony and the Irish Civil War” recently with Ardee historian Dr Síobhra Aiken in conversation with Dr. Thomas Tormey, Louth County Council Historian in Residence.

The event was well attended both in-house and on the Crowdcast platform. It followed the recent publication by Dr Aiken of a similarly named book by the Irish Academic Press based on her doctrinal research. As part of this she has uncovered and built up an archive of previously overlooked testimonies by pro- and anti-treaty men and women on the civil war.

The talk was well received with a strong local interest for Dr Aiken who is the great-granddaughter of Frank Aiken, one of the leading figures from the War of Independence and Civil War in County Louth.

It is available to watch back on the Crowdcast platform.

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/spiritualwounds>.



Dr Síobhra Aiken and Dr. Thomas Tormey, Louth County Council Historian in Residence.

Collaboration with Millmount Museum

Drogheda Library was delighted to collaborate recently with Millmount Museum as part of the centenary celebrations of the shelling of Millmount. Local storyteller Dónal Mullen brought the audience on a magical journey through Ireland’s mythology. The event was very well attended and a great morning was enjoyed by all.



Eilish Boyd & Lisa Doyle from Drogheda Library with Storyteller Dónal Mullen, Alan Garry, Kevin Brogan and Joanne Thompson from Millmount Museum

Other Events

Pride 2022


**Coffee & Chat for Drogheda Pride
Saturday 6th August 10am – 11:30am**



As part of the Drogheda Pride celebrations, members of the public are invited to Drogheda Library on Saturday 6th August from 10am – 11:30am for a cuppa, a chat and some LGBTQ+ book recommendations for all ages. Drogheda Pride Parade will be starting from King Street at 12noon so why not pop in before the parade and have a chat

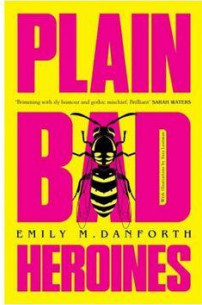
with our friendly librarians. All are welcome, no booking required.

**Outcomers Drogheda LGBTQ+ Book Club in Drogheda Library
Thursday 11th August 7pm – 7.45pm**



LGBTQ+ Book Club
Join us in
Drogheda Library on
Thursday 11th August
at 7pm to discuss
our next read:
Plain Bad Heroines by
Emily M. Danforth.

Contact us at:
089 40 48 599
outcomersdrogheda@gmail.com



Drogheda Library is running an LGBTQ+ Book Club in association with Outcomers Drogheda. Outcomers Drogheda is an independent support organisation providing a confidential drop-in space, information, integration & advocacy for LGBTQ+ adults in the Drogheda area. The LGBTQ+ Book Club is open to adults and will meet in Drogheda Library on a regular basis. The next book club meeting is on Thursday 11th August from 7pm – 7.45pm, where we will be discussing Plain Bad Heroines by Emily M. Danforth.

Heritage Week



Library staff in Drogheda library has compiled a video recording entitled “Exploring the Landmarks & Heritage of Drogheda” which will be streamed on our facebook page during Heritage Week. This short video will bring viewers on a historical journey exploring some of Drogheda’s most famous landmarks.



Eilish from Drogheda Library at Magdalene Tower

Researching Cumann na mBan

Dundalk Library Tuesday 16th August at 6.30pm
Join Dr. Ciara Stewart in Dundalk Library for an evening of conversation with Anna Keenan and the members of Ardee Active Retirement Craft Group discussing their researches into and findings about Ardee Cumann na mBan members.

Louth County Childcare Drop-In Clinics

Louth County Childcare Committee will host drop-in clinics in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee libraries throughout the month of August. The Drop In Clinic provides advice on Childcare, The National Childcare Scheme and AIM supports for parents or guardians.



Bronagh McGlade from Louth County Childcare in Drogheda Library for last month’s drop-in clinic

Age Action Computer Classes



A new five week course with Age Action began on Friday 15th July in Drogheda library and will continue until Friday 19th August. A five week course will also run on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in Dundalk Library during August. The course offers free one-to-one tuition for people over the age of 55 who have little or no computer experience.

To book email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie or telephone 01 4756989.

Primary Schools Service

The Schools team are reorganising and updating the schools collection to be ready for September. From the end of August, teachers will be able to make an appointment to view the collection on-site, and pick-up of reserved class sets will begin. We hope all pupils, teachers, principals and staff are enjoying a well-deserved Summer break, and we look forward to working with them all again in the new school year. In the meantime, library branches are welcoming Summer Camps for tours and activities. Teachers can contact their local library, email libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie or phone 042 9353190.

Other News

World Library and Information Congress 2022



Louth Library Service was represented at the 87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, which took place in Dublin from July 26th – 29th. Over

2,000 delegates from all around the world got to see the work of Louth Library Service, with library staff attending as both delegates and volunteers. Ray Gainford from Drogheda Library was selected among colleagues from all over Ireland to present his poster entitled 'Library Outreach in Secondary Schools via Junior Achievement Ireland'.

Banners outlining the library's work in the community, including Louth Science Festival, the Schools Service, the Decade of Centenaries and our partnership with DKIT's Library, were a prominent feature on 'Library Boulevard', where libraries across the world promoted their events, services and initiatives.



Ray Gainford presenting his poster to Meadhb Haiceid from the Libraries Development Unit, LGMA



Louth Libraries Staff Ciara Brodigan, Siobhan McGuinness, Amanda Branigan Acting County Librarian, Ray Gainford, Aoife Carberry and Leona Burgess.



Aoiife Carberry Dundalk Library with IFLA President Barbara Lison and another volunteer.

Refugee Resettlement Programme in County Meath on 12th of July. The meeting provided information to service providers in relation to the programme at a local level. The programme currently supports refugees who reside in Drogheda and other locations.

Sensory Library Service

Magic Table

Available in Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries this facility is ideal for those with sensory difficulties, for Autistic people or people on the Autism Spectrum, and for people with Dementia. Family/Group bookings to use the Magic Table can be made by emailing libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie or contacting your local branch.

Quiet Time Dundalk & Drogheda libraries every Monday 6pm-7pm
Ardee library every Saturday 10am-11am



Some of the Louth Library Banners showcased on the 'Library Boulevard' Respond Information Meeting



Dundalk, Drogheda, and Ardee Libraries, are providing a peaceful hour for those who may ordinarily find the library to be an overwhelming environment. Phones will be turned down, lights dimmed, and sensory equipment and toys will be laid out. For more information, contact your local branch library.



Louth Library Service attended an information meeting organised by Respond in relation to the



Sensory area with dimmed lights

LOUTH COUNTY ARCHIVES



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The draft revisions for Community, IT, and Library are in progress, while Environment is close to being finalised. To date, Health & Safety, Planning & Development, Housing, Procurement, Finance, HR, Water, Corporate and Enterprise & Economic Development have been completed, approved and issued out to local authorities.

The Co Archivist assists staff on an ongoing basis with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the Co Archives. Much work is currently taking place in reviewing and appraising records for archives or destruction.

Historic Structures Fund 2022

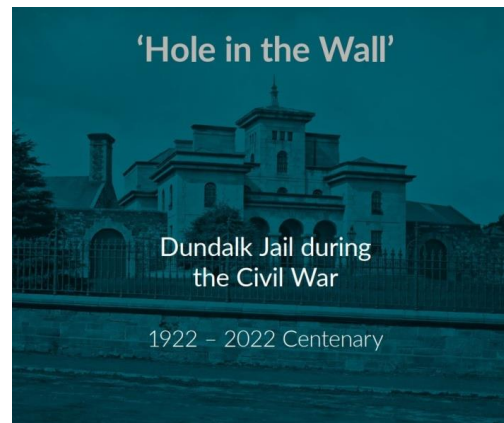
The Co Archives has been successful in receiving a provisional grant offer from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage via the Conservation Section for conservation repair works to the interior of the south gable wall of the Co Archives building. Exterior repair works to address damp issues were carried out with a HSF grant in 2021. Tendering for the works has been completed and costs are being reviewed.

LGMA Library Unit Digitisation Project

A section of an archive collection, the Joseph Dolan Papers, has been selected for digitisation under the Library Unit's Decade of Centenaries digitisation project. An external digitisation company is currently carrying out the scanning work on the relevant documents in the collection.

Decade of Centenaries

As part of the Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021, a talk in collaboration with the County Louth Archaeological & Historical Society took place on 15th June on the topic of the Civil War. The Archivist talked about Civil War archives and artifacts in Louth Co Archives. It is linked to the short-film and accompanying booklet of the same name that were launched recently. It commemorates the forthcoming centenary of the 'Hole in the Wall' escape that occurred on 27 July 1922.



"Hole in the Wall" Centenary Booklet

The short-film is still available on Louth County Archives YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbO_FVI7Rb4_08fJeBb1qC3Q and both the booklet and film can be accessed on the web-page <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/archives/louth-1916-1923/dundalk-jail-during-the-civil-war.html>, while hard-copies of the booklet are still available from Louth Libraries and Louth County Archives. The Decade of Centenaries Programme is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Donating Archives

The Service welcomes donations of archives and records from the public that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth including material

from community groups, clubs and societies, national schools, individuals, local organizations and local businesses. These collections make available unique and valuable research sources for the study of Louth's heritage. If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, or know of someone who would, please contact the County Archivist by email at archive@louthcoco.ie or by telephone at 042-9324358.

Research Enquiries

The Archivist continues to assist researchers with various enquiries including those from private individuals, academics, professionals and state agencies.

Climate Action

The Co Archives supports corporate Climate Action Goals. Environmental conditions in the Co Archives building are being monitored and reviewed by Facilities staff.

ARTS SERVICE

Creative Ireland

The SEEK Festival returned for 2022 with 5 new murals being delivered in Dundalk. There was also a huge range of activities again throughout the festival for all to enjoy including craft fairs, art workshops at Market Square, walking tours and a specially run summer school for 16+ students.



Artist Mariana Santos working on the Harry Tempest mural on Francis St as part of this year's SEEK Festival.

The festival has been supported by the Creative Ireland Louth funding for the past number of years.

Local Live Performance Scheme Phase IV

The Department of Culture, Tourism, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media have awarded Louth County Council further funding under the Local Live Performance Scheme. Phase IV requires events to take place before the end of October 2022. A call out was issued in July for promoters, venues and groups to submit applications to the arts office for funding under the new scheme. Details of events to be held in September and October will be available in the next monthly report

Culture Night 2022

Culture night 2022 will take place this September and we issued a call out to artists and organisations in July to submit ideas and events for funding. We had a huge response with submissions from all all the arts venues along with proposals from members of the African communities and the LGBTQ+ communities. This years Culture Night is set to be jam packed with events from storytelling, concerts, drama performances and Urban Art walking trails being planned.

Dundalk Pride 2022

Dundalk Outcomers organised their annual Pride event week which culminated in their Family Pride Day at Market Square on 16th July. We were delighted to support the day with the provision of artist workshops from AAEX (Art as Exchange). The event had a huge turnout and there was music and activities throughout the day to entertain all.

World Africa Day

Louth recently hosted its first ever World Africa Day in collaboration with Culture Connect. There were 2 events with a launch event in Dundalk and then a family day in Drogheda.



Members of the African Community at the Fashion Show in Drogheda.

The events featured guest speakers, fashion shows, workshops and food tasting from over 11 different African countries. It was a great success for our first ever World Africa Day and hopefully the start of many more to come.

Shared Music Sessions; Festival in a Van

We were delighted to partner with Festival in a Van to deliver 2 Shared Music Sessions with Ukrainian Refugees in the Louth region. The idea for the Shared Sessions series initially started during Covid and is not heading on a national tour to provide a vital cultural link for Ukrainian Refugees. The recent pilot events in Louth were held at the Crowne Plaza in Dundalk and St. Peter's Church in Drogheda.



The Rozumovsky Salon Ensemble. Photograph: Tom Honan

The sessions featured the Rozumovsky Salon Ensemble who are made up of husband and wife Valery & Olena Supruniuk and their son Vadym from

Ukraine and Irish musicians Conal McIntyre and Paul Campbell. Plans are underway for more sessions to be held in Louth in the Autumn thanks to funding from the Creative Ireland team in the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Other Funding opportunities:

Current funding opportunities available nationally are:

Arts Council Funding:

Reel Art – is funding to provide film artists with the opportunity to make highly creative, imaginative and experimental documentaries on an artistic theme for cinema release. Closing date is 25th August and details are [here](#)

Authored Works – provides film artists with the creative and editorial freedom to make feature-length authored cultural film work from a strong artistic point of view. Films must be artist led. Details can be found [here](#)

Visual Artists Workspace Scheme – will award grants of up to €40,000 towards workspace costs, i.e. light, heat, rent, administration costs etc. A proportion of the awards, up to 20%, may be directed towards essential repair and maintenance. Full details can be found [here](#)

County Museum

Museums' Standards Programme for Ireland

The Museum recently received its maintenance certificate at a presentation ceremony in Kilkenny Castle. Having achieved interim and full standards in the last decade the Museum has now been awarded the maintenance standard which recognises the continued excellence of the Museum in 35 separate areas comprising care for collections, museum management, education exhibition and visitor services. The award was presented by Dr. Martina Moloney, Chairperson of the Heritage Council and former Louth County Manager.



Presentation of maintenance award by Dr. Martina Moloney Chairperson, Heritage Council of Ireland to Cllr. Conor Keelan Cathaoirleach, Louth County Council. Also pictured are Yvonne O'Brien Acting Director of Service and Brian Walsh, Curator.



External shot of the Museum complete with Pride flags

To coincide with Dundalk Pride the Museum hosted the opening of the Living with Pride exhibition. This photographic exhibition highlights the history of the Dublin Pride Parade and is based on a collection of images taken by Christopher Robson.

Living with Pride Exhibition

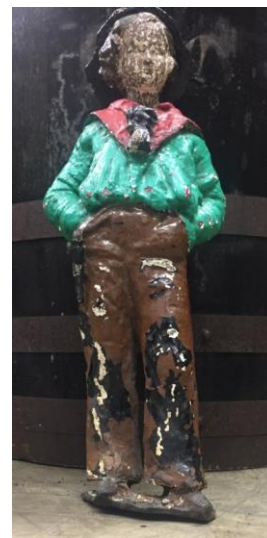


Living with Pride Exhibition at the County Museum, Dundalk



Living with Pride Exhibition at the County Museum, Dundalk

Recent acquisitions



A recent acquisition - an Iron Boy

The Museum recently acquired this cast iron boy which had been in Soldier's Point. It would appear to have a nautical influence to the scarf and knot point.

Heritage Office

In early July the Heritage Office advertised on eTenders for quotations to carry out projects awarded funding by external funders. These included a conservation assessment of the condition of Drogheda's town walls (funded by the Heritage Council and by the Community Monuments Fund), for conservation works at Glaspistol towerhouse castle (funded by the Community Monuments Fund) and for a Heritage-led Regeneration study of Drogheda's Fair Street, funded by the Heritage Council's Historic Towns Initiative. This study should pave the way for more substantial funding for works in future years. Tenders were also invited for the production of a Sustainable Access Plan for the sand dunes at Seapoint, near Termonfeckin.

Applications were submitted to a second round of funding under the Local Biodiversity Action Plan fund. These included making and erecting nesting boxes for swifts and for barn owls, writing of a management plan for the Council's land at Clogher Head and for the production of a video about Ardee Bog.

Staff from BirdWatch Ireland carried out a survey of Louth's swifts in July, with the support of a large number of local volunteers.

The annual wardening project to protect little terns breeding on the strand at Baltray continued.

Plans were developed for Heritage Week 2022, which runs from Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st August.