

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



Dated: 7th April 2026



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Márta 2026

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st March 2026

A Chara,

I enclose the above report for your statutory consideration, this report has also been prepared under Section 136 & 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The attached report is the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for March 2026, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council. Below is a summary of key achievements and actions under various directorates from the Chief Executive Report for March 2026:

1. Financial Management and System Support

- Total expenditure: €40,349,703 out of €203,652,265 budget (20%).
- Total income: €62,434,929 out of €203,652,265 budget (31%).
- Annual Financial Statement: final adjustments underway, due to be presented at the April Council meeting.
- IT helpdesk: 696 calls logged (01–30 March), 91.67% completed; most requests were Security and Application Software.
- Email security: 14% of inbound emails flagged as potentially harmful (phishing/spam).
- Cyber security training: focus on more sophisticated phishing (incl. AI-generated emails) and reporting/verification practices.

2. Economic Delivery

- Festival Grants 2026: 94 applications assessed; 77 offers issued; €200,000 committed.
- St Patrick's Day: parades supported in Ardee, Drogheda, Dundalk; Dundalk featured on RTÉ.
- International promotion: delegation to Toronto & New York meeting Tourism Ireland/IDA/Enterprise Ireland etc., promoting Louth and the Dublin–Belfast corridor.
- Local Enterprise Office: Local Enterprise Week ran 2–6 March; Enterprise Awards held; 1,453 students from 19 schools in Student Enterprise Awards.
- Planning indicators (reported for Feb 2026): 72 applications received (63 valid); 29 further-info responses; 23 pre-planning requests.
- Built heritage grants: 15 BHIS projects (€269,655.23) and 2 HTB projects (€14,392.23).
- Forward planning: non-statutory consultation 18 March–8 April 2026 on lands to meet housing growth requirements took place along with the implementation of the 2027 County Development Plan.

3. Operations and Environmental Delivery

- Full works Programme is in the report, key highlights below:
 - Continue to mend potholes in the county due to the recent storm Chanda.
 - Dundalk & North Louth flooding/drainage: gully cleaning and drain/jetting works at multiple locations (e.g., Quay Street, Ramparts, Mournevale, etc.).
 - Dundalk road repairs: pothole repairs at 60+ locations.
 - Dundalk footpaths/crossings: repairs and upgrades; new crossings at Stapelton Place and Ecco Road.
 - Drogheda Gully Cleaning in preparation of St Patricks Day Parade at West St, Shop St & Peters St.
- The Dept. of Transport has advised the allocation of funding for the Community Involvement **Scheme (CIS) 2026** is €286,550.
- Local Improvement Scheme 2026 The Dept. of Rural & Community Development has advised funding of €372,890 for 2026
- A review of the Casual Trading waiting list was carried out for Summer 2026.
- Continuing to work with local fishermen in Port Oriel, Clogherhead regarding the ongoing unauthorised moorings with legal proceedings underway.
- Hare's Corner Project, Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte, hosted a Tree Handout Day 5,400 native trees were distributed to over 190 groups and individuals across the county.

4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery

- In March 2026 Customer Services dealt with 17,565 queries inclusive of 8,684 calls, 986 e-mails and 7,895 counter queries. 10,785 (61%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact.

- Gaeltacht Scholarship Awards were presented to fifteen students at a special Seachtain na Gaeilge celebration held in County Hall
- Age Friendly Ambassador’s Day took place on the 4th March 2026.
- To date, LEADER projects in Louth has allocated €1,262,278.01, which is 34.4% of the total programme budget.
- Contracts for Louth’s PEACEPLUS Digital Arts Programme were signed.
- A celebration of International Women’s Day took place in Fairs St Drogheda.
- Dundalk Sports Centre launched ‘HER NIGHT’, a Women in Sport initiative for women to be active

5. Housing and Culture Delivery

- The Housing directorate continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the Northeast Homelessness Strategy 2024-2026, see full report for details.
- Significant strides have been made in homeless housing with rent subsegments, temporary emergency accommodation all being provided.
- Rent arrears are monitored on an ongoing basis and letters are issued to customers within two weeks of their falling into arrears, currently ret arrears at €3.9 million, Rent income to date, is € 4,060,602. 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 and 15% increase on 2024.
- Cataloguing of local authority records continues with pre-1963 planning application records, publications regarding local government, and licence registers under the Cinematograph Act 1909.
- Ireland Reading Campaign was hosted and the Right to read programme continues with Seachtain na Gaeilge activities included storytelling for Scoil Aonghusa, Irish music and singing parade through Drogheda Library.
- Public Art Commissions, call for the three Artist in Residence commissions closed on 5th March, nine artists have been shortlisted to progress.

6. Major Capital Projects and Infrastructure Delivery

- The Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) has now been replaced by the TCRIF, which was launched on 5th March with the intention of elements of the Westgate vision for this funding.
- St. Nicholas Quarter continues with the redevelopment of and Bucklands Regeneration.
- URDF call three has been announced a repeat survey of the 129 properties listed under URDF Call 3 is scheduled to take place mid-year.
- A briefing consultation on Part 8 proposals for a playground in The Glen and St Dominics Park are taking place.
- A new round of CLÁR funding for 2026 has opened.
- Works will be commencing in the coming weeks on Railway Park, Ardee and Dundalk Demesne.
- Works Phase 2 has commenced by the main contractor in March along with the Adress Castle.
- Public Participation Days on the Flood Defence accorded for Blackrock, in March and Dundalk planned for April.

I would again like to conclude by expressing my sincere appreciation for the exceptional commitment, resilience, and professionalism demonstrated by the entire Louth County Council team. Across all directorates, as staff continued to deliver high-quality public services, maintain critical operations to the county.

I encourage all members to read the full report, which reflects the breadth and impact of the services that Louth County Council delivery daily.

Regards



David Conway
Chief Executive
Louth County Council

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An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as bainistíocht airgeadais na heagraíochta, lena n-áirítear cuntais iníoctha agus infhaighte, le rialú agus seachadadh gach córais dhigitigh TFC, lena n-áirítear seirbhísí teileachumarsáide, soláthar, iniúchadh & bainistíocht riosca agus sócmhainní.

This directorate is responsible for the financial management of the organisation, including accounts payable and receivable, with control and delivery of all ICT digital systems, including telecommunications services, procurement, audit & risk and asset management.

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director



Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports**Caiteachas go dtí 30^ú Márta 2026 / Expenditure to 30th of March 2026**

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/03/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/03/2026	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026	% Caite go 30/03/2026 / % Spent to 30/03/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€17,986,751	€91,043,877	20%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€6,187,001	€29,724,225	21%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€1,361,885	€6,253,179	22%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€4,473,143	€25,275,969	18%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€5,189,741	€26,717,755	19%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€2,244,172	€13,508,055	17%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€215,273	€1,342,504	16%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,691,737	€9,786,701	28%
	€40,349,703	€203,652,265	20%

Ioncam go dtí 30^ú Márta 2026 / Income to 30th of March 2026

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/03/2026 / Actual Income to 30/03/2026	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/03/2026 / % Invoiced to 30/03/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€16,412,533	€91,667,227	18%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€1,237,891	€17,228,704	7%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€610,546	€4,864,078	13%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€1,258,537	€13,604,272	9%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€726,517	€4,843,340	15%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€264,892	€1,971,310	13%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€99,483	€474,809	21%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€145,314	€17,390,895	1%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,684,850	€39,640,432	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€1,994,366	€11,966,198	17%
	€62,434,929	€203,652,265	31%

The above is the current position as of the 30th of March 2026. 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 2026 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 30th of March 2026 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30^ú Márta 2026 / Debtors as of 30th of March 2026

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€11,389,113	€66,643,005	(€54,171,460)	(€Nil)	€23,860,658
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€229,656	€739,654	(€768,243)	(€Nil)	€201,067
Rataí / Rates	€5,273,449	€39,684,850	(€14,991,042)	(€735,345)	€29,231,912
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,368,616	€4,532,590	(€4,433,956)	(€207)	€3,467,043
Iasachtal / Loans	€273,054	€564,085	(€554,730)	(€Nil)	€282,409
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€6,998,721	€3,274,119	(€406,055)	(€973,713)	€8,893,072
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€934,463	€231,271	(€176,810)	(€Nil)	€988,924
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,970,672	€2,123,304	(€1,236,656)	(€155)	€3,857,165
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€31,437,44	€111,792,878	(€76,738,952)	(€1,709,420)	€70,782,250

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of March 2026. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recouplements, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

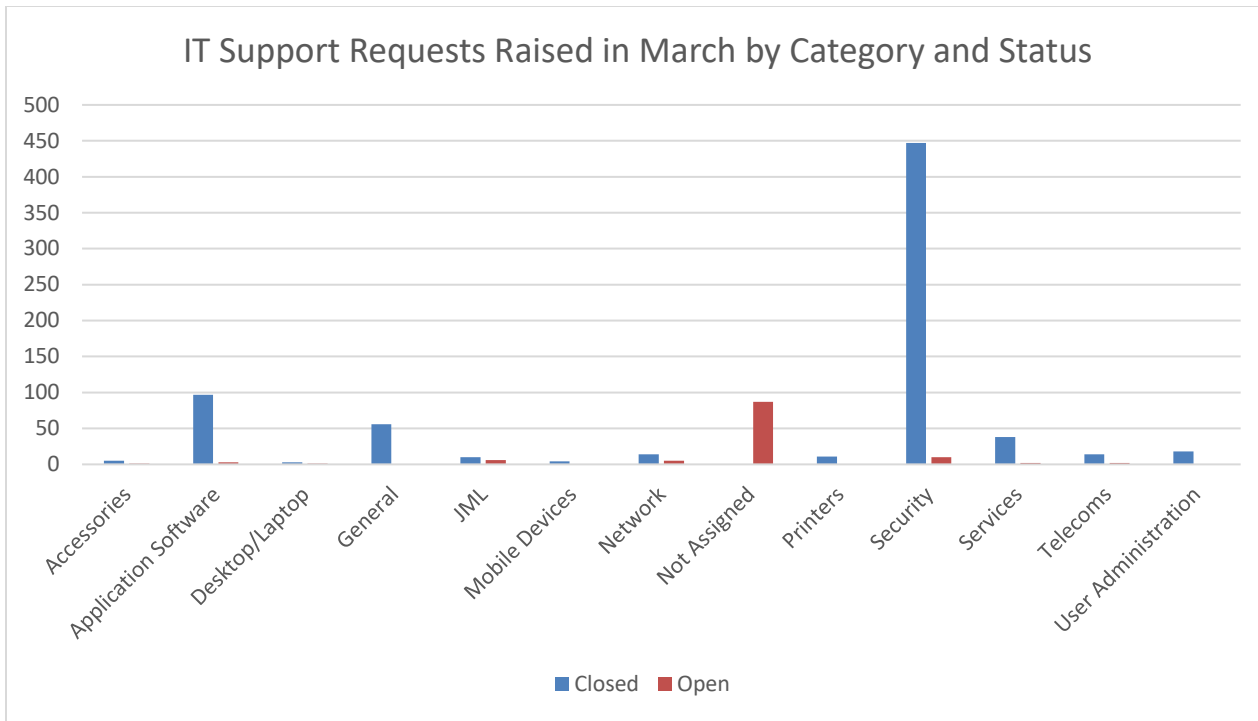
Annual Financial Statement

Final adjustments are being made to the Annual Financial Statement today and will be presented to Council at the April meeting.

Technolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/03//2026 and the 30/03/2026 there were 696 support calls logged in the IT support system. 91.67% of these calls have been completed.



Security and Application Software were the highest categories of support requests in March.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council 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. From 01/03/2026 – 30/03/2026 14% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

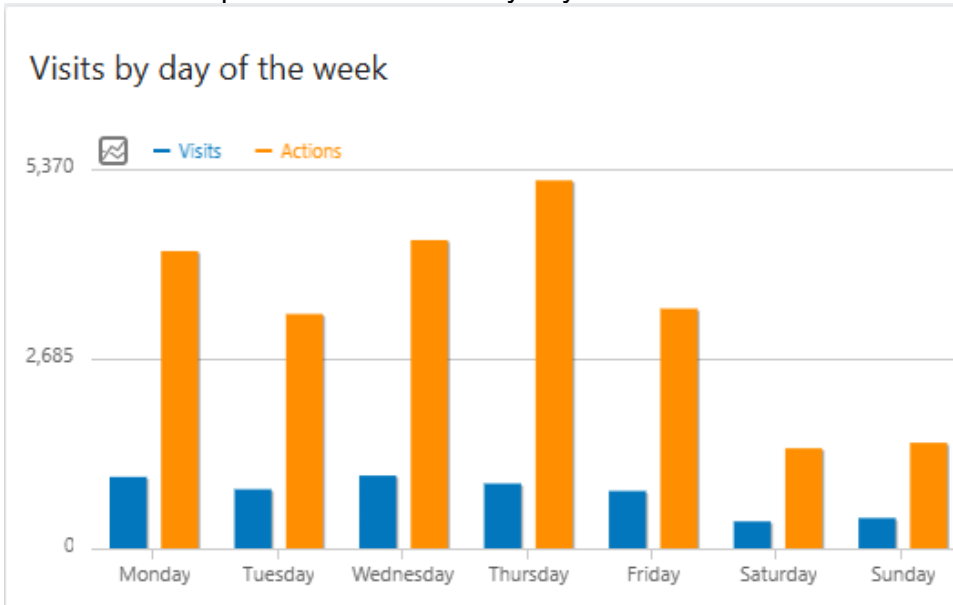
Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
377,562	160,052	217,510
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
6,605	18,074	28,061
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
708	14.2%	3

Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There were 18,767 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 30th March 2026. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in this month. Online planning services, Services, Dog Pound and Library received the highest number of page views in March.

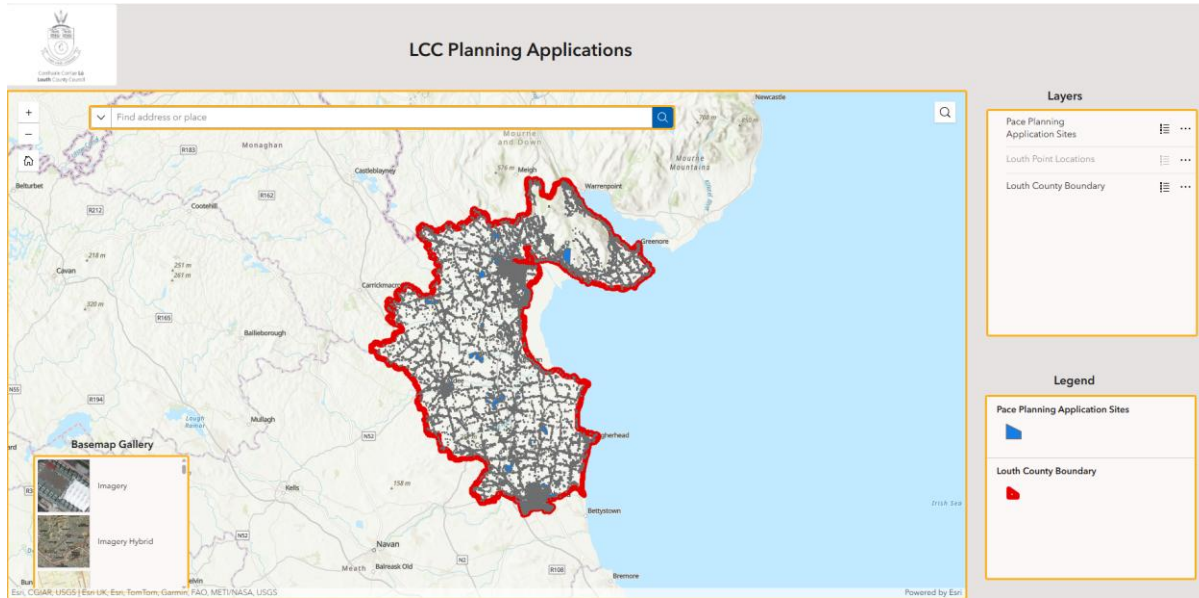
PAGE URL	PAGEVIEWS	UNIQUE PAGEVIEWS
/en/	3,901	21.2% 3,098
/en/services/planning/online-planning...	785	4.5% 654
/en/home/	612	3.3% 476
/en/services/	529	2.9% 426
/en/services/dog-pound/	440	2.4% 352
/en/services/library/	476	2.3% 330
/en/services/planning/	379	2.1% 302
/en/contact/louth-county-council/	314	1.8% 270
/en/publications/development-plans/	280	1.5% 213
/en/services/housing/	239	1.3% 189
/en/louth_county_council/	242	1.2% 174
/en/services/housing/housing-grants/	269	1.1% 159

The chart below presents the visitors by day of the week to www.louthcoco.ie in March.

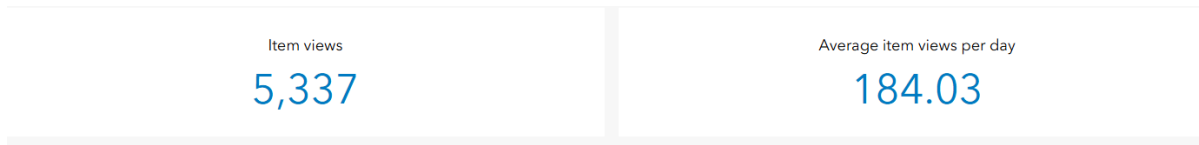


ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

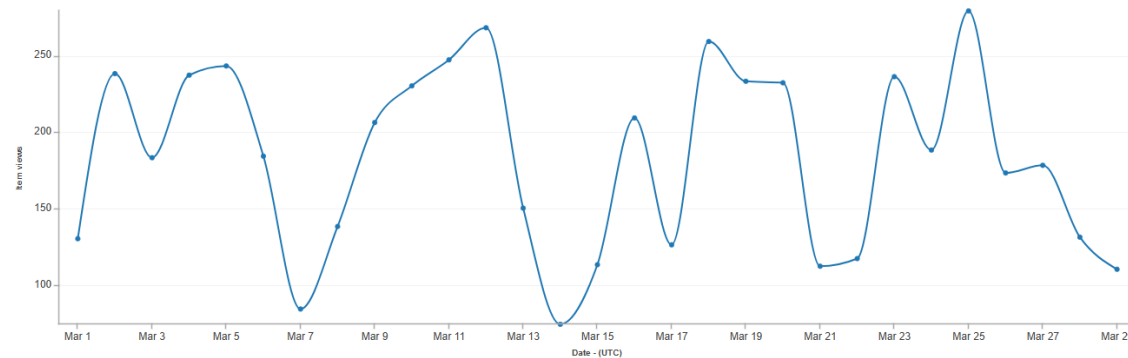
The LCC GIS Team recently updated the online Planning Register Map Viewers. These can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County Council website.



The data in the application is updated regularly to include all planning applications. There were 5,337 views of the application between 01/03/2026 and 30/03/2026, an average of 184 views a day in March.



Usage time series between 3/1/2026 and 3/30/2026



Cyber Security Training

March’s cyber security training highlighted the increasing sophistication of phishing attacks, including the use of AI to create convincing emails. Staff were reminded to watch for pressure tactics such as urgency, authority and emotional triggers, to verify suspicious messages through independent channels, and to report concerns promptly. Real-world examples showed how a single phishing email can lead to major operational disruption and significant financial loss.

An Stiúrtóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrtóireacht seo freagrach as clár oibre eacnamaíoch na heagraíochta a sheachadadh, lena n-áirítear turasóireacht, Fiontair Áitiúla agus Pleanáil, lena n-áirítear oidhreacht thógtha.

This directorate is responsible for the delivery of the organisation's economic agenda, including Tourism, Local Enterprise and Planning, including Built Heritage.

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrtóir / Director



An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Details at www.localenterprise.ie/green and www.localenterprise.ie/louth.

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Festival Grants 2026

The Festival Grant Initiative and the Regional Festivals and Participative Events Programme 2026 closed to applications on Wednesday 21st January. 94 applications were received and assessed. 77 letters of offer have been issued with a commitment of €200,000 made in support of events and festivals in the County. These Festivals and Event's will be promoted on Visit Louth website and social media channels.

Visit Louth

Information on upcoming events are available on: <https://www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/>. Submissions for events or attractions can be made via this [link](#).

St. Patrick's Day 2026

St. Patrick's Day Parades in Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk were a huge success with Dundalk's parade getting featured on the RTÉ news. The parades were organised by local committees with financial support from the Council. Congratulations to all involved.



Dundalk St. Patrick's Day Parade featuring on RTÉ News



Ardee St. Patrick's Day Parade



Drogheda St. Patrick's Day Parade

A delegation from the Council travelled to Toronto and New York to meet representatives from Tourism Ireland, IDA and Enterprise Ireland. In Toronto, they met with representatives from the Canada Ireland Foundation, the Ireland - Canada Chamber of Commerce, and Professor David Wilson, author of biographies on Thomas D'Arcy McGee and an expert on early Irish influence and engagement in Canada.

In New York, the delegation including the Cathaoirleach, the Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda and the chairs of the Municipal Districts of Ardee and Dundalk, attended the St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and, at the invitation of the County Louth Society of New York, took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The delegation attended a series of meetings and events promoting County Louth as a vibrant and strategically located county on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor and a place for tourism and investment opportunities.



County Louth delegation with Tourism Ireland representatives in Toronto

Meitheal 2026



The Council was represented at the Meitheal 2026 event, which took place on 24th March at the Gleneagle Arena (INEC) in Killarney. As Fáilte Ireland's flagship travel trade workshop, Meitheal brings together Irish tourism businesses and international buyers to strengthen industry relationships and promote Ireland's tourism offering. The Council's presence at the workshop and the associated networking events ensured active engagement with key stakeholders and contributed to ongoing promotional efforts for the county.

Boyne Valley Flavours (BVF)

As part of Local Enterprise Week, Boyne Valley Flavours delivered the Food Business Beginnings: Real Producer Journeys event at the Ardee Food Hub. The event was a great success, with over 30 attendees joining for an engaging and informative session. It provided valuable insights for early-stage food businesses, with a strong focus on real experiences, practical advice, and peer learning.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland hosted a delegation from the University of Gastronomic Sciences, Italy for a return study trip to the region from 7th to 12th March, for visits to 21 producers and hospitality providers in the region. Visits included a morning in Carlingford Oyster Company, a tasting of Fierce Mild in Mo Chara in Dundalk, a foraging talk and lunch at The Glyde Inn and a visit to King of Kefir to learn about innovation coming down the line.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland launched its 2026 educational events programme consisting of farm walks and meet the maker events across the country from April – October 2026, making a

significant milestone in our development with events scheduled in Clare, Laois, Tipperary, Cork, Louth, and Meath.

Boyne Valley Tourism

On Tuesday 10th March, Boyne Valley Tourism held a speed networking event for their members at Monasterboice Inn. This offered members an opportunity to network on a one-to-one basis and share information about their businesses with each other in a relaxed setting. There was also talks from a digital marketing expert, Helen Leddy from Back Office Marketing Consultancy and Mary Dunne from Iregan Advisors about supports available to tourism businesses.



Attendees at Boyne Valley Tourism networking event

The Boyne Valley Tourism Officer joined Tourism Ireland's 'Experience Ireland' events in Milan, Paris and Madrid that ran from the 9th to 13th March. The 'Experience Ireland' events provide a valuable opportunity for the Boyne Valley Tourism to meet, network and conduct business with key tour operators, travel agents, and influential media in the three cities.

Boyne Valley Tourism want to ensure that their brand aligns with the upcoming projects of the [Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy](#) and has recently appointed a designer to work on the Boyne Valley Tourism brand review refresh. Estimated completion date is May 2026.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Sound Town Programming

The monthly Sound Town surge continued on 27th March, following a well-received February trial. The programme strengthened cooperation between local cafés, venues and event organisers, expanding the shared package on offer and helping to increase dwell time in the town centre. Core strands such as late cafés, comedy, trad sessions and hands-on creative activity were maintained, with a new

Makerspace event added this month. All events and offers were available through the Visit Louth website or by scanning the QR code. An ongoing call-out for new participants remains open: nighttimeeconomy@louthcoco.ie.

Example of Events & Activities – 27th March

- Night Moves – Late Cafés at The Coffeebox
- Evening café programme featuring music, spoken word and ambient sets.
- Trad Sessions at Barlow House - Live traditional music led by local performers.
- Comedy at McHugh's - Grassroots monthly comedy night hosted by a Deadly Craic Comedy Club.
- Makerspace at Barefood Café (new addition)
- Craft workshops curated by The Cottage Market.

Example of Offers – 27th March

- Escape Rooms Drogheda - 35% discount on selected VR games.
- Il Grito Mexican Restaurant - Special Sound Town offer available on the night.

The Sound Town programme will continue on 24th April.

Irvine Welsh In Conversation



- Tickets went on sale on Friday 26th March for a new In Conversation Q&A series presented by local promoter External Sounds, taking place on 3rd May. The first guest, Irvine Welsh — the internationally known author of Trainspotting — has been confirmed.
- The event will be held at Droichead Arts Centre, with further information available at www.droichead.com.
- Following the Q&A, Irvine Welsh will also DJ at Sarsfields Bar later that evening as part of the programme.

- This activity is supported by the Night-Time Economy Adviser as part of wider work to position Drogheda as Ireland’s East Coast Alternative.

Grassroots Venue Support Scheme

- The Department of Culture, Communications and Sport announced Round 2 of the Night-Time Economy Grassroots Venue Support Scheme 2026. The scheme offered funding to support live programming, PR, equipment hire and crew costs, with up to €20,000 available for established venues and up to €8,000 for emerging venues.
- Open over March, the scheme closed on 30th March.
- This round had been expanded to include grassroot comedy as well as original music.
- Three Louth venues benefited from the pilot round last year — Mo Chara (Dundalk), McHugh’s (Drogheda) and The Spirit Store (Dundalk) — each using the support to give young talent space to develop and grow.
- Further details available at www.gov.ie/en/department-of-culture-communications-and-sport.
- Queries can be directed to the Night-Time Economy Adviser: nighttimeeconomy@louthcoco.ie.

Oifig Fiontar Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Local Enterprise Week – 2nd to 6th March

March saw Local Enterprise Week return to Louth, running from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March. An extensive schedule of events and workshops were held across the county culminating in the County finals of the Louth Enterprise awards which were held in the Marcy Hotel, Drogheda on Friday 6th March. Awards were presented in eight categories, Best Start-Up, Innovation, Green/Sustainability, Digitalisation, Established Business, Export, Cathaoirleach Choice and Overall Winner who will now go on to represent Louth at the National Awards in the Mansion House in June.



Louth Enterprise Awards



Intermediate Winners - Arden Oakes, Shayne Toner and Cáit Ní Ír, Gaelcholáiste Dhún Dealgan - Quapairí



Overall Winner – Caroline Duffy, Caroline Duffy Designs



Senior Winner – Oliver Ginty & Zion Oluwabowale, Ballymakenny College – CTRL Base

Student Enterprise Awards

On Thursday 12th March, The Fairways Hotel in Dundalk was alive with energy and enthusiasm as local secondary school students and their teachers gathered for the Louth Student Enterprise Awards 2026. This year's event saw an impressive 1,453 students from 19 schools representing innovative enterprises, present their entrepreneurial ideas and showcase their hard work. The Louth Student Enterprise Programme is a collaboration between Local Enterprise Office Louth and local secondary schools. Students learned what it takes to develop a business idea, launch it, and bring it to market. The programme culminates in the County Final — a much-anticipated opportunity for students to present their businesses to a panel of expert judges and compete for an award.



Junior Winner – Cillian Hand, Scoil Uí Mhuiri – Cillians Sausage Rolls

Thrive

The Thrive at Drogheda Digital Hub programme concluded on Tuesday 24th March, when all twelve participants presented their start-up business pitches to a panel of mentors in the Drogheda Digital Hub. Launched on Tuesday 3rd February, the eight-week hybrid programme supported female-led digital start-ups as they shaped and refined their business concepts, conducted market and customer research, and developed fully formed new business propositions. Graduates will now move forward to the feasibility stage of their ventures, with many well positioned to progress to Phase 2 of the DKIT New Frontiers Programme. The Drogheda Digital Hub will continue to champion these emerging entrepreneurs, providing ongoing mentoring and access to workspace as they take the next steps in building their businesses.

Launch of Rapid Prototyping for Creative Businesses Management Development Programme

Louth County Council is proud to partner with Carlow County Council and Creative Spark on Craft Work 4.0 All, a Creative Europe supported initiative bringing traditional craft together with cutting-edge digital technology. Delivered locally by Local Enterprise Office Louth, the project gives makers

practical pathways to build new skills, scale sustainably, and connect with a wider European creative network. It empowers artisans to experiment, innovate, and future-proof their businesses in an increasingly digital world. For more information please visit: <https://shorturl.at/W2o3v>



Launch of Craft Work 4.0 All

Mexican Embassy Visit to Dundalk

On Wednesday 25th March, Mexican Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. Tomás Olvera López visited the Town Hall to meet members of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce together with the Senior Executive Officer from the Economic Development Section to discuss opportunities for Louth based businesses to make links and trade into the Mexican market.



Mr. Tomás Olvera López, Mexican Deputy Head of Mission visit to the Town Hall, Dundalk

Funding Approved

- 1 Green for Business Approved
- 5 Digital for Business Approved
- 3 Lean for Business Approved

LEO Workshops and Training Held

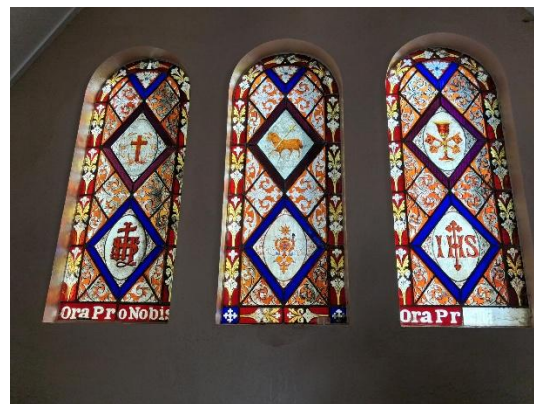
- **Business Advice Clinics** - 25 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in March.
- **LEO Mentoring** – 17 Mentors were appointed to businesses in March to provide

practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

- **LEO Training** – 4 training courses were held in March (1) Social Media for Small Business (2) Start Your Own Business Course (3) Advanced Canva for Small Business (4) Management Development Course – Create & Grow Louth together with a whole range of events for Local Enterprise Week.

Oidhreacht / Heritage

A dominating feature of work in March was encouraging and supporting community groups to apply to the Community Heritage Grants funding stream of the Heritage Council and to its Irish Walled Towns Network. Site visits took the Heritage Officer to Drogheda, Dromiskin, Mosstown North graveyard (to see the painted glass windows in the mortuary chapel) and to Knockbridge. Formal letters of support were provided for funding applications from the Louth County Archives, Dromiskin Tidy Towns (two), Highlanes Gallery and the Drogheda Walled Towns Collective in Drogheda and the ICA centre at An Grianán near Termonfeckin.



Stained glass windows in mortuary chapel at Mosstown North

Funding support was provided to a planned book about stained glass windows created by the Earley company and to the Seán Corcoran Series festival in Drogheda.

The outcome of eight applications submitted by the Heritage Office to the Community Monuments Fund (CMF) is also awaited. Five of these were submitted on behalf of the private owners of: Castletown (Bellew's), Dunmahon, Glaspistol, Hatch's and Taaffe's towerhouses. The Council also applied to the CMF on its own behalf for funding for carrying out repairs to the ruined church at "The Mullagh" in

Clogherhead and for studies of the Magdalene Tower and the Old Abbey in Drogheda.

An online meeting with the Council of Europe’s “European Heritage Routes” initiative was attended, as accession to this scheme was one of the recommendations of the study assessing alternatives to World Heritage status for Monasterboice by the specialists who advised us.

The Chief Executive of the Heritage Council gave a presentation to the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society in Dundalk.

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of February 2026 are given below in tabular form. There were 72 planning applications received during the month of February of which 63 were valid. In addition, there were 29 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 23 Pre-Planning Requests 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) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developme nts	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications - requiring EIA	(F) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	5	11	45	0	61
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	4	4	15	0	23
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	20% (1)	45.45% (5)	4.44% (2)	0% (0)	13.11% (8)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	0	1	5	1	7
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraithe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

Cur Síos / Description	Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraiódh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraiódh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	Feabhra 2026 / February 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Feabhra 2025 / February 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	16	40	22	39
Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise / Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which did not require follow up	0	0	0	0
Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht / Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation	12	22	24	44
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	24	40	9	24
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	1	1	3	3
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Déanmhais Chontúirteacha

The Planning Indicators listed below are in relation to Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period January to March 2026.

Tá na Táscairí Pleanála thíos liostaithe bainteach le Fógraí a eisíodh faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta) 1964 sa tréimhse Eanáir go Márta 2026.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha	
	January to March 2026 Eanáir go Márta 2026	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh	5	5
Number of Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing Owner to carry out work / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (1)(a) – Ag Tabhairt ordú d'úinéir obair a dhéanamh	4	4
Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 – Áit Chontúirteach	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register / Líon na Struchtúr Contúirteacha atá cláraithe ar an gClár Struchtúr Contúirteach	2	2
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	2 (settled)	2 (settled)
Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register / Líon na nStruchtúr Contúirteacha a Baintíodh den Chlár Clár Struchtúr Contúirteach	5	5
Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh	5	5

Pleanáil Chun Cinn / Forward Planning

Conservation Grant Schemes 2026

A total of 15 projects were approved provisional grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2026, forming part of the total of €269,655.23 allocation, with a further 2 projects awarded provisional grant funding under Historic Thatch Building (HTB), forming part of the total of €14,392.23 allocation.

HTB 2026	Funding Allocated
Whiterath Cottage, Dromiskin, Co. Louth	€2,800.00
81, Crooked St., Clogherhead, Co. Louth	€10,260.00

Louth County Development Plan Non-Statutory Consultation – Identification of potential lands to meet new housing growth requirements in County Louth

Louth County Council is seeking proposals for lands/sites that could help meet the County’s new housing growth requirements under the *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines*.

A non-statutory public consultation will run from Wednesday 18th March 2026 until Wednesday 8th April 2026 whereby members of the public can make proposals for lands that could be zoned for residential development. Submissions should be concise and should be no longer than 3 - 4 A4 pages inclusive of maps. Any lands identified should:

- Align with the growth strategy for the County as set out in section 2.4.4 of the County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 (as varied) and would follow a sustainable pattern of development provided for in local, national, and regional policy.
- Be likely to contribute to the delivery of housing in the immediate term.
- Be serviced or serviceable within the next five-year period.
- Be in areas with good social infrastructure and capacity in schools and community facilities or that can provide for the development of necessary social infrastructure.
- Support the development of infill housing, housing on brownfield land and/or address vacancy and dereliction.
- Have no significant challenges or impediments that would inhibit or restrict development e.g. legal, environmental, topographical or servicing.

Submissions can be made online via the consultation portal <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/identification-potential-lands-meet-new-housing-growth-requirements-county-louth-provided-npf> or by post



BHIS 2026	Funding Allocated
Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth	€22,012.79
Hatch's Castle, 48 Market Street, Ardee, Co. Louth	€4,315.65
Greenhills House, Our Lady's College, Greenhills, Drogheda Co. Louth	€23,000.00
The Thatch Public House, Donore Road, Drogheda	€23,000.00
Anaverna House, Ravensdale, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€23,000.00
'Edelweiss', Brewery Street, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth	€19,492.00
St Mary's Church, Market Street, Ardee, Co. Louth	€23,000.00
Blackhall House, Blackhall, Termonfeckin, Drogheda, Co. Louth	€18,585.85
40 Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€23,000.00
Boyne Cottage, Cord Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	€18,750.00
Spencer House, Kilsaran, Co. Louth	€21,734.62
4 The Crescent, Dundalk Co. Louth	€21,734.63
No.1 Boyne Terrace, Cord Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	€2,500.00
7 Demesne Terrace, Carrick Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€6,676.91
22 Fair Street, Drogheda	€ 4,460.55

to the Forward Planning Section, Louth County Council, Town Hall, Crowe Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 W20C.

There is no guarantee that any land included in submissions made in response to this consultation

will be zoned for residential purposes. Landowners should be aware that any lands zoned for residential use may be liable for an annual Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) based on the value of the site.

Stiúrthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as gníomhaíocht oibríochtúil, lena n-áirítear cothabháil na heagraíochta ar gach maoin chorparáideach, bóithre, spásanna poiblí, soilsiú poiblí agus cur chun feidhme ár bplean gníomhaíochta ar son na haeráide, bainistiú flíteanna, bainistiú dramhaíola agus seirbhísí dóiteáin, lena n-áirítear rialú foirgneamh.

This Directorate is responsible for operational activity, including the organisation's maintenance of all corporate property, roads, public spaces, public lighting and implementation of our climate action plan, fleet management, waste management and fire services, including building control.

David Hanratty

Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



**Operations & Environment Delivery
Monthly Report for March 2026
Oibríochtaí / Operations**

DUNDALK & NORTH LOUTH

Road Works Blackrock/Dundalk Area

Cleaning of gullies in all affected areas.

Cleaning of open drains

- Quay Street,
- Alphonsas Road,
- Greyacre Road,
- Distillery Lane,
- Ramparts,
- Phillip Street,
- Mournevale,
- Maple Close
- Jetter and root removing machine on Hoeyes lane clearing blocked drainage lines which are causing flooding
- All drainage grills inspected and cleared and debris removed from the blackwater

Road and Pothole Repairs Dundalk

- 60+ locations repaired
- The Long walk
- Old Coes Road West
- Carrick Road (Oriol Park)
- Lis Na Dara
- Coes Road East many bad potholes repaired
- Quay street (Londis)
- Tom Bellew Avenue Junction with Inner relief road
- Bellewsbridge road
- Fatima
- Castleblaney Road (Greyacre)
- Anne street
- Newry Road Dowdallshill
- Green acres Estate
- Dunmore Avenue Road
- Armagh Road

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Carrick road / Anne street Friary church
- New Pedestrian crossing at Stapelton Place
- New Pedestrian Crossing on Ecco Road

- Patrick Street defective footpath repaired
- Damaged Bollards removed and repaired at Tesco Ramparts Rd
- Tactiles chapel street repair

Other Works Dundalk

- Erected new signs and bollards across Dundalk which were damaged (Loading bays/arrow/traffic light signs/ pay parking signs)
- Waste collections for tidy town litter pick Riverside crescent
- Town Centre swept and litter picked ahead of the St Patricks day Parade
- New Bollards installed Fatima and Francis street
- Bin replacement Bay estate
- Dangerous tree removed on Annes Street
- Raised Table at the Magnat building completed
- Long walk carpark overhead barrier replacement commenced

Cooley Drainage Repairs

- Willville Blocked culvert
- Ballytrasna Flooding issue resolved
- Deerpark flooding issue blocked drains cleared
- Annaverna Drainage upgraded
- Blocked Culvert Aghameen Cleared
- Dawestown R174 Drainage upgraded
- Jenkinstown hill drainage upgraded
- Ballymakellet drainage repaired since storm Chandra
- Annaloughin blocked culvert cleared
- Unblocked drains at Bridge at Crillys shop

Potholes repairs

- 200+ potholes repaired.
- Crosalaney
- Willville
- L3095 Proleek
- Chapel Hill Omeath
- Newry Street Carlingford
- Ravensdale Park road

Other works Cooley

- Verge Strengthening works at slipped bank Maguires cross

- Road Markings upgraded – Omeath Main road R173 / Rockmarshell R174 /
- Greenore village Footpaths Cleaned
- Repaired damaged signage along R173 / R175
- Gyles Quay Damaged benches repaired
- Cleared slipway and blocked outlet in Omeath

Road and Pothole Repairs North Mid Louth

- LS-7114, Shortstone West,
- L-7100 Whitemill Faughart,
- LP-3161 Rock Road Blackrock,
- R172, Cockle Hill Blackrock,
- LS-7102 Annes Kilcurry,
- LP-3167 Stephenstown Knockbridge,
- R171 Knockbridge Village,
- LS-7127 Balrobin Kilkerley,
- LP-3122 Maghereagh,
- LP-3113 Roche Hackballscross,
- R171 Armagh Road,
- LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown

Cleaning of gullies in all affected areas.

Cleaning of open drains

- LS-7111 Tateetra,
- LS-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge,
- LS-7097, Carrickedmond Kilcurry,
- LS-7184 Dunmahon Ardee road,
- LS-7103, Carn More Kilcurry,
- L-7100 Faughart Upper

Illegal Dumping

- LS-7103 Carn More Kilcurry,
- LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown.

DROGHEDA & SOUTH LOUTH

Pothole Repairs were carried out at:

- King St,
- Palace St,
- St Laurence St,
- Stockwell Lane,
- West St,
- Dyer St
- North Quay (in preparation of St Patricks Day Parade),
- Ballsgrove,
- St Laurence's Pk,

- Termonabbey,
- IDA Rd,
- Flaxmill Lane,
- Trinity St,
- Marleys Lane,
- Yellowbatter,
- Blackbush Lane,
- Beamore Rd,
- Rathmullen Rd,
- Dublin Rd,
- Marsh Rd,
- Boyle O Reilly,
- Cherrymount,
- North Strand,
- Peters St,
- Crosslanes,
- Cement Rd,
- Greenhills,
- William St,
- Oaklawns,
- Bredin St,
- King St Carpark,
- Stockwell Lane

Drainage works were progressed at:

- Gully Cleaning in preparation of St Patricks Day Parade at West St, Shop St & Peters St.
- Gully Repairs at Marys St.
- Repairs to drainage channel at Bolton St.
- Repairs to Gully cover & frame at upper Mell.



South Louth Roads Area clean and jet gully on Marys St – to prevent surface water flowing onto road

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Drogheda

- Meeting will be arranged with IWA to discuss site completed in 2025 and plan of priority locations for 2026.
- Crew footpath repairs at West Street & Grove Hill.

Traffic Light Repairs

- General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and replacement of lamps.
- Pedestrian Crossing on Dual Carriageway – lights out due to power surge – lights now reinstated.

Signage/Bollards/Maintenance

- Biodiversity signage now complete at Mell River Walk
- Stop Sign reinstated at Beamore Rd after RTA.
- Directional signage repaired at Windmill Rd.
- Stop sign reinstated at Palace St.
- Signage cleaning at Town Centre.
- Install new Boyne Bollards at North Rd.
- New Boyne Bollard at Duke St.
- Reinstate flexi bollards at Cord Rd.
- New Ramp approach sign on Collon Rd.

Other Works Drogheda

- Graffiti removed on St Patricks Day Parade route.
- Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, O Reilly Carpark & 72 Narrow West St.
- Surface water Manhole cover replaced at Stockwell Lane & Marsh Rd.
- Preparation of St Patricks Day Parade – Pedestrian railings, removal of street bollards and signage.
- Oil spill on Donore Road & Trinity St.
- Repair steps at Ballsgrove Gate.



South Louth Roads Area deal with traffic & pedestrian management at dangerous building at Jim Garry Way / Francis St – RTA

Resurfacing works 2026

Commence Survey of roads, prior to preparation of contract documents

- Scarlet St
- Thomas St
- Sandyford Tre
- Crushrod Lane
- Crosslanes
- Hardman Gardens
- Georges St
- Dual Carriageway
- St Marys St

In process of preparing contract documents.

Pothole and Road Repairs Drogheda Rural Area:

- L-6303 – Fieldstown, Monasterboice (partially resurfaced)
- L-6303 – Hamilstown, Monasterboice (partially resurfaced)
- L-6304 – Milltown Lane, Sandpit (partially resurfaced)
- R166 – Mayne, Clogherhead (partially resurfaced)
- L-2310 - Cross, Ballymakenny, Drogheda (partially resurfaced)
- L-2307 – Newtownstalaban, Drogheda (partially resurfaced)
- L-6248 – Mill Lane, Togher
- LS-2410 – Togher
- Ard Aliann Estate, Tullyallen
- L-6277 – Kellystown, Sandpit
- L-6279 - The Dales, Clogherhead

- R166 - Big Street, Termonfeckin
- A number of Manholes and Gullies reinstated in the Termonfeckin and Clogherhead areas

Drainage works in the Drogheda Rural Area were progressed at:

- L-6303 – Fieldstown, Monasterboice
- L-6303 – Hamilstown, Monasterboice
- L-6304 – Milltown Lane, Sandpit
- L-6292 – Bog Lane, Tenure



Drainage Works on L-6304, Milltown Lane

Signage/Bollards/Maintenance in the Drogheda Rural Area

- Signage installed for Restricted Vehicles at Coolfore L- 6308
- Signs repaired and washed in the area



New Surface laid on L-2310, Ballymakenny

The Operations Environment Team carried out clean-ups at the following locations:

Dumping removed at

- Dumping removed at Dublin Rd – following a number of wheelie bins been knocked over.
- Dumping removed at Rathmullen Pk on Green Area and side road off Slane Road.

- Dumping removed at St Finian's Pk, Rathmullen, Skelly's Lane, Riverwalk Mell, Bessexwell Lane, Ballsgrove, Collon Rd, Slane Rd, Boyne Rd & North Strand.
- Collecting of bags of litter from Community Groups / TUS / Tidy Towns at St Dominics Pk, Clogherhead, Baltray, Termonfeckin, Slane Rd, Togher, Newfoundwell Rd, Aston Village, Dale, Forest Grange, Glenmore Drive, Yellowbatter, Maple Drive, Greenhills, Oulsterlane, Cord Rd, Dublin Rd, Flaxmill Lane, Hillview, Riverbank, Ashfield, Melifont Pk, Brickfield & Blackbush.

Litter Picking & Emptying of Public Bins

- Litter picking at 23 locations in Drogheda town during March.
- Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.
- 234 litter bin (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town.
- New bins erected at St Peters St, Wellington Quay, Duke St, Stockwell Lane, Dyer St, Laurence St, Williams St, Shop St, Peters St & Dominics St.
- Dominic's Park & Mell River Walk emptied daily.
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal district rural area's public Litter Bins are emptied twice a week or daily when needed especially at beaches/Portoriel/Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day.
- Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.
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Emptying of Dog Waste Receptacles

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

Ring Bouy

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

Playground & Gym Equipment

- Between 4 & 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate Park, adult exercise

equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) + disinfected.

Road Sweeping

- Multi-Hog 1 – Town centre, Dominics Pk, Mell carpark, Donore Rd, King St, Bolton Sq, Meatmarket lane, Bachelors Lane, Mayoralty St, Ballsgrove Hill, Windmill Rd, Boyle O Reilly, Newtown Cemetery, Fair Green, O Reillys Car Park, Abbey carpark, North Rd, Wheaton Hall, College Rise & Harmony Heights.
- Pedestrian Green machine on town centre streets each day.
- Power washing and Disinfectant of Pedestrian Pavements at Rosemarie Lane, Meatmarket Lane & Highlane Steps.
- Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk, Town Centre, Westgate House & Planters at West St.
- New water tanker purchased by LCC, which can be used for power washing and graffiti removal.
- 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., Teromenfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure.
- Drogheda town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).
- Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days and Town Centre Daily.
- Road sweeping housing estates at: Castlemanor, Maston Lodge, Brookville, Forest Hill, Forest Grange, Broadmeadows, Newtown Meadows, Wheaton Hall, Meadowview, Shrewsbury Manor, Westcourt, Moneymore, Mayfield, Roscoill, Ashfield, Melifont Pk, Ballsgrove, Cherrybrook, Cherrymount, Marian Pk, Congress Ave, Hinchey Lane, Riverbank, Riverview

ARDEE & MID LOUTH

Pothole and Road Repairs Ardee Area:

- L-2255 - Paughanstown
- L-5257 - Woods Lane
- L-5256 - Baltrasna / Millockstown
- R132 - North of Dunleer
- L-1260 - Shanlis / Curraghbeg, Ardee
- R168 - Drogheda Road Collon
- L-2214 – Richardstown, Dromin (partially resurfaced)
- R169 – Stabannon
- N52 – Kells Road
- L-1260 - Curraghbeg, Ardee
- L-5232 - Townparks
- R169 – Puckstown and Gunstown (Collon to Dunleer Road)
- Ardee Town in advance of St Patricks Day Parade

Drainage works completed at:

- L-2254 - Dromin
- R170 – Hoathstown
- R169 – Stabannon

Playground repairs for:

- Fairgreen Ardee Repairs
- Dunleer Playground Repairs

Other Works in Ardee Area

- Assistance with and clearing after St Patrick's Day Parade
- Removal of rubbish from community groups in Dunany from beach
- Road sweeper deployed in Ardee town ahead of festivities
- Bin replaced in Dunleer

Oak Gully Cleaning

- Ardee town
- Glack
- Dunleer
- Assistance with and clearing after St Patrick's Day Parade

Operations Countywide

A series of workshops with councillors has been scheduled to review speed limits in Urban and Built-Up Areas. The meeting details are as follows:

- **Dundalk:** 25th March at 3:00 pm, Railway West
- **Ardee:** 24th March at 2:00 pm, Railway East
- **Drogheda:** 1st April at 4:00 pm, Council Chambers, Fair Street, Drogheda

Community Involvement Scheme 2026

The Dept. of Transport has advised the allocation of funding for the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) 2026 is €286,550. This funding is allocated towards the restoration of public local roads.

Survey of roads has now commenced at

- Rossmakea
- Bellurgan Point
- Lee Cottages Clogherhead
- Carrickmond Killcurry
- Ballyoonan Omeath

Local Improvement Scheme 2026

The Dept. of Rural & Community Development has advised funding of €372,890 for 2026. We have an active waiting list for the LIS scheme of 16 eligible roads. Under the current allocation we expect to complete 5 roads in 2026.

Events

The following events were licenced to take place in March.

- Carlingford Half Marathon
- Ardee St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Blackrock St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Cooley St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Drogheda St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Dundalk St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Louth Village St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Louth Ports & Harbours



The Operations Department is continuing to work with local fishermen in Port Oriel, Clogherhead regarding the ongoing unauthorised moorings with legal proceedings underway.

Casual Trading – Louth

A review of the Casual Trading waiting list was carried out in Summer 2025. 10 bays are currently vacant and will be offered to those on the waiting list. There are currently 29 applicants on the waiting list.

Environment

Waste Enforcement

Waste and Litter Enforcement

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	156
FPN under Litter Pollution Act	21
Waste complaints received year to date	59
Investigations under waste legislation	86

Diesel Laundering Waste

There was one 25 l drum of diesel laundering waste removed by the Council to date in March 2026.

Litter Foot Patrol

A 5 hour foot patrol was carried out with particular attention to dog fouling in the Drogheda area, more patrols will be carried out over the coming weeks.





Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and complaints

7 Water pollution complaints were received in March 2026. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

5 Air Pollution complaints were received this month. 4 Noise Pollution cases were received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm survey Inspections

During the month of March 2026 4 farm inspections were carried out.

Environmental Inspection Plan

The 2026 RMCEI Inspection was submitted to the EPA outlining inspections and priorities for 2026.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 8 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in March 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences.

Decorative Paint Regulations, Solvent and Petroleum Vapor Regulations

3 certificates were issued under DECO.

Licensed landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in March at Dundalk. Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Environmental Performance reports, landfill gas surveys and Pollutant Release and Transfer Register were submitted to the EPA.

Septic Tanks

4 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in March. Three septic tank advisory notices remain open.

Planning

28 planning reports completed for March 2026. These reports related to agricultural, commercial and one-off dwelling planning permissions where assessment of site suitability based on the underlying soil/subsoil, geology and hydrogeology takes place.

Bathing Water Regulations

Bathing water sampling programme for 2026 submitted to the EPA for approval. Updated profiles and bathing water plan to submitted to the EPA for 2026 programme.

Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

There has been 5 payments made in the sum of €12,354.29 (as of 24th March 2026) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

There has been one payment made in the sum of €3,500.00 (as of 24th March 2026) for Lead Replacement.

Climate Action

The Climate Action Team held the first internal Green Team meeting of 2026 in March, in which an update on the actions within the climate action plan

was presented to a number of sections within the Local Authority.

CAP 2024-2029 update

The climate action team updated the elected members on the 2025 progress of the actions as a stator requirement.

CMAP PeacePlus project

The official Project Launch of the CMAP project was held in Belfast with attendance from across the project partners.

The Ramparts River design drawings are being reviewed by the Dundalk flood study consultants.

Sustainable Energy Communities

Louth County Council has progressed the procurement for a contractor to deliver an energy master plan for the Dromiskin SEC. The preparation for Blackrock’s application is underway with the aim for them to be the next community to commence the process.

Community Climate Action Programme

The Community Climate Action Fund was launched by Minister Ryan in 2023. The first phase of this programme is nearly completed. The second phase of this programme was launched in October 2025 by Minister Darragh O’Brien with a further €604,000 allocated to community groups in Louth to carry out projects that result in a direct climate benefit for their communities.

Louth County Council has recieved 51 applications under the second phase of this programme totalling €2,360,344.37. It is expected that all applicants who have applied for funding under the second phase will be notified of the outcome of their application in April 2026.

The Community Climate Action Officer would like to acknowledge the work of all community groups who are currently working on projects as part of the Community Climate Action Programme. If you would like to know further information on the Community Climate Action Programme please email climateaction@louthcoco.ie

Biodiversity Action

The Hare’s Corner Initiative



Cllr Dolores Minogue, Cathaoirleach of Ardee Municipal District photographed with Louth County Council staff, representatives from Irish Seed Savers, The Burrenbeo Trust, NPWS, and Louth GAA, at Louth County Council’s Tree Handout Day at Louth GAA Centre of Excellence in Darver.

Louth County Council, in partnership with the Hare’s Corner Project, Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte, hosted a **Tree Handout Day** on 6 March 2026 at the Louth GAA Centre of Excellence in Darver. More than 5,400 native trees were distributed to over 190 community groups, landowners, schools, residents’ associations, sports clubs, and individuals across the county. The event took place just ahead of **National Tree Week 2026**, running from 8th to 15th March.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - March



Pollinator friendly spring bulbs at St. Brigids Shrine

In autumn 2025 more than 20,000 early spring flowering bulbs like crocus and snowdrops were planted as part of the **Louth Faith Communities Return to Nature Project** for church grounds. These flowers are now blooming and supporting the season’s first pollinators as they emerge from

hibernation. To find out more about how to support pollinators visit www.pollinators.ie

Sustainability

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

2026 Irish Green Awards – Louth County Council is Twice

Louth County Council were nominated as a finalist in the Irish Green Awards 2026: Green Public Sector of the Year 2026, for outstanding achievements in energy performance. The Shannon Airport Group won the **Green Public Sector Organisation of the Year** showing the high level of Louth County Council’s progress.

Energy Upgrades Success

Installation of 39 high-efficiency 450-watt solar PV panels has now been completed at the Co. Archives building, Dundalk. It provides 17.55 kWp of renewable electricity capacity and will provide a large portion of electricity for the new air-source heat pump, now the facility’s main heating system. Complementary energy improvements such as secondary glazing, full LED lighting, a modern Building Management System, and targeted draught-proofing have all combined to sharply improved energy performance and environmental control. Together, these works delivered a standout achievement: **a 95% reduction in gas use in 2025 compared with 2024**, marking a major step toward low-carbon, energy-efficient operations.

Solar PV Update

Installation of 30kWp of Solar PV at Dundalk Fire Station, 16.5kWp plus an 18-kWh battery at the Lourdes Stadium, and a 9kWh battery at the Dromiskin Animal Compound have now been completed. These works bring the project’s total additional renewable generation capacity to **313kWp**. Further Solar PV installations are currently underway at Dundalk’s County Hall, Machinery Yard, and the Drogheda Corn Exchange.



Solar PV is complete at the Lourdes Stadium

Optimising Power @ Work Launch at Fair Street Offices

Staff at the Fair Street offices will join the Optimising Power @ Work behavioural-change programme, with an energy-awareness launch event on 26 March. The programme focuses on reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions in large public buildings through staff engagement, positive behavioural change, and automated energy-monitoring tools.

It has already helped in the delivery of major savings—**33% at County Hall** and **39% at the Town Hall**—and we look forward to achieving similarly strong results in our Drogheda offices.

Reduce your Use

LCC’s March focus centred on World Water Day, highlighting the UN theme “Where water flows, equality grows.”

FACILITIES

New blinds fitted in the Council Chamber at the Fair Street, Drogheda will improve comfort and energy performance by controlling sunlight, reducing heat loss, and helping prevent overheating.

Spring Clean Up Work Commences at the Dundalk Museum and Library Courtyard.



Vegetation removal

Millmount Refurbishment Works

As part of the ongoing maintenance works at Millmount, new railing has been fitted to the restored wall and are now a welcome improvement to this historic National Monument.



Wall stabilisation and new railings at Millmount

Animal Control and Welfare

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound March 2026	
Total dogs through the pound	24
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	10
Surrendered by owners	14
No dogs reclaimed by owners	4
No of dogs rehomed direct	5
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	6
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/03/2026	8

Dog Licences March 2026	
No of Licences sold	460
Licence Checks:	
House calls	974
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	244
Fixed Penalty Notices	9

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound March 2026	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0

No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/03/2026	0
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Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments March 2026	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 31/03/2026)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



Some of the dogs who entered the Dog Pound during March 2026

**Emergency Services and Building Control
Monthly Report for March 2026**

Fire Service

Four Louth firefighters continued their Fulltime Recruits course in a collaboration with Cork City. 3 core modules will have been completed by the end of Feb – Basic Skills (2 weeks in Cork), Breathing Apparatus Wearer (2 weeks in Dundalk) and Transportation Incidents (1 week in Dundalk). The passing out parade is due to be held on April 2nd in Ballincollig Fire Station.

The following training was also successfully completed:

- CFBT Initial Course Hackettstown – 8 Louth Students successfully completed.



Louth CFBT Demo Exercise

Fire Prevention

During the reporting period, twelve Fire Safety Certificate applications were received and are now being processed. Operational crews completed four During Performance Inspections to ensure compliance and identify any emerging risks.

Community engagement activities continued, along with ongoing delivery of the Primary School Programme across local schools. Five inspections under the Fire Services Act also continued across relevant premises to strengthen compliance and enforcement.

Building Control

The Building Control Team attended The Irish Building Control Institute annual conference in Galway 4th & 5th March. One of Louth’s Building Control Officers presented on Day 1 of this conference. The overall feedback was constructive and encouraging.



LCC presenting at the IBCI conference

Disability Access Certificates March	7
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	34
Total Number of valid Commencement Notices for March submitted	55

Civil Defence Training

Weekly training each Thursday night
 Footdrill training in advance of the annual Lourdes pilgrimage
 3 EMT students each completed a 3-day placement with the National Ambulance Service
 2 volunteers completed their manual handling instructor training at a workshop in Dublin
 Induction night held for 10 potential new recruits
 3 day First Aid Responder (FAR) course x 6 volunteers

Duties

St Patricks Day parade & medical cover x 23 volunteers
 Patient transport from Dundalk to Beaumont hospital x 1 volunteer

Call Outs

Missing person search x 2 days x 14 volunteers in Ravensdale
 Drone assistance to Carlingford station for gorse fire x 2 volunteers
 Community First Responder group activated 9 times by NAS. 18 volunteers responded treating 8 patients
 Welfare check provided for elderly resident cut off by flooding – 2 volunteers
 HSE carer transported through flooding on 2 occasions – 1 volunteer
 Sandbags provided to local resident for flooding – 2 volunteers
 Community first responders were activated 7 times by NAS. 14 volunteers responded treating 6 patients.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail
Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as príomhréimsí eagrúcháin AD i measc gníomhaíochtaí A&S, Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Cumarsáide agus Pobail.

This directorate is responsible for the organisational core areas of HR including Health & Safety, Corporate Services, Communication and Community Activities.

Joanna Kelly
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Seirbhísí Corparáideacha / Corporate Services

Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

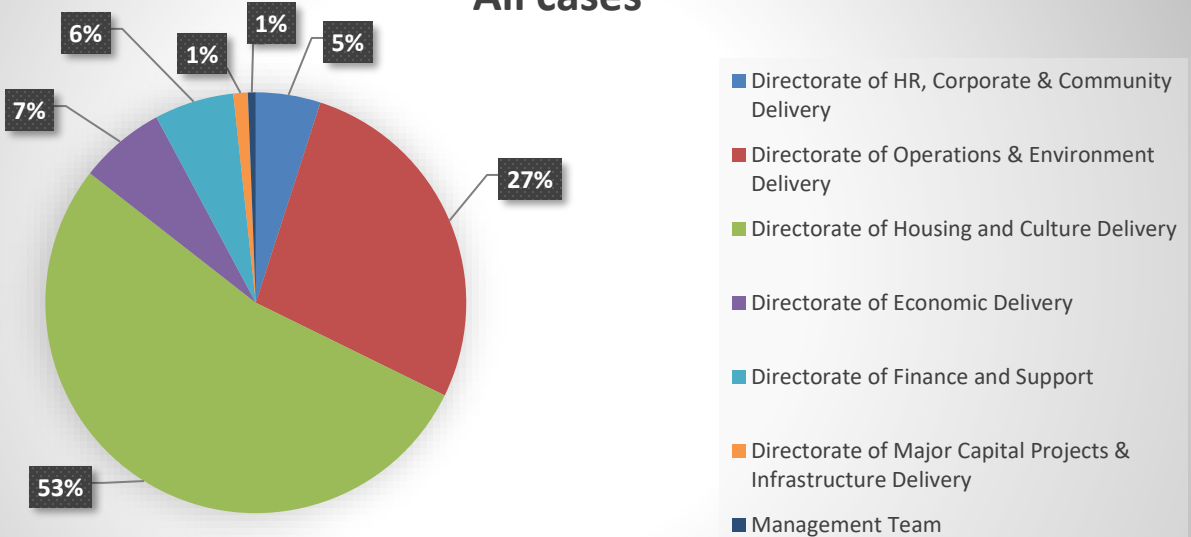
During the month of March 2026 Customer Services dealt with 17,565 queries inclusive of 8,684 calls, 986 e-mails and 7,895 counter queries. 10,785 (61%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:

% queries dealt with at first point of contact

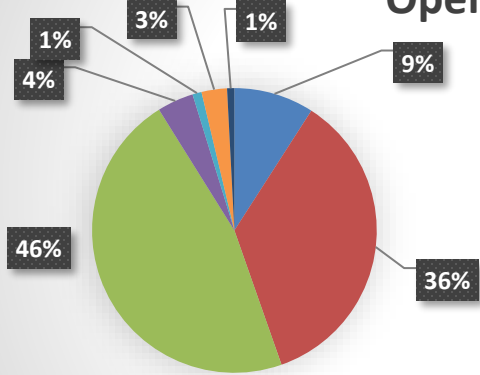


There were 2,976 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during March 2026 of which 136 were received from elected members. A total of 484 (16%) remain unresolved by end of March, broken down by directorate as follows:

All cases

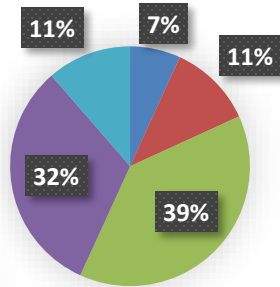


Open cases



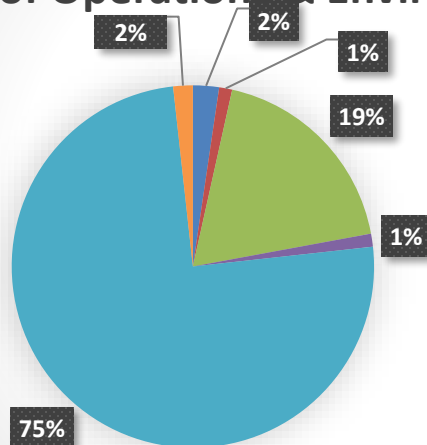
- Directorate of HR, Corporate & Community Delivery
- Directorate of Operations & Environment Delivery
- Directorate of Housing and Culture Delivery
- Directorate of Economic Delivery
- Directorate of Finance and Support
- Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery
- Management Team

Directorate of HR, Corporate & Community Delivery



- Facilities = 3
- Communications = 5
- Corporate = 17 cases
- HR = 14 cases
- Quality Of Life = 5 Cases

Directorate of Operations & Environment Delivery



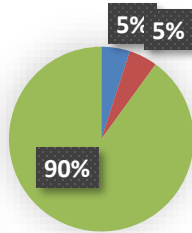
- Animal Control = 4
- Climate Action and Sustainability = 2
- Compliance = 32
- Emergency Services - Building Control = 2
- Operations and Public lighting and Fleet = 129
- Water General = 3

Directorate of Housing & Culture Delivery



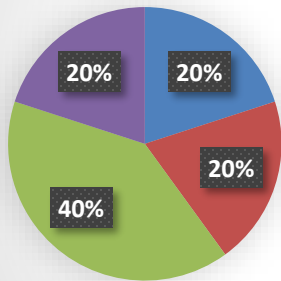
■ Housing = 225

Directorate of Economic Delivery



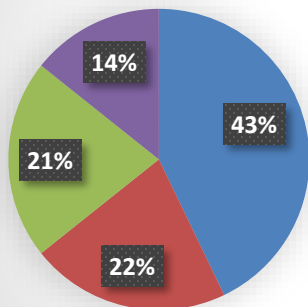
■ Broadband Section = 1
■ Economic Development = 1
■ Planning and Heritage = 18

Directorate of Finance and System Support



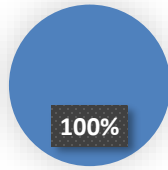
■ Finance - Accounts receivable = 1
■ IT = 1
■ Traffic = 2
■ Finance - Development levies = 1

Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



■ Infrastructure Roads and Marine = 6
■ Public Realm = 3 Cases
■ Active Travel = 3
■ Flood Risk Management = 2 cases

Management Team



■ Directors = 4 cases

The table below illustrates activity in the Information Compliance area.

	2025 Total January – March	2026 Total January- March	2026 Total March Only
DSARS	3	1	1
DATA PROTECTION REQUESTS	18	10	3
FOI REQUEST – RECORDS	38	47	14
AIE – INFORMATION	2	3	1
COMPLAINTS	6	20	4
OMBUDSMAN	7	0	0

Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme / Seachtain na Gaeilge

Gaeltacht Scholarship Awards were presented to fifteen students at a special Seachtain na Gaeilge celebration held in County Hall on Tuesday 10th March. This occasion was marked with vibrant performances from local musicians, set dancers and Irish dancers all coming together to honour and showcase our rich Irish language, culture and heritage. The spirit of Seachtain na Gaeilge was further celebrated at an event on Monday 9th March in the Civic Offices Drogheda, where pupils from Scoil Aonghusa and St. Brigids & St. Patricks National Schools delighted those in attendance with song, music and dance. Their performances reflected the pride and enthusiasm of the younger generation for our national traditions.



Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



Age Friendly Louth

Age Friendly Ambassador Day 2026

The Age Friendly Louth Team were out in full force to celebrate our Age Friendly Ambassador’s Day on 4th March 2026. The day was an opportunity to thank and recognise the valuable work our Age Friendly Ambassadors do across the country, and to focus on this year’s theme which was Age Friendly Workplaces and the practical steps needed to support longer working lives.

County Louth is fortunate to have Mr. Gavin Duffy, Businessman & Entrepreneur as our Ambassador and we look forward to working with him in relation to promoting and supporting Age Friendly Workplaces throughout 2026.



Mr. Joe Grogan, OPC Chair, Ms. Sinead McVerry, Programme Manager & Mr. Gavin Duffy, Age Friendly Ambassador

Age Friendly Louth support Creative Workshops for Patients, Residents & Staff in Nursing Homes/Hospital settings in Co. Louth

The new Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031 recognises the importance of social participation in the lives of older people and that older people in nursing homes and hospital settings are an important part of our older population. It is vital that they are provided with equal opportunities to access educational, cultural, leisure and community activities.

Action 5.1 specifically relates to Support local services hubs and community organisations to engage older

people in educational, cultural, leisure and community activities.

Age Friendly Louth secured funding and engaged a Creative Facilitator to roll out a suite of creative workshops to patients, residents & staff in nursing homes (four workshops per nursing home) across the county during February & March of 2026. The Village (St Mary’s Hospital in Drogheda) and St Joseph’s Hospital in Ardee took part in the workshops. Residents, patients and staff were invited to participate, and the collaborative workshops gave patients and residents with lots of different abilities an opportunity to engage with the imaginative workshops and try new creative activities.

The weekly workshops encouraged conversation through familiar household objects—from china cups and teapots to the textures of bunting fabrics. The scents of herbs and fragrances of flowers also stirred vivid associations. These sensory experiences helped nursing-home residents recall memories, share personal stories and engage more deeply with each session.



Residents, Patients & Staff in St. Mary’s Hospital, Drogheda taking part in Creative Workshops

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Louth PPN delivered three training sessions for member groups in March.

- A Governance Health Check on 3 March helped organisations identify gaps in their governance practices.
- On 11th March, an Annual Report Writing workshop outlined the key elements required in charity and not-for-profit reports and highlighted how annual reports demonstrate effectiveness to the public, members and funders.
- On 23rd March, a Beginner Canva/Digital Marketing course introduced participants to using Canva to enhance their online presence and create clearer, more engaging promotional materials for members, funders and the wider community.

Louth PPN hosted 3 Municipal District Meetings in March. These meetings are an opportunity for member groups to network with other members within their geographic and sectoral areas while being informed of internal decisions made by Louth PPN’s Secretariat in relation to budget allocations and the proposed workplan for 2026.

Louth PPN’s Secretariat and Community Representatives met on 23rd March in Outcomers, Dundalk, providing a forum to share experiences and discuss community issues arising from Local Authority structures. On the same day, the Resource Worker gave an interview on Dundalk FM to highlight PPN supports, promote the upcoming Plenary and publicise training opportunities. On 25th March, the Council and the Secretariat met to review Louth PPN’s 2026 workplan and agree the basis of the 2026–2027 MoU. Louth PPN also attended the National PPN Workers’ Meeting on 26th March to discuss matters of national relevance.

Healthy Louth

Ministerial Visit

Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor TD, visited Healthy Louth’s Boxing Clever programme at the Red Door Project in Drogheda on Thursday, 26th February.

The Minister was welcomed by Ms. Joanna Kelly, A/Director of Services, Ms. Rachel Finegan, Healthy Louth Coordinator, Cllr. Pío Smyth, Community Employment Supervisor at Red Door, staff of the Red Door Project and participants currently engaged in the programme. Now in its third year, Boxing Clever is a transformative wellbeing and education initiative delivered by The Red Door Project and supported by the Council and Healthy Louth through the Healthy Ireland Fund.



Ministerial Visit to The Red Door Project

LCDC Health & Wellbeing Sub Committee Meeting

The Health & Wellbeing Sub Committee met for its inaugural meeting of 2026 on Tuesday, 26th March, setting a clear strategic focus on successfully completing the final year of Round 4 funding while discussing the core priorities and design principles of the proposed 2026–2030 framework.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

A Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer has now been appointed for the Dundalk area and will work in close partnership with the Healthy Ireland Coordinator to drive delivery of the core principles and priority focus areas of the Healthy Ireland agenda. Recruitment is ongoing for a Sláintecare healthy communities local development officer for Drogheda.



LEADER Project Funding Approved

The LAG, at its March meeting, approved funding support, in the amount of **€25,000** for 1 LEADER project. To date, total funding allocated to LEADER projects in Louth—including the most recent approvals—amounts to **€1,262,278.01**, which is 34.4% of the total programme budget.

National Tree Week

National Tree Week took place this year from 8th to 15th March. Organised by the Tree Council of Ireland, it is the country’s biggest annual celebration of trees. The Council received 400 saplings which were distributed to Tidy Towns groups, community organisations and schools on Friday 6th March.



National Tree Week 2026

Amenity Grants Scheme 2026

The Amenity Grants Scheme for 2026 closed on 15th March, with a significant number of applications received this year. The applications are currently being processed. The next step is to submit them for approval by the elected members at the Council meeting in May.

National Spring Clean

The community support team has been active ahead of National Spring Clean, promoting awareness, helping groups register, supplying litter-picking equipment and advising on organising clean-ups. Groups were encouraged to reuse and recycle and to focus on reducing litter locally. Louth saw strong participation, with over 100 registrations through An Taisce and additional large clean-ups by Tidy Towns groups. Community groups, residents’ associations and schools continue to request supplies. National Spring Clean runs throughout April, encouraging all sectors to take responsibility for litter in their communities.



PEACEPLUS

Procurement

Contracts for Louth’s PEACEPLUS Digital Arts Programme were signed on the 6th March. This project will engage in Peace building Digital Arts projects for 150 young people across county Louth.



Staff from the Redeemer Family Resource Centre and the Council signing Contracts for the PEACEPLUS Digital Arts project

Contracts for Louth’s PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Programme were signed on the 6th March. This project

will deliver a Peace building Collaborative Arts project for young people across County Louth.



Members of Capacity Ireland and the Council signing Contracts for the PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Project

Tender Responses have been received for the following projects on eTenders

1. Multicultural/Intercultural Programme
2. Introduction to Community Restorative Justice
3. LGBTQAI+ Capacity Building Programme
4. Entrepreneurship/ ethnic entrepreneurship for the traveller community and ethnic minority communities project

Tender assessment panels will now assess the tenders submitted with a view to awarding contracts to the successful tenderers.

A Request for Quotation for the PEACEPLUS Ex Prisoner Irish Language Engagement Programme was circulated on the 18th March. Closing date is 1pm on the 22nd April.

Project updates

The launch event for the PEACEPLUS Digital Arts project was held in the Redeemer Family Resource Centre in Dundalk on the 20th March.



Launch of the PEACEPLUS Digital Arts Project at the Redeemer Family Resource Centre, Dundalk



Louth County Council / Newry Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance

A meeting of the Joint Management Team of the LCC/NMDDC Strategic Alliance took place in the Town Hall in Warrenpoint Co Down on 10th March.

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as of 24/03/2026

Properties offered in March	0
Families moved into properties in March	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in February	5
Property offers recorded to date	86
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	36
Beneficiaries currently assigned	117
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	0
Properties assessed as suitable to date	45
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	18
Properties not viable to date	21

Training & Education Information Session – Drogheda

The LAIT team hosted a Training & Education Information Session for IPAS and BOTP clients in the county, offering newly arrived residents and international protection applicants’ clear pathways into further education, skills programmes and employment-focused training. Local providers offered one-to-one guidance, strengthening interagency collaboration and increasing awareness of accessible learning and training opportunities in the region.

Ukulele Classes – Ardee Library

Throughout March, LAIT continued its collaboration with Ardee Library to support the Ukulele Classes facilitated by Caz Maher. The sessions remained well attended and offered a relaxed, creative space for participants of mixed backgrounds and ages. The classes continue to foster social connection, confidence building and cultural exchange among participants.



Ukulele Classes at Ardee Library

International Women’s Day Events

Louth LAIT supported the International Women’s Day event in Fair Street, Drogheda, organised by Mayor Michelle Hall and Cllr. Ejiro O’Hare - Stratton, highlighting women’s leadership, community resilience and inclusive participation through speeches, performances and networking. The team also attended Cultúr’s celebration in Navan, which showcased the achievements of migrant women through storytelling, cultural presentations and empowerment workshops, strengthening cross-county integration links. Their engagements concluded at the Dundalk Sports Centre event hosted by the Women’s Integration Network, featuring cultural performances, panel discussions and community activities promoting empowerment, health and social inclusion.



International Women’s Day Celebrations in Drogheda

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

HER NIGHT – A Women in Sport Initiative

In March, Dundalk Sports Centre launched HER NIGHT, a Women in Sport initiative offering a supportive, inclusive space for women to be active. The Monday evening, women-only classes were led entirely by female instructors, with a new theme and training style each week. Participation increased steadily as awareness grew. The varied sessions, women-led environment and welcoming atmosphere generated positive feedback and demonstrated the

impact of targeted programmes that encourage women’s involvement in sport and physical activity.



HER NIGHT Participants at Dundalk Sports Centre

Lourdes Stadium

Launch of Mental Health Programme with HSE

Sli Nua – At Your Pace has officially launched, marking a new collaboration between LCC Sport, the HSE and SportUile. Designed for HSE mental health service users, the six-week programme encourages physical activity in a supportive environment where participants can move at a comfortable pace. Each session includes a gentle track walk and rotating fitness activities, helping build confidence, motivation and a positive connection with physical activity. Tea and coffee afterwards have fostered meaningful social interaction and a sense of community. Early progress has been very positive, with growing participant confidence. Strong collaboration between partners has contributed to the programme’s successful start and long-term vision.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education courses in March 2026.

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 2	March 5 th	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	March 12 th	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	March 23 rd	Online

Official Launch of Walking for All in Co. Louth

Louth Local Sports Partnership attended and took part in the official launch of Walking for All — a new programme delivering free, accessible, led walks in communities across Co. Louth.

Led by Outscape and supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes

Body (SEUPB), Walking for All is delivered in partnership with 18 organisations across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, reflecting a strong collaborative and cross-border approach.

The programme promotes health prevention, community wellbeing and social inclusion by creating welcoming opportunities for residents to be active, connect with others and enjoy their local area.

As a delivery partner, Louth Local Sports Partnership is proud to support the rollout of this sustainable, community-led initiative and its long-term positive impact across Co. Louth.



An Stiúrthóireacht um Thithíocht agus Seachadadh Cultúir Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as eagrú agus seachadadh Cóiríochta & Soláthair Tithíochta mar aon leis an ngné chultúrtha de Sheirbhísí Leabharlanna, Ealaíon, Músaem agus Cartlainne.

This directorate is responsible for the organisational and delivery of Housing Accommodation & Supply along with the cultural aspect of Libraries, Arts, Museum and Archive Services.

Ger Murphy
Stiúrthóir / Director



Titíocht / Housing

Ag Déileáil le hEaspa Dídine / Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the Northeast Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the Northeast Homelessness Strategy 2024-2026. The following work done within County Louth in the period 13th February– 12th March 2026 can be summarised as follows:

Tábla 1: Gníomhartha atá déanta ag Seirbhísí do Dhaoine gan Dídean / Table 1: Actions by Homeless Services

13 th February 26 to 12 th March 26	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	4	172	97	273
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	20	16	36
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	3	2	5
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	4	195	115	314

Tábla 2: Iarratais Íocaíocht Cúnaimh Tithíochta do Dhaoine Gan Dídean Próiseáilte / Table 2 Homeless HAP Applications Processed

February 2026	7
Total for 2026	14

Tábla 3: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 3 - Housing First

Number of tenancies established	57
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	40

Tables 4 - 7 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on 12th March 2026. Also included at Table 5 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 4: Inscne / Table 4: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	94
Female	50
Total	144

Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	28
25-44	74
45-64	37
65+	5
Total	144

Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín / Table 6: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	51
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	93
Total unique individuals	144

Tábla 7: Teaghlaigh le paistí cleithiúnaí / Table 7 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents

Individuals with dependent children	13	17	26
Couples with dependent children	3	6	5
Total	16	23	31

**Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Márta 2026 /
Housing Allocations, March 2026**

20 th February 2026 – 19 th March, 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocation YTD
Ardee	1	0	0	0	6
Drogheda	15	1	10	0	53
Dundalk	19	2	78	2	141
Total	35	3	88	2	200

Aistrithe / Transfers

20 th February, 2026 – 19 th March, 2026	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	1
Dundalk	4
Total	5

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

As at 19 th March, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	332	655	1099	2086
HAP Transfer List	283	820	1528	2631
Total Housing List	615	1475	2627	4717

There are **325** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **61** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíos / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears on 22 nd March 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	226	101,424
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	204	159,503
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1011	3,703,040
TOTAL	1441	3,963,967

Rent arrears are monitored on an ongoing basis and letters are issued to customers within two weeks of their falling into arrears. Failure to address these arrears will result in a second letter being issued and if necessary, a third and final reminder. Failure to respond at that point will result in an escalation to tenancy warning. The following correspondence was issued in March 2026.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	March 2026	200
2 nd Reminder	March 2026	27
Final Reminder	March 2026	21
Total issued		248

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **€ 4,060,602**. This is a 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€3,781,934) and a 15% increase on 2024 (€3,516,016).

The total number of rents currently paid by Household Budget is **930**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **57** new payment plans commenced in February 2026 (up to and including 20th March 2026).

Airionna Athligean & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 23/03/2026

Relet / Void Properties, on 23 rd March 2026	Total
Ardee Municipal District	9
Dundalk Municipal District	28
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	37
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	73
CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)	2
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	75

Note: Social units being used as short-term accommodation for homeless or emergency are not included in the above figures.

Cuairteanna Chothabhála / Maintenance Calls

Maintenance	20 th February 2026 – 20 th March 2026	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	1,161	3,656
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	971	3,115
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	100	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	90	249

Ríomhchlár Aisfheistithe Éifeachtúlachta Fuinnimh / Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (EERP)

Our finalised EERP allocation & funding for 2026 by DHLGH have been confirmed as 220 units. Two packages of works have been appointed and are expected to commence imminently, and further packages are being tendered. Estates/streets where houses are expected to be included in this year's EERP are listed below. Inclusion on a finalised program will be confirmed once all packages have been tendered and assessed in line with the funding criteria.

Municipal District
<p><u>Ardee MD:</u></p> <p>Churchview, Dromiskin (Appointed) Seaview, Annagassan (Appointed) De La Salle Terrace, Ardee Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown (Appointed) St. Mary's Court, Louth Village (Appointed)</p>
<p><u>Dundalk MD:</u></p> <p>Aghameen Park (Appointed) Doolargy Avenue (Appointed) Castlehill, Carlingford (OPDs) Dundalk St, Carlingford (OPDs) Mayfield, Haggardstown (OPDs) Clooneevan, Haggardstown (OPDs) St. Fursey's Terrace Blackrock (OPDs)</p>
<p><u>Drogheda BD:</u></p> <p>Moneymore Rathmullan Park Marian Park Scarlet Crescent Acorn Way (Appointed) Fr. O'Donnell Park</p>

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha atá ar fáil ar cíos / Private Rental Inspections

PRI Stats 2026

For 19 th February 2026 – 20 th March 2026	March	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	135	461
Advisory letters issued	223	387
Improvement notices issued	3	8
Prohibition notices issued	1	2
Private Inspections	0	1
HAP First Inspections	54	129
RAS First Inspections	1	2
AHB First Inspections	19	129
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	0	1
HAP Re-inspections	41	144
RAS Re-inspections	0	2
AHB Re-inspections	18	23
SSA Re-inspections	1	5
Inspections from Complaints	1	3
Properties Made Compliant	18	49

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta / Tenancy Engagement

21st Feb 2026 – 20 th March 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	15	0	18	33	84
Post-tenancy inspections	6	4	30	40	85
Tenancy Investigation Visits	12	2	8	22	55

South Side Voices Network- Community Engagement Workshop (South Drogheda)

A facilitated workshop of the South Side Voices Network brought together residents, Community Gardaí, Rathmullen Community House, St. Nicholas GFC, Louth Local Development, Lifestyle Development Drogheda and other organisations. Louth County Council was represented by Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Wendy and Staff Officer Jennifer.

The session provided a constructive space to discuss community safety, communication, and access to services. Strong local engagement and a shared commitment to collaboration were evident, with further engagement planned to support coordinated community action.



LCC staff with Miriam from LLDC

Anti-Social Behaviour

21st Feb 2026 – 20th March 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	12	0	8	20	51
ASB cases Ongoing	7	0	4	11	-
ASB cases complete	8	0	8	16	47

Case = a unique incident of anti-social behaviour, not the number of complaint forms received.

Fógraí a D'eisigh le haghaidh Sáru Tionóntachta / Notifications Issued for Tenancy Breaches

21st Feb 2026 – 20th March 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	0	0	3	3	7
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	0	0	0	1
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	1	0	0	1	3

Abandonment Notifications & Illegal Occupiers

Category	Brief Description	February
Section 15(1) Notifications Issued	Initial notice – tenant has 4 weeks to make contact and confirm occupancy.	4
Section 15(2) Notifications Issued	Final notice – property reverts to Council possession	6
Properties Surrendered Following Tenancy	Voluntary surrender after compliance discussions.	0

Category	Brief Description	February
Compliance Engagement		
Illegal Occupants	Instances where properties were found to be occupied without lawful tenancy and action was taken in line with legislation.	0

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

The application portal for the latest Affordable Purchase Scheme of 10 units at Ushers Mill Drogheda closed on March 2nd. Offers on all ten houses have been made and preliminary conveyancing is on-going.

We currently have three additional affordable schemes with the Department awaiting sign-off.

Gnóthaithe/ Acquisitions

Louth County Council are acquiring homes under the 2nd hand acquisition scheme which will be allocated as appropriate to Tenant In Situ, persons with disabilities, and homeless.

In March, the Council purchased one property.



Recently acquired property in Dundalk.

Morgáiste go Cíos (MGC)/Mortgage to Rent (MTR)

Active MTR Applications Total	33
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AHB MTR Applications Active	8
AHB MTR completed 2026	1
Private MTR Applications Active	23
Private MTR completed 2026	0
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	2

Under MTR, a borrower gets to stay in their home and agrees to give ownership of the home to the MTR provider. This means the borrower becomes a social housing tenant of their local authority or Approved Housing Body (AHB). This arrangement is entered into voluntarily and agreed between the borrower, their lender and the MTR provider. After five years have passed, the borrower might be given the option to buy the home back if they are in a position to do so.

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

There are no applications for the Repair and Lease scheme in March.

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2026 Budget Allocation	€6,730,000
LAHL Approvals at 23/03/2026	€407,400
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 23rd March, 2026	
Total Number of Applications 23/03/2026	15
LAHL carried over from 2025	4
Invalid/Returned	3
Approved	3
Declined	1
For Review	5
Outstanding – waiting on further information	7

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folaímh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	402
Approved:	295

Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	54
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	24
Funding Issued to Applicant	142
Principal Private Residence	292
Rental Applications	110
Vacant Grant Applications	205
Derelict top-up Applications	197

Cúnamh Deontais do Sheandaoine agus do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas / Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

Louth County Council continues to accept new applications under the Housing Grants Scheme. These grants are available for owner-occupied homes and private rented properties (with landlord permission). Applications are currently being accepted for the following:

- **Housing Adaptation Grant** – for works to make a home suitable for a person with a disability, including internal layout changes and accessibility improvements.
- **Mobility Aids Grant** – for minor works such as grab-rails, ramps, and stair lifts.
- **Housing Aid for Older People** – for essential repairs and improvements for those aged 66 and over.

These grants aim to help older people and individuals with disabilities or mobility issues make their homes safer, more comfortable, and accessible. Applications are assessed based on eligibility, available funding, and applicant needs.

On 9 March 2026, Louth County Council received its departmental allocation for 2026, amounting to **€4,139,540**.

Applicants who have already received grant approval are reminded of the importance of completing works within the specified timeframe and submitting

completion certificates promptly to ensure compliance and facilitate processing.

For full details and application forms, visit <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/housing/housing-grants/private-housing-grants-disability-housing-grants-for-older-people/>

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed



Bathroom Adaptation completed in Louth Village with funding provided with a HAG



Replacement Flat Roof completed in Drogheda with funding provided with a HOP

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 20/03/2026	124	4	258		386

Grants Approved 21/02/2026 - 20/03/2026	8	0	14	22	54
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Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants with a disability. The 2026 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totalling €838,610. This includes €754,749 (90%) in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and €83,861 (10%) Louth County Council Contribution.

Works Appointed	14 minor adaptations	2 extension 2 modular extensions
Of these Works onsite/ completed	1 minor adaptation	1 extensions/ 2 modular extensions

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units	
SHIP	839
CALF	292
CAS	49
TOTAL	1,180

Housing for All Social Housing Build Delivery				
Year	Target	Actual	Projected	Total
2022	660	227	-	227
2023	156	365	-	365

2024	160	438	-	438
2025	172	562	-	562
2026	175	0	545	545
Total	1,323	1,592	545	2,137

Capital Housing Delivery

Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda, C. Louth

In March, the County uploaded onto Choice Based Letting (CBL) a number of new high quality social housing units within the Boice Court development. The A-Rated energy efficient units comprise a mix of 2 bed apartments and 3 bed houses. These

Local Authority direct-build units were delivered by Louth County Councils Housing Section and funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



New Housing Estate of 72 units at Boice Court (Phase 2), Mell, Drogheda, Co. Louth

SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/3	32	Complete	31/12/2025	17 * 3 bed, 15 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	3/3	27	On Site	30/04/2026	4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 5 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	52	On Site	30/04/2026	20 * 2 bed, 17 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	41	On Site	17/11/2026	3 * 2 bed, 12 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Stage 3 Approved	30/06/2027	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	30/06/2028 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/12/2026	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed
Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	On-Site	30/06/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/03/2028	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved On-hold	31/12/2029	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	3/3	4	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 3 bed
Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock, Dundalk	1/1	12	Completed	01/12/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt.

Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/2	19	Completed	01/12/2025	9 * 1 bed Apt, 9 * 2 bed Duplex, 1 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	2/2	2	Completed	01/12/2025	2 * 3 bed
Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk	1/2	8	Completed	17/12/2025	5 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed
Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk	2/2	7	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk	1/1	27	Proposal / On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed, 6 * 1 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed duplex
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee	2/3	1	On-site	31/03/2026	1 * 2 bed
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee	2/3	5	On-site	31/03/2026	5 * 3 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	3/5	4	Completed	02/12/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/03/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/06/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/3	3	Completed	01/12/2025	3 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	2/3	17	Completed	01/12/2025	6 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 4 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	3/3	4	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda	1/2	8	On-site (Sub. Complete)	31/12/2025	2 * 2 bed, 6 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda	2/2	17	On-site	31/05/2026	4 * 2 bed, 9 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda	1/2	2	On-site	31/03/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda	2/2	17	On-site	31/03/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed

Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk	1/1	4	Completed	17/12/2025	3 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk	1/1	7	On-site	30/06/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda	1/1	16	On-site	31/03/2026	16 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	14	On-site	30/04/2026	4 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed

Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Newtown Woods, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda	Foscadh Housing Association	9	Approved	31/04/2026	Eight *1 Bed House One*2 Bed House
Tierney Street, Ardee	St John of Gods	7	Stage 3 Approved	31/06/2027	One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house
Barrack Street, Dundalk	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	15/06/2027	Twenty one * 1 Bed apartments
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk	Women's Aid Dundalk	12	On Site	31/05/2027	Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments

Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part VI/Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
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Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing Ireland	1/2	48	34/14	Complete	30/12/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 One bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 18 x Three Bed Apt
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing Ireland	2/2	94	0	Complete	31/12/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 x 1 Bed Apt • 52 x Two Bed Apt • 6 x Three Bed
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/07/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	1/1	42	0	On site	31/10/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 One Bed Apt • 12 Two Bed Apt • 6 Two Bed House • 6 Three Bed House
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/06/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth	1/1	29	26/3	Proposal	31/05/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Three Bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 5 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	0	On Site	31/03/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Apartments

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

The core strategic aims of Louth County Council Archives Service are to ensure the identification, management, and preservation of and access to the Council's public and private archive collections.

Collections Management

Cataloguing of local authority records continues with pre-1963 planning application records, publications regarding local government, and licence registers under the Cinematograph Act 1909.

Records Management

A final draft of the retention schedule for Fire & Emergency Services was produced at the March meeting of the National Retention Policy Working Group prior to distribution to each local authority, the NBCO and the NDFEM for validation and comments in advance of being approved.

Research Enquiries

A fundamental role of the County Archives involves facilitating access to archives in the Research Room and answering enquiries on collections. A sample of those handled during March includes Dowdallshill burial records; burial locations and closed graveyard archives; historic maps of Dundalk; Macan family of Drumcashel House; 1916 Louth Volunteers; payroll histories; vehicle registrations; photographs of former staff; and poor law union medical officer reports.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Public Consultation – Library Development Plan 2026-2030

The public consultation for Louth County Council Library Service's Development Programme 2026–2030 closed on 20th March. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to participate or share information about the consultation.

A total of 936 members of the public completed our survey. In addition, we held 21 focus groups involving over 230 participants, alongside 48 stakeholder engagements.

We now look forward to reviewing and reflecting on all feedback received from people across Louth. This input will play a vital role in shaping a Development Programme that guides the future of library services and ensures they continue to meet the needs of our communities.

We look forward to sharing the Library Development Programme 2026–2030 with you later this summer.

Ireland Reads Campaign

The Ireland Reads Campaign was a significant success in Louth, supported by unprecedented local and national media coverage as well as strong engagement from campaign ambassadors. Louth Libraries hosted 6 Ireland Reads events with a total of 140 attendees, contributing to the national celebration of reading and encouraging people of all ages to “get lost in a good book.” The campaign aligns closely with our strategic objectives to promote literacy, support lifelong learning, and enhance community wellbeing through meaningful engagement with library services.

Right to Read Programming

Louth County Council Library Service delivered a wide range of literacy focused events aligned with the national Right to Read programme. Programming strengthened literacy engagement across all age groups, expanded Irish language activities, promoted inclusion and fostered creativity and school partnerships through author visits and youth literary events.

Seachtain na Gaeilge activities included storytelling for Scoil Aonghusa, who also held an Irish music and singing parade through Drogheda Library. Dundalk Library held storytime as Gaeilge as well as a Tea n' Chats session with Paidí from 'Caife 7 Comhrá'. Local schools participated in Tráth na gCeist quizzes. Dundalk library hosted two bilingual embroidery workshops for adults.



Author Nicola Pierce in Dundalk Library

World Book Day was celebrated across the service with themed storytimes, while local authors Emer Conlon and Nicola Pierce delivered storytime and creative writing sessions in Drogheda Library.



World Book Day storytime in Drogheda Library

Executive Librarian also represented Louth Libraries as a judge at De La Salle College's World Book Day Dragon's Den event, where students pitched their favourite books.

Dundalk Library delivered a specially tailored sensory-friendly Magic Carpet Storytime during Neurodiversity Celebration Week, offering interactive visuals and soft sounds for neurodiverse preschool children.

Drogheda Library launched a new Book Club and Writing Group for ages 18–25, offering an opportunity for young adults to connect, discuss monthly reads, and collaborate on creative writing.

The Schools' Library Service continued its engagement with primary schools and ELCs, encouraged children of all ages to enjoy reading, by facilitating storytime sessions and schools van outreach visits including a visit to Castletown Girls preschool in Dundalk for a World Book Day storytime.

Engineers Week - DKIT Schools Quiz

Drogheda Library welcomed Kimmitt Sayers from DKIT's School of Engineering for Engineers Week and hosted a regional Engineers Week DKIT Schools Quiz, where local primary teams competed in STEM. The winning team advanced to the DKIT final in March.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library initiative, Memory Cafés were held in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries throughout March, providing safe, welcoming spaces for people living with dementia and their carers. Featuring guest speakers from ALONE and Sage Advocacy, the sessions highlighted key supports available within the

community and strengthened links between library users and essential advocacy services.

International Women's Day

As part of International Women's Day, Dundalk Library hosted an Acrylic Painting Workshop with Pebble Lane Art Studio, while Drogheda Library offered a hands-on embroidery workshop facilitated by BeAlice. By delivering creative, participatory workshops, the library service continues to provide accessible cultural experiences that engage and inspire a wide range of audiences.



Acrylic painting workshop in Dundalk Library

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Public Art Commissions

The call out for the three Artist in Residence commissions closed on 5th March. Following the selection panel meeting on 16th March, nine artists have been shortlisted to progress to Stage 2. A total of 35 applications were received for the 3 commissions.

For more information on all events and news in the arts in Louth check out our website www.createlouth.ie or email arts@louthcoco.ie

Highlanes Gallery

The gallery hosted LMFM and the Gerry Kelly Late Lunch Show on Friday, 13th March, marking the first in a series of dedicated events celebrating the gallery's 20th anniversary this year. Gerry was joined by Brian and Fiachra Trench, sons of the visionary founders of the Drogheda Municipal Collection, artist Bea Orpen, and businessman Terry Trench. Music on the show was provided by the renowned Zoë Conway and John McIntyre.

Creative Ireland

The Creative Ireland Culture team are working with Hands4Unity on the 'Sew4Unity' project which started in February. Piloted by the PPN and Arts offices last year, we have brought the project into the

Creative Ireland funding stream to develop and expand it.

The workshops bring participants together from local and migrant communities, focusing on integrating English language learning with sewing classes. This development will see 12-week workshops being delivered to participants in both Dundalk and Drogheda, starting in February, and running until May.

For more information on our creative Ireland programme email creativeireland@louthcoco.ie or check out the list of projects on the Louth page of the national Creative Ireland website <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/louth>

An Iarsmalann / Museum

Collecting, Conserving, and Communicating Louth's Cultural Heritage

The Museum continues to collect and promote the county's cultural heritage. This month it hosted the Old Dundalk Society's lecture 'When General Grant came to Dundalk' which explored the fascinating story of President Ulysses S. Grant's visit to Dundalk in 1879. Final preparations for activities at the Museum over the Easter holidays are being put in place. Recent donations to the Museum include a magnificent 19th-century wall-mounted telephone.



The latest acquisition, a 19th-century phone

Stiúrthóireacht na Mórthionscadal Caipitil agus Seachadadh Bonneagair Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as mórthionscadail chaipitil lena n-áirítear foirgnimh nua comhairle, bóithre, réimse poiblí, glasbhealaí, Taisteal Gníomhach, scéimeanna cosanta tuilte agus idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le soláthraithe fónais náisiúnta. A luaithe a bheidh mórthionscadal beagnach curtha i gcrích, glacfaidh an Stiúrthóireacht um Chothabháil Caipitil agus Seachadadh Comhshaoil freagracht as an tsócmhainn.

This directorate is responsible for major capital projects including new council buildings, roads, public realm, greenways, Active Travel, flood defence schemes and liaising with national utility providers. Once a major project has achieved practical completion, the Directorate of Operations & Environment Delivery will assume responsibility for the asset (except snagging & management defects liability period).

David Jones
Stiúrthóir / Director



Comhforbairt Áite / Placemaking

Athghiniúint Uirbeach agus Forbairt Tionscadail Cistí / Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (URDF)

Launch of Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF)

The Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) has now been replaced by the TCRIF, which was launched on 5th March. The TCRIF is now open for applications, and it is intended that an element of Westgate Vision, Drogheda, will be the subject of a funding application. Preparatory work in this regard is ongoing.

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Following the completion of Phase 1, BDP Ltd are the appointed consultant design team for Phase 2 of the SNQ project and are working with the Council and stakeholders on feasibility, analysis and a design concept for the re-development of the Backlands area. The accepted concept will be developed to Part 8 planning with full public consultation.

Concept development is being finalised alongside OM Costings. Property owner and stakeholder engagement is continuing.



Further development of project concept design.

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan is approaching completion. This will form a framework plan for regeneration of the Longwalk area, that supports town centre growth, and meets the needs of the town's residents, visitors and businesses. LUC is the appointed Integrated Urban Design Team lead.

For project updates visit the Longwalk Urban regeneration Facebook page here

<https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Long-Walk-Urban-Regeneration-Project/61574154397623/>

Or email

longwalkregeneration@tbla.eu

AUCF Éileamh a Trí, Leithdháileadh Maoinithe / URDF Call Three Funding Allocation.

Targeted engagement is continuing in both Drogheda and Dundalk, leading to multiple property sales and early-stage development activity. Recent meetings with new property owners in both towns have resulted in the preparation of full planning applications, with the intention of bringing these buildings back into productive use.

A repeat survey of the 129 properties listed under URDF Call 3 is scheduled to take place mid year. This will provide an updated picture of how many properties have been returned to use and how many remain vacant.

Following the 2025 year end survey, the current high-level status is:

- **Occupied:** 31
- **Repair works ongoing:** 18
- **Progressing:*** 42
- **Ongoing engagement:** 11
- **Awaiting engagement:** 7
- **Possible direct intervention by LCC:** 19
- **CPO process:** 1

** 'Progressing' relates to properties where there is owner activity in terms of planning process/ property for sale or lease/grant application*

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (RRDF)

Dunleer – Energising the Community

A tender process is underway to appoint a design team to this project. Following the completion of their Town Centre First Plan, Dunleer was successful in attaining RRDF funding to support bringing elements of the Plan to Part 8 stage.

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

The heritage-led design consultants, Urban Agency, are currently working to finalise the detailed design in line with the Part 8 permission received. A new RRDF call has now opened and it is planned that Carlingford will be the subject of a funding application.

Ardee 2040

Turley Planning, the Design Team lead, has completed the planning pack and it was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in mid-December 2025.

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence’s Gate Plaza, Drogheda

Engagement with the National Monuments has commenced as part of the consultation for the Part 8 process.

Play Spaces

St Dominic’s Park & The Glen

A briefing on Part 8 proposals for a playground in The Glen is to be held for members of the Borough District of Drogheda on 1st April 2026, after which it is intended the proposals will go on public display.

Part 8 proposals for St. Dominic’s Park are currently on public display, with the aim of receiving Part 8 approval in early Q3.

Omeath

A tender process is underway to appoint a design team to develop a plan for the rejuvenation of the Omeath Playground and its surrounds.

Capital Delivery Team

Funding streams

A new round of CLÁR funding for 2026 has opened. In addition to the Cooley Peninsula, the electoral division of Castlebellingham has also been included in the scheme this year. Measure 1 of the scheme, Developing Community Facilities & Amenities, is administered by local authorities and community groups can make an application for up to €100,000 in funding. The Capital Delivery Team will be hosting the following workshops to assist community groups with making an application:

- Carlingford Tourist Office – 13th April at 6pm
- O’Connell’s GFC clubhouse – TBC

The Capital Delivery Team is continuing to work with community groups around the county to deliver the various projects currently funded under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, CLÁR, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and Community Recognition Fund.

Works Commencing

Works will be commencing in the coming weeks on the following sites:

- Railway Park, Ardee – Refurbishment of the existing pathway
- Dundalk Demesne – Refurbishment and rejuvenation of the public realm.

Boyne Greenway - North Bank

With the support of ORIS funding of €500,000, the Capital Delivery Team is finalizing plans for widening, resurfacing and relining of paths and installation of lighting along the North Bank of the Boyne Greenway in Drogheda. This will form Phase 1 of works in the area.

The enhancement and extension of the Boyne Greenway supports land-based outdoor recreation activities including walking, leisure cycling and running, and will deliver on the objectives set out in the Embracing Ireland’s Outdoors strategy.



Clogherhead Cliff Walk

Following approval in August of Project Development Measure (PDM) funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for Clogherhead Cliff Walk, Louth County Council commenced surveys on this project in October. These surveys include a topographical survey and a Wintering Birds survey, which will be required for the proposed AA screening and design for the new trail. Mulroy Environmental has been appointed to take the project up to Part 8 approval.

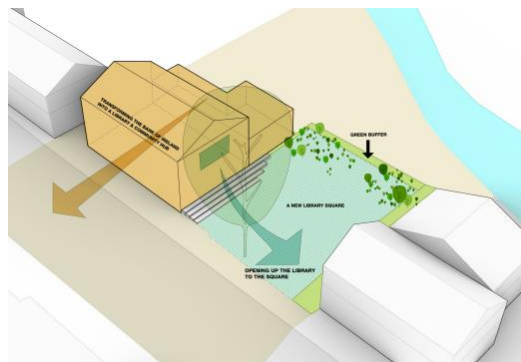
Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects



Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

Following a final public consultation held in December, the Town Centre First Plan has been adopted by the Clogherhead Town Team and is to be published shortly. The Town Centre First Plan has been shaped by extensive public engagement and will provide a pipeline of potential projects aimed at tackling vacancy and dereliction to create a vibrant, sustainable, and attractive Town Centre for living, working, and visiting.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer



Architects have been appointed to carry out the design of a pocket square for Dunleer. This square aims to create a high quality public realm space with new hard surfaces, kerbing, street furniture, feature lighting, soft landscape planting etc. The Council will be engaging with the Dunleer Town Team in relation to the proposed design which aims to create an enhanced public space that will serve residents and visitors alike. The project is an action within Dunleer’s Town Centre First Plan.

Vacant Homes Officer

We are encouraging anyone who owns a vacant home to engage with the Vacant Homes Officer to explore the funding supports available to help bring these properties back into use. We also ask members of the public to report any vacant homes in their area through vacanthomes.ie so they can be inspected and followed up.

One Compulsory Purchase Order has been completed and is in the vesting process at present, with further CPOs expected to commence in the coming weeks.

A new grant scheme focused on bringing vacant “above-the-shop” units back into use is due to be formally announced in the coming weeks.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

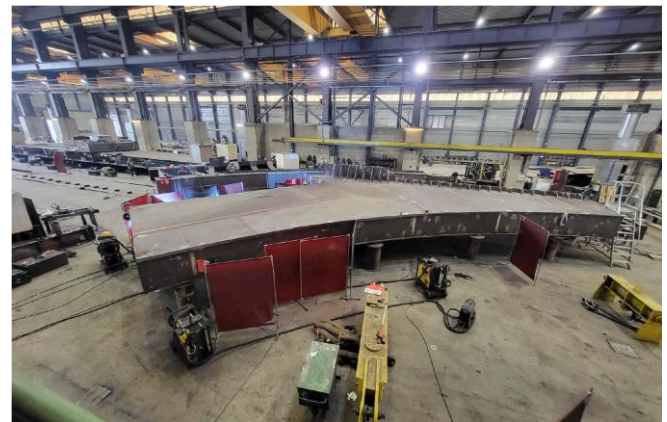
Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Construction works on site and fabrication works in Belgium continue to be progressed.

Southern embankment: - cut and fill works for the temporary support platform and crane continue with stell bracing for temp skid beam system to commence in March.

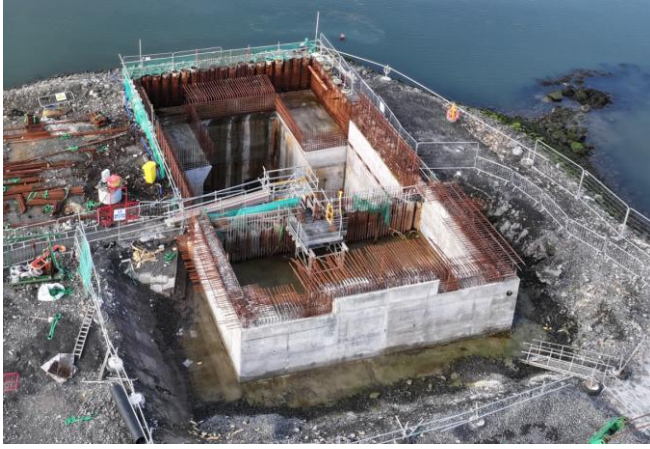
Bridge fabrication works: - Fabrication of the fixed span bridge continue in Ghent, Belgium and painting of completed sections of bridge has commenced. Cutting of steel plate for the bascule span has commenced. At this stage the majority of the project activities will be carried out in the fabrication yards.



Fabrication of boot section of pylon.

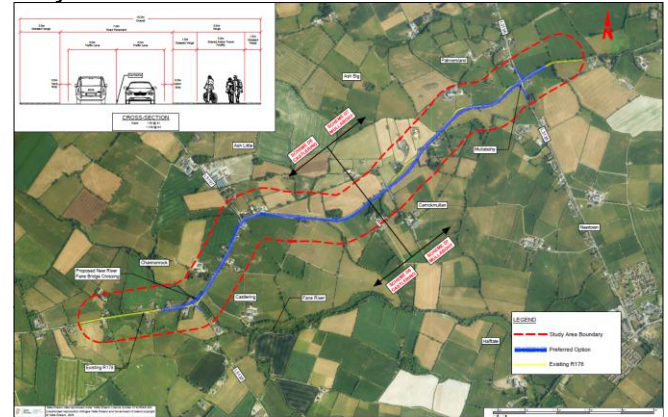


Section of Pylon Boot in assembly.



Aerial View of northern Bascule Chamber and the Plant Room.

Subject to the emerging preferred route option submission, it is intended to commence Phase 3 (preliminary design and environmental evaluation) in May.



Emerging Preferred Route

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

The TII have approved the Council to proceed with the tender award for the main works contract. A letter of Intent has been issued to the preferred bidder and letters of regret to the successful tenderers. The Tender for Employers Representative and site is with TII for approval.

LCC, the design team (WMNRO) and valuers are continuing to engage with the landowners, their agents, Utilities and all stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

N52 Ardee Bypass

The scheme is currently in the Supreme Court with the Court adjourning the matter generally pending the outcome of the CJEU reference in Power v An Bord Pleanála once a judgment in Power is given, then this case will be re-entered before the Supreme Court.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

A further meeting with the ESB on their timelines to deliver major capital power supply works (which interferes in both the new section of road and remaining road took place during March. A letter of award has been issued to the Council's preferred contractor.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

An allocation of c.€350k towards Phase 3 works has been given by the Department. The emerging preferred route went to non-statutory public consultation on 30th of March till the 17th of April.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is developer led. The developer has completed site clearance works in February and works have commenced by the main contractor in March, with a site compound being set up and topsoil stripping commencing.

Notices to enter was issued to several landowners on the expected extent of the work, and the Council Team will be engaging with these affected landowners.



Topsoil stripping of the mainline, near Sandpit Rd.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 3 (rail line section).

The Department have allocated c.€350k toward commencing detailed design for Phase 3. The preparation of tender documentation for a competent

designer has commenced and is ongoing. In parallel, the Council has submitted a funding application (€23.9m) to the Housing Activation Office under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund for the delivery of Phase 3 (inclusive of rail line underpass). Funding announcements are expected in April/May 2026.

Glasbhealaí Cistithe ag B.I.E / TII Funded Greenways:

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The emerging preferred route public consultation closed on the 27th of Feb, with 510 submissions received. The design team are currently collating the submissions to feed into the completion of the Options Selection Report.

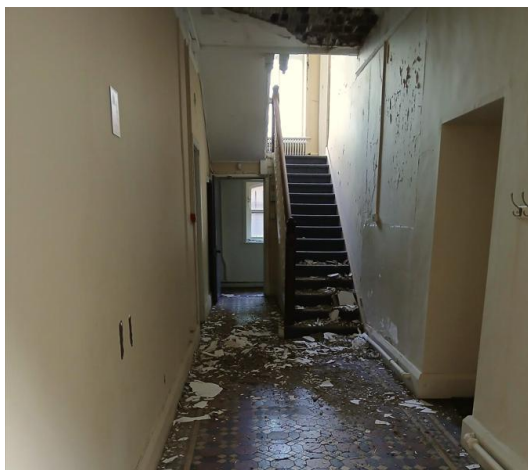
Further details on the project can be found on the dedicated website:-

www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie including contact details for the Project Liaison Officer and the independent appointed agronomist.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dominican Church/Library

Design works are ongoing for the conversion of the Church to a library. The design team provided a concept design presentation with the Library and Infrastructure teams in early February and have committed to provide a Stage 1 Report with the preferred optioneering by the end of March 2026.



Structural defects found in the Priory

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

Stage 1 report is due to be completed at the end of March and thereafter to be submitted to the Department for approval.

Ardee Castle

Main Contractor has been appointed. The Works on the ground will commence in March 2026. There will be an element of traffic management on the N2 resulting from works.

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

Following the awarding of €7 Million towards the restoration of Westgate House and the former DYD Building in Drogheda, Louth County Council have commenced preliminary safeguarding and archaeological investigations.

Shaffrey Architects have been appointed to carry out the detailed design of the building and Louth County Council have been engaging with future anchor tenants of the complex.

Archaeological investigations, surveys and structural safeguards measures commenced in March and will continue for 6-8 weeks, subject to findings. The Ministerial Consent was approved for these safeguarding works, and the National Monuments will attend site in April. Surveys works will feed into the detailed design of the project.

THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 21-27. Further information is available on the www.southernassembly.ie



Interior floors subsiding within West Gate House



Scaffolding erected for access as part of Safeguarding Works

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

The project remains in the initial stage of identifying and developing a preferred scheme. Hydraulic modelling and GIS updates is complete and will be published in due course.

Meetings with NPWS and National Momenets was held on optioneering for works along the highly sensitive area of the Boyne. Subject to a resolution on potential options it is intended to go out for non-statutory public consultation in Q2 2026.

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

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

An interim measure of c.800k for works on the culverts on some of the back lanes in Carlingford has been approved by the OPW in Feb. Detailed design works has commenced on these culverts. A further business case for works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Season is currently being reviewed by the OPW.

Ardee Minor Works

Works to provide improved protection to properties located along existing watercourses on Stoney Lane, John Street and N2. Delivery of the works is planned to coincide with the Local Authority’s annual road works programme in 2026. Detailed design and landowner engagement are currently underway. In parallel, the procurement process for an ecologist to undertake Appropriate Assessment screening is in progress to ensure compliance with environmental requirements.

Tionscadail Muiri / Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works – Drummullagh (Omeath), Bellurgan and Ballynamoney / Ballagan.

The successful Contractor has been appointed for all three project, with works to commence in April 2026. The Council to seek additional monies from the OPW for Ballagan due to the increased length of the eroded area after recent storms.

Tionscadail Clair Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

Works on site continue to progress. Internal works are nearing completion and works on commissioning

Tionscadail Cosaint ar Thulite Chontae Lú agus Creimeadh Cósta / Louth Flood Defence and Coastal Erosion Projects

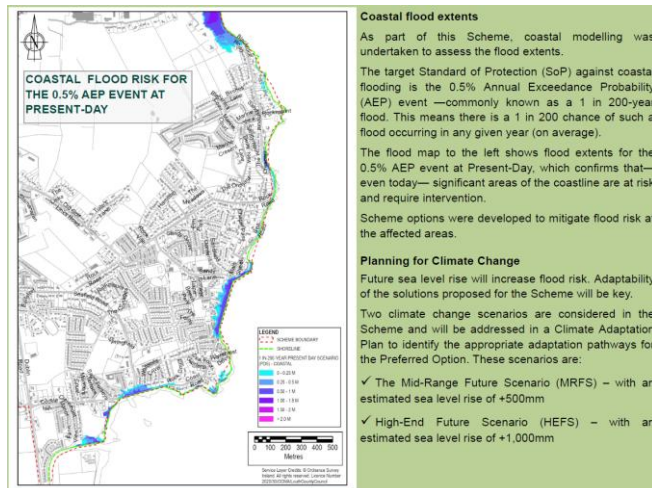
Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

The shortlist of options is being developed following technical workshops and environmental assessments.

Separate Public Participation Days (PPD) events for Blackrock and Dundalk are planned to ensure comprehensive community input. Blackrock Public Participation Days took place on the 26th of March in the Fairways Hotel.

It is expected that the Dundalk event will take place towards the end of April, with notices to the public being issued in advance.

The Project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at: www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.ie

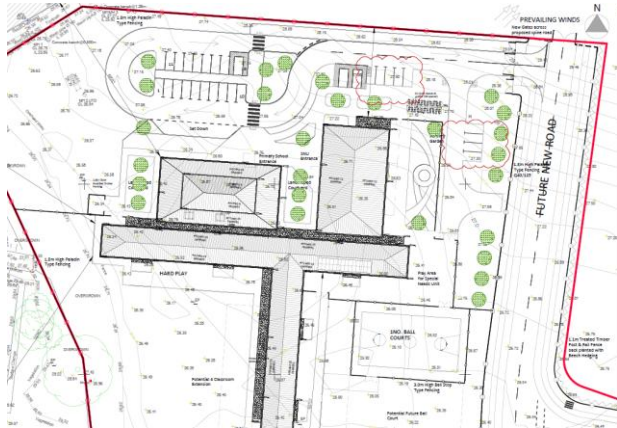


Extract from Blackrock PPD event posters

and testing of the HVAC systems and electrical systems have commenced.

External works are ongoing with groundworks for footpath and the main access road underway.

The department have given approval for an additional nine car-parking spaces to be incorporated into the project. The design team has commenced the design works so that they can be incorporated into the main contract.



Additional Car parking spaces location

Active Travel Investment Program

2026 Budget Allocation

On the 19th January 2026, the Council received an allocation of €4m for Active Travel and Safe Routes to School projects and €500k for the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (delivered through Operations). The NTA has indicated an annual Active Travel allocation of circa €4m for the next number of years.

The programme and extent of works to be delivered under Active Travel in the short term has accordingly been revised to reflect the reduced annual allocation.

Project funding is approved through defined phases under the NTA Project Approval Guidelines. Approval at any one phase does not constitute a commitment by the NTA to fund beyond that stage.



The seven different phases are as outlined below:

- Phase 1: Scope and Purpose
- Phase 2: Concept Development & Option Selection
- Phase 3: Preliminary Design
- Phase 4: Statutory Processes
- Phase 5: Detailed Design and Procurement
- Phase 6: Construction and Implementation
- Phase 7: Close-out and Review

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	April 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€30,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	A meeting with the NTA on the final Part 8 Planning Package was held in March and subject to final agreement on same an on-line briefing of the Draft Part 8 proposals will be given to Drogheda MD elected members in April 2026, in advance of Part 8 public display. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 process.	Proposed Part 8 display in Q2 2026
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€37,500	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councilors in April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed Part 8 display Q2 2026
Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€45,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team are currently progressing with preliminary design following non-statutory public consultation. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed Part 8 display Q2 2026
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's	€550,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5	Detailed design has commenced on the entire scheme, however in parallel, due to limited budget, the tender documents for the Marleys Lane Section only will be prepared , which were due to be received by end of March 2026.	Part 8 approved on 10 th February 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€10,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, these projects will be suspended at their Current Phase until further notice.	
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd.	€800,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Due to budgetary limitations, the Xerox Junction upgrade only will be brought forward as a standalone project, (due to its key position linking 3 projects). Tender documents for a standalone scheme are currently being prepared.	Part 8 Approval already granted
Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€2,500	Band 2 €5- €20m	Phase 4	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on 10 th December 2024. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	April 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€110,000	Band 2	Phase 3	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to expedite the Safe Routes to School infrastructure on McEntee Avenue etc., with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure Q2 2026.
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 2 was approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 preliminary design has commenced. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in Q2 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€20,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	Proposed to progress to Part 8 in April. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed to commence Part 8 process and display Q2 2026
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to design the Safe Routes to School element of this project for Mill Street, to facilitate Realt Na Mara National School and Louth Rehab in Quay Side Business Park, with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure in 2026.
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design) submitted to the NTA on the 23rd March 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	TBC
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	It is anticipated that Part 8 CE Report will be brought to Dundalk MD Meeting in April 2026. It is intended to bring project forward to detailed design (Phase 5) subject to NTA approval	Part 8 on Display 9 th Dec. 2025
Moneymore, Active Travel elements	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb. The subsequent notices will be issued to the relevant parties. .	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 1) St. Louis secondary school Dundalk	€35,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Remedial works to hedging and fencing adjacent to school are complete.	Section 38's completed

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	April 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
<p>Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2)</p> <p>1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk</p>	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	<p>Construction works have commenced at Bellurgan National School & Callystown National School with works at St Mary's NS, Knockbridge to commence in early April.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>Works @ Bellurgan NS New footpaths @ Callystown NS</p>	Section 38's completed
<p>Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3)</p> <p>1. SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry 3. Mullaghboy NS.</p>	€66,500	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Design Consultant appointed in February 2026 and has commenced initial Preliminary Designs	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
<p>Safe Routes to Schools (Round 4)</p> <p>1. Dromiskin Mixed School) 2. Marymount NS 3. Scoil Mhuire na nGael 4. Tallanstown NS</p>	€10,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Active Travel Team will liaise with An Taisce who will undertake initial high level Outline Delivery Plans for each School.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>This pilot project is being led by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with the Department of Transport with funding being provided by the Climate Action Fund. Part 8 Documentation was placed on public display on 3rd February 2026 and deadline for submissions expired on Wednesday 18th March 2026. 120 submissions have been received. Part 8 is likely to be brought to Dundalk MD meeting in May 2026</p>	Part 8 Submission Report to be complied.