



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

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Comhairle Contae Lá
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistióchta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Mí na Nollag 2025 Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st December 2025

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 December 2025, detailing activities, updates and progress across various departments of Louth County Council. Key achievements and actions under various directorates from the Chief Executive Report for December 2025 include:

1. Finance and System Support Directorate

- Financial Performance: By 22 December, 95% of the annual budget was spent. Income collection stood at 94% of budget, with strong performance in Housing and Rates. Debtor management continued, with a closing balance of €45.9m.
- ICT & Security: 645 IT support calls were logged (93% resolved). 14% of inbound emails were flagged as potentially harmful and blocked. Cybersecurity training focused on seasonal scams was delivered to elected members.
- Website & Digital Services: Over 10,500 unique page views were recorded, with online planning and services pages most visited. Thursday was the busiest day for website activity.

2. Economic Delivery Directorate

- Economic Development: The Rates Waiver Scheme 2026 launched on 5th January to incentivise new businesses to occupy vacant premises in town and village centres.
- Tourism: Our Festival Grants Scheme 2026 opened for applications in December.
- Night-Time Economy: Drogheda's Night Curation Fund supported successful events, strengthening the town's alternative cultural scene.
- Enterprise & Innovation: The Drogheda Digital Hub was officially opened by Minister for Enterprise, Tourism & Employment, Peter Burke, TD., providing state-of-the-art facilities for start-ups and remote workers.
- Heritage: Drogheda's rich heritage assets were showcased to the Minister for Heritage, Christopher O'Sullivan, TD on his visit to the town.
- Planning activity remained high, with 88 applications received and robust enforcement of unauthorised development with 248no. Warning letters issued for the year to November, and 48no. Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing the owner to carry out works to dangerous structures for the year to December 2025.

3. Operations & Environment Delivery Directorate

- Municipal Operations: Extensive litter picking, bin emptying, road sweeping, and repairs were carried out across Dundalk, Cooley, Blackrock-Faughart, Drogheda, Ardee, and rural areas. Storm Bram required significant clean-up and drainage works.
- Waste & Environment: 10 waste complaints were investigated; 161 litter investigations led to 24 penalty notices and two prosecutions.
- Climate Action & Biodiversity: The Community Climate Action Fund supported 22 local projects. The Hare's Corner biodiversity initiative launched for landowners. Louth County Council was nominated for the Green Public Sector of the Year Award 2026.
- Facilities & Energy: Energy efficiency at County Hall improved to 34%. Upgrades were completed at Ardee Castle and Dundalk Fire Station. Refurbishment of the Cornmarket Building in Drogheda was finalised.
- Emergency Services: Firefighter training and equipment upgrades continued. Major Emergency Management progressed with generator procurement for Community Support Centres. Civil Defence provided medical cover and community support.

4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

- During the month of December 2025 Customer Services dealt with 13,781 queries inclusive of 6,912 calls, 862 e-mails and 6,007 counter queries.
- Community support initiatives held during December included Putting your House in Order, Age Friendly Christmas bags and Christmas Wreath Making Workshop for the travelling community.

- The Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 was announced. The Department will allocate €239,207.33 to Louth LCDC. The programme will be administered through the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).
- The 'Louth Youth Leadership and Mentoring Project' and the 'PEACEPLUS Young People's Outdoor Pursuits and Sports Leadership Programme' were launched in December.
- Louth Local Sports Partnership celebrated International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 6th at Dundalk Sports Centre.

5. Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate

- In 2025, under the 'Housing for All' (2022 – 2026) government plan, Louth County Council delivered 562 new social housing units with an overall delivery to date of 1,608 units. This was achieved by a combination of LCC direct build, acquisitions (turnkey and Part V), and partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies. Arising from this, Louth County Council has exceeded the 2026 target of 1,376 social housing units 12 months early. While the Housing Section continues to work on delivering the existing pipeline, the focus will now shift to planning for delivery under the new government plan i.e. 'Delivery Homes, Building Communities' (2025 – 2030).
- Homelessness & Housing: 252 people presented as homeless; 46 were placed in emergency accommodation. 28 housing allocations and 4 transfers were completed. The housing list stood at 4,773. Rent arrears were actively managed, and 69 properties were void at month-end.
- Maintenance & Grants: Over 1,000 maintenance requests were completed.
- Affordable & Social Housing: Affordable Purchase Schemes progressed in Drogheda and Ardee.
- Culture: The Archives hosted the "Intervals of Peace" exhibition. Libraries delivered the Science Festival, Jane Austen celebrations, and outreach to schools and IPAS centres. The Arts Office launched new grants and exhibitions. The Museum ran festive activities and acquired new artefacts.

6. Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

- Ardee 2040 – submission of planning pack in December to An Coimisiun Pleanála, representing a key milestone for the project
- €500,000 allocation under ORIS for the Boyne Greenway – North Bank
- Urban Regeneration: Substantial completion was reached on St. Nicholas Quarter Phase 1. The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan advanced, and engagement continued on URDF Call 3 properties.
- Placemaking & Public Realm: Projects progressed in Carlingford, Ardee, and Drogheda, including plaza and play space developments.
- Transport & Greenways: Construction continued on the Narrow Water Bridge
- The Boyne Greenway received €500,000 for enhancements.
- Flood Defence & Marine: Flood relief projects in Dundalk, Drogheda, Baltray, Carlingford, and Ardee moved forward, with ecological works underway.
- Schools & Community: Works at Ardee Educate Together NS progressed. Nine projects in North Louth received CLÁR funding.

This report highlights some of the Louth County Council's progress across the various directorates in December 2025.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all Louth County Council staff for their dedication and hard work throughout 2025.

May I wish all councillors, staff and the community a peaceful and rewarding 2026!

Is mise le meas.



Thomas McEvoy
Deputy Chief Executive

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An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

Tá an stiúirthóireacht 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 31^ú Mí na Nollag 2025 / Expenditure to 22nd of December 2025

| Rannóg / Section | Actual Expenditure to 22/12/2025 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 22/12/2025 | Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Expenditure 2025 | % Caite go 22/12/2025 / % Spent to 22/12/2025 |
|--|---|--|---|
| Tithíocht / Housing | €74,135,838 | €73,683,142 | 101% |
| Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety | €29,602,342 | €28,591,697 | 104% |
| Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services | €5,871,500 | €7,538,273 | 78% |
| Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management | €20,120,180 | €25,940,360 | 78% |
| Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services | €22,538,731 | €24,948,899 | 90% |
| Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity | €11,008,944 | €12,548,436 | 88% |
| Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | €1,018,884 | €1,431,271 | 71% |
| Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous | €9,716,340 | €9,312,306 | 104% |
| | €174,013,359 | €183,994,384 | 95% |

Ioncam go 31^ú Mí na Nollag 2025 / Income to 22nd of December 2025

| Rannóg / Section | Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 22/12/2025 / Actual Income to 22/12/2025 | Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Income 2025 | % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 22/12/2025 / % Invoiced to 22/12/2025 |
|--|--|---|--|
| Tithíocht / Housing | €76,849,936 | €73,685,224 | 104% |
| Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety | €15,530,678 | €16,613,589 | 93% |
| Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services | €5,461,105 | €6,557,586 | 83% |
| Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management | €10,910,611 | €15,522,127 | 70% |
| Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services | €4,172,829 | €4,474,236 | 93% |
| Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity | €1,621,941 | €1,947,561 | 83% |
| Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | €302,569 | €469,209 | 64% |
| Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous | €8,519,289 | €17,760,538 | 48% |
| Rátaí / Rates | €37,663,273 | €35,598,115 | 106% |
| Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT) | €11,366,198 | €11,366,198 | 100% |
| | €172,398,429 | €183,994,383 | 94% |

The above is the current position as of the 22nd of December 2025. 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 2025 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 22nd of December 2025 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31^ú Mí na Nollag 2025 / Debtors as of 22nd of December 2025

| | Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance | Sonraisc / Invoices | Fáltais / Receipts | Discríobhanna / Write Offs | Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance |
|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors | €26,232,975 | €332,423,948 | (€334,700,358) | (€22,907) | €23,933,658 |
| Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities | €106,006 | €1,480,955 | (€1,451,240) | (€Nil) | €135,721 |
| Rataí / Rates | €5,466,111 | €37,663,273 | (€35,175,660) | (€2,328,569) | €5,625,155 |
| Cíosanna / Rent | €3,098,524 | €17,996,644 | (€17,047,421) | (€99,493) | €3,948,254 |
| Iasachtal / Loans | €300,764 | €2,241,290 | (€2,249,516) | €44 | €292,582 |
| Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies | €10,912,245 | €6,800,812 | (€9,653,877) | (€850,868) | €7,208,312 |
| Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges | €851,125 | €815,939 | (€629,252) | (€67,686) | €970,126 |
| Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous | €2,746,807 | €9,318,053 | (€8,174,055) | (€56,606) | €3,834,199 |
| Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors | €49,714,557 | €408,740,914 | (€409,081,379) | (€3,426,085) | €45,948,007 |

Above are the debtor balances as of 22nd of December 2025. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

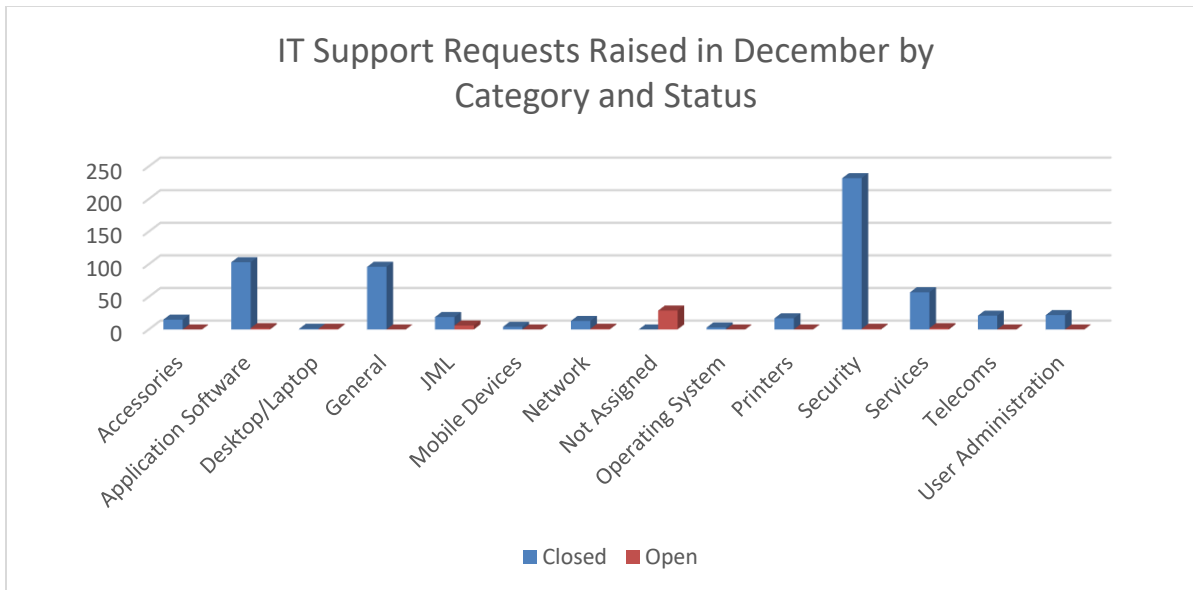
Annual Financial Statement

Work has commenced on the Annual Financial Statement and the above figures will change when yearend accruals and claims are posted. Once completed the Annual Financial Statement will be presented to Council.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/12/2025 and the 19/12/2025 there were 645 support calls logged in the IT support system. 93% of these calls have been completed.



Security, Application Software & general requests were the highest category of support requests in November.

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 01/12/2025 – 19/12/2025 14% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Inbound Email count | Emails Processed by Gateway | Emails Processed by Protect |
| 289,547 | 110,635 | 178,912 |
| Blocked Sender | Blocked at gateway | Total blocked by spam/virus |
| 4,212 | 14,844 | 21,388 |
| Blocked by content rules | Potentially harmful emails | Deleted by Protect |
| 568 | 14.2% | 66 |

Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

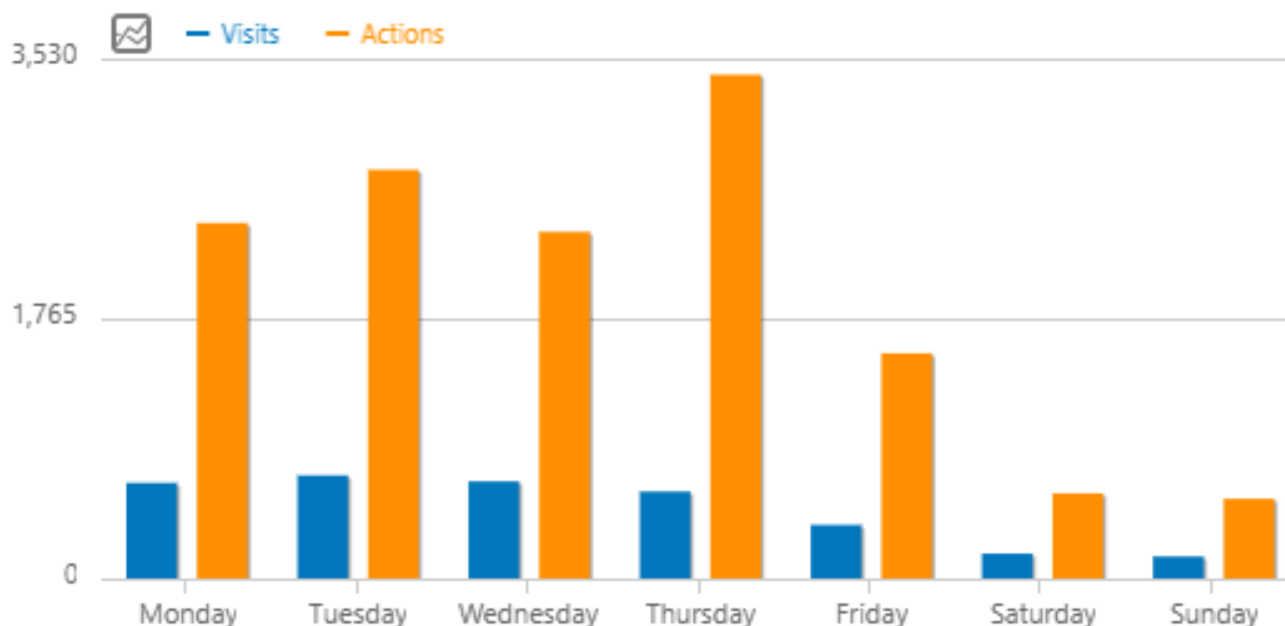
There were 10,501 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 19th December 2025. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in this month. Online planning services, Services and Dog Pound received the highest number of page views in December.

Pages

| PAGE URL | PAGEVIEWS | UNIQUE PAGEVIEWS | BOUNCE RATE |
|--|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| /en/ | 2,274 | 1,896 | 27% |
| /en/services/planning/online-planni... | 540 | 463 | 15% |
| /en/services/planning/ | 322 | 261 | 15% |
| /en/home/ | 320 | 242 | 32% |
| /en/services/ | 311 | 241 | 26% |
| /en/services/dog-pound/ | 213 | 170 | 46% |
| /en/publications/development-plans/ | 221 | 164 | 9% |
| /en/services/library/ | 209 | 161 | 46% |
| /en/contact/louth-county-council/ | 153 | 141 | 75% |
| /en/services/planning/online-planni... | 152 | 121 | 36% |

The chart below presents the visit per day of the week to www.louthcoco.ie in December by day of the week. Thursday was the busiest day of the week in December for actions on the website.

Visits by day of the week



ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provide an online Planning Register Map Viewer which can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County Council website. The data in the application is updated regularly to include all planning applications. There were 727 views between 01/12/2025 and 19/12/2025, an average of 40 views a day in December.

Cyber Security Training – December

This month's training focused on the various techniques used by Cyber criminals to initiate scams. There was a video detailing common scams prevalent during the Christmas Season. Cybersecurity Training was issued to the Elected Members of Louth County Council in December.

**An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch
Economic Delivery Directorate**

Tá an stiúrthóireacht 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
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúrtóireacht 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

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Rates Waiver Scheme 2026, as proposed by the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC, was approved at the Budget meeting on the 17th November. The aim of the scheme is to assist and provide incentives for new businesses to locate in vacant commercial premises in town centres encouraging diversity of retail opportunities within designated areas. The scheme will come into effect on the 5th January, 2026. Information and application forms will be available on <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>. Queries can be e-mailed to rateswaiver@louthcoco.ie.

Age Friendly Business

An open call is in place for businesses who wish to take part in the Age Friendly Business Program workshops. To take part, and for further information please email econdev@louthcoco.ie.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth

The Visit Louth website provides a [what's on](#) section for the County aiming to inform and attract tourists to the area and building their experiences. Submissions for events or attractions can be made via this [link](#).

Festivals Grants 2026

Applications are now open for the 2026 Festival Grants. Full details on the scheme are available from [Festival Grants 2026 | Louth County Council's Online Consultation Portal](#). Applications will close on the 21st January, 2026.

Brigid's Way

A request for tender was published on the eTenders portal to request submissions to 'Develop an options paper for Brigid's Way'. This collaboration aims to develop and evaluate options to maintain and develop the cross-county route. Tenders have been assessed with a view to appointing a consultant to work with the Tourism Officer, Meath and Kildare County Councils, Fáilte Ireland and key stakeholders.

Boyne Valley Flavours (BVF)

Following the AGM in November, the Boyne Valley Flavours board members reviewed and re-categorised the BVF membership structure to better reflect the range of businesses and organisations engaged in the regional food ecosystem and to ensure more targeted supports. Membership now structured into three core categories:

- Producer Members – food and drink producers based in the Boyne Valley region.
- Food Service Members – hospitality businesses, including cafés, restaurants, accommodation providers, markets, festivals, and food tourism experiences that champion local produce.
- Affiliate Members – for businesses that support or supply the Boyne Valley food and hospitality network - such as wine importers, designers, trainers, food safety consultants, service providers, and wholesalers. Food Brand Owners, who do not manufacture their own produce.

This revised structure provides greater clarity for members, supports more relevant engagement and programming, and strengthens collaboration across the Boyne Valley food and tourism landscape.

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland has been focusing on continuing to grow and spread the message of its recently launched island-wide online directory for artisan and farm house food producers, growers, craft brewers, cider makers, and distillers. The directory is a growing valuable resource for consumers, chefs, producers, and academia. <https://foodcultureireland.ie/producer-directory/>.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Night Curation Fund

The fund focuses on supporting the **organiser or curator**, rather than one-off events, to help establish repeat programming, audience development and venue confidence.

Three **supported events took place towards the end of November and December including:**

- **Deadly Craic Comedy Club** — McHugh’s Bar, **28th November**
- **Blas do Theanga** (hip-hop and alternative music night) — Odd Mollies, **28th November**
- **All That Glitters** (cabaret night) — McHugh’s Bar, **13th December**

Notably **Blas do Theanga** was a **sell-out event**, successfully reconnecting a younger grassroots music audience with the Drogheda Night-Time Economy and bringing back **Odd Mollies to the local grassroots music scene**. Well known national acts gave positive feedback which will further reinforce Drogheda’s reputation as the East Coast alternative. **All That Glitters** closed out the year with another **sell-out show**, further establishing cabaret as a distinctive and growing strand within Drogheda’s night-time offering. Deadly Craic Comedy Club now regularly hosts local t-shirt crafter Al’s T-Shirts, encouraging connectivity and partnership between the town’s businesses.



Deadly Craic Comedy Club – McHugh’s Bar, 28th November



Blas do Theanga, Odd Mollies, 28th November

Night Moves

Night Moves is a partnership programme between the Night-Time Economy Adviser and **Droichead Arts Centre**, operating as a night-time “lab” to test new cultural experiences in local places and at non-traditional times. The programme concluded its 2025 run on 13th **December** with an alternative late-evening performance at the Art Centre by sonic storyteller Natalia Beylis and experimental local musician Niall Gregory. This ends a productive year for the partnership with **five local cafés** participated in Night Moves, Drogheda being selected as one of the Art Council’s flagship Culture Night Late locations and innovative light low-cost light projections cast along areas of West Street.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Digibytes - Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub

The Drogheda Digital Hub hosted the second session of DigiBytes on the 2nd December from 6.00 to 9.00p.m. focusing on Digital Health with guest speaker Stephanie Esambe, founder of Pillixia (AI medication reminder app).

These fully funded, one-night workshops aim to spark ideas and give clear steps for tech ventures. Participants also receive tailored mentoring and access to Hub facilities.

Innovate Accelerate – Friday 5th December

As part of this European Programme, businesses from LEO Louth, LEO Meath, and Newry, Mourne & Down Enterprise Centre attended the Irish Embassy

in Berlin's Irische Weihnachtsfeier (Irish Christmas Celebration).

The evening was a fantastic opportunity to present products & services to an international audience, network with the Irish Business Network Germany and local innovators and celebrate Irish culture at a vibrant Christmas market.

This complemented two days of visits to Wenberg Campus & Technology Park, meetings with Berlin-based startups, and strategic discussions on collaboration and internationalisation.



Irish Embassy in Berlin's Irische Weihnachtsfeier (Irish Christmas Celebration)

Drogheda & District Chambers – Secret to Success – Thursday 11th December

LEO Louth sponsored and attended the Drogheda Chamber Secret to Success Event. Held in the Marcy Hotel on West Street, this brought businesses from right across the region together to hear the experiences and learnings of some great local leaders and business owners and gave an opportunity for all attendees to network.



Secret to Success event

Coláiste Chú Chulainn Trade Fair – Friday 12th December

LEO Louth Head of Enterprise was delighted to judge the Coláiste Chú Chulainn Trade Fair, where

Transition Year students showcased their own mini companies to local primary schools and their peers. Alongside Dundalk Credit Union, the Head of Enterprise assessed the innovative ideas and presentations, selecting the top three businesses to represent the school at Student Enterprise Day in 2026.



Coláiste Chú Chulainn Trade Fair

Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub – Official Opening – Wednesday 17th December

On 17th December, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Peter Burke TD officially launched the Drogheda Digital Hub on Narrow West Street, marking a major step in Drogheda's future development. Initiated and developed by the Council with support from Enterprise Ireland under the Border Enterprise Development Fund, the hub offers state-of-the-art co-working spaces, meeting rooms, and technology infrastructure to support start-ups, remote workers, and scaling tech firms. Minister Burke highlighted its role in driving digitalisation and business growth in the North-East, while the Director of Economic Delivery emphasised its importance to revitalise the town and attract investment while also discussing the many further developments planned for Drogheda and the North-East region. Through programmes like Boyne Innovate and tailored training, the hub aims to foster entrepreneurship, collaboration, and economic renewal in Drogheda.



Cathaoirleach Councillor Seán Kelly and Minister Peter Burke TD are joined by local reps and LCC/Enterprise Ireland staff for the official opening

Funding Approved:

- 2 Green for Business Approved
- 1 Digital for Business Approved

LEO Workshops and Training Held:

- Business Advice Clinics – 26 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in December alongside 3 financial business advice clinics
- LEO Mentoring – 16 Mentors were appointed to businesses in December to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

Oidhreacht / Heritage

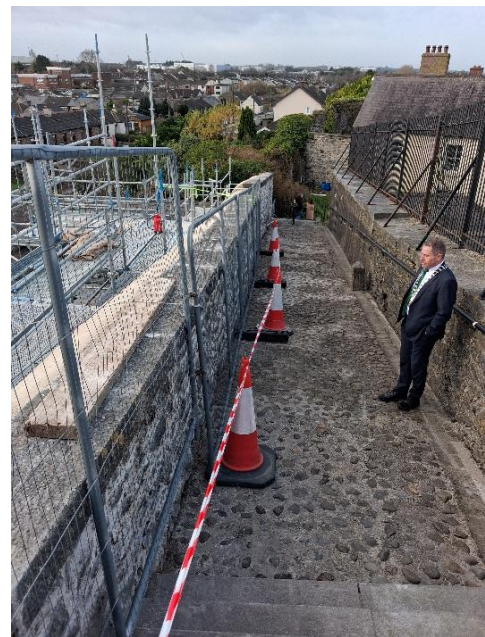
The Minister for Heritage, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, visited Drogheda's rich heritage in December, following an invitation from local Senator Alison Comyn.

The Minister visited Drogheda Museum at Millmount, where the Council is funding substantial conservation works, Laurence's Gate, Featherbed Lane, and Old Abbey Lane.

Colleagues gave a presentation on the THRIVE-funded regeneration project at Westgate.



Minister Christopher O'Sullivan on his visit to Drogheda



Deputy Mayor of Drogheda Councillor Declan Power Borough District inspecting the conservation repairs at Millmount

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of November 2025 are given below in tabular form. There were 88 planning applications received during the month of November of which 79 were valid. In addition, there were 39 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 27 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 | 10 | 47 | 0 | 62 |
| (ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information | 4 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 26 |
| (iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused | 20% (1) | 0% (0) | 2.13% (1) | 0% (0) | 3.23% (2) |
| (iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| (v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions | 100% (1) | 100% (1) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 100% (2) |

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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 údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development | | Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development | |
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| | Samhain 2025 / November 2025 | Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date | Samhain 2024 / November 2024 | Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date |
| Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated | 19 | 266 | 17 | 241 |
| 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 | 25 | 237 | 17 | 220 |
| Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued | 21 | 248 | 29 | 221 |
| Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued | 0 | 7 | 2 | 15 |
| Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings | 2 | 9 | 0 | 3 |
| 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 / Forfheidhmíú 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 October to December 2025.

Tá na Táscairí Pleanála thíos liostaithe bainteach le Fógraí a eisíodh faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta) 1964 sa tréimhse Deireadh Fómhair go Nollaig 2025.

| <i>Description / Cur Síos</i> | <i>Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmíú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha</i> | |
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| | <i>October to December 2025 Deireadh Fómhair go Nollaig 2025</i> | <i>Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo</i> |
| <i>Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh</i> | 12 | 45 |
| <i>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</i> | 15 | 48 |
| <i>Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 – Áit Chontúirteach</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register / Líon na Struchtúr Contúirteacha atá cláraithe ar an gClár Struchtúr Contúirteach</i> | 11 | 39 |
| <i>Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí</i> | 0 | 8 |
| <i>Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register / Líon na nStruchtúr Contúirteacha a Baintíodh den Chlár Clár Struchtúr Contúirteach</i> | 3 | 20 |
| <i>Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh</i> | 6 | 26 |

Stiúrtóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrtóireacht 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
Stiúrtóir gníomhach / Acting Director



**Operations & Environment Delivery
Monthly Report for December 2025
Oibríochtaí / Operations**

Ceantar Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

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| <p>Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking:</p> <p>Maxwells Row, Riverwalk, Tain Bridge, Racecourse rd, and Newry rd.</p> <p>Armagh rd, Lennonmelia, Mooreland rd, Glenmore, Lismullan and Lisdoon Area.</p> <p>Maxwells Row, Fairgreen rd, Quayside, St. Helenas, Barrack St.</p> <p><i>Linenhall St, Fairgreen Row, Nicholas St, Wolftone Terrace, Yorke St, Chapel St, Seatown Area.</i></p> <p><i>Catletown rd, Castleross, Del A Sal Terrace, John St, Patrick St, Philip St, The Laurels.</i></p> <p><i>Coes rd, Point rd, Barrack St and Peter St.</i></p> | <p>Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí / Location and metres per month /</p> |
| <p>Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins</p> <p>Carried out by contractor Declan McArdle</p> <p><u>New Bin Installed at Longwalk after one was damaged in RTA</u></p> | <p>Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency</p> |
| <p>Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping</p> <p>All Locations on Declan McArdles Route</p> <p><i>Mount Avenue and Back of the Wall swept after all Gullys cleaned.</i></p> <p><i>Footpaths at St. Patricks Cemetery swept.</i></p> | <p>Bealaí gach tseachtain / Routes per week</p> |
| <p>Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála / Ring Buoy Checking</p> <p><u>Locations:</u> Toberona x 4</p> <p><i>Maxwells Row x 2</i></p> <p><i>Newry Rd Bridge x 2</i></p> <p><i>Fairgreen Row x 1</i></p> <p><i>St. Helenas Park x 4</i></p> <p><i>Tain Bridge x 2</i></p> <p><i>Navy Bank x 5</i></p> | <p>Líon Seiceáilte gach tseachtain / Number checked weekly</p> |

Riverside Walk x 2
Ice House Hill x 3
Ramparts River/Road x 2

| | <i>Suíomh / Location</i> | <i>Nótaí / Notes</i> |
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| Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs | <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>R178</p> <p>Avenue rd / Hill St Bridge</p> <p>Nicholas St</p> <p>Tom Bellew rd / Inner relief rd Junction</p> <p>Anne St</p> <p>Centenary rd</p> <p>Old Coes rd</p> <p>Hoeys Lane</p> <p>Dublin rd / Inner relief rd Crossroads</p> <p>Dublin St.</p> <p>LongWalk</p> | <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Clean up after RTA</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> <p><i>Potholes repaired</i></p> |
| Feabhasúchán Draenála / Drainage Remediation | <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>All River Grilles Checked and Cleared</p> <p>All flooding Dealt with after Storm Bram</p> <p>The Rise / Mount Avenue</p> <p>Mill rd</p> <p>Beechmount Drive</p> <p>Fairgreen Row</p> <p>188 Ard Easmuinn</p> | <p>Sunken Grating repaired.</p> <p>Seized Grating repaired.</p> <p>Sunken Grating repaired.</p> <p>Blocked Gullys cleared.</p> <p>Blocked Gully cleared.</p> |

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| <p>Cothabháil Cosán / Footpath Maintenance</p> | <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Castle rd, Inner Relief rd, Oaklawns, Meadow View, Hoeys Lane and The Friary Church.</p> <p>Back of the Wall / Mount Avenue</p> | <p>Trip Hazards Planed with the Concrete Planer.</p> <p>Bollards repaired.</p> |
| <p>Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá / Traffic Light Repairs</p> | <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Patrick St / Anne St</p> <p>Tom Bellew Av. / St Joseph's NS</p> | <p>Lights Repaired</p> <p>Pedestrian button Repaired</p> |
| <p>Comharthaíocht Signage & Bollards /</p> | <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>All Signs Checked and Straightened up after Storm Bram.</p> <p>Belfry Gardens</p> <p>Fr. Murray Park</p> <p>Cluain Enda</p> <p>Muihevnamore / Hoeys Lane</p> <p>Belfry Drive</p> <p>LongWalk</p> <p>The Laurels</p> <p>Mount Av. / Back of the Wall</p> <p>St.Patricks Terrace</p> <p>Rockfield / Hoeys Lane</p> | <p>New Stop Sign and pole installed</p> <p>3 New Stop Signs installed</p> <p>New Stop Sign installed</p> <p>New Stop Sign installed</p> <p>New Stop Sign installed</p> <p>Bollards replaced after RTA</p> <p>No Littering Sign Erected</p> <p>Bollards Repaired</p> <p>New Stop Sign installed</p> <p>New Stop Sign installed</p> |
| <p>Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping</p> | <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Sliabh Foy</p> <p>Castleross</p> <p>Peace Park / Fairgreen</p> | <p>Abandoned Bin removed</p> <p>General litter removed</p> <p>Abandoned tents and litter removed</p> |

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| | <i>Girls School / Castletown Rd</i> | <i>On – Going Dumping removed</i> |
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Municipal District of Dundalk

Cooley Area

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| <i>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</i> | <i>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</i> <i>LITTER PICK, CARLINGFORD VILLAGE, OMEATH VILLAGE, GREENORE, TEMPLETOWN CARPARK, GYLES QUAY CARPARK.</i> |
| <i>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</i> | <i>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</i> <i>AS PER WEEKLY MAINTENCE OF EMPTYING OF BINS, CARLINGFORD, OMEATH, GRFEENORE, TEMPLETOWN BEACH, GYLES QUAY CARPARK, LORDSHIP PLAYGROUND, FAUGHHART GRAVEYARD.</i> |
| <i>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</i> | <i>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</i> <i>BULLURGAN STRAIGHT, LORDSHIP VILLAGE, RAVENSDALE ALL WORKS ARE KERB LINE.</i> |
| <i>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra</i> | <i>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</i> <i>AS PER EMPTHING OF BINS MAGEMENT</i> |
| <i>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</i> <i>WATER SAFERY OFFICER</i> | <i>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</i> |
| <i>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</i> | <i>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</i> |
| <i>OUTDOOR , STAFF. LORDSHIP, COOLEY, CARLINGFORD, OMEATH.</i> | |
| | <i>Location / Suíomh</i> |
| <i>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</i> | <i><u>Cooley</u></i> <i>ONGOING MAINTENANCE ON LOCAL ROADS, REGIONAL ROAD, PATCHING,</i> |

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| Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála | <u>Cooley</u> CLEANING OF CULVERTS, SIDE CUTTINGS ON LOCAL ROADS, E.G CARLINGFORD, OMAETH, RAVENSDALE CLEARING OF LEAVES FROM BLOCKING GUILLIES |
| Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán | <u>Cooley</u> CLEARING LEAVES CARLINGFORD, RAVENSDALE VILLAGE. OMEATH VILLAGE, LORDSHIP VILLAGE. |
| Signage / Comharthaíocht | <u>Cooley</u> NEW SINAGE FOR TIDY TOWNS, CARLINGFORD, OMEATH VILLAGE GRANGE. |

Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas December 2025

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| Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí | Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock – 6 days/week • Knockbridge – once a week • Dromiskin – once a week • Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week |
| Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála | Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock (7No.) checked weekly • Annagassan (11No.) checked weekly |
| Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne | Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly • Blackrock – checked weekly |

**Blackrock-Faughart
& North Mid-Louth
Areas December
2025**

Location / Suíomh

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| <p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p> | <p>Tar patching pothole repairs carried out on</p> <p>LS-7129 Little Mills K'Bridge R171 Knockbridge Road, LS-7126 Cortail Kilkerry, LS-7108 Balrigan Kilcurry. Rd 216 Williamstown</p> <p>Blackrock mainstreet repairing potholes caused due to recent flooding (Storm Bram)</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> | <p>Road repairs and patching & cleaning up</p> <p>Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming</p> <p>Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)</p> |
| <p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p> | <p>Cleaning gullies and storm lines on Main street Blackrock (Storm Bram) LS-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge, LS-7162 Clermont R166 Annagasson</p> | <p>Drainage maintenance – cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.</p> |
| <p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p> | <p>Clearing fallen trees from storm Bram</p> | <p>Clearing fallen trees & debris.</p> |
| <p>Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán</p> | <p>Footpath repairs in Blackrock as a result of Storm Bram</p> | <p>Footpath repair due to flood damages during the recent storm</p> |
| <p>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</p> | <p>Xerox junction, Haynestown, Kilkerry, Faughart</p> | <p>repair works completed</p> |
| <p>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</p> | <p>L3168 Ardee road – road markings and road studs installed</p> | <p>Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings</p> |
| <p>Signage / Comharthaíocht</p> | <p>Cleaning sign poles</p> | <p>Cleansing/repair/replacement New signage</p> |
| <p>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>Collection of dumped waste for disposal.</p> <p>Collection & disposal after community clean up</p> |

Borough District of Drogheda**Drogheda Town Area****Drogheda Urban –
December 2025****Litter Picking / Píocadh
Bruscair****Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus
méadar sa mhí**

- Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses allow and green areas.
- Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection.
- Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Daily during working week. Also, all Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Saturday p.m.
- Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week.
- Eco drainage channels cleaned at Old Abbey Lane & West St.
- Clean up of Bessexwell Lane and Bachelors Lane daily.
- Cleaning of Bottle banks & Park Bins daily
- Litter picking at St Dominics Pk, St Dominics Bridge, Lourdes Sq, Market Sq, Fr Connolly Way, Abbey Car park, Patrickswell Lane, King St, Mell, Francis St, Millmount, Mount St Oliver, Duleek St, Old Hill, Fair Green, Dublin Rd, Dublin Rd Steps and Marsh Rd.

**Emptying of Public Bins /
Folmhú Araidí Poiblí****Numbers and frequency / Líon agus
minicíocht**

- Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.
- 234 litter bin (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town.
- 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.

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre

- Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.

Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

- Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.
- Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.
- Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area.
- Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Teromonfeckin, 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.
- Cleaning of Bring banks daily.
- Road sweeper 2 – housing estates at Roscoill, Castlewood, Termonabbey & Aston Villages.
- Multi-Hog 1 – Town centre and the following locations at St Dominics Pk, Mell car park, Donore Rd, Kings St, Bolton Sq, Meatmarket Lane, Mayoralty St, Ballsgrove Hill, Windmill Rd, Boyle O Reilly, Newtown Cemetery, Fair Green, O Reillys carpark & North Rd (hard shoulders)
- Multi-Hog 2 – out skirts of town centre including the following locations, Forest Pk, Newfield, Ballypark, Forest Grange, Moneymore, St Laurence’s Pk, Ashfield, Melifont Pk, Riverview, Boice Court, Hardman Gardens, Yellowbatter, Trinity Gardens, St Peters Place, Paradise Place, Pearse Pk, Shrewsbury Manor, Westcourt and Harmony Heights.
- Pedestrian Green machine on town centre streets each day.
- Power washing and Disinfectant of Pedestrian Pavements at West St, Highlane Steps,

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| | <p>Rosemary Lane, Meatmarket Lane & Old Abbey Lane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk and Town Centre (Street Furniture) |
| <p>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra</p> | <p>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected. |
| <p>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</p> | <p>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday) • 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday) |
| <p>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</p> | <p>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between 4 & 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate Park, adult exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) + disinfected. |

| Location / Suíomh | |
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| <p>Drogheda Urban December 2025</p> | |
| <p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p> | <p>Drainage Works</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gully Cleaning Contract 2025, is ongoing (Tubberboice lane, Finians Park) 2. Oil spills (King Street, Dublin rd/Mary St, IDA Rd) 3. Thoslte – all associated works (barriers) <p>LCC's crew</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Pothole repairs at Blackbush Lane, Fairgreen, Mathews Lane south, Marleys Lane, Rathmullen Road, Ballymakenny Road at Brookeville, Marsh Road, Bryanstown No.9, Donore Rd/Bottle Lane, Cement Road, Marian Park, Ushers corner. Greenhills 5. Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St & under Bridge of Peace. 6. Stock of sandbags in the event of current storms and monitoring of high tides on Wellington Quay & North Quay (Yellow warning for wind & rain) |

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| | <p>7. Road accidents attended/clean up/barriers – Lorry at Bull ring, Rathmullan street light damage</p> <p>8. Jim Coyle – kings st carpark wall repair, eircom lid moneymore</p> <p>9. Oak Enviro – contract works on going</p> <p>10. Derelict site checks – Williams street, Bolton Street, Bridge of Peace</p> <p>Road Works Program – Resurfacing works 2025 Works are now completed at the following roads</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bothar Brugha 2. Crosslanes 3. R132 / Crosslanes / Cement Rd. 4. Cord Rd 5. Rathmullen Pk 6. College Rise. 7. Broadmeadows 8. Westgate junction. 9. Shop St 10. Collon Rd. <p>IDA Road Resurfacing planned for 1st Week in December</p> <p>CIS Lanes 2025 All three roads for CIS 2025 are now complete.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greenmount 2. Mount Rath 3. Carstown. 4. |
| <p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gully Cleaning Contract 2025, has now commenced, contract for 1170 no. Gullies, to date approx. 900 no. gullies complete on all approach roads to Drogheda Town |
| <p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees /Storm prep Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of signage and sand bags to sandbag town locations • Stock & filling of sand bags in yard |
| <p>Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped kerbs & tactile installation at 19 locations works ongoing • LCC Footpath repairs Foxhill Wheaton Hall - |
| <p>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Trác</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballymakenny Park housing Estate on the Ballymakenny Road in Drogheda – sensor fault • DR34 St mary's School Bryanstown East detector fault • DR01 R132 @ Bryanstown Jct loops need to be recut |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DR06 R132 @ Westgate - Fair St Jct realign twisted head DR29 Platin Rd/Beymore Rd Drogheda red light out DR10, R132 @ Dual Carriageway Ped lights out DR07, M1 Link - Cement - Cross Lanes replaced red lamp DR06 R132 @ Westgate - Fair St Jct faulty green light |
| Signage / Comharthaíocht | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop sign at Pearse Park repaired Laurence Gate no entry sign repaired Scared Heart school reinstate PED Crossing sign Flexi Bollard repairs – North Rd, Mary St, Termonabbey, IDA road, West street New traffic light sign North road outbound at Circle K Boyne bollard repairs/paint and reflective tape Parking sign required at Moorland Café/new socket General maintenance after storm Bram |
| Litterbin cleaning disinfecting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going on weekly basis. |

Ardee Municipal District
South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

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| <i>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</i> | Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí |
| <i>All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)</i> | |
| <i>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</i> | Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ardee Town Dunleer town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collon Riverside Walk Link Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37 Daily 20 Tuesday and Thursday 3 Tuesday and Thursday |
| <i>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</i> | Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) | |
| <i>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</i> | Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ardee Town - River Dee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salterstown Port Beach | |

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Drogheda Rural Area

South Louth Operations (Rural Area) – Street Cleaning

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| <p><i>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up of the Following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish and Dumping | <p>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</p> |
| <p><i>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clogherhead Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Beach • Termonfeckin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltray • Seapoint Carpark • PANCR Route Drogheda • County Bins and Rubbish done daily (including all beaches) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villages done on alternative days. • Bottlebanks cleaned Daily in County Areas | <p>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</p> |
| <p><i>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clogherhead Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Beach • Termonfeckin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltray • Seapoint Carpark | |
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Drogheda Rural Area - Roads

| | Location / Suíomh | Notes / Nótaí |
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| Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L6281, Extensive Road Repairs to Castlecoo Hill, Clogherhead L6308, Strand Road, Termonfeckin L6285, Miltown Road, Sandpit R166, Chaple Lane, Clogherhead L2310, Ballamckenny Road L2321, The Glen, Tullyallen M1 Roundabout, Drogheda Retail Park | |
| Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L-2310 – Extensive Drainage install and Clearance at L6281, Clogherhead Extensive Drainage to install at Newtown Graveyard Checks to Baltray Multiple Locations checked and cleared ahead of Storm Event (Storm Bran) and High Flood Warnings | |
| Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storm Aftermath – Trees down in Tullyallen, Slane Road, Beaulieu Cross, and Townley Hall | |
| Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair Footpath and access route to Termonfeckin Beach | |
| Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Safety Lights Repaired at Sandpit NS | |
| Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Markings Upgraded at Tullyallen NS, Village and at Cockle Road, Monasterboice | |
| Signage / Comharthaíocht | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An number of Signs to be repaired, straighted and replaced in area Signs Erected at Monasterboice | |
| Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach | <p>Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area.</p> <p>Major Clean Up from Port Oriel where illegal contaminated waste was collected.</p> <p>Removal of Bags Collection from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltray Twenties Lane PANCR/Ballymakenny Rd Townrath | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandpit • Galroostown • Clogherhead | |
| | <p><i>Blue flag Clogherhead Beach and Port Beach Works:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty Bins <p><i>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Beach • Termonfeckin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltray • Seapoint <p><i>Oil Spill Clean-Ups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killineer North Road • Dual carriageway • Trinity Street • Slane Road <p><i>Other:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair Footpath to Termonfeckin Beach • Clean to Public Facilities at Monasterboice Tower Site • Empty Public Facilities at; Monasterboice, Port and Clogherhead • Repairs to Port Beach Toilets after significant Vandalism • Repaired Gate and Barriers at Port Oriel after damage from vehicle • Repaired Doors at Seapoint Beach Toilet Facilities • Repaired Cappings to Wall at Newtown Cemetery | |

Ardee Municipal District
South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

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| <p><i>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee Town • Dunleer town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collon • Riverside Walk • Link Road | <p>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 Daily • 20 Tuesday and Thursday • 3 Tuesday and Thursday |
| <p><i>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) | <p>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</p> |
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Environment

Waste Enforcement

Summary of Complaints

A total of 10 complaints were received and investigated by the Waste Enforcement team in December 2025, some of which remain open pending further investigations.

| Complaint Type | Received in Sept 2025 | Total Received in 2025 |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Waste/ C&D | 10 | 275 |

Diesel Laundering Waste

There was no diesel laundering waste removed by the Council to date in December 2025.

Waste Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers continue to carry out their enforcement role under a myriad of waste legislation. Below is a list of some of the inspections completed to the end of December 2025 and the enforcement actions taken.

| Inspection Type | No. |
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| Non-Construction & Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated | 201 |
| Number of above relating to Household Waste/ waste presentation inspections | 122 |
| Construction and Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated | 54 |
| Inspections of Waste Permitted Facilities | 16 |
| Inspections of Authorised Treatment Facilities | 5 |
| Multi-agency inspections | 9 |
| Hazardous waste sectoral inspections | 3 |
| Inspections in relation to Construction & Demolition waste at construction/development sites | 19 |
| Inspections of sites under commercial waste segregation | 6 |
| Inspections of sites notified under Article 27 | 26 |

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| Inspections under the Packaging Regulations – Suspected Major Producers | 10 |
| Inspections under the Plastic Bag Levy | 4 |
| Inspections under ELVs Regulations | 1 |
| Desktop Annual Return Validations Completed | 75 |
| Inspection of Planning Permissions | 49 |
| Enforcement Action | |
| Waste Warning Letters | 230 |
| Section 55 Notice under Waste Management Act | 2 |
| Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act | 5 |
| Fixed Payment notice under the Waste Collection Permit Regulations | 8 |

Before:



After:



Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Council received funding of €99,030.89 from the Department for the completion of 5 projects under the 2025 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). All projects have been completed successfully.

- Mattress and Sofa Amnesty Event – V&W Dundalk
- Mattress and Sofa Amnesty Event – V&W Drogheda
- Mattress and Soda Amnesty Event – Ardee
- CCTV – Williamsons Place & Racecourse Road Dundalk and three bottle banks locations in Drogheda including Bolton Street, King Street and Trinity Street.
- Moneymore Lanes Clean-up

Household Presentation of Waste Project

Five bring banks in Dundalk received a revamp in December:

- Long Walk Carpark
- Brewery Carpark
- Tennis Club Carpark
- Quay Street and
- Castletown Road



Litter Enforcement & Investigations

Litter wardens continue to deal with all litter matters within the county daily responding to complaints from members of the public, councillors and engaging with tidy towns groups and communities.

In December, Litter Wardens completed 161 investigations in response to dumping reported by members of the public. 24 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in December where evidence was found under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Litter Enforcement had 2 successful prosecutions from unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices to the amount of €1,150.

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and Complaints

2 water pollution complaints were received in December 2025. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

2 air pollution complaints were received this month. Complaints were investigated and are either closed or in progress. Complaints related to suspected backyard burning, odour from agricultural spreading and odour from a wastewater treatment plant.

4 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm Survey Inspections

During the month of December, Louth County Council carried out 16 planned farm survey inspections and 1 re-inspection under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations 2022 (GAP). Two farms were referred to the Department of Agriculture for cross reporting.

River Water Sampling and Water Framework Directive

Routine surveillance and operational monitoring of all the catchments in Louth for the water framework directive is fully complete for 2025. Sampling carried out at all sites in December 2025, and

samples delivered to the Environmental Protection Agency for analysis.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 9 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in December for Section 4 Discharge Licences. Follow-up corrective actions are required at some of the sites and are being monitored by the Council.

Decorative Paint Regulations and Petroleum Vapour Regulations

One premises in the county was issued with a renewal certificate for the Solvent Regulations in December.

Website updated with HSE information posters on the risks of air pollution and open burning of fires.

Licensed landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in December at Dundalk. Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Monthly gas balancing carried out at Whiteriver landfill.

Septic Tanks

2 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in December.

2 septic tank advisory notices remain open. The Council will continue to engage with all homeowners who have received advisory notices if an effort to close them out in a timely manner.

Planning Referrals

13 planning reports were completed for December 2025. 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.



Site Suitability Assessment



Trial Hole Inspection

Quarries

One inspection of Quarries took place in the month of December. This related to any quarry on the Local Authority’s extractive industry register. This related to both closed and operational quarries to ensure no environmental damage occurs. Active quarries must produce an extractive waste management plan with 1 submitted to the local authority and the other due this month.



Inspection of a closed quarry

Bathing Water Regulations

Sampling of bathing waters finished up on the 15th of September with the final sampling date on the 8th of September. This is in accordance with the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and sampling calendar submitted to the EPA. Submissions are now being compiled and assessed from the public on new proposed bathing waters. Bathing water dataset results for 2025 were signed off for the EPA. Bathing water results were submitted for period 2022 to 2025 for 2026 applications.

Bathing water infographic added to website with advice for out of season bathing.



Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

A total of €37,387.00 in grants was paid in December 2025 (as of 9th December 2025) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

There have been no new applications or payments made (as of 9th December 2025) for Lead Replacement.

Animal Control and Welfare

There were thirty-one valid Sugar CRM cases assigned to Animal Control and Welfare during December 2025, with two still in progress.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

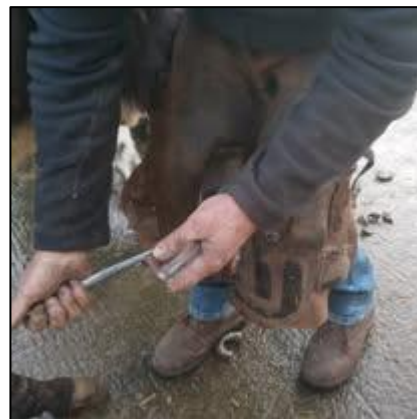
| Dogs through the pound | |
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| December 2025 | |
| Total dogs through the pound | 13 |
| Seized under Section 16 | 0 |
| Strays | 8 |
| Surrendered by owners | 5 |
| No dogs reclaimed by owners | 2 |
| No of dogs rehomed direct | 6 |
| No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups | 7 |

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| No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2025 | 3 |
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Dog Breeding Establishments
Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

| <i>Dog Breeding Establishments</i> | |
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| <i>December 2025</i> | |
| Total no of registered DBEs in Louth (as at 31/12/2025) | 6 |
| Hunt | 1 |
| Boarding Kennels | 2 |
| Training Kennels | 1 |
| Welfare | 2 |

| <i>Dog Licences</i> | |
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| <i>December 2025</i> | |
| No of Licences sold | 221 |
| <i>Licence Checks:</i> | |
| House calls | 135 |
| Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) | 34 |
| Fixed Penalty Notices | 6 |



Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996
Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

| <i>Horses through the pound</i> | |
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| <i>December 2025</i> | |
| Horses seized, and reason for seizure: | 1 On land without owner's permission |
| Horses reclaimed by owner | 0 |
| Horses rehomed | 1 |
| Horses disposed of | 0 |
| No. of horses on hand in Pound on 31/11/2025 | 0 |



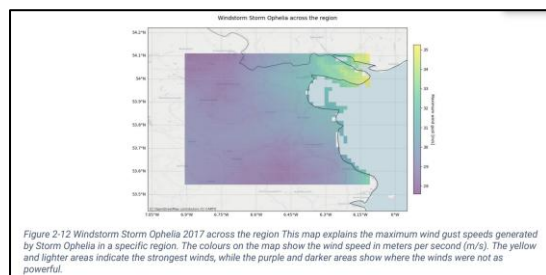
A donkey suffering from severely neglected hooves was seized and subsequently transferred to an equine rescue organisation where he received prompt treatment to begin his long road to recovery.

Climate Action

EU Mission, Adaptation to Climate Change

Members of the Climate Action Team are taking part in a series of training organised by the EU Climate Adaptation Mission. This is designed to build capacity for stakeholder engagement specifically around climate adaptation.

The CLIMAAX project carried out a series of internal staff consultations within LCC. They were to collect staff opinion and understanding of current and future climate risks. The phase two deliverable of a detailed local scale risk assessment is under production and will allow for a greater understanding of climate risks in Louth.



CMAP PeacePlus project

The Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation project (CMAP) is a 4-year EU-funded project. LCC will be delivering coastal wetland conservation as part of this project.

Sanction was received from DPER to begin the recruitment process for the CMAP project officer. LCC hosted the first full Steering Committee meeting of all partners on the project, in County Hall in Dundalk.

In December, the Ramparts River rejuvenation project received the first draft flood risk assessment from the consultants. This is a key step to ensure no impacts from the project on the town of Dundalk will occur.

Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Fund was launched by Minister Ryan. Training around state aid and administering this fund was attended by the Climate Action Coordinator and Community Climate Action Officer.

The Community Climate Action Officer has contacted 22 successful groups who have been approved for funding under the first phase of the Community Climate Action Programme to discuss their projects. The 22 successful groups continue to work with the Community Climate Action Officer as they enter the delivery phase of their projects.

The Community Climate Action Officer has been busy assisting each active project with queries and technical input. The administration of the funding paperwork requirements to meet the fund's rules as set out by DCEE is a key role of the Community Climate Action Officer. There is almost daily contact between LCC and DCEE to clarify questions about this fund. This is to provide the best service to the community groups to ensure that they can complete their projects in the easiest and most successful manner.

The Community Climate Action Officer hosted a number of drop-in clinics to discuss the upcoming Community Climate Action Programme and answer queries.

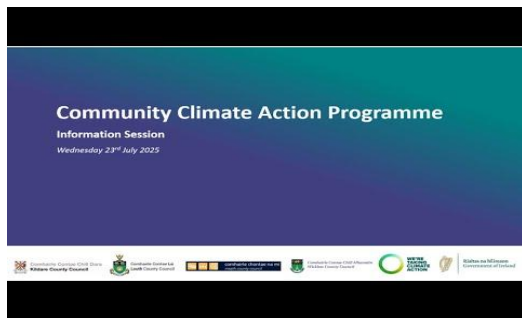
The Community Climate Action Programme launched on the 28th of October and is now open for applications until the 23rd of December at 12pm further information can be found here <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

Applications for the Community Climate Action Programme can be found at <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>

The Eastern and Midlands EM CARO Region Community Climate Action Officers have recorded

a webinar on the application process and gave an overview of the Community Climate Action Fund.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUJWbxBn5HE>



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. A full list of all approved projects can be found on Louth County Council’s website at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

If you would like to know further information on the Community Climate Action Programme please email climateaction@louthcoco.ie

Biodiversity Action

All final recouplement for the 2025 Local Biodiversity Action Fund and Heritage Council grant scheme projects was completed with end of year reporting.

The SEA and AA screening for the draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan is ongoing. The plan writing process is entering an advanced phase with draft actions for the county under preparation.

Louth Landowners Invited to Apply for Hare’s Corner Biodiversity Initiative Applications open 1-18 January 2026

Louth landowners now have the chance to take part in The Hare’s Corner, an innovative biodiversity project coordinated by Burrenbeo Trust and part funded through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund by National Parks and Wildlife Service and Louth County Council Biodiversity Office. For the first time, this initiative is coming to Louth, offering free practical support to create wildlife ponds, mini-woodlands, heritage orchards, wildlife hedges, or bespoke “Plans for Nature” on private land, farms, schools, and community spaces.

Inspired by the old farming term for a field corner “left to nature,” The Hare’s Corner helps people take simple, impactful actions for biodiversity and climate

resilience. Participants can apply for multiple actions including native trees, heritage apple trees, expert advice for the development of a site-specific “Plan for Nature” and advice and micro-funding for pond creation works.

Applications open **Thursday 1st January 2026** and close **Sunday 18th January 2026**. Places are limited, and priority will be given to community groups and schools. Farmers in ACRES or NPWS Farm Plan Scheme are not eligible to apply for the same actions covered under those schemes to avoid double funding.

For ideas for your site, more details and to apply, visit www.theharescorner.ie



Landowners, homeowners, community groups, schools:
Do you want to do something meaningful for nature, climate & biodiversity in Louth? Now is YOUR chance!

Apply for FREE support & advice to create one or more of the following on your site:

- Mini-woodland - Free native trees & advice
- A native hedge - Free hedgerow plants & advice
- Mini-orchard - Free heritage apple trees & advice
- Pond - Free hydrologist visit & construction costs
- ‘Plan for Nature’ - Free ecologist visit & advice

Visit TheHaresCorner.ie for information and to apply
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NPWS, Louth County Council, Ceangal

The Hare’s Corner is coordinated by Burrenbeo Trust in partnership with Louth County Council Biodiversity Office. It is funded through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund with financial support from NPWS, Louth County Council, SSE Generation Green Community Fund, NTR PLC, Greencoast Renewables PLC, ESB and Intact Insurance.



All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



December

Where do pollinators go in winter?
Many bumblebees will be going into hibernation now. Learn about what happens to pollinators in

the winter, check your bee box to see if it's occupied. Celebrate late-flowering sources of food like Ivy.

ENERGY

NSAI Surveillance Audit

NSAI undertook a 1-day on-site Surveillance Audit of Louth County Council's Energy Management System, to assess compliance with ISO 50,001 on Thursday 27th November. The auditor report stated that Louth County Council was at **an exemplar level of Energy Management**. The audit report states that the Council can be recommended for continued registration.

That takes the Council to the end of its third 3-year cycle of registration with ISO 50,001 in Feb 2027.

This result reflects a sustained high level of staff commitment, and we wish to recognise that by extending a massive Bualadh Bos to All Staff in Louth County Council 🙌

The key findings were as follows

1. Excellent evidence of senior management engagement with the energy management system.
2. Highly competent energy management team.
3. Multiskilled personnel from all sectors of the council engaged in the energy committee.
4. Well documented robust plan in place to achieve 2030 targets.
5. Substantial investment in building retrofitting whilst maintaining heritage compliance and achieving energy improvements.
6. Good use of technology where feasible – solar PV, heat pumps, EVs, BMS technology to achieve energy improvements.
7. Excellent energy data management systems in place

Green Public Sector of the Year Award 2026

Louth County Council's Energy Team has now been nominated as a finalist in the 2026 Irish Green Awards.

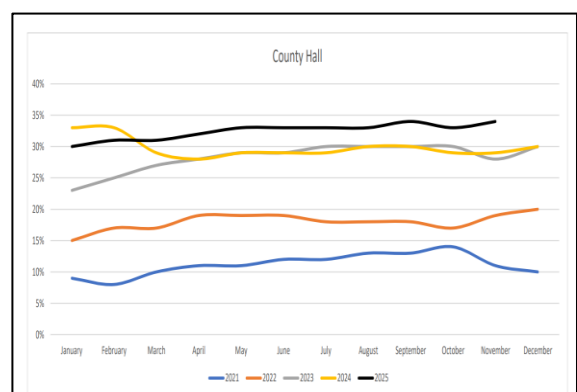
In announcing the nomination, the organisers of that event stated that: Louth County Council is advancing energy sustainability through data-driven retrofitting, integration of renewable technologies, and low-carbon infrastructure

planning. Using ISO 50001 principles, the Council optimises energy performance across public assets, reduces emissions, and embeds climate resilience into strategic development, setting benchmarks for public sector decarbonisation.

These awards will take place on Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, at the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin.

County Hall Energy Savings

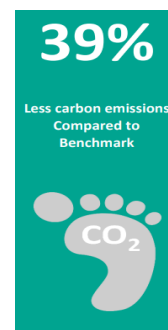
As the year comes to an end County Hall has continued to improve energy savings. Energy efficiency has increased from 30% in January to 34% in November and all compared to the 2016 as the base year.



Graphic shows Energy Efficiency (%age) at County Hall over the last 5 years

Dundalk Town Hall Carbon Reduction Emissions

Compared to the base year of 2014 the carbon emissions over the last twelve months have reduced by 39%. Monthly comparison data shows that the November 2025 CO2 Emissions are 25% lower (04 Tonnes) than November 2014



Graphic shows Reduction in Carbon Emissions (%age) at Dundalk Town Hall

Energy in the Community

On 27th November, staff from the Energy Team attended the Older People’s Council meeting in Drogheda and delivered a presentation on the Council’s management of its energy use, it’s ongoing energy work and outlined the benefits these initiatives bring to the Council. The presentation also provided information and step-by-step, practical guidance on available SEAI home energy grants and the supportive role that Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) can play during the application process for funding of home energy works.



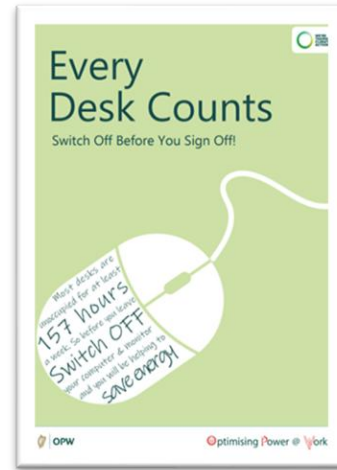
Photo: Ursula Conlon of Louth County Council’s Energy Team with the Older People’s Council

Reduce Your Use – Louth County Council Leads the Way! ⚡🌍

Louth Country Council has once again committed to participate in the Government’s Reduce Your Use campaign and plans to continue to take bold steps to cut energy demand and drive climate action.

The Theme for December/ January – Office Equipment

Office Equipment is the current theme in the Reduce Your Use Campaign, focusing on electricity consumption and ways to save energy when printing at work. Simple adjustments can make document-printing more energy efficient. The campaign also highlights the importance of properly managing energy use by computers and monitors, promoting that small changes can lead to significant savings. Although modern devices consume less power, enabling power-saving settings is quick and effective, allowing computers and screens to enter one of three low-power states when not in use.

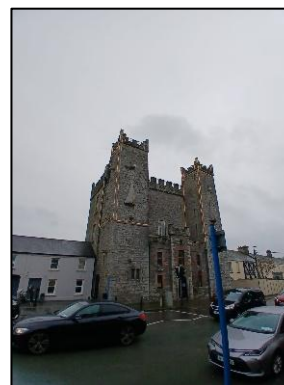


Graphic: Reduce your Use Promotion

FACILITIES

Ardee Castle

Festive LED Lighting has been Upgraded at Ardee Castle. The upgrade works were completed on 5th December 2025 and involved the installation of 100 metres of new 3.6W LED lighting along the building’s perimeter. The new lighting enhances the building’s visual appeal, and it has improved energy efficiency for seasonal celebrations.





Photos: Upgrading Festive Lighting at Ardee Castle

Temporary fencing is erected along the low section of walls pending repairs to the railings. The contractor is now working on the last remaining pointing and benching of that wall behind the capping in the courtyard side.

The contractor will also undertake works to repair damaged parts of the embankment walls and they are planned to commence early in 2026, once the existing utility works at the public road (Mount St Oliver) are completed.

Dundalk Fire Station

A new permanent means of access and egress to the Dundalk Fire Station roof has been completed, incorporating a secure handrail along the entire perimeter to ensure safe maintenance and operational activities. This work enables safe access to new solar PV equipment recently installed on the roof as part of the energy improvement works at that building.



Photos: Restoration of Public Access to the Tower at Millmount and the restored wall leading to the tower.



Photos: New access and egress at roof of Dundalk Fire Station

Refurbishment Works at Cornmarket Building, Fair St Drogheda

Building Works to renovate and improve the Council's existing Cornmarket Building at Fair Street Drogheda are in the final stage of construction and the works were substantially completed before the Christmas recess. The works are being undertaken by Precise Contracts Ltd. of Derryleckagh Road, Newry, Northern Ireland.

Wall Repair at Millmount Drogheda

McGuigan Builders of Clontibret, Co. Monaghan are undertaking repair works to walls at Millmount.

The transfer of Council staff back into that building occurred the week before the Christmas recess.

Extensive repairs to the wall leading to the tower at Millmount have now been completed. Access for the public to the tower has been restored.



Photos: Refurbishment Works at Cornmarket Building, Fair St, Drogheda

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Arrangements are being finalised for the 10-week full time course that Louth FRS have agreed with Cork City Fire Brigade starting in Jan 2026. The course will be run jointly in Cork and Dundalk Fire Station, utilising instructors from both services. Preparations are also being made for the 2026 Recruit course which will begin on the 5th of January. 8 students from Louth will be attending this course which will also be held in Dundalk Fire Station. This course will finally bring the retained complement station levels up to the 2023 WRC agreement of 12 per station.

Transportation Incidents (Road Traffic Collision) Course was held on the 1st December in Dundalk Fire Station. 12 students were trained in the use equipment and techniques to safely and efficiently rescue casualties in modern vehicles and complex crash scenarios. This will be module 3 of 6 leading to completion of the QQI Level 6 Firefighting Skills Qualification. (Course Photos below)



Louth FRS was also recently allocated another Class B Fire Appliance as part of the NDFEM Capital Program. This is the third new Class B appliance allocated to Louth through this framework and the allocation was again through vehicle builders *Emergency One* in Scotland. The vehicle order has been placed with expected delivery in Q4 2026.

North Louth Operation Depot Upgrade

Van Dijk Architects are now finalising the design of works for the upgrade of the North Louth Operations base located at Ballaverty, Bush, Riverstown, Co. Louth.

Internal staff consultation has commenced, and it is planned to seek planning permission for the work in early 2026.



- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) continues 2 days per week
- EMT workshop in Roscrea attended by 3 volunteers
- Cardiac First Responder training attended by 8 new recruits

Fire Prevention

This year 137 Fire Safety Certificates have been received in 2025 with 10 applications received in December. The NBCO Building Control Management System closed on the 17th December for online submissions. Operational crews continue to carry out During Performance Inspections (DPIs) as part of their commitment to maintaining fire safety standards. This month, 5 inspections were completed to ensure ongoing compliance with fire safety regulations and to proactively identify any potential risks or deficiencies in premises across the county.

Community with Fire Prevention section attended a Careers Fair in St Marys College, Dundalk.

Major Emergency Management

Progression was made on procurement of Emergency Generators to power Community Support Centres (CSC) as part of the CSC initiative. This initiative has been led by Carlow County Council in collaboration with the DHLGH and the NDFEM. All local authorities have been allocated generators which should be available to drawdown from the group framework in early 2026.

Building Control

Nothing of note this month.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Disability Access Certificates (to date 2025) | 116 |
| Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2025 | 320 |
| Total Number of valid Commencement Notices for December submitted | 12 |

Civil Defence

Training

- Weekly Training



Duties

Medical cover provided by 5 volunteers at the Christmas market in Castlebellingham

Other

- 8 volunteers attended 3 community first responder calls including one cardiac arrest.
- 35 volunteers attended the Louth Civil Defence Christmas party

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.

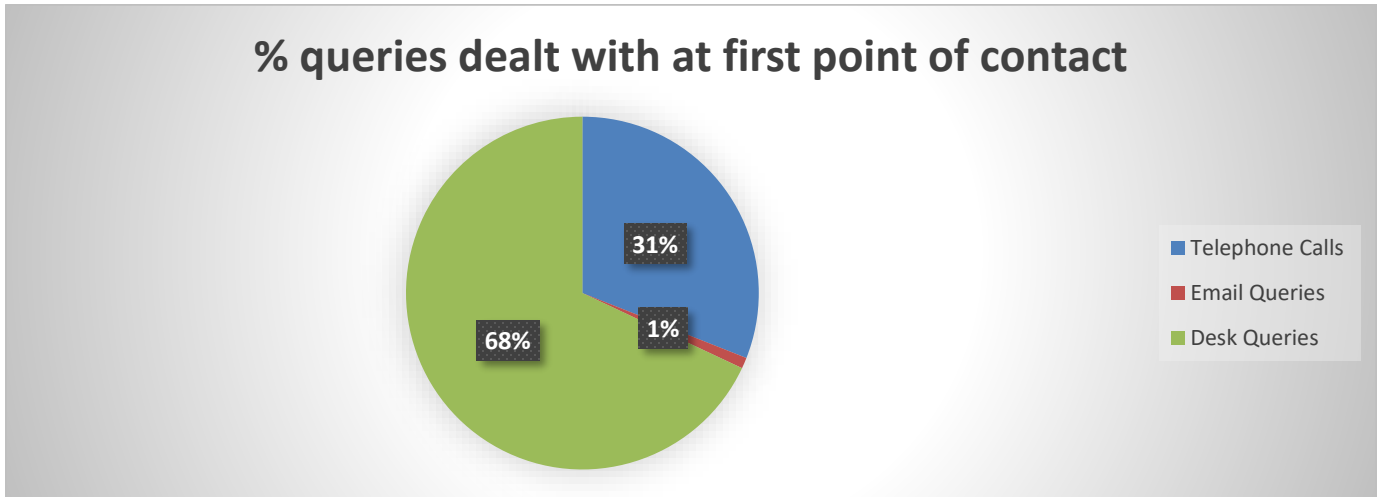
Joanna Kelly
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



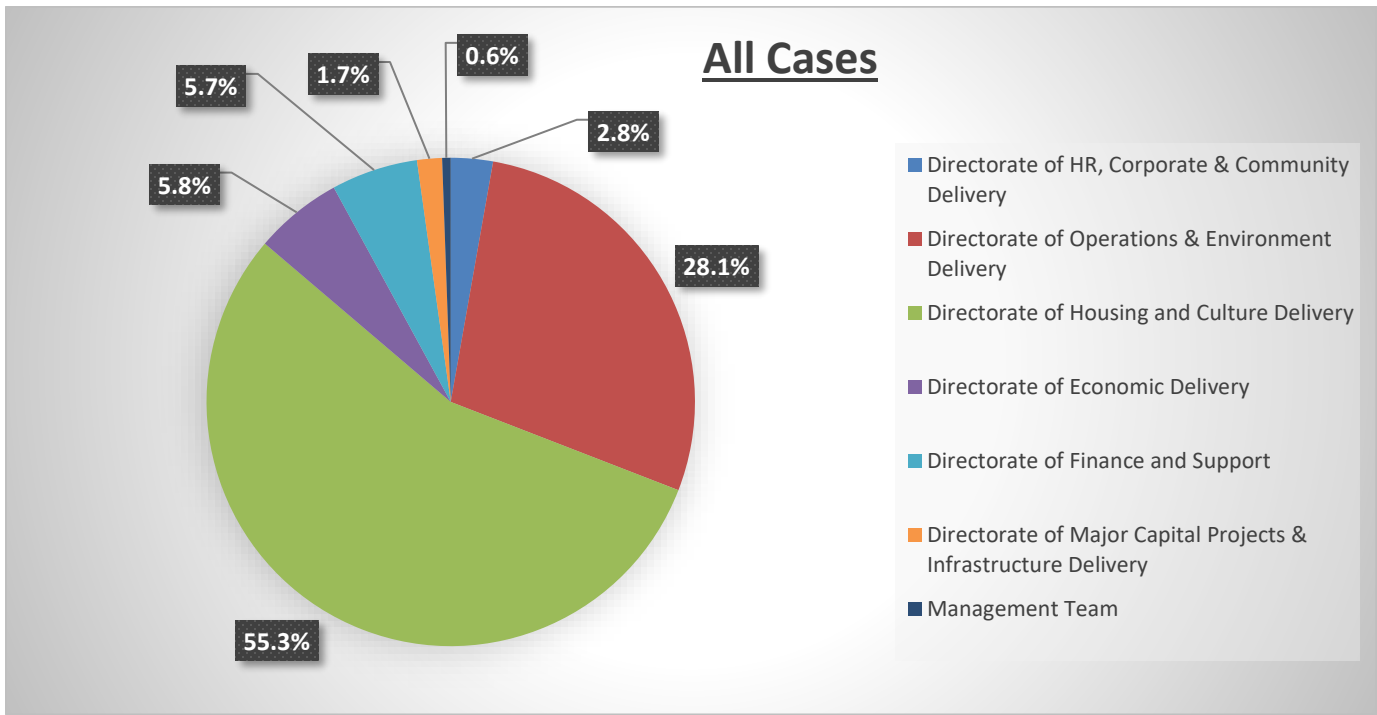
Seirbhísí Corparáideacha / Corporate Services

Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

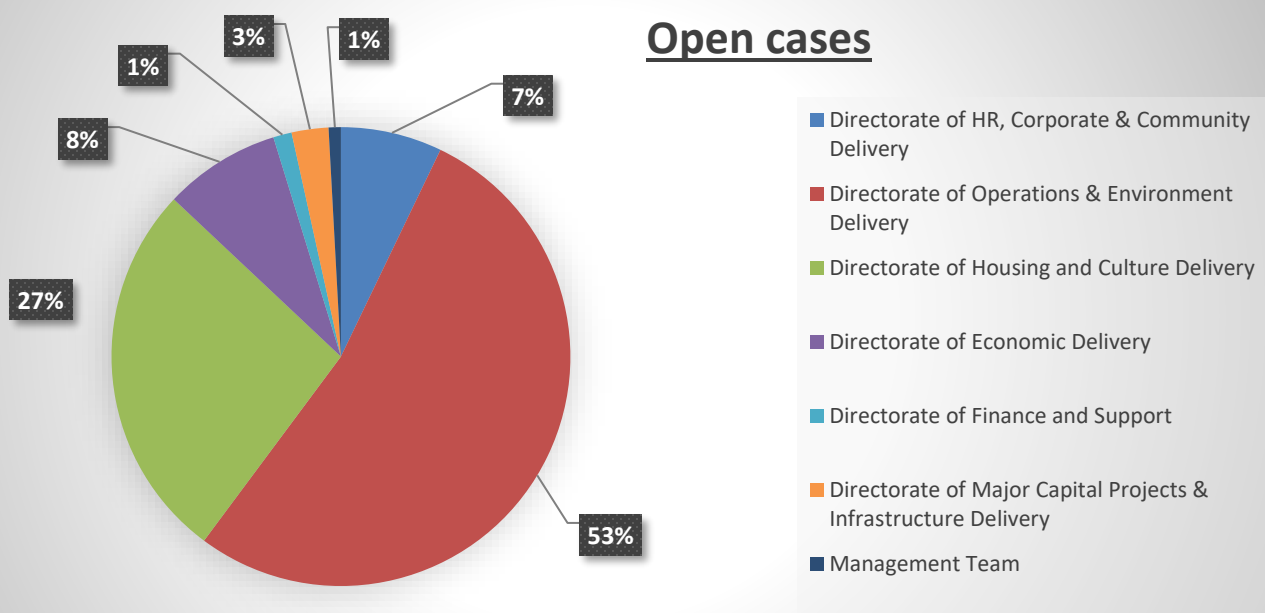
During the month of December 2025 Customer Services dealt with 13,781 queries inclusive of 6,912 calls, 862 e-mails and 6,007 counter queries. 8,327 (60%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:



There were 2,302 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during December 2025 of which 188 were received from elected members. A total of 461 (20%) remain unresolved by end of December, broken down by directorate as follows:

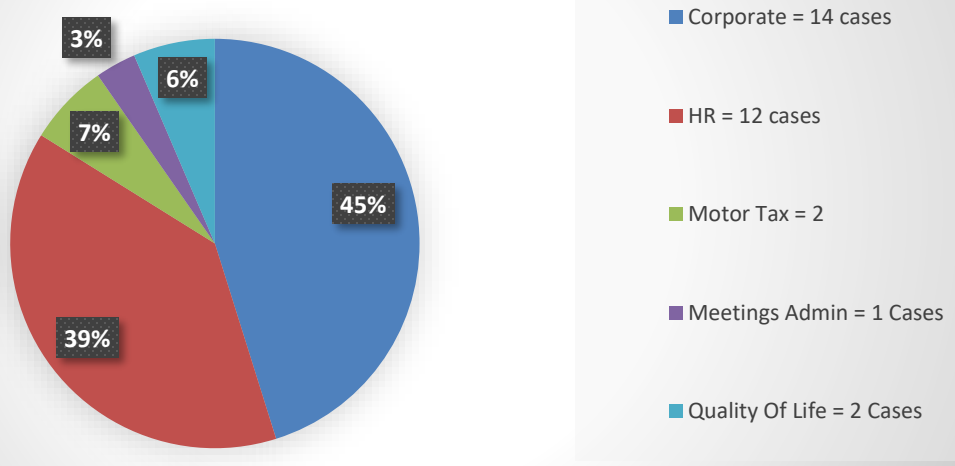


Open cases

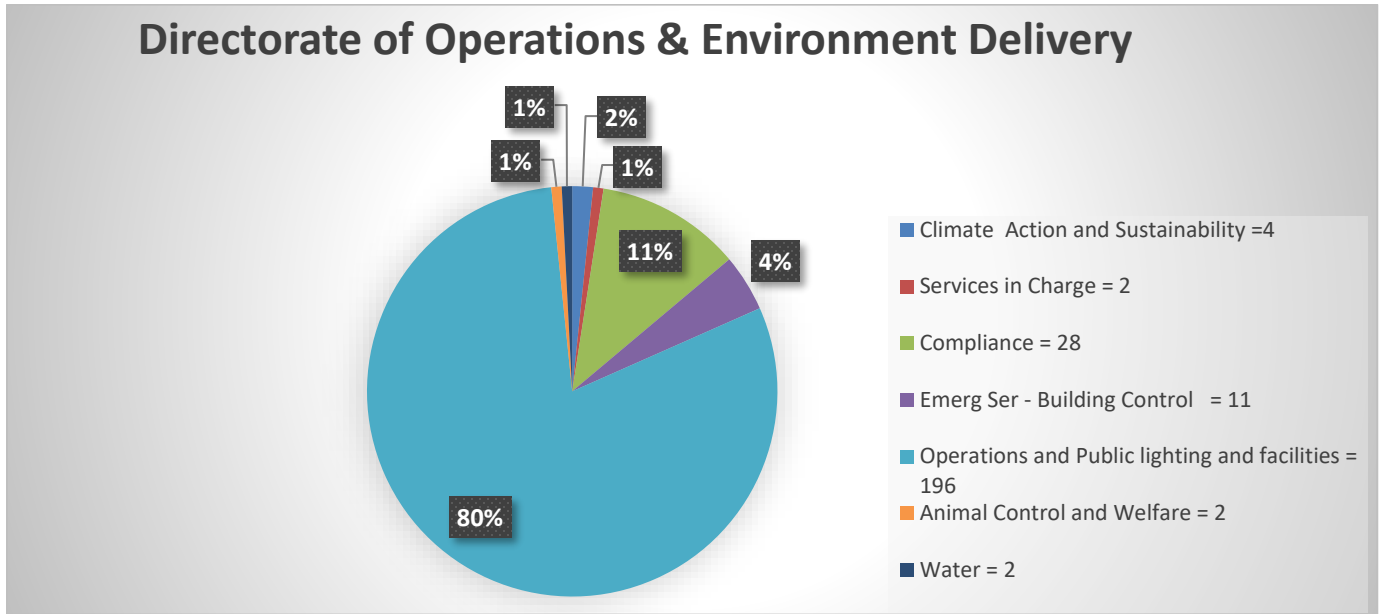


Directorate of HR, Corporate & Community Delivery

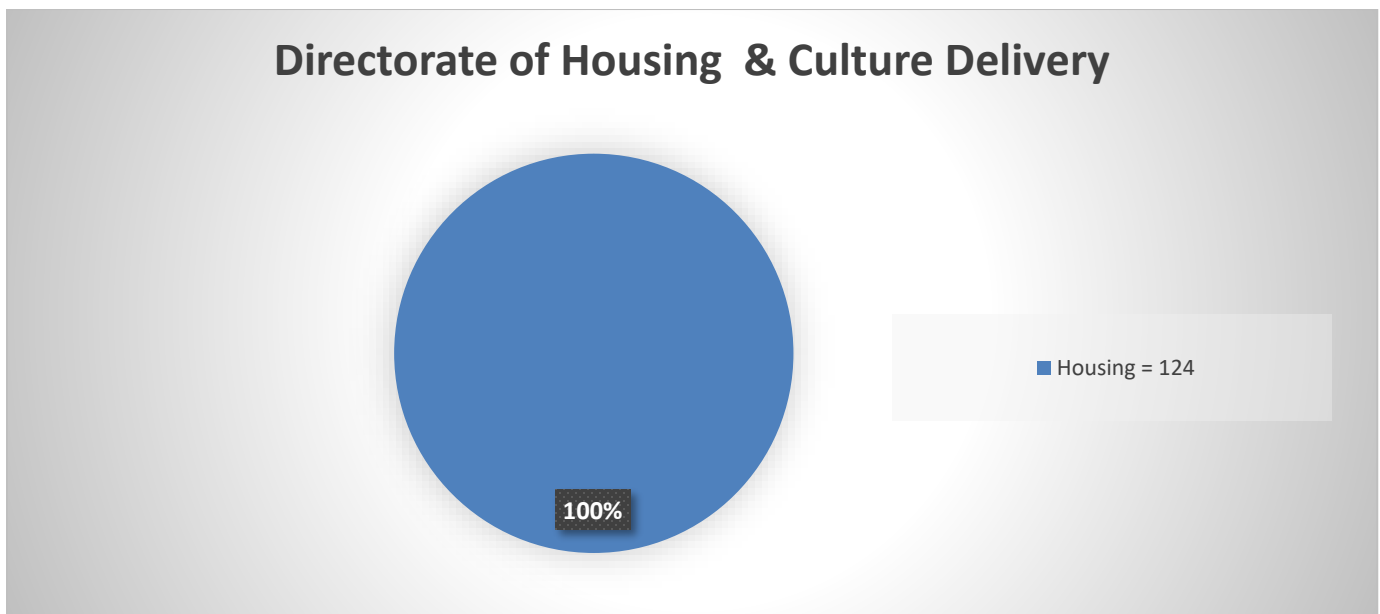
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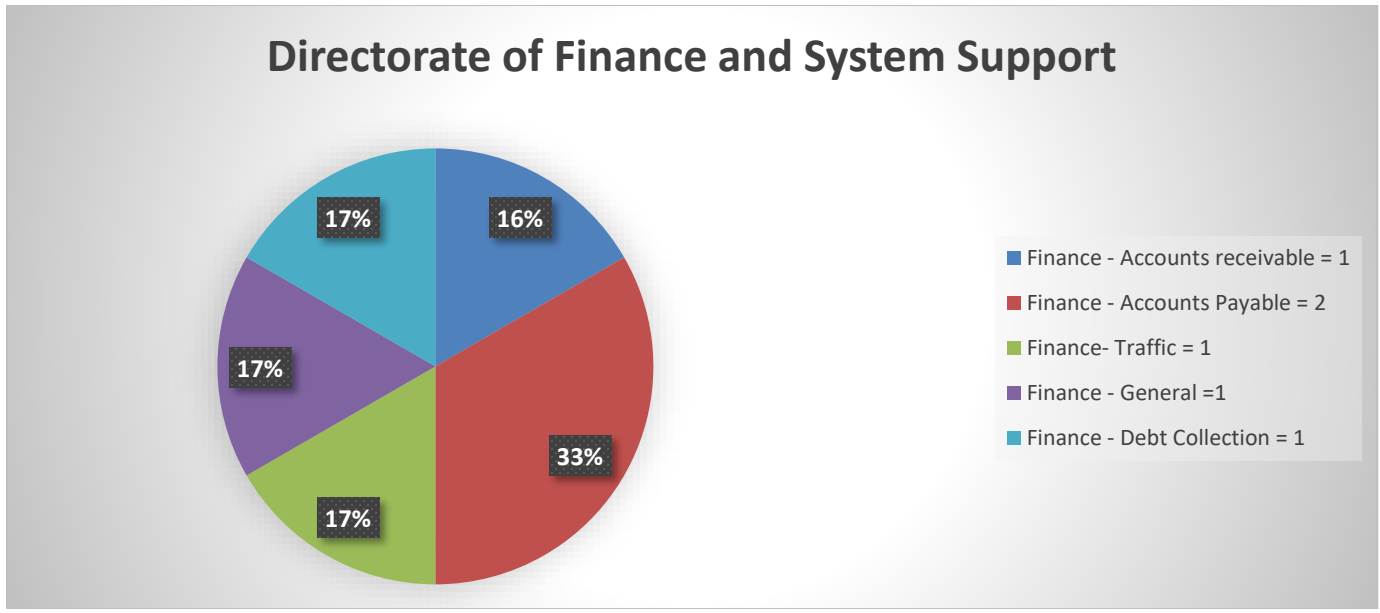
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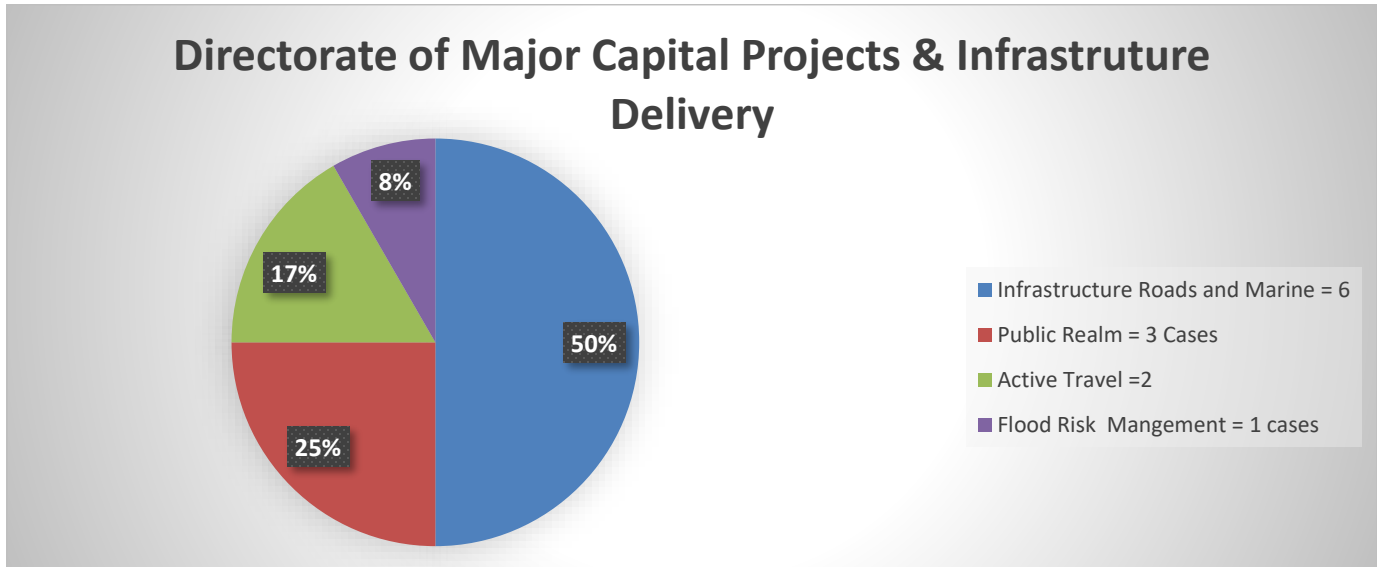
Directorate of Economic Delivery



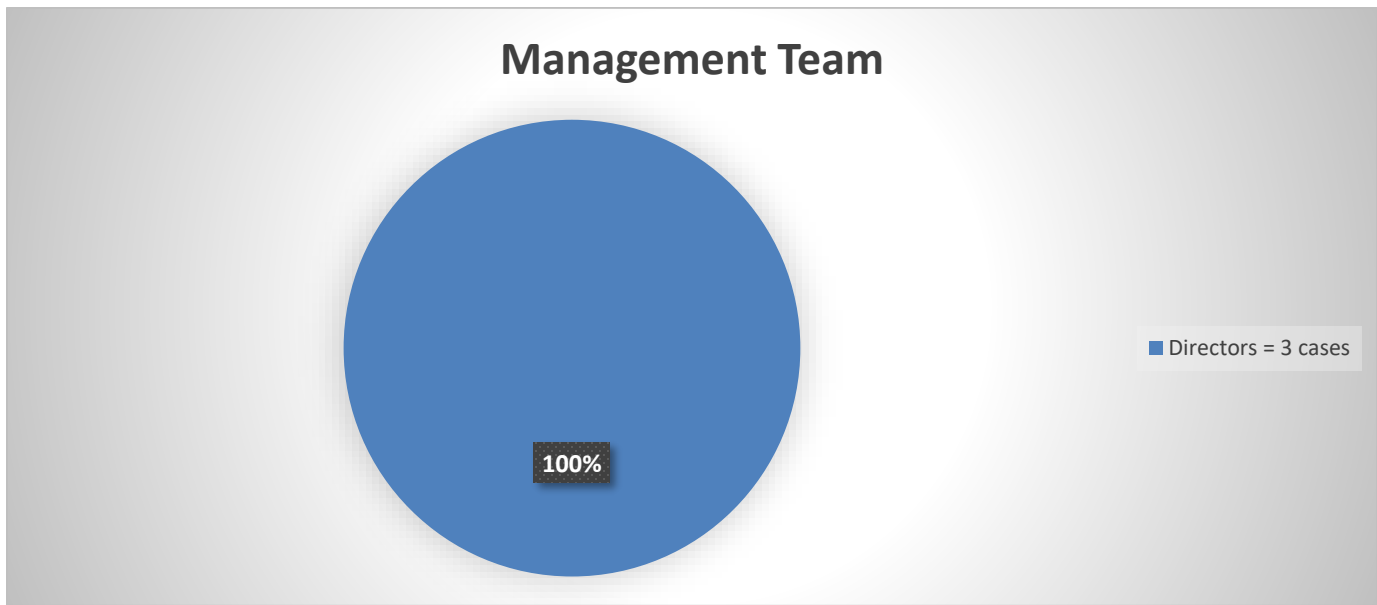
Directorate of Finance and System Support



Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



Management Team



The table below illustrates activity in the Information Compliance area.

| | 2024 Total Jan – Dec | 2025 Total Jan – Dec | 2025 Total Dec only |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| FOI REQUEST - RECORDS | 154 | 156 | 9 |
| DSAR | 12 | 22 | 0 |
| DATA PROTECTION REQUEST | 20 | 16 | 2 |
| AIE - INFORMATION | 17 | 13 | 1 |
| OMBUDSMAN CASE | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| COMPLAINTS | 37 | 26 | 1 |

Clár Toghthóirí / Electoral Register

During December, the Register of Electors team focused on issuing intention-to-delete letters to individuals we believe are no longer residing in the County, particularly electors who appear to be duplicated on another County’s register. This work supports the ongoing accuracy and integrity of the electoral register.

Alongside this, we continued to process a steady flow of new applications submitted through checktheregister.ie, ensuring that all eligible residents are added to the register in a timely manner.

The Franchise Section will continue to actively promote www.checktheregister.ie and highlight the importance of maintaining accurate and up-to-date electoral information, encouraging the public to review and confirm their details regularly.



Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



Putting Your House in Order

Age Friendly Louth organised a very successful workshop in Dundalk Library during December focusing on Putting Your House in Order. This workshop was facilitated by the Irish Hospice Foundation and is part of a national initiative offering free workshops, resources, and information to help people plan for their future care, legal, and personal affairs, covering things like Advance Healthcare Directives, Powers of Attorney, and future wishes for care. A second workshop will be arranged in Drogheda in January 2026.

Age Friendly Christmas Bags

The Community Team packed and prepared over 300 Christmas bags full of sweets, treats and goodies for older and vulnerable people in Co Louth.

The bags were distributed to our community partners including Meals on Wheels, An Garda Síochána, Louth libraries house bound service and the Memory Café's in Dundalk & Drogheda, for delivery to older and vulnerable across the county.

Age Friendly Louth funded the project and members of the Louth Older People's Council have helped to distribute the bags amongst the community.



The Community Team who arranged and packed Age Friendly Christmas Bags

Traveller Development

Members of the Community Team attended a workshop hosted by the Louth Traveller Movement in Creative Spark on 5th December. The Louth Traveller Movement are currently developing their strategic plan to establish pathways for sustainability and to strengthen partnerships between service providers and the Traveller community. Issues discussed included housing, health, education & training for members of the travelling community.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

The Community Office supported and funded a Christmas wreath making workshop for members of the Travelling Community. The workshop was part of a culturally inclusive creative workshop for older women from the Travelling Community as part of a community wellbeing initiative.



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced the launch of the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 on 3rd December. Under this programme, the Department will allocate €239,207.33 to Louth LCDC. The programme will be administered through the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The LEP 2026 is designed to strengthen community infrastructure by supporting local community and voluntary organisations. Funding will be available for small-scale capital works, improvements, and the purchase of equipment to enhance facilities for community use.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Louth PPN provided Crisis Communications to its members on Tuesday 9th December. This training

informed participants on how to develop a Crisis Communications Plan, including identifying what their crisis is, crafting their message, managing stakeholders and media (including social media) and how to rebuild trust.

On Saturday 6th December, Louth PPN joined the LAIT in attendance at the Christmas Around the World event held in the Laurence's Centre, Drogheda. This event brought together the food and customs of over 20 countries to celebrate the diversity of Drogheda's community during the festive season.

On Tuesday 16th December the National PPN Worker's Network met in Laois for the final meeting of 2025.

Healthy Louth

Not Around Us Campaign

A schools' art competition was held to promote the 'Not Around Us' campaign, encouraging smoke-free environments for children and young people. The event, in partnership with Drogheda United and Healthy Louth, showcased the amazing creativity and talent of local students.

A prizegiving day was held at Sullivan & Lamb Park, Drogheda and was attended by Ms. Annemarie Watters, Health Louth Coordinator. Prizes were awarded to the winning submissions, and all participants were commended for their imagination and effort.



Prizegiving Day for the Not Around Us Campaign

CommUnity Connect

The CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath resource, originally launched during the Health & Wellbeing

Event in 2024, continues to make an impact. Recently, the Healthy Louth Coordinator re-engaged with programme champions, inviting them to complete a short survey to assess progress and identify future needs as we look ahead to 2026.

Feedback from groups and stakeholders has been overwhelmingly positive. The guide's practical, hands-on approach to wellbeing has strongly resonated with participants, highlighting the importance of sustaining momentum in its promotion.

Louth LCDC Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee Final Meeting of 2025 – 8th December 2025

The Louth LCDC Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee has been central to the success of Healthy Louth in 2025. Their commitment and collaboration has driven key initiatives, delivering a positive impact across the community.

The final meeting of the year provided an opportunity to review achievements and plan for 2026. Funding has been applied for under the extended Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4, and the Sub-Committee's continued guidance will be vital as we expand health and wellbeing opportunities for all in County Louth.

Healthy Louth and the Community Team extend sincere thanks to the Sub-Committee for their dedication and look forward to working together to build an even healthier, stronger community in 2026.

Greener Christmas Poetry Competition 2025 – Celebrating Creativity and Sustainability

The Council's Community Support team proudly concluded the Greener Christmas Poetry Competition as part of our Seasonal Waste Management campaign. The awards ceremony, held on December 12th at Dundalk Town Hall, showcased the creativity of primary school students promoting festive waste reduction.

Schools from Ardee, Dundalk, and Drogheda received €200 prizes, alongside individual awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and an overall county winner. Winning poems will be broadcast on LMFM throughout Christmas and New Year.

This year's message, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," will be shared widely across libraries, social media, and the Market Square screen to encourage a greener holiday season.



Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Kelly, Ms. Joanna Kelly, Director of Services & Ms. Colette Moss, SEO with overall winner Leah Drumgoole, Scoil Mhuire na Trocaire



Launch of Louth's PEACEPLUS Youth Leadership and Mentoring Project and Young People's Outdoor Pursuits and Sports Leadership Project



PEACEPLUS

Procurement

Contracts for Louth's PEACEPLUS Youth Leadership and Mentoring Project and PEACEPLUS Young People's Outdoor Pursuits Sports Leadership Programme were signed on the 27th November 2025.

A tender assessment meeting for The Multi Cultural/Intercultural programme was held on 10th December 2025.

Project updates

The launch of the 'Louth Youth Leadership and Mentoring Project' and of the 'PEACEPLUS Young People's Outdoor Pursuits and Sports Leadership Programme' was held in the offices of Dundalk Youth Centre on 10th December 2025.

Louth County Council / Newry Mourne and Down Strategic Alliance

A meeting of the Joint Members of the Newry Mourne and Down and Louth County Council Strategic Alliance was held in Louth County Hall on the 9th December. A progress report on works on the Narrow Water Bridge was given and a new action plan for the Strategic Alliance was agreed.



Members of the Newry Mourne and Down District Council/ Louth County Council Strategic Alliance

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as at 31/12/2025

| | |
|--|-----|
| Properties offered in December | 0 |
| Families moved into properties in December | 0 |
| Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families | 12 |
| Property offers recorded to date | 86 |
| Owners successfully contacted to date | 84 |
| Properties currently occupied | 38 |
| Beneficiaries currently assigned | 123 |
| 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 | 17 |
| Properties not viable to date | 21 |

Local Authority Integration Team

Little Library

The LAIT team in collaboration with the library service have established two little libraries in two IPAS centres in the county. It gives children the opportunity to read books as they are unable to access the library due to their location. The library service donated books with the LAIT purchasing the bookshelves.

WIN INSPO Event

The LAIT team attended the WIN INSPO event in the Gateway Hotel on December 2nd. The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) is a network of women's groups and diverse networks of women from various intercultural backgrounds. The theme of the event was "She Builds". There were guest speakers including Orla O'Connor from the St Stephen's Green Trust, panel discussions and networking on the night.



WIN INSPO Event in the Gateway Hotel

Christmas Around the World

The LAIT were invited to the Christmas Around the World event in the Laurence Shopping Centre, Drogheda on Saturday, December 6th. The event celebrated the wonderful ways different cultures celebrate Christmas and the winter season. It was a vibrant, family-friendly event that celebrated the diverse community in Drogheda and the environs.

Community Safety

The induction meeting for Louth Community Safety Partnership took place on 11th December 2025.

The inaugural meeting will take place on 27th January 2026. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership will be elected at this meeting.

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Visit from Santa

Santa visited Dundalk Sports Centre on 8th and 9th December, to join our mindful dance and mindful movement groups. Everyone had a fantastic time, and each participant received a selection box from Santa.



Santa's Visit to Dundalk Sports Centre

Active Ageing Christmas Party

Dundalk Sports Centre recently hosted its annual Christmas party for older adults who take part in the Active Ageing classes. Guests enjoyed a warm

welcome with tea, coffee, and biscuits, followed by a fun-filled programme including a Table Quiz, Bingo, and a Raffle. Delicious food and drinks were served, and we were delighted to have an array of fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses. It was a wonderful day, and everyone had a great time.



Active Ageing Christmas Party

North Louth Hospice Collections

Throughout December, we raised funds for North Louth Hospice with donation buckets at reception and raffles at our Christmas party. We also hosted a public raffle on 19th December, helping to support this wonderful cause.

Lourdes Stadium

Drogheda & District's 5K

Lourdes Stadium hosted Drogheda & District's popular annual Christmas 5k. With more than 1,000 participants, the event delivered a vibrant festive atmosphere, celebrating the spirit of Christmas while supporting the ongoing development of the club.

Chair Pilates

Our final Chair Pilates class of the year concluded on 18 December. These sessions have grown increasingly popular and are now an essential part of many participants' weekly routines. Attendees enjoy both the physical benefits of the exercises and the social aspect of refreshments afterwards. All participants are looking forward to resuming these classes in the New Year.

Strength & Balance

The final Strength & Balance class on 17 December ended with a festive party and spot prizes. Participants praised the sessions for improving physical health, enhancing quality of life, and offering a social outlet.

Sharing tea or coffee afterward fostered friendships, making the programme both beneficial and enjoyable.

Sport Uile – First Aid Course

Sport Uile delivered their first course in the studio at the Lourdes Stadium. This programme was a Sports Injury First Aid course, providing a comprehensive range of topics designed to equip participants with the skills required to administer effective first aid. The course was tailored for coaches, mentors, teachers, supervisors, players, athletes and volunteers.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2025

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education programme in December 2025.

| Activity | Date | Venue |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|
| Safeguarding Level 1 | December 11th | Online |

SportAbility Day a Huge Success in Dundalk

Louth Local Sports Partnership celebrated International Day for Persons with Disabilities by hosting its 3rd annual SportAbility event on December 6th at Dundalk Sports Centre. Despite the weather, many attended to explore inclusive sports for children and adults with additional needs. Activities included GAA, cycling, boxing, golf, rugby, boccia, hockey, yoga, and athletics. Local clubs and organizations such as Roche Emmets, Oliver Plunkets, Clann Naofa, Boyne Hockey, Louth Disability Cycling, Golf Ireland, Special Olympics, and Leinster Rugby facilitated sessions and provided information, promoting accessible sport and physical activity opportunities across Louth.



SportAbility Day at Dundalk Sports Centre

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 November – 12th December 2025 can be summarised as follows:

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

| 13 th November 25 to 12 th December 25 | Ardee MD | Dundalk MD | Drogheda MD | Total |
|--|----------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility) | 3 | 121 | 78 | 202 |
| Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation | 0 | 26 | 20 | 46 |
| Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Not eligible from outside county or non HRC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total number of Person who presented as Homeless | 3 | 150 | 99 | 252 |

Tables 2 - 4 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on 12th December 2025. Also included at Table 5 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 2: Inscne / Table 2: Gender

| Gender | Total |
|--------------|------------|
| Male | 91 |
| Female | 54 |
| Total | 145 |

Tábla 3: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 3: Age Groups

| Age Group | Total |
|--------------|------------|
| 18-24 | 27 |
| 25-44 | 75 |
| 45-64 | 37 |
| 65+ | 6 |
| Total | 145 |

Tábla 4: Saghas Loistín / Table 4: Accommodation Type

| Accommodation Type | Total |
|---|------------|
| Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA) | 53 |
| Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) | 92 |
| Total unique individuals | 145 |

Tábla 5: Teaghlaigh le paistí cleithiúnaí / Table 5 - Families with dependent children

| | No. of families with dependent children | No. of Individual Adults | No. of Dependents |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Individuals with | 12 | 14 | 26 |

| | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>dependent children</i> | | | |
| <i>Couples with dependent children</i> | 4 | 8 | 13 |
| Total | 16 | 22 | 39 |

Tábla 6: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 6 - Housing First

| | |
|---|----|
| <i>Number of tenancies established</i> | 56 |
| <i>Number of individuals currently in tenancy</i> | 39 |

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Nollaig 2025 Housing Allocations, Dec 2025

| 20 th November – 19 th December 2025 | LA | LA Refusal | AH B | AHB Refusal |
|--|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Ardee | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Drogheda | 12 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Dundalk | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 28 | 5 | 2 | 0 |

Aistrithe / Transfers

| 20 th November – 19 th December, 2025 | Transfers |
|---|-----------|
| Ardee | 0 |
| Drogheda | 3 |
| Dundalk | 1 |
| Total | 4 |

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

| As at 19 th December, 2025 | Ardee | Drogheda | Dundalk | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Housing List | 344 | 664 | 1072 | 2080 |
| HAP Transfer List | 290 | 830 | 1573 | 2693 |
| Total Housing List | 634 | 1494 | 2645 | 4773 |

There are **332** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **61** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

| Current Rents Arrears on 16 th December 2025 | No of Accounts | Value |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Rents between 4-6 weeks old | 235 | €99,494 |
| Rents between 7-12 weeks old | 186 | €157,915 |
| Rents greater than 12 weeks old | 1021 | €3,726,313 |
| TOTAL | 1442 | €3,983,722 |

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 December 2025.

| Letter Type | Month/Year | Number Issued |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 st Reminder | December 2025 | 31 |
| 2 nd Reminder | December 2025 | 12 |
| Final Reminder | December 2025 | 9 |
| Total issued | | 52 |

The total rental income received in 2025, to date, is **€16,788,375**. This is a 9.5% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2024 (€15,326,629) and a 20% increase on 2023 (€13,942,731).

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. **34** new payment plans commenced in December 2025 (up to and including 16th December 2025).

Airíonna Athligean & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

| Relet / Void Properties on 16 th December 2025 | Total |
|---|-----------|
| Ardee Municipal District | 5 |
| Dundalk Municipal District | 21 |
| Drogheda Municipal Borough District | 41 |
| Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties | 67 |
| CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County) | 2 |
| Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO) | 69 |

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 November to 15 th December | Total (YTD) |
|---|--|-------------|
| No. of Maintenance Requests Received | 1,184 | 12,076 |
| No. of Maintenance Requests Completed | 1,030 | 10,064 |
| No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress | 761 | 1,352 |
| No. of Maintenance Requests Refused | 78 | 660 |

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

The 2025 EERP allocation for Louth, has been completed with a total of 142 units recouped

including two completed in 2024. Three units have commenced for 2026.

EERP for 2026 is in the early stages of preparation, and finalisation of the program will be subject to confirmation from DHLGH of funding for 2026.

| Municipal District | Number of Commenced/ Completed Units |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Ardee MD: St Olivers Park Kilsaran Feran Drive, Louth Village Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown Beechwood Drive St Marys Court | 36 |
| Dundalk MD: Ladywell Dundalk Aisling Park Dundalk Doolargy Ave, Dundalk Barton Park, Dundalk Woodview Park Jocelyn Court St Olivers Park Carlingford Hillview Lois Dubh Hyde Park Clooneevan Mayfield Drive | 58 |
| Drogheda BD: St Finians Marian Park Boyle O'Reilly Terrace Ascal a Haon Grove Road Rathmullan Park Regent Place Beechwood Drive Pitcher Hill | 49 |

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

PRI Stats 2025

| For 20 th November – 15 th December 2025 | December | YTD |
|--|----------|------|
| Properties inspected monthly | 53 | 2023 |
| Advisory letters issued | 57 | 2064 |
| Improvement notices issued | 1 | 48 |
| Prohibition notices issued | 0 | 1 |
| Private Inspections | 0 | 1 |
| HAP First Inspections | 22 | 650 |
| RAS First Inspections | 0 | 3 |
| AHB First Inspections | 0 | 807 |
| Student Specific Accommodation (SSA) | 0 | 36 |
| Private Re-inspections | 0 | 3 |
| HAP Re-inspections | 27 | 368 |
| RAS Re-inspections | 0 | 1 |
| AHB Re-inspections | 3 | 120 |
| SSA Re-inspections | 0 | 21 |
| Inspections from Complaints | 0 | 12 |
| Properties Made Compliant | 3 | 220 |

Páirtíocht /Engagement

Tionóntachta

/Tenancy

| 22 nd Nov to 15 th December | Drogheda | Ardee | Dundalk | Monthly Total | Yearly Total |
|---|----------|-------|---------|---------------|--------------|
| No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training | 12 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 242 |
| Post-tenancy inspections | 2 | 1 | 15 | 18 | 173 |
| Tenancy Investigation Visits | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 403 |

Tenant Engagement Workshop – Dublin, 26 November 2025

Members of the Estate Management Team attended a Tenant Engagement Workshop hosted by The Housing Agency in partnership with Supporting Communities NI at the Ashling Hotel, Dublin. The workshop brought together frontline housing staff from Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies to explore practical approaches to tenant engagement.

Key themes included:

- The principles of tenant engagement and its role in improving housing services.
- Benefits and challenges of engaging tenants effectively.
- Case studies and success stories from across Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Interactive breakout sessions to share best practice and develop strategies for strengthening tenant voice.

Attendance provided valuable insights into enhancing collaboration with tenants and improving service delivery within our estates.

(Tenant Officer Investigating Officer) Liaison and

Anti-Social Behaviour



| 22 nd Nov to 15 th December | Drogheda | Ardee | Dundalk | Monthly | Yearly |
|---|----------|-------|---------|---------|--------|
| ASB Cases* Received | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 252 |
| ASB cases Ongoing | 7 | 3 | 11 | 21 | - |
| ASB cases complete | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 186 |

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

| 22 nd Nov to 15 th December | Drogheda | Ardee | Dundalk | Monthly | Yearly |
|---|----------|-------|---------|---------|--------|
| Verbal Warnings | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50 |
| Written Tenancy Notifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

Abandonment Notifications & Illegal Occupiers



During the year, a number of dwellings required follow-up where concerns arose regarding potential abandonment, non-occupation, and Illegal Occupiers. In such cases, statutory notifications were issued in line with the relevant legislative provisions. These notices provide tenants with an opportunity to make contact and clarify their occupancy status. Where no response is received within the required timeframe, the process progresses to the next stage.

In some instances, tenancies were voluntarily surrendered following engagement with tenants where occupancy or compliance issues had arisen. The figures below summarise year-end activity in these areas.

| Category | Brief Description | Year to Date |
|--|--|--------------|
| Section 15(1) Notifications Issued | Initial notice – tenant has 4 weeks to make contact and confirm occupancy. | 19 |
| Section 15(2) Notifications Issued | Final notice – property reverts to Council possession | 14 |
| Properties Surrendered Following Tenancy Compliance Engagement | Voluntary surrender after compliance discussions. | 6 |
| Illegal Occupants | Instances where properties were found to be occupied without lawful tenancy and action was taken in line with legislation. | 10 |

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

Seven Winds Affordable Purchase Scheme has successfully completed with all 8 available houses sold and keys handed over to the new owners. All 11 available houses in the Affordable Purchase Scheme at Quarry Court, Ardee are now Sale Agreed with successful buyers currently going through the conveyancing process. The next Affordable Purchase scheme of 10 houses at Ushers Mill, Drogheda is in preparation for advertising in January 2026.



Above image showing Social and Affordable Housing at Seven Winds, Drogheda

Gnóthaithee/ 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 December, the Council purchased 5 properties.



Recently acquired properties in Dundalk and Termonfeckin

Morgáiste go Cíos (MGC)/Mortgage to Rent (MTR) December 2025

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Active MTR Applications Total | 21 |
| AHB MTR Applications Active | 6 |
| AHB MTR completed 2025 | 11 |
| Private MTR Applications Active | 13 |
| Private MTR completed 2025 | 7 |
| MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser | 0 |

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.

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

| | |
|---|-----|
| Applications Submitted: | 365 |
| Approved: | 263 |
| Rejected: | 29 |
| Withdrawn | 47 |
| Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections) | 26 |
| Funding Issued to Applicant | 119 |
| Principal Private Residence | 269 |
| Rental Applications | 96 |
| Vacant Grant Applications | 192 |
| Derelict top-up Applications | 173 |

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

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

Íasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

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|---|-------------------|
| 2025 Budget Allocation | €6,610,000 |
| LAHL Approvals at 15/12/2025 | €2,721,817 |
| Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 15th December, 2025 | |
| Total Number of Applications at 15/12/2025 | 43 |
| LAHL carried over from 2024 | 9 |
| Invalid/Returned | 22 |
| Approved | 18 |
| Declined | 6 |
| For Review | 1 |
| Outstanding – waiting on further information | 5 |

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

In May 2025, Louth County Council was notified of an allocation of €3,174,338, which included a Council contribution of €476,151. Since then, we have been awarded an additional €176,470, bringing the total combined allocation to €3,350,808. The end-of-year claim has been submitted to the Department for the full 2025 allocation.

We are pleased to confirm that the Housing Grants Scheme has now reopened for new applications. These grants are available for owner-occupied homes and private rented homes (with landlord permission).

Louth County Council is accepting applications 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. 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 [Louth County Council - Private Housing Grants](#)

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed



Bathroom Adaptation completed in Drogheda with funding provided with a HAG



New Windows and Door completed in Drogheda, with funding provided with a HOP

| Status | HAG | MAG | HOP | Month | YTD |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Applications on Hand 16/12/2025 | 94 | 5 | 153 | | 252 |

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|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Grants Approved 22/11/2025 – 16/12/2025 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 18 | 362 |
|---|---|---|----|----|-----|

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 2025 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totalling €789,908. This includes €710,917 (90%) in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and €78,991 (10%) Louth County Council Contribution.

| Application Status | Monthly | YTD |
|---|---------|-----|
| Applications received 22/11/2025 – 15/12/2025 | 3 | 70 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Works Appointed | 33 minor adaptations | 2 extension 2 modular extensions |
| Of these Works onsite/ completed | 33 minor adaptations | 2 extensions |

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

| Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units | |
|--|--------------|
| SHIP | 863 |
| CALF | 453 |
| CAS | 49 |
| TOTAL | 1,365 |

| 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 | 556 | 556 |
| Total | 1,323 | 1,592 | 556 | 2,148 |

Capital Housing Delivery

Age Friendly Housing delivery at Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Louth County Council recently completed the acquisition of 12 Age Friendly high quality housing units at Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth. The Age Friendly units comprise 12 two-bed apartments within a single block. The 12 A-Rated energy efficient apartments were delivered by Louth County Councils Housing Section under SHIP Turnkey Scheme which is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



Photo: 12 no. Age Friendly units at Knockshee, Old Gold Links Road, Dundalk, purchased by Louth County Council under SHIP Turnkey DHLGH funding

Seachadadh SHIP / 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 | On Site (Sub. Complete) | 31/12/2025 | 17 * 3 bed, 15 * 2 bed Apt |
| Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2) | 3/3 | 27 | On Site | 28/02/2026 | 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 | 16/02/2026 | 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 |

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|---|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|---|
| 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 | 30/06/2028 | 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. |
| Clontygora, Dundalk | 1/1 | 2 | Completed | 31/10/2025 | 2 * 4 bed |
| Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 1/1 | 18 | Completed | 01/12/2025 | 9 * 1 bed Apt, 9 * 2 bed Duplex |
| Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 1/1 | 3 | Completed | 01/12/2025 | 3 * 3 bed |
| Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth | 1/2 | 8 | Completed | 01/12/2025 | 5 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed |

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|--|-----|----|-----------------------|------------|---|
| Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth | 2/2 | 7 | On-site | 30/06/2026 | 2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed |
| Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth | 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, Co. Louth | 2/3 | 1 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 1 * 2 bed |
| Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth | 2/3 | 5 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 5 * 3 bed |
| Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda | 1/5 | 4 | Completed | 29/10/2025 | 4 * 1 bed Apt |
| Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda | 2/5 | 4 | Completed | 07/11/2025 | 4 * 1 bed Apt |
| 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 |
| Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2 | 2/2 | 6 | Completed | 13/10/2025 | 4 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 2 bed Apt |

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|---|-----|----|-------------------------|------------|---|
| Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3 | 2/2 | 2 | Completed | 31/10/2025 | 2 * 2 bed Apt |
| Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 1/3 | 3 | Completed | 01/12/2025 | 3 * 3 bed |
| Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 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, Co. Louth | 3/3 | 4 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 4 * 3 bed |
| Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 1/2 | 8 | On-site (Sub. Complete) | 31/12/2025 | 2 * 2 bed, 6 * 3 bed |
| Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 2/2 | 17 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 4 * 2 bed, 9 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed |
| Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeekin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 1/2 | 2 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 2 * 3 bed |
| Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeekin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 2/2 | 17 | On-site | 31/12/2026 | 8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed |
| Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth | 1/1 | 4 | Completed | 01/12/2025 | 3 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed |
| Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown | 1/1 | 7 | On-site | 30/06/2026 | 3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed |

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|---|-----|----|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth | | | | | |
| Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth | 1/1 | 16 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 16 * 4 bed |
| Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth | 1/3 | 4 | Completed | 31/10/2025 | 4 * 1 bed Apt |
| Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth | 2/3 | 2 | Completed | 30/11/2025 | 2 * 3 bed |
| Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth | 3/3 | 14 | On-site | 31/03/2026 | 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 |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Newtownwoods, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co Louth | Foscadh Housing | 9 | Funding Approved | 31/03/2026 | Eight *1 Bed Bungalows, One*2 Bed Bungalows for Age Friendly |
| Tierney Street, Ardee, Co Louth | St John of Gods | 7 | Stage 3 Approved | 31/03/2027 | One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house |

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|--|------------------------|----|---------------------|------------|---|
| Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth | Dublin Simon | 21 | Stage 2 Approved | 15/03/2027 | Twenty one * 1 Bed apartments |
| Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth | Women's Aid Dundalk | 12 | Stage 3 approved | 31/03/2027 | Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments |



Above: 26 no three bed social Houses at Racecourse Road, Dundalk delivered in Phase 1 by Circle Housing in collaboration with Louth County Council. Phase 2 in Q2 2026.



Above: 70 no age friendly units at Connolly's Field, Dundalk delivered by Fold Housing in collaboration with Louth County Council

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Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

| CALF Project Name | | Total Number of Social Units Expected | Non-Part VI/Part V | Project Status | Projected Substantial Completion Date | Unit Type |
|--|-----|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Connolly's Field Dundalk Fold Housing | 1/1 | 70 | 59/11 | Complete | 05/12/2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 One bed apt • 19 Two bed apt |
| Racecourse Meadows with Circle | 1/3 | 18 | | Complete | 05/12/2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Three bed Houses |
| Racecourse Meadows with Circle | 2/3 | 8 | | Complete | 05/12/2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Three Bed Houses |
| Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid | 2/2 | 33 | | Complete | 28/11/2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 One Bed Apt • 16 Two Bed Apt • 2 Two Bed House • 7 Three Bed House |
| Bayview Gardens, Drogheda, Co Louth | 1/1 | 58 | 52/6 | Complete | 03/10/2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 One Bed Apt/Duplex • 32 Two Bed Apt/Duplex • 3 Three Bed Apt/Duplex |
| Racecourse Meadows with Circle | 3/3 | 19 | | On Site | 31/03/2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Apartments |
| Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk | 1/2 | 48 | 34/14 | Complete | 3/12/2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 One bed Apt |

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| Co- Operative Housing Ireland | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Two Bed Apt • 18 x Three Bed Apt |
| Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing Ireland | 2/2 | 94 | | On Site | 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 | 30/06/2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt |
| Clos Emer, Castletown Dundalk HAIL | 1/1 | 3 | | On Site | 31/03/2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Two Bed Apt • 1 Three Bed Apt |
| Heartfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath | 1/1 | 42 | | 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 |

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

Exhibition Open to Public

The “Intervals of Peace: The Civil War Prison Art of Alfred McGloughlin” exhibition is **currently open to the public** at Louth County Archives. The exhibition, which was officially launched last month by Cllr Dolores Minogue, Cathaoirleach of Ardee Municipal District, is **free to attend**.

Alfred McGloughlin, who was an artist and a nephew of the leader of the 1916 Rising, Patrick Pearse, was an anti-Treaty supporter during the Civil War. While he was imprisoned from 1922 to 1923, he kept up his artistic endeavours by drawing fellow prisoners. Alfred’s grandson, Professor Tim McGloughlin, rediscovered the drawings in the 1980s among family belongings. After years of careful preservation, they were exhibited at Kilmainham Gaol and the Pearse Museum at St Enda’s, Rathfarnham in 2022 and 2023.

The portraits include a number of veterans of the Easter Rising and War of Independence. While some of the portraits are unidentified, it would be wonderful if local people who may have had a family member in prison at that time, came to visit the exhibition and see if they are able to identify any local person.

The exhibition, which is **free to attend**, will run until the **26th of February 2026** during office hours. Contact the Archives Service on 042-9324358.



Grandchildren of Alfred McGloughlin at the launch of the Intervals of Peace exhibition last month

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The County Archivist is assisting the LGMA-led Working Group on revising the record retention schedules of the National Retention Policy. The Group are progressing a final draft schedule for the Fire & Emergency Services functional area.

The County Archivist continues to assist staff with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the County Archives.

Research Enquiries

The Service receives a steady number of enquiries via email and telephone from various users such as private individuals, historians, local community groups, social scientists, academics, students, professionals such as engineers or planning consultants, family historians, and local authority staff. The Service acquires archives for the purposes of research, knowledge and legal protection, thus benefitting their creator, Louth County Council, society and posterity.

A selection of archives including Council minute books and the Grand Jury Query Books, which have an almost complete run for the nineteenth century have been digitised and are available on the County Archives Online Digital Archives webpage:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/archives/online-digital-archives>

Home > Services > Archives > Online Digital Archives



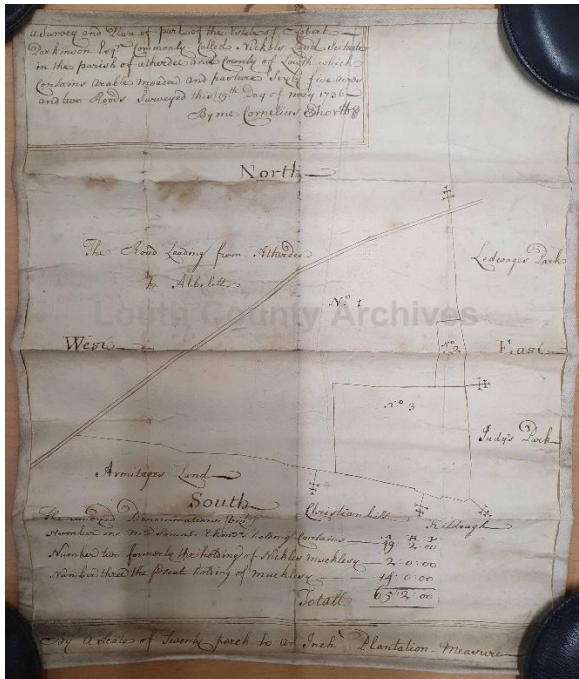
Online Digital Archives webpage

Donating Archives

The Service is an active collecting repository and is always delighted to hear from people about records, photographs, maps, documents, and ephemera that relate to all aspects of the history, heritage and development of County Louth, its organisations and people. In particular, the Service welcomes collections of national school records, or local clubs and groups.

The County Archives will ensure that donated archives will be properly preserved and made appropriately available for research. Donating a collection leaves a lasting legacy that users can utilise and enjoy for generations to come.

If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, or know of someone who would, please contact the County Archivist by email at archive@louthcoco.ie or by telephone at 042-9324358.



Example of a survey map of land called Nickols Land on the estate of Robert Parkinson, dating from 1736, from a collection of maps donated to the County Archives

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Louth Science Festival 2025

One of the most anticipated events in the Louth Library Service calendar, Louth Science Festival, returned this year from 6th to 23rd of November. Since its inception in 2018, Louth Science Festival (funded and supported by Research Ireland, Creative Ireland and Louth County Council) has become a stand-out event in our annual programming, providing STEAM activities, workshops, events and talks to audiences around the county. The total number of attendees this year was over 2,000 with more than 60 events. The programme this year explored the theme of Then. Today. Tomorrow, celebrating science across generations and disciplines.



Fionn Jesch, Circus 250 at Louth Science Festival

Lit Lú - Jane Austen 250

Dundalk and Drogheda libraries marked the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth with a lively and well attended celebration that captured the spirit of her enduring legacy. Guests enjoyed live period-style music, creating an elegant and welcoming atmosphere, while curated displays of Austen's writings offered insight into her life and influence. Tea and cakes encouraged lively conversation about favourite novels. The highlight of the event was a talk by Dr. Ellen Howley from DCU's School of English, exploring Austen's cultural impact and the lasting relevance of her wit and social commentary. The occasion blended learning with enjoyment, leaving attendees with a renewed appreciation for one of literature's most beloved authors.



Tea and cake to celebrate Jane Austen & Dr. Ellen Howley at the Jane Austen event in Drogheda Library

Historic Structures funding- Carlingford Library
Work on repairing, conserving and re-glazing the windows of the former Carlingford courthouse, now Carlingford library, has been completed thanks to Historic Structures Funding 2025, and match funded by Louth County Council. Nine windows to the front and sides of the building were repaired in all. Over time the windows had been damaged and corroded. Specialist restorers brought the windows to their factory and spent months painstakingly conserving the windows to bring them back to their former glory, including re-painting them their original colour - green! By conserving these windows, we have ensured the fabric of the building is preserved, reduced future heating costs and allowed it to become a usable space once again for the library.



Carlingford Library window before conservation works



Carlingford Library windows after conservation

Library Ireland Week took place from the 30th of November to the 6th December. Organised by the Library Association of Ireland in collaboration with CILIP Ireland, the theme was 'Libraries Light the Way'. Library Ireland Week was a celebration of libraries and library staff and invited the public to reflect on how libraries light the way for them.

Right to Read Programming and Outreach

Family Time at Your Library

Throughout December, storytimes and events were held to encourage a family-oriented approach to reading, highlighting its value as an enjoyable and recreational activity for everyone. Outreach included a storytime for children in Mosney Village, in The Gateway Hotel and a parent and baby group in collaboration with Louth Local Development in The Foy Centre in Carlingford. Dundalk library welcomed students from Dún Dealgan and Muchgrange National School who performed Christmas carols and festive songs for parents and visitors to Dundalk Library.

Donation of Books to IPAS centres

Louth Library Service in collaboration with Louth County Council Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) donated a collection of children's books to IPAS centres in Dundalk and Drogheda.



**Executive Librarian Yvonne Duggan with Robert Byrnes
Louth County Council Local Authority Integration Team**



**Gavin McGee (Louth ABC), Niall Weldon (School
Completion Dún Dealgan), Sandra Farrell (Louth ABC),
Mary McHugh (Louth Library Service)**

Louth Library Primary Schools Service

The Schools Library Service promoted Family Time at Your Library throughout December. This included outreach visits to young children and staff in Early Learning Centres in Drogheda, Dunleer, Ardee and Dundalk for storytelling and schools van visits. These initiatives are part of our strategy to develop literacy skills and reading engagement for our youngest citizens, to build library connections from an early age and to encourage all children to read over their Christmas holidays.



**Family Time at Your Library Storytime in Happy Dayz
Creche, Blackrock, Dundalk**

Louth ABC Programme

Louth Library Service attended the Louth ABC Programme celebration in The Gateway Hotel on the 4th of December, 2025, which celebrated a decade of collaboration, creativity and care for families across County Louth.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Memory Café

Dundalk and Drogheda libraries hosted a festive Memory Café which provided a warm, welcoming and inclusive space for people living with dementia, their partners and family members. Maeve Montgomery from The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland provided practical tips for the festive season. Music was provided by Active Retirement Choir in Dundalk Library and a sing-along with Michéal of familiar songs added to the festive spirit with many attendees joining in.



The memory Café in Dundalk Library

Christmas Table Quiz

The annual Christmas Table Quiz in Dundalk Library brought together a wonderful group of people who filled the library with laughter, conversation and friendly competition.



The Christmas table quiz in Dundalk Library

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Our 2026 Arts Grants are now open for application. Closing date is Thursday 12th February 2026, at 4pm. Successful applicants will be notified at the end of March after the council meeting.

For full details on available funding streams, application forms and guidelines please see: <https://createlouth.ie/funding/>

Public Art Programme 2025-2027

A new Public Art Programme for Louth launched just before Christmas with a call-out for nine new Public Art projects. Funding is from the national Percent for Art Scheme which is available through Capital and Housing projects. This programme and funding are as a direct result of six accelerated housing developments that the council are delivering. Six cultural projects are currently being commissioned, one in each of the six housing developments, and three large scale Artist in Residence programmes, one per Municipal District.

Details of all commissions can be found on E-Tenders, PublicArt.ie and VAI (Visual Artists Ireland) website as well as on the arts office website, createlouth.ie. For full details of all commission call-outs, please email arts@louthcoco.ie

Empower Her Exhibition

On 1st of December, the Arts Office was delighted to welcome Drogheda native Linda O'Hanlon with her inspiring photographic exhibition, Empower Her. The exhibition has been on a national tour since its launch in 2024 and we were delighted to welcome it to the exhibition space in the civic offices in Fair St, Drogheda.

The fifty-four images of women are on display until 9th January 2026. These women have either broken through barriers to be the first in their field or have made a significant contribution to their community or work. The exhibition features women such as Mary McAleese & Mairead McGuinness. It also features four Drogheda women including Senator Alison Comyn, Joanna Byrne TD, Natalie Kelly, and Deirdre Gogarty. The exhibition was opened by the Drogheda Mayor, Cllr Michelle Hall.



Joanna Byrne, TD, Cllr Ejiro O'Hare-Stratton, Mayor Michelle Hall, Linda Hanlon, and Maria McCabe at the launch of the Empower Her exhibition.



Mayor Michelle Hall and photographer Linda Hanlon at the exhibition launch

Drogheda Classical Music Series

In December DCMS brought the first half of their 25/26 series to a close with an inspiring concert from Violinist Ben Baker and world-renowned pianist Daniel Lehardt. The duo performed on the 11th of

December with a programme of European intensity including Schubert, Brahms, and Respighi.

First up in the 2026 programme is the winner of First Prize and the Critic's Award at The Maria Callas Competition in Verona: Irish and international soprano sensation Claudia Boyle. Claudia makes her Drogheda Classical Music début with a new year opera gala with rising star, Meath-born baritone Seán Boylan, and pianist extraordinaire Dearbhla Collins. For details on this and all other events for DCMS 2025/2026 please see:

<https://droghedaclassicalmusic.com/concerts/>

Highlanes Gallery

DCW – Highlanes gallery was the venue for Drogheda Creative Writers and Just Write! Poetry group as they came together to celebrate International Human Rights Day on the 10th of December. Poets read from their work on the day, focusing on lived realities, the essentials that we all share, our right to speak freely, be safe and participate in decisions that affect us as a society.

Exhibition – Clann Miotlantach / Mythlantics by Alice Rekab will close on the 17th of January 2026. Alice is an Irish Sierra Leonean artist based in Dublin who uses their identity as a starting point to examine the intersection of personal and shared historical and cultural narratives.

Exhibition – Laurence Fagan: Pen and Ink. This exhibition which marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of artist Laurence Fagan, will close on 10th January 2026. Several of his most important works in the collection including his magnificent study of The Boyne Viaduct have been on display since the end of November.

Opening later in January will be exhibitions by James Moonan and Breda Marron. This will be James' first solo exhibition and is entitled '**Once Upon a Page**'. The emerging artist is showcasing award winning pieces alongside pieces from his childhood reflecting his journey as an autistic child and artist.

Despite working for many years as a public art professional, this will be Breda Marron's first solo exhibition. Entitled '**Sticks, Stones and Bones**', the exhibition will be on the upper level of the Highlanes gallery. Breda brings her fluency with natural materials to the space and ideas around nature, ecology and the environment.

For more details on any of the exhibitions and events at Highlanes Gallery, please see <https://highlanes.ie/>

Creative Ireland

The 2026 Creative Ireland grants are now open for application until Thursday 12th of February, 2026 at 4p.m. Successful applicants will be notified at the end of March following an assessment process.

Details of all guidelines can be found on the funding page <https://createlouth.ie/funding/>. 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://createlouth.ie/funding/>

An Iarsmalann / Museum

Museum news



Christmas at the County Museum, Dundalk – the crib from PJ Carroll's in Clanbrassil Street.

The Museum is in the middle of its Christmas activities with National School children. Since the last week of November, the Museum has had a special screening of a variety of Christmas classics for children.

In addition to this the Museum is also hosting its exhibition of toys and traditional Christmas gifts.



The timeless nature of Christmas toys - cars, dolls and games

Exhibition

From the Collection – A Christmas Special features a selection of traditional Christmas presents that children received over the years. Of particular interest is the variety and change in presents over time as toys and games became increasingly technologically based.



A classic for countless generations - the Hornby railway set

The exhibition has two specific goals – the first is to highlight not only the nature and extent of the

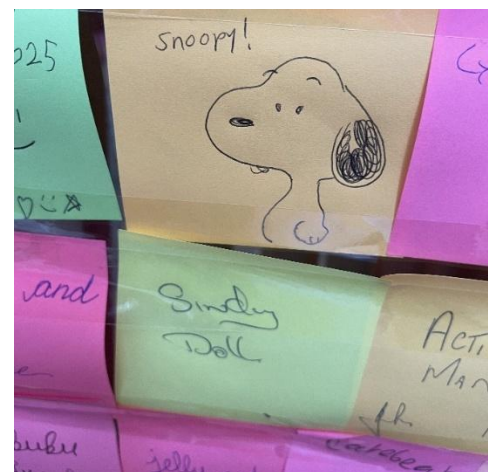
Museum collection, but also to showcase the nature of our work.

The second goal is to gain deeper insight into the toys that defined our visitors' Christmas celebrations. We created a feature wall where visitors can share both their ideal Christmas gift for 2025 and, for adults, a favourite gift from their childhood.



All I wanted for Christmas is ...

Many of our younger visitors have shown a keen interest in this section, putting their own personal slant on things, writing and posting their wishes for Christmas. This display created opportunities for young people to express themselves lots of creative ways.



A puppy for Christmas?

Recent Acquisitions

In keeping with the festive theme, the Museum has acquired a number of children's toys over the past month. These include some of the staples of the 1980s most notably, toys associated with Star Wars and Ghostbusters. In addition to these items the Museum also acquired this magnificent tricycle complete with standing bar and streamers.



An all-time classic, the Millennium Falcon



The Ghostbusters mobile complete with claw.



A children's tricycle, complete with streamers and rear standing bar



A view of the Museum Reception resplendent in Christmas decoration.

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)

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Phase 1

Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. have completed the snagging phase and Substantial Completion has been reached.



Project overview



New road surfacing and traffic lights at the Tain Apartments.

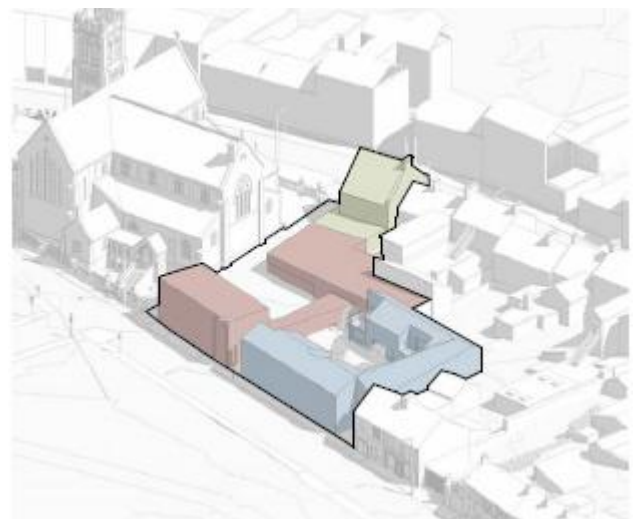


New road surfacing on Linen Hall Street.

Phase 2 – Backlands Area of St Nicholas Quarter

BDP Ltd are the appointed consultant design team for Phase 2 of the St. Nicholas Quarter 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)

Louth County Council has launched The Long Walk Urban Framework Plan project. This project aims to create 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. As part of the initial stages of the Urban Framework plan, a public consultation event took place at The Longwalk in April in addition to an online survey. Two further periods of public consultation have taken place and a draft of the Framework was presented to Dundalk MD Councillors on 17th December. It is anticipated that the Framework will be completed during Q1 2025.

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 continues in Drogheda and Dundalk, with multiple properties sales, or early development stages as a result of engagement.

Meetings have taken place with new owners of properties in Drogheda and Dundalk in recent weeks which have resulted in the preparation of full planning applications by owners with a view to returning properties to productive use.

A year end survey of properties on the URDF Call 3 list (129 properties) has been conducted to update the number of properties returned to use and or vacant.

The current high-level status is as follows:

- Occupied 31
- Repair works ongoing 18
- Progressing* 42
- On-going engagement 14
- Awaiting engagement 7
- CPO process 1
- *Consideration for direct Council intervention 17*

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

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford



Historic photograph of Carlingford

The consultants, Urban Agency, have now been appointed for a heritage led detailed design. The consultants visited the site for a walkabout and met with local interest groups on the 28th July. Further engagement with stakeholders will take place over the coming months subsequent to the completion of three no. concept designs for the detailed design stage.

LCC have now commenced regular meetings with the design team to review the ongoing progress.

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

AA Screening Stage 1 report has been completed for the Glen and Part 8 documents are being prepared for early 2026.

Part 8 documents for works in St. Dominic's Park are currently being prepared, which include draft drawings, updated AA screening and BRE 365 infiltration tests.

Capital Delivery Team

Funding Approvals

Nine projects in North Louth have received a total of €443,849 through the CLÁR Measure 1 approvals. The Capital Delivery Team are awaiting outcomes on applications submitted under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025

Boyne Greenway - North Bank

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) has announced the successful applicants for funding under Measure 3 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2024/25. Louth County Council has received €500,000 in funding for the enhancement and extension of the North Bank of the Boyne Greenway in Drogheda. Works will be delivered on a phased basis and will include widening, resurfacing and relining of paths and installation of lighting. 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.



Muirhevnamor District Park Improvement

Improvement works at the old pitch and putt site in Muirhevnamor Park, Dundalk are ongoing. The works commenced on the 22nd of September. Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRDCG) under the Community Recognition Fund 2024, the improvement works are focused on integrating the unused green space into the existing community park. Works are substantially complete with landscaping and re-seeding works planned for spring 2026.



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

Clogherhead

Public Engagement & Information Event

Help shape the future of Clogherhead, Louth County Council is developing a Town Centre First Plan for Clogherhead.

We invite you to our second drop-in event to:

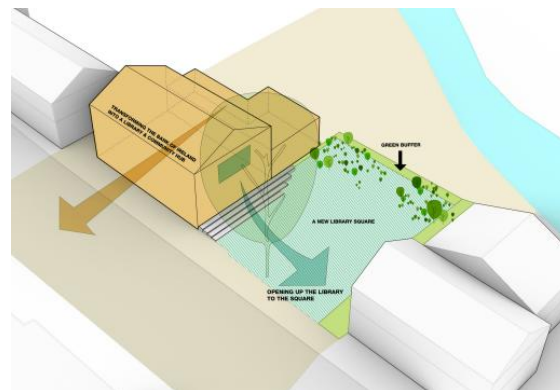
- See how the draft Town Centre First Plan has developed through community and stakeholder engagement
- Engage with Council and design team representatives

Clogherhead Community Centre, A92 V96C
Tuesday 2nd December, 3-8 pm





Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer



Representatives from Louth County Council recently attended a meeting of the Dunleer Town Team. The process is underway to appoint a consultant for the design for a public square adjacent to the library in Dunleer. This project aims to create an attractive public space and is one of several schemes identified in the Town Centre First Plan.

Vacant Homes Officer

We would request those who have a vacant home to engage with the Vacant Homes Officer to discuss potential funding available to return to use and would also ask those who have noted a vacant home in their areas to log it on vacanthomes.ie for inspection and investigation.

Currently one CPO is progressing with the advertisement published on 19th November with a further CPO planned in the coming weeks.

A new grant scheme is to be formally announced targeting vacant “above-the-shop” units in the new year.

Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

Members of the public were invited to participate in the second public consultation event for the draft Clogherhead Town Centre First plan, the plan is shaped by feedback from the public on the first public consultation which took place in May 2024 and translates the challenges and ideas identified into an ambitious yet realistic vision. A public information session was held on Tuesday 2nd December and a public consultation portal was open from 2nd – 16th December. Louth County Council is working with the town team to incorporate the latest feedback with the intention of finalising the Plan in early 2026.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

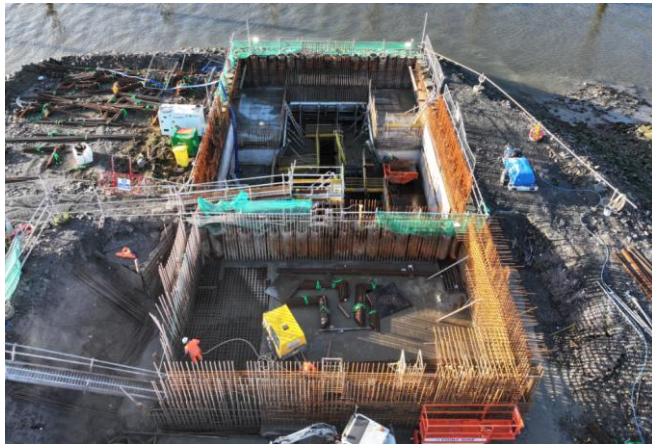
Narrow Water Bridge

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

Southern embankment: - excavation works for the temporary support platform and crane continue.

Northern embankment: -
Bascule abutment wall lifts 3b have been completed. The base of the plantroom adjacent to the bascule chamber has been poured and the placing of reinforcement for the walls has commenced.

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



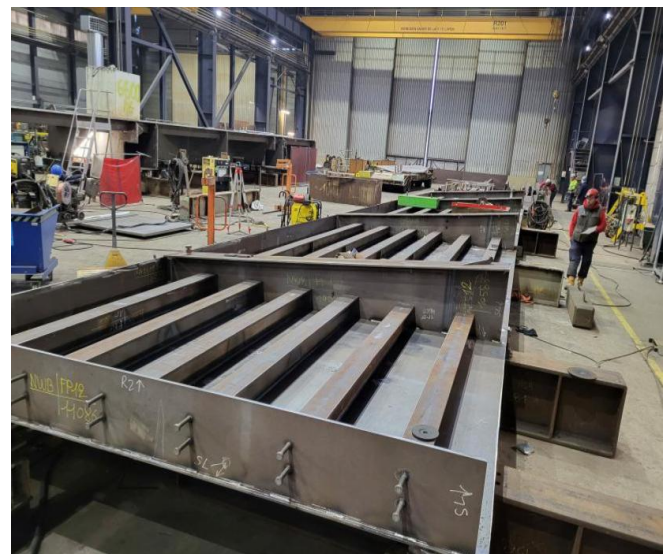
Aerial View of northern Bascule Chamber and commencement of the concrete for the Plant Room.



Temporary works for Crawler Crane platform ongoing, southern embankment.



Fabrication of back plate for fixed span pylon.



Fabrication of cantilever footways for the fixed span pylon.

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

The Construction Tender were received from 8 tenderers, these are currently being accessed under suitability, quality and price. It is anticipated that a tender report will be issued to TII in January.

The Tender for Employer Representative and site supervision team was issued through the TII frameworks with a return date in January.

The design team, valuers, LCC and WMNRO continue to engage with the landowners, their agents, and other 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

Tender documents have been received and are currently being assessed.

ESB have sought to carryout significant cabling works in both the new section of road and remaining road as part of their investment in the upgrade of power supply to north Drogheda.

A meeting in January is to be held to discuss the extent of works and the overlap and impact on the Council contract.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The project has now progressed to Phase 2 (Options Selection) which involves the development of the route options followed by their assessment to identify the preferred route.

The Designers are collating the responses from Non-Statutory Public Consultation #2. This will feed into the emerging preferred option report, which subject to the Departments approvals will be published in January.

Subject to approval and application for funding to the department to proceed to Phase 3 has been made.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is to be developer led. The developer is now in the process of tendering the construction contract. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by year end with the intention of works commencing in Q1 2026.

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.

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

A Project Outline Document (POD) for Phase 3 & 4, as required under the Transport Appraisal Framework (TAF), was submitted to the Department of Transport including funding application for design fees for Phase 3.

On completion of traffic modelling of different scenarios for Phase 3 & 4 in order to quantifiably demonstrate the overall benefits of the scheme, it is intended that that Business Case, as per the TAF, will be issued to the Department in early Q1 of 2026 in supplement to the POD submission.

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The non statutory consultation on the emerging preferred route corridor was published on the 25th of Nov. with the closing date for submissions being extended to Friday 27th February 2026.

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.

The proposed greenway is being progressed in accordance with TII's Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greeways.



Extract from the Brochure

The Ministerial Consent application has been lodged with the National Monuments Service for safeguarding and investigative works in December and with a view of meeting onsite in January to review the safeguarding works and the proposed development works.

Tenders for the Consultancy services for detailed design and construction stage have been assessed and a Letter of Intent has been issued to the preferred bidder.

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

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

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

Consultant Engineers, in collaboration with OPW and Louth County Council, continue refining fluvial and coastal flood relief measures. The shortlist of options is being developed following technical workshops and environmental assessments.

Preparations are underway for upcoming Public Participation Days expected Q1 2026. Separate events for Blackrock and Dundalk are planned to ensure comprehensive community input

Ground investigations, including borehole drilling, trial pits, and sampling, are progressing well.

Updated ecological appraisals and additional surveys (geomorphology and wintering birds) are currently underway to inform option development to minimize environmental impact and incorporate climate change adaptation.

The Project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at:

www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.ie

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 are ongoing to refine flood extents, depths, and velocities for present and future scenarios.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

The National Fire Directorate in correspondence dated 6th Oct 2025 have approved costs to proceed with Stage 1 – 5 of the proposed works. Works on progressing this report are ongoing.

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme



Louth County Council has been engaging with the Southern Regional Assembly with regards to the next phases of the project, with a number of training days to be attended by the project team. Preliminary works including archaeological investigations and structural safeguards have been tendered and we await submissions.

Draft cost estimates have been prepared for options along the River Boyne tributaries. A multi-criteria analysis, incorporating social and economic factors, has been completed to support option selection.

Site visits with civil engineering contractors have commenced to identify potential construction risks and constraints, helping to mitigate delays later in the programme.

Underwater archaeology and terrestrial geophysical surveys have been completed. Overwintering bird surveys are underway, and hydromorphology assessments are scheduled to inform water quality analysis.

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

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

The Local Authority, in collaboration with the OPW, are finalising a tailored project brief informed by recent flood events and site-specific characteristics. This will enable the appointment of a consultant engineer for the next phase of scheme development.

A series of targeted works has been proposed to strengthen the existing drainage network and reduce immediate flood risk. These measures include upgrading key culverts, installing non-return valves to prevent tidal backflow, and improving associated infrastructure to enhance conveyance capacity. The interventions are designed to deliver short-term resilience while complementing the objectives of the long-term flood relief scheme.

A business case seeking OPW approval for full funding for c.€2.6m has been submitted.

Ardee Minor Works

The OPW has approved funding for a package of minor flood relief works in Ardee. These works aim 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.

The Local Authority is actively liaising with Uisce Éireann, who are undertaking upgrades to watermain infrastructure in the area. These upgrades are

scheduled to be completed prior to the commencement of drainage improvement works, ensuring effective coordination and minimising disruption. 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 Muirí / Marine Projects

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

The successful Contractor has been appointed for all three projects.

Physical Works will commence in March 2026 (please note Ecological Constraints prohibit works between September and March at these locations). However in the interim period the Contractor is to develop a site-specific Environmental Management Plan and procure and test materials to be utilised in the project.

The appointments of an Ecological Clerk of Works, Archaeologist and Structural Engineer to report and monitor onsite works are complete.

Additional damage has at the Ballagan section of the scheme has occurred following the recent storm this is currently being assessed.

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

Works on site continue to progress, Progress update since previous monthly report:

Summary of progress below.

- Kerbing - 90%
- Level up for tarmac – 85%
- 2nd fix plumbing - 95%
- Downpipes -95%
- Tiling -95%
- Painting ongoing
- Fall Arrest -95%
- Fitted Furniture – 90%
- Footpaths to road 100%.
- Heating working

PHASE 7: Close-out and Review

Proposed Works Forecast

- Ground works to continue
- Continue painting
- Kerbing
- Street lighting
- Fitted Furniture
- Tilling
- Fencing
- Footpaths

Active Travel Investment Program

2026 Indicative Budget Allocation

The NTA have indicated to Louth County Council, along with other councils, that active travel budgets will be limited to c.€4m per annum. Currently the active travel team are updating forecast spend profile for committed monies for fees and works in 2026 in order to estimate remaining spend in 2026 and following years.

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

The current status of the ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below. For ease of referencing, the National Transport Authority (NTA) allocate projects into particular Cost Bands depending on the total estimated project cost including, fees, land acquisitions and constructions as follows;

Band 1 €0 - €5M;

Band 2 €5 - €20M;

Band 3 > €20M;

They also divide the evolution of a Capital Investment project into a seven-phase process, i.e. (Phase 1 to Phase 7 inclusive) with seven Gateways Reports.

The seven different phases are as outlined below...

PHASE 1: Scope and Purpose

PHASE 2: Concept Development and Option Selection

PHASE 3: Preliminary Design

PHASE 4: Statutory Processes

PHASE 5: Detailed Design and Procurement



PHASE 6: Construction and Implementation


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Tionscadail Tasaitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects


Due to recent correspondence from the NTA indicating an annual budget of c.€4m per annum for the next 3 years, timelines and the extent of works are subject to change until budget allocations in 2026 are issued.

| Project Name | Allocation 2025 | Project Band | Current Phase | Dec. 2025 - Project update | Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road) | €270,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | PHASE 4: Statutory Processes | <p>The National Transport Authority have recently approved GW 3 Gateway Report and we envisage that this project will be brought forward for Part 8 public display in Quarter 4 2025.</p> <p>An On-line briefing of the Draft Part 8 proposals was given to Drogheda MD elected members on Tuesday 9th September 2025. The proposals were well received, and we will advance to Part 8 Public Display.</p> | Proposed Part 8 display February 2026 |
| Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design. | €50,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | Phase 3 – Preliminary Design | <p>Consultants RPS Group have completed draft Gateway 3 Report. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors in November 2025.</p> <p>Still awaiting NTA Gateway 4 approval to proceed to Part 8</p> | Proposed Part 8 display Q1, 2026 |
| Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB. | €100,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | Phase 3 – Preliminary Design | <p>The Design Team are currently progressing with preliminary design following non-statutory public consultation. Thereafter, the Active Travel Team will proceed to Part 8 public display</p> <p>Still awaiting NTA Gateway 4 approval to proceed to Part 8</p> | Proposed Part 8 display late Quarter 1, 2026 |
| Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's (Pathfinder Project) | €120,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement | <p>Part 8 received approval on 10th February 2025 by Drogheda Municipal District. GW4 deliverables all presented and approved by the NTA in April 2025.</p> <p>Detailed design has commenced and in parallel the tender documents for the selection of suitable contractors are being prepared, due to be received by March 2026, subject to NTA approval.</p> | Part 8 approved on 10 th February 2025. |
| Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design. | €400,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | Phase 2 - Concept and Options | <p>The Active Travel Team are having on-going discussions with Irish Rail regarding Dublin Road Bridge and interaction with the Dart North Coastal Project. Dart Coastal North, an Irish Rail Project, was approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála in August 2025. An inter agency meeting was held to examine proposals on Active Travel measures under the Dublin Rd, railway bridge. Further meetings are planned. Consultants AECOM via the NTA are currently developing options for the section relating to the under-bridge of the Navan Railway Line (MacBride Train Entrance to McGraths Lane).</p> <p>North Road - Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design Report) approval received from the NTA in February 2025. The design team are currently preparing pre-</p> | Dublin Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display depending on dialogue with NTA / Irish Rail. |

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| | | | Phase 4 – Statutory Process | <p>planning i.e. Part 8 documentation and discussing land requirements with 3 number landowners, plus some residents on the North Rd.</p>  <p><u>View of Dublin Rd, Drogheda Rd looking South</u></p> | North Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display March 2026. |
| Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd. (Pathfinder Project) | €2,625,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | Phase 5 Detailed Design | <p>Tender Document to establish a restricted panel of competent contractors was advertised on etenders and Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). A select panel of eight contractors was formed and detailed tender documents will be issued to this panel.</p> <p>Gateway 5 Documents issue to the NTA for approval.</p>  <p><u>View of Inner Relief Rd, Dundalk looking north from Hoey's Lane Roundabout extract from Fly Through</u></p> | <p>Completed – Part 8 Approval on the 10th September 2024</p> <p>Procurement of Contractors on-going, awaiting NTA approval to issue tender documents.</p> |
| Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge | €25,000 | Band 2 €5 - €20M | Phase 5 Detailed Design | <p>Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on the 10th December 2024.</p> <p>Awaiting NTA approval to proceed to detailed design.</p> | Part 8 Approved in December 2024. |

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| Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station. | €100,000 | Band 2 | Phase 3 /4 Preliminary Design / Statutory Process | <p>Workshop held with the NTA in October and we intend to accelerate parts of the scheme, namely, McEntee Avenue, Mulholland Avenue & Pearse Park to deliver key elements associated with pedestrian provision and Safe Routes to School infrastructure.</p> <p>Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design Report) approval received from the NTA in June 2025. The Active Travel Team have met associated schools. The NTA have received approval from Irish Rail to explore a pedestrian link from Ice House Hill into the northern carpark of the train station. These is currently being reviewed by the design team.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>View of Ard Easmuinn Looking North from China Bridge</u></p> | Proposed Part 8 Q2 2026 |
| R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge | €50,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 3 - Preliminary Design | <p>Phase 2 is approved by the NTA in December 2024.</p> <p>Phase 3 preliminary design has commenced.</p> | No part 8's but possible Section 38 in Q1 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval. |
| Hoey's Lane, Dundalk | €60,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 3 – Preliminary Design | <p>GW3 Reports approved by the NTA in Dec 2024.</p> <p>Public consultation held on 20th March, 2025. Event was very well attended. Submissions from a number of groups / residents / business owners received and the Design Team are now amending the design to reflect these submissions.</p> <p>Awaiting Gateway 4 approval from the NTA to proceed to Part 8.</p> | Proposed to commence Part 8 process and display Q1. 2026 |
| Mill Street, Dundalk | €75,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 2 - Preliminary Design | <p>GW3 comments received from NTA and a workshop held with NTA & LCC. Resulting from this workshop, the drawings will be updated The Active Travel Team have conducted meetings with key stakeholders such as schools and Bus Eireann.</p> <p>The consultant is currently finalising preliminary design drawings and thereafter awaiting approval from the NTA.</p> | Part 8 Q2 2026 |

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| Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk | €50,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 2 - Preliminary Design | GW3 comments received from NTA and a workshop held with NTA, LCC and consultants on 20 th November 2024. Resulting from this workshop the drawings will be updated, and a non-statutory public consultation will be held in Feb. 2025. | Part 8 Q2 2026 |
| R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates) | €135,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 4 – Statutory Processes | Part 8 proposal to be on display in Dec.  <u>View of entrance to Xerox Campus Looking to Xerox Junction</u> | Proposed Part 8 Dec. 2025 |
| Moneymore, Active Travel elements | €200,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 4 – Statutory Processes | CPO public consultation ended 11 th February, 2025. 9 submissions received. Awaiting decision from An Coimisiún Pleanála. | N/A |
| Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk | €950,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 6 – Construction | Works Contract signed, and works to commence in Dec. in Bellurgan. | No part 8's but Section 38's |
| Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1.SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer | €50,000 | Band 1 €0 - €5M | Phase 2 - Concept and Options | Louth County Council were informed in Q4 2024 of three new schools to be included as part of Safe Routes to School Round 3. Funding was received on 13 th Jan 2025. Tender Documents have been issued seeking Design Consultants for the Design of Proposed works. | No part 8's but possible Section 38's |

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| 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa , Kilcurry 3.Mullaghboy NS. | | | | | |
| Bus Enhancement Programme | €500,000 | | | Funding to allow for the upgrade of bus stops in various locations across the county including the installation of bus poles and hard standing areas plus bus shelters in agreed locations. | N/A |
| Mobility Hubs | N/A | N/A | N/A | <p>The Government Climate Action Plan (CAP 23/24) has identified shared mobility as a key mechanism for reducing car dependency and car ownership.</p> <p>Dundalk Town along with Cork City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Carlow Town, and Sligo Town has been selected as a location for the delivery of a pilot project to test the effectiveness of mobility hubs. The hubs will provide short-term access to a variety of modes of travel including e-bikes, e-scooters and Electric Vehicles (EVs).</p> <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.</p> <p>A Detailed Business Case is currently being prepared by the DOT and is due to be submitted to the Department of Environment Climate and Communications who manage the Climate Action Fund.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the tendering process will commence for this project later this year.</p> | Proposed Part 8 in February 2026 |