

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



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Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistióchta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 30ú Aibreán 2026

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30th April 2026

A Chara,

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

1. Financial Management and System Support

- Financial position to 30th April 2026: total expenditure €57.6m against budget €203.7m (28%). Income €75.6m invoiced/received against budget €203.7m (37%).
- 772 ICT support calls logged during April; 90% completed. Security and application software were the highest request categories.
- GIS public service: Dowdallshill Graveyard Map Viewer recorded 2,211 views (average 76/day) and was updated to include burial information from 2020.
- Cyber security training: staff guidance emphasised verifying urgent/unexpected requests via trusted channels and avoiding link-clicking/credential sharing.

2. Economic Delivery

- Key updates include new chair appointment to the Louth Economic Forum; SPC progress with the Tourism Strategy moving toward Council approval;
- Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme updated rules and open for 2026;
- Tourism and business events supported (e.g. cross-border tourism conference, town leadership summit); and ongoing enterprise supports (mentoring, clinics, training, and grant approvals).
- Age Friendly Business, plus events that promote place-based economic activity.
- For the month of March 2026, 81 planning applications received during the month of which 74 were valid. In addition, there were 20 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 23 Pre-Planning Requests received.

3. Operations and Environmental Delivery

- The report includes extensive operational updates by municipal area (Dundalk/North Louth, Mid Louth/Ardee, Drogheda/South Louth) covering roadworks, drainage, sweeping, footpaths, signage, traffic lights, and responses to illegal dumping.
- Environmental enforcement and regulation reporting includes litter/waste investigations and notices, pollution complaints (water/air/noise), landfill monitoring, septic tank queries, and related inspections.
- Successful award of €20,000 Heritage Council funding for the development and delivery of a Local Biodiversity Action Plan.
- In 2025, the Council reduced CO₂ emissions by 431 tonnes. A further reduction is targeted of 1,682 tonnes to meet the 2030 target.
- 17 of 21 total sites on the project to increase Solar PV to its buildings, this gives 515 kilowatts of renewably generated PV panels and battery storage equipment, has been added to Council building stock.
- Great progress on the Dundalk's new Athletics Track at Muirhevnamór Sports Centre substantial completion of the works is anticipated in June.

4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery

- In April 2026 Customer Services dealt with 13,432 queries inclusive of 6,669 calls and 6,763 counter queries. 9,406 (70%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact.
- April 30th was National Voter Registration Day, which was a nationwide initiative promoting active citizenship by encouraging everyone to ensure they are registered to vote.
- Continued support for community activities, older people council, Age Friendly, Cooley Farming Community club, traveller development, LCDC and Comhairle na nÓg
- LCDC, approved capital funding of €239,207.33 to 82 local community & voluntary groups in Louth, through the Local Enhancement Programme 2026. The LAG, approved funding support, of €103,462.98 for 2 LEADER projects. To date, total funding allocated is €1,366,170.99, which is 37% of the total programme budget.

5. Housing and Culture Delivery

- A summary of the main housing figures are below:

- Presentations as homeless: 295 people
- Advice/support provided: 243 cases
- Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation: 49 (
- Homeless HAP applications processed: 17 in March 2026
- Housing First: 57 tenancies established; 39 individuals currently in tenancy.
- Rent arrears monitored continuously, in 2026 to date, €5,931,928 (reported as +7% vs 2025 equivalent period; +16% vs 2024).
- New build / capital delivery, current approved social housing delivery totals: SHIP 770, CALF 244, CAS 49 (1,063 total).
- Right to Read / Spring into Storytime: nearly 40 events across branches (story times, crafts, Gaeilge programming, themed displays).
- Droichead Arts Centre: theatre club marked 10th anniversary, noted audience development and artist support.
- Creative Ireland: community projects launched (e.g., Threads of Identity and Heritage Through Hands), focused on inclusion, identity, and crafts using recycled materials.
- Commemoration work took place with the Museum and the Old Dundalk Society relating to the Belfast Blitz anniversary and emergency response history took place. Work commenced on a new 5-year Museum Development Plan, including an online public survey.

6. Major Capital Projects and Infrastructure Delivery

- The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) has been replaced by the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF) (launched 5 March).
- TCRIF applications are being prepared for Westgate (Drogheda) and St. Nicholas Quarter (Dundalk) for submission by 1 May.
- St. Nicholas Quarter & Backlands (Phase 2): BDP Ltd appointed for Phase 2.
- Longwalk Urban Framework Plan: nearing completion
- New Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) are being initiated, acknowledged as lengthy but preparatory work is progressing.
- Play spaces:
 - The Glen (Drogheda): Part 8 proposals on public display; submissions close 9 June 2026.
 - St Dominic's Park (Drogheda): Part 8 submissions closed; proceeding to the Borough District of Drogheda.
 - Omeath: tender underway to appoint a design team for playground rejuvenation plan.
- New CLÁR 2026 call opened; Castlebellingham added (along with Cooley Peninsula).

I would like to conclude by expressing my sincere appreciation for the exceptional commitment, resilience, and professionalism demonstrated by the entire Louth County Council team. Across all directorates, staff continued to deliver high-quality public services, maintain critical operations, and support our communities with dedication and pride. I encourage all members to read the report in full, which reflects the breadth, depth and impact of the remarkable work carried out across the organisation.

Regards



David Conway
Chief Executive
Louth County Council

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An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

Tá an 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 30^ú Aibreán 2026 / Expenditure to 30th of April 2026**

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/04/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/04/2026	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026	% Caite go 30/04/2026 / % Spent to 30/04/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€25,168,782	€91,043,877	28%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€8,940,771	€29,724,225	30%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€2,057,156	€6,253,179	33%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€6,065,741	€25,275,969	24%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€8,109,762	€26,717,755	30%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€3,588,517	€13,508,055	27%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€315,071	€1,342,504	23%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€3,369,747	€9,786,701	34%
	€57,615,547	€203,652,265	28%

Ioncam go dtí 30^ú Aibreán 2026 / Income to 30th of April 2026

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/04/2026 / Actual Income to 30/04/2026	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/04/2026 / % Invoiced to 30/04/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€24,264,787	€91,667,227	26%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€2,126,019	€17,228,704	12%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€849,676	€4,864,078	17%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€2,392,721	€13,604,272	18%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€985,757	€4,843,340	20%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€356,966	€1,971,310	18%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€137,189	€474,809	29%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€822,493	€17,390,895	5%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,691,376	€39,640,432	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€3,988,733	€11,966,198	33%
	€75,615,717	€203,652,265	37%

The above is the current position as of the 30th of April 2026. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2026 is included in the above figure.

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

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30^ú Aibreán 2026 / Debtors as of 30th of April 2026

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€11,388,113	€84,243,816	(€75,556,487)	(€Nil)	€20,075,442
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€229,656	€827,352	(€889,684)	(€Nil)	€167,324
Rataí / Rates	€5,273,449	€39,691,376	(€19,024,919)	(€743,036)	€25,196,870
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,368,616	€6,280,374	(€6,042,995)	(€2,455)	€3,603,540
Iasachtal / Loans	€273,054	€752,140	(€778,597)	(€Nil)	€246,597
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€6,998,721	€3,720,167	(€986,542)	(€1,191,224)	€8,541,122
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€934,463	€299,727	(€211,934)	(€Nil)	€1,022,256
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,970,672	€2,566,968	(€1,832,037)	(€1,238)	€3,704,365
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€31,436,44	€138,381,920	(€105,323,195)	(€1,937,953)	€62,557,516

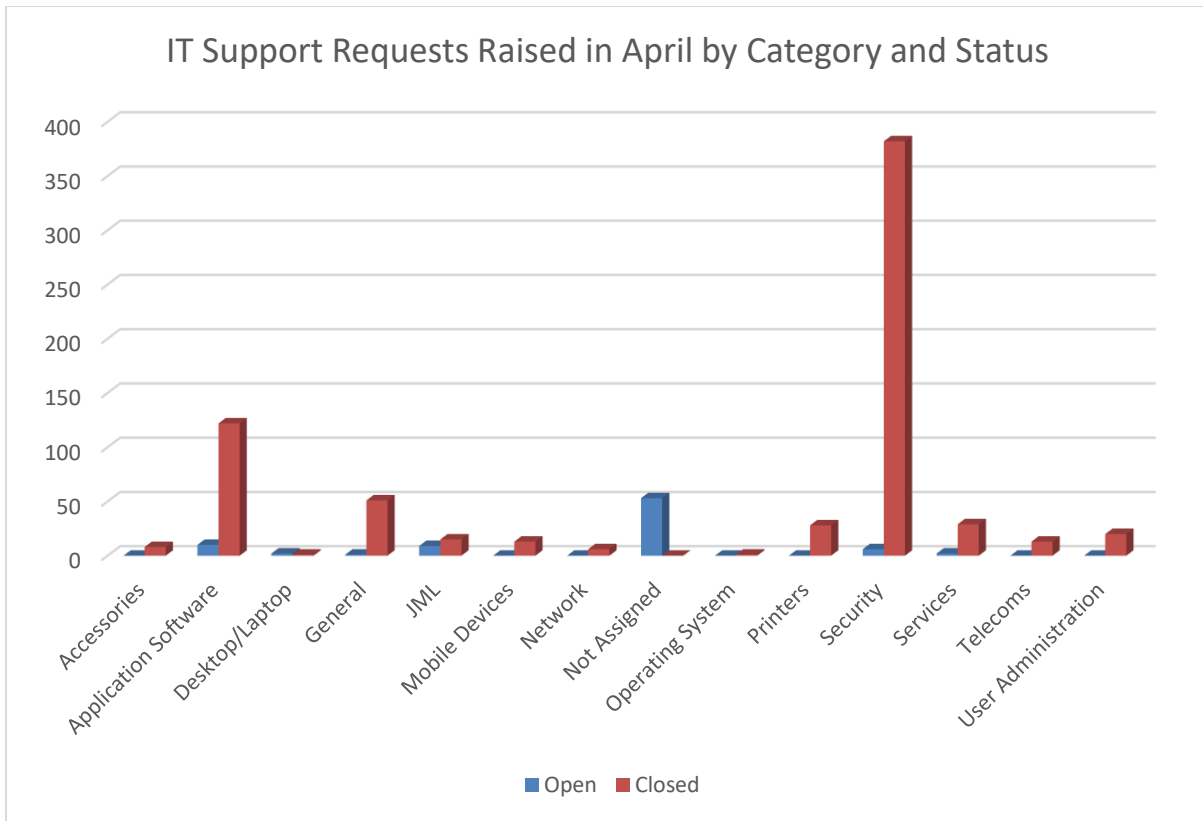
Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of April 2026. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads,

Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/04//2026 and the 30/04/2026 there were 772 support calls logged in the IT support system. 90% of these calls have been completed.



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

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 01/04/2026 – 29/04/2026 13.5% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
393,348	150,530	242,818
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
4,270	19,557	28,639
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
744	13.5%	21

Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There were 14,878 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 30th April 2026. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in this month. Online planning services, Services, Dog Pound and Library received the highest number of page views in April.

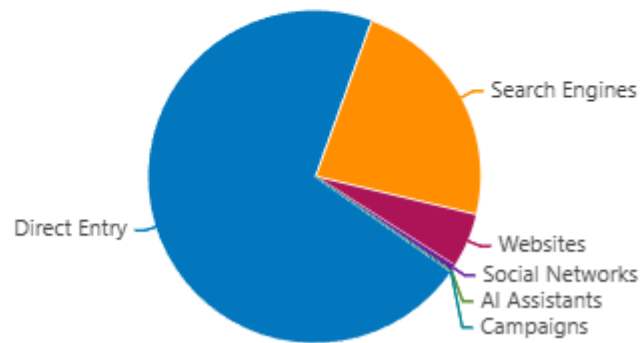
Page URL	Pageviews	Unique Pageviews
/en/	3,786	20.5% 3,045
/en/services/planning/online-plan...	826	4.7% 695
/en/home/	601	3.1% 462
/en/services/	514	2.6% 384
/en/services/dog-pound/	435	2.3% 340
/en/services/library/	448	2.3% 336
/en/contact/louth-county-council/	342	2% 300
/en/services/planning/	370	1.9% 284
/en/louth_county_council/intervie...	502	1.4% 206
/en/services/housing/	266	1.3% 190
/en/publications/development-pla...	270	1.2% 183
/en/louth_county_council/	251	1.2% 182

The chart below presents the visitors by entry channel type to www.louthcoco.ie in April.

Channel Types

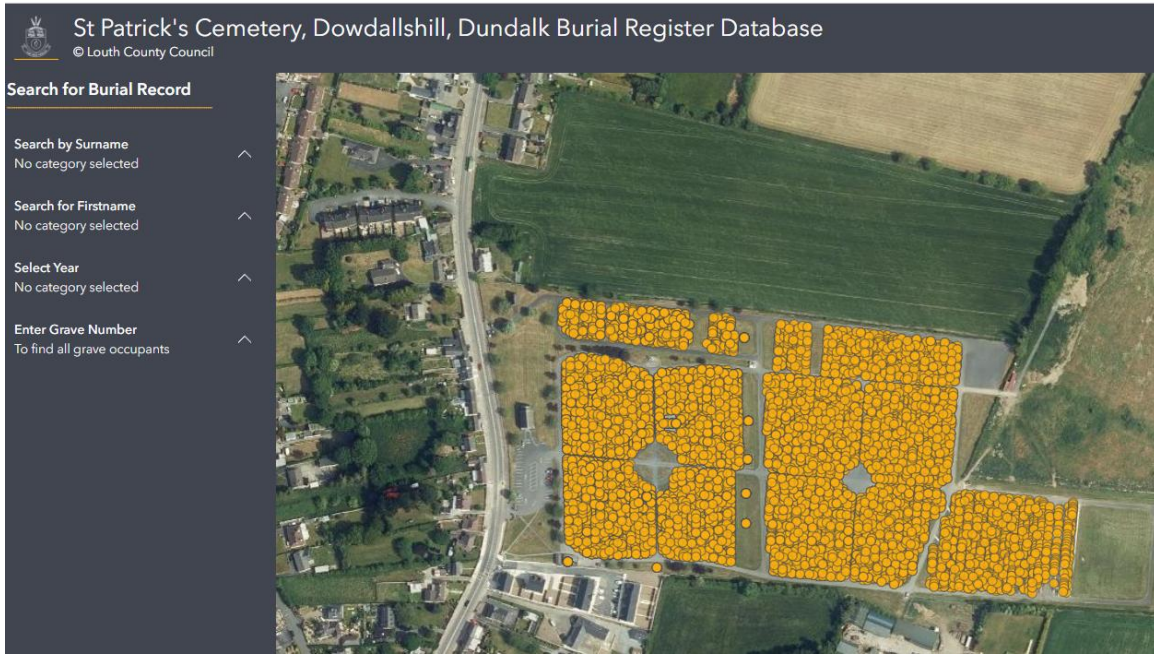


— Visits



ArcGIS Online – Dowdallshill Graveyard Map Viewer

The Dowdallshill Graveyard Mapping application continues to receive many visitors. The data in the system was recently updated to include information on burials from 2020. It is available on the Graveyard Section of www.louthcoco.ie Home>Services>Graveyards.



There were 2,211 views of the application between 01/04/2026 and 30/04/2026, an average of 76 views a day in April.



Cyber Security Training

The April cyber security training highlighted the increasing sophistication of cyber threats, which often combine emails, phone calls and text messages to appear legitimate and bypass controls such as multi-factor authentication. Staff were reminded to treat urgent or unexpected requests with caution, even where messages appear convincing or reference personal or organisational details. The key message was clear: do not click links or share credentials in response to unsolicited communications, and always verify requests via a trusted, independent channel. Ongoing staff awareness and prompt reporting remain critical defences against cyber incidents.

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

Louth Economic Forum

Mr. Patrick Joy has been appointed the new independent Chairperson of the Louth Economic Forum. His inaugural meeting as chair took place on Friday 24th April in County Hall, Dundalk. Mr. Joy is the founder of Suretank Group and was the 2013 Irish EY Entrepreneur of the Year. He is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer (University College Dublin, 1974) and has an MBA (Trinity College Dublin, 1988).

For further information on the Louth Economic Forum please follow this [link](#).

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee

A meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC took place on 14th April in Drogheda. The committee proposed and seconded the Tourism Strategy and resolved to submit it to Council for consideration and approval at the May meeting. An amendment to the Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme was proposed and passed at the meeting. The amendment is as follows: 'A claim under the Shopfront Grant initiative may only be made once per category in every five-year period up to a maximum of two categories within a five-year period'. Prior to this it was one category within a five year period.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2026

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme opened to applications from Wednesday, 8th April, with a scheme closing date of Friday, 30th October 2026. The scheme is open to all non-domestic property in County Louth.

For full details of the scheme please visit: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/economic-development/shopfront-improvement-grant-scheme/>.

Age Friendly Business

The Age Friendly Business Accreditation Programme accredits businesses that introduce simple, low-cost changes to improve accessibility and service for older customers. The programme raises awareness of the needs of older members of the community which in turn improves services for all. Implementation of improvements, such as improved seating or signage, businesses can earn an official Charter and a window decal to boost reputation and customer loyalty. Accredited businesses are listed on the [Age Friendly Business Directory](#).

To take part, and for further information please email econdev@louthcoco.ie.

World Town Leadership Summit

The 2026 World Town Leadership Summit took place in Dublin and Belfast the week commencing 20th April. Dundalk was included in the conference programme of events. A joint Dundalk BIDS and Council event was held in the Forrester's Hall, Dundalk, on Wednesday, 24th April. Presentations were delivered by the Senior Executive Architect (Public Realm) and the Dundalk BIDS Manager outlining their collaboration on completed projects and ongoing regeneration initiatives within Dundalk Town.



World Town Leadership Summit

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Cross Border Tourism Conference 2026

Dundalk Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Cross-Border Tourism Conference, in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, on 15th April, supported by the Council.

The programme featured a range of speakers who provided valuable insights into the evolving tourism landscape. Speaking on the day, the SEO from the Economic Development and Tourism Section, outlined the continued development of tourism initiatives under Visit Louth, with an emphasis on trails, tours, and the strategic promotion of the county as a leading visitor destination.

The conference attracted over 200 delegates from across the North-East and beyond and brought together representatives from tourism, business, culture, and local government, highlighting the potential of cross-border collaboration to support sustainable economic growth and enhance the regional visitor experience.

The conference also featured a vibrant exhibition space, with over 20 local tourism and hospitality businesses showcasing their services. Exhibitors such as Visit Louth, Carlingford Oysters, Narrow Water Lodges, Carlingford Adventure Centre, Dundalk Tourist Office, and many more, demonstrated the breadth and diversity of experiences available across the region.



Cross Border Tourism Conference, Carlingford

Visit Louth

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

Lú Festival of Light – Date for the Diary

Lú Festival of Light 2026 will take place from 23rd to 26th October (inclusive). The festival is being delivered by Love Drogheda Business Improvement District (BID), produced by Visual Spectrum, supported and funded by the Council, Love Drogheda BID, Drogheda Councillors and supported by Fáilte Ireland.

Boyne Valley Flavours (BVF)

As part of ongoing support for member development, the Storytelling for Food Businesses Management Development Programme Workshop took place in Drogheda on 13th April. The workshop was offered with support from Louth Local Enterprise Office, and it was very well received, with 12 participants in attendance. It provided practical tools and insights to help food producers and providers communicate their story more effectively, strengthen their brand identity, and build stronger connections with both customers and trade buyers.

There is continued growth in the network, with 16 new members joining Boyne Valley Flavours to date this year, as well as 110 membership renewals bringing a current total of 126 which is a 15% increase on 2025 membership.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland hosted its first 'Meet the Maker' event of the year in Kinsale, County Cork with Kinsale Mead. This event marked the first of twelve events taking place across Ireland highlighting different crafts including beekeeping, cider making, brewing and cheesemaking.

The Development Manager for The Centre of Food Culture Ireland was invited to speak at DairyConnect, which took place in Bia Innovator Campus in Galway on 16th April.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland was shortlisted in the RDS Agricultural and Rural Awards under the Sustainable Rural Social Impact category. The team was delighted to attend the awards on the 16th April in the RDS, where the award went to a very worthy initiative, Social Farming Ireland.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Safe & Sound – Free night-time economy training – 28th April



The Night-Time Economy Adviser pilot has launched Safe & Sound, a free, government-backed online safeguarding training for staff working in the night-time economy. The training supports professional, welcoming and well-run nights, helping businesses and organisations build public trust — which is essential for a strong and sustainable night-time economy and good for business. The resource is easy to access, and participants receive a certificate upon completion. The initiative's progress is also easy to monitor and track.

Due to the importance of the topic, the programme is being made available county-wide to ensure consistent standards, whilst developing Drogheda in the longer term as a regional centre of excellence. For more information and sharing via link: www.nighttimeeconomy.com/safe-and-sound-drogheda.

After Hours at the Museum Scheme 2026 – Open Now

- Government funding to help museums open later and run evening events.
- Grants of up to €8,000 available (85:15 match funding).
- Open to museums and galleries that are members of IMA/MSPI.
- Three Louth venues eligible: County Museum, Dundalk; Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda; Drogheda Museum at Millmount, Drogheda.
- Applications close 5.00pm, Wednesday 7th May 2026.
- Details and application: [Night-Time Economy - After Hours at the Museum Scheme 2026](#).
- Local queries: nighttimeeconomy@louthcoco.ie.

Sound Town Night – 24th April

A pilot programme delivering a monthly surge of evening events and special offers, the last Friday of each month. It tests ways of embedding late cafés and other culture-led activity to diversify Drogheda's night-time economy offering.

April marked the third delivery, with the programme intended to grow steadily across the year.

April activity:

- Night Moves at The Coffee Box – late café + live music, delivered by *Droichead Arts Centre*.
- Makerspace at Bare Food Café – hands-on creative workshops, delivered by *The Cottage Market*.
- Boyne Sounds Trad Night – Barlow House, delivered by *Boyne Tradfest*.
- Deadly Craic Comedy Club – McHugh's.

Special offers:

- Escape Rooms Drogheda – discounted VR games.
- El Grito Restaurant – Sound Town Night promotions.

What we're learning:

- Predictability matters: a monthly rhythm is helping audiences and businesses plan, return and participate. Night Moves and Makerspace showing promise.
- Collaboration is important: multiple independent operators aligning under one night providing opportunity to grow dwell time in the town.
- Transport incentives: potential partnerships with Uber / Free Now currently remain under review, to ensure no impact on local cab firms.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Rising Together – From Hidden Challenges to Visible Success

LEO Louth was delighted to support the Rising Together event which was organised by Network Louth and aimed to shine a light on the real journeys of women in business in Ireland, sharing powerful stories of resilience, determination, and success. The event highlighted the often-unseen challenges faced by women — including language barriers, disability, and cultural differences — and how these can be overcome with the right support and community. Critically the event informed attendees about the training and business opportunities available through local supports.

Goals Beyond the Pitch: The Ohio-Ireland Business Connection

LEO Louth attended the Dundalk–Ohio Business Forum which took place in Oriel Park on 10th April.

Attendees heard fantastic contributions from keynote speaker Mark Owens, Team NEO, and Honorary Consul of Ireland in Ohio. Other speakers included Clark Hill, InterTrade Ireland and Enterprise Ireland, who all shared valuable insights on transatlantic trade and collaboration.

Bulgarian Embassy Visit to Dundalk

On Wednesday 22nd April, Bulgarian Ambassador Vanya Andreeva and her Attache visited the Local Enterprise Office to discuss opportunities for Louth based businesses to make links and trade into the Bulgarian market. They met with representatives from Dundalk Chamber and the Council.



Bulgarian Embassy visit to Dundalk Town Hall

Funding Approved:

- 4 Green for Business Approved
- 1 Digital for Business Approved
- 1 Energy Efficiency Grant Approved
- 1 Market Explorer Grant Approved

LEO Workshops and Training Held:

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 24 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in April.
- **LEO Mentoring** – 17 Mentors were appointed to businesses in April to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.
- **LEO Training** – LEO Louth held 7 training courses in April:
 - Smarter Business with AI
 - Storytelling Programme for Food Businesses
 - Rapid Prototyping for Creative Businesses
 - Create & Grow Louth

- Financial Essentials for Business
- Digital Marketing Foundations
- Start Your Own Business

Oidhreacht / Heritage

Just one of eight applications to the Community Monuments Fund (CMF) 2026, submitted by the Heritage Officer in mid-February, was successful. This contrasts with the outcome of CMF 2025, when Louth had four successful applications (out of ten).

Hatch's castle, Ardee, which had a Conservation Study carried out under Stream 2 of CMF 2025, received a grant of €100,000 under Stream 1 of CMF 2026, for urgently needed conservation works. It has also received a grant under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for conservation of the front door and some windows.



Hatch's castle from the front and from the grounds of Saint Mary's Abbey (Church of Ireland church)

The unsuccessful applications under Stream 1 (for funding for monument conservation works) were for conservation works on:

- Bellew's Castle, Castletown, Dundalk
- Glaspistol towerhouse, Clogherhead
- Taaffe's Castle, Carlingford
- The Mullagh, Clogherhead (a Louth County Council site)

The unsuccessful applications under Stream 2 (for funding for conservation studies of monuments) were for:

- Dunmahon castle (private owner)

Background information on the scheme

The Community Monuments Fund is 100% funded by central government and administered locally by the Heritage Office. Conservation works can be funded up to €100,000, while there are other funding streams for conservation studies (assessments and planning) and for the enhancement of access to and for interpretation of monuments.

An application to the Irish Walled Towns Network's funding schemes for a study of the full circuit of Drogheda's town walls (to permit the revision of the Town Walls Conservation Plan) was also unsuccessful. A separate, third party application by the Seán Corcoran Series festival was successful and received funding.

The outcome of a funding application to the Heritage Council's County Heritage Plan funding scheme is still pending, as are all the applications to the Community Heritage Grant scheme.

Shared Island funding

The Heritage Council has launched a new 'Shared Homeplace' funding scheme, funded by Shared Island. The Council has submitted a joint application to promote awareness of Architectural Conservation Areas in parts of County Louth and the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

PeacePlus funding

The Council supported Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in the development of its "Castles and Tower Houses Programme", which commenced with an activity day on 18th April in the Down Museum, Downpatrick. As well as events to be held in the Newry Museum in June, there will be an 'explore the castles and towers' event on Saturday 16th May, beginning with a visit to King John's / Carlingford castle. A free training course for Tour Guides filled immediately.

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of March 2026 are given below in tabular form. There were 81 planning applications received during the month of March of which 74 were valid. In addition, there were 20 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 23 Pre-Planning Requests received.

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

(A) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developme nts	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications - requiring EIA	(F) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	4	10	33	0	47
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	4	6	13	0	23
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	0% (0)	10% (1)	12.12% (4)	0% (0)	10.64% (5)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	3	0	3	0	6
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions	33.33% (1)	0% (0)	66.67% (2)	0% (0)	50% (3)

overturned appeal	on					
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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	
	Márta 2026 / March 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Márta 2025 / March 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	29	69	37	76
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	24	66	18	62
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	21	61	20	44
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	3	4	1	4
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	1	1	0	0
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Pleanáil Chun Cinn / Forward Planning

Variation 4 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 Non-Statutory Consultation – Identification of potential lands to meet new housing growth requirements in County Louth

The Council sought proposals for lands/sites that could help meet the County's new housing growth requirements under the NPF Implementation-First Revision (2025).

This non-statutory public consultation ran from Wednesday 18th March 2026 until Wednesday 8th April 2026 during which members of the public were invited to make proposals regarding lands that could be considered for zoning for residential development. There is no guarantee that lands identified in submissions received in response to this consultation will be zoned for residential purposes.

In total 98 submissions were received; all submission can be viewed on the LCC Consultation Portal: [Identification of potential lands to meet new housing growth requirements in County Louth provided for in the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities - Submissions | Louth County Council's Online Consultation Portal.](#)

Conservation

The Council is pleased to advise funding of €50,000 under the Historic Structures Fund 2026 has been awarded for conservation works at Former Carlingford Presbyterian Church, Newry Street, Carlingford, Co. Louth.



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Aitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



NBHS An tSeirbhís Oidhreacht
Tábhá Naisiúnta
National Buildings
Heritage Service

Stiúrthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

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

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

David Hanratty

Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Operations & Environment Delivery Monthly Report for April 2026 Oibríochtaí / Operations

DUNDALK & NORTH LOUTH

Road Works Resurfacing

- No resurfacing
- Line marking refresh Dundalk Town Centre
- 10nr Disabled bays marked



Road and Pothole Repairs Dundalk

- Greenacres
- Red barns Road
- Point Road
- Jocelyn Street
- Nicholas Street
- Hoeys Lane
- Castle Road
- Dublin Road
- St Patrick's Cemetery
- Fair Green Row
- Marshes
- Old Coes Road
- Market Square
- Crowe Street
- Seatown
- Roden Place
- Longwalk
- McEntee Avenue
- Farndreg
- Mill Road

Cleaning of gullies in all affected areas.

Cleaning of open drains

- Square Blackrock R172

- Grille Cleaned Castleblaney Road/Mill Road/Fatima/Hardy's Lane/Ramparts
- Removed obstructions from Blackwater
- Cleared 30 blocked gullies around Dundalk town

Drainage Works

- Ballytrasna flooding issues
- North Commons Carlingford
- Collapsed gully lids replaced Avenue Road
- Gully lid repaired Ecco Road
- Gully Repaired R172

Road Sweeping

- Jet washed entire town centre – Market Square and Clanbrassil Street



- Kingswood
- The Loakers
- Blackrock

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Mullaharlin Road Inner Relief Road
- Racecourse Road
- The Laurels Walkway
- Oliver Plunket Park

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Clanbrassil Street damaged signs replaced
- Longwalk no parking signs replaced
- New Bollards installed centre islands St Joseph's N.S. Tom Bellew Avenue

Traffic Lights Repairs

- Gateway Hotel Junction

- Quay Street Junction
- Avenue Road Junction
- Xerox Junction
- Haynestown Junction
- Felda Junction, Dublin Road

Illegal Dumping

- Redeemer Church alleyway
- Drive 2 Muirhevnamor



Alleyway Before



Alleyway After

- LS-7180 Annes Kilcurry,
- LS-7100 Whitemill Faughart,
- LS-7103 Carrickedmond Kilcurry,
- LS-7128 Tankardsrock Kilkenny.
- Rd 197 Rathneestin,
- Rd 201 Reaghstown - Knockabbey,
- Rd 172A Hoarstown and an Kilsarn
- L2223, Mount Doyle
- L5210, Cookstown
- L5207, Stormanstown
- R170, Ravel, Dunleer
- L2226, Charleville
- Battsland Railway Road, Dunleer
- L6620,
- R165/R167, Blaskestown
- L2223, Johnstown
- L2223, Drakestown
- R167, Shanlis

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- LS-3161 Marlbog Road Haggardstown
- LS-7120 Shanmullagh Hackballscross
- LS-7162 Clermont Road
- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Ardee, Collon, and Dunleer

Drainage Works

- N33, Ardee
- L2290, Rathdaniel – Significant Drainage Works to alleviate Flooding Risk

Road Sweeping

- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Old Golf Links Road
- Repairs to footpaths in Ardee Town



Old Golf Links Road

MID LOUTH & ARDEE

Road Works Resurfacing

- L-1212, Drumcashel, Stabannan
- L-6237, Green Lanes, Dromin
- L-2214, Church Road, Richardstown, Dromin

Road and Pothole Repairs Dundalk

- LS-7116 Ballyinaby Hackballscross,
- LT-31041 Carrickedmond Kilcurry,

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Signage Cleaned and repaired in area.
- Incorrect signage corrected between Dromin and Stabannan

Traffic Lights Repairs

- Pedestrian Crossing, Collon
- Pedestrian Crossing at Slieve Breagh, Ardee

Playground & Gym Equipment

- Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground and exercise equipment at the Fairgreen, Ardee
- Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Dunleer

Other Works

- Repairs to Salterstown Pier Ladders and Fencing

Illegal Dumping

- Incidents in Ardee and significant incident in Shanlis, Ardee

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste

- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)
- Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles
- Emptying of Public Bins at;
 - Ardee Town
 - Dunleer town
 - Collon
 - Riverside Walk
 - Link Road

Beaches/Ring Buoys/Lifeguards

- Ring Buoy Checking in;
 - Ardee Town - River Dee
 - Salterstown
 - Port Beach
 - Boyne Fisherman River Rescue Retrieving life buoys on the river Dee in Ardee



Figure: Life Buoy retrieval

DROGHEDA & SOUTH LOUTH

Road Works Resurfacing

Commence Survey of roads, prior to preparation of contract documents

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

Tender documents on e-tenders and tenders are due 01/05/2026.

Road and Pothole Repairs

- St Finian's Pk,
- John Street
- Shop Street
- St Laurence Street
- William Street
- Shop Street
- Magadeline St,
- Slane Rd,
- Hillview,
- Mount St Oliver,
- Oaklawns
- Greenhills

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Drogheda town centre

- Surface water manhole cover replaced in Yellowbatter



Figure: Manhole Repair

- Cherrybrook Drive
- Cherrymount
- Ballsgrove
- St Finians
- Rathmullen pk
- Highfield.
- Railway Tce
- Pancar
- Mayfield
- North Rd+ link Road
- Bryanstown
- Bryanstown Village
- Broadmeadows
- Forest Pk
- Ballypark
- Newfield
- Forest Pk
- Multi-Hog 1 – Town centre,
- Dominick Pk/Ramparts
- Mell Carpark
- Donore Rd
- King St
- Bolton Square
- Meatmarket Lane
- Bachelors Lane
- Mayoralty St
- Ballsgrove Hill
- Windmill Rd
- Boyle O Reilly
- Newtown Cemetery
- Fair Green
- Reillys Carpark
- Abbey Carpark
- North Rd (In between the Bollards)
- Brystowncross Route.
- Wheaton Hall
- Mountsandford
- College Rise
- Harmony Heights
- Riverwalk Mell
- Pedestrian Green machine on town centre streets each day.
- Power washing and Disinfectant of Pedestrian Pavements at Rosemarie Lane, Meatmarket Lane, Highlane Steps and

Drainage Works

- Sandbags and flooding signage at Wellington Quay during high tides.

Road Sweeping

- Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.
- Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.
- Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area.
- Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen and Tenure.
- Drogheda town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).
- Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days and Town Centre Daily.
- Road sweeping housing estates at
 - Roscoill
 - Castlewood
 - Hillview
 - Belvedere
 - Rowan Heights
 - Treadagh View
 - Beechwood Drive
 - Beechwood Ave
 - Marleys Court
 - Ceaderfield

steps between Dublin Road and Marsh Road.

- Graffiti removed at St Dominics Park, Haymarket Bridge and Ramparts in advance of Drogheda Boyne 10K, Town Centre, Planters West St and Ramparts.

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Drogheda

- Rathmullen Road
- Marleys Lane
- Repair steps at Ballsgrove Gate.



Figure: Ballsgrove Steps

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Reinstatement of Flex-bollards on the North Road
- Reinstatement and addition flex-bollards on IDA Road
- Church St Pay & Display signs.
- Stop Sign at Palace Street

Traffic Lights Repairs

- General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and replacement of lamps.
- Replacement of Traffic Light Pole at St Marys St, following RTA.
- Replacement of Traffic Light Pole at Marleys Lane / Rathmullen Rd Junction, following RTA.

Playground & Gym Equipment

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



Figure: traffic light repairs

Other Works

- Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, O'Reilly Carpark, 72 Narrow West St, Cord Rd and Stameen Wall.
- Preparation for "Way of the Cross" check for trip hazards on route.
- Oil spill on Duleek St / Platin Rd.
- Sandbags & flooding signage at Wellington Quay during high tides.
- Graffiti removed on:
 - Drogheda Boyne 10 K Route
 - St Dominics Park
 - Ramparts Walk

Illegal Dumping

- Bessexwell Lane
- Embankment of Dual carriageway.
- Rathmullen.

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste

- Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles 35 No.
- Emptying of Public Bins on a weekly basis

Beaches/Ring Buoys/Lifeguards

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

Operations Countywide

Speed Limit Review

Phase 2 – Built-up and Urban Areas (Key Points)

- Phase 2 of the Irish National Speed Limit Review proposes introducing a default 30km/h speed limit in built-up and urban areas, particularly in town centres, residential roads, areas with high numbers of vulnerable road users, and roads near schools (Urban School Zones), with limited exceptions.
- However, implementation challenges were identified. There is no legislative definition of an “urban area” for speed-limit purposes, meaning new legislation would be required, delaying nationwide rollout. Existing legal definitions under the Local Government Act 2001 identify only 85 built-up areas nationally, just three in County Louth (Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee). These boundaries are outdated and no longer reflect current urban expansion.
- In contrast, the CSO identifies 867 urban areas nationally, so changing the default built-up speed limit would only affect a small number of locations. The remaining areas would still require Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws.
- In County Louth, 26 locations have been identified for 30km/h limits (reduced from 38 after assessment using national guidelines):
 - 6 in Drogheda Municipal District
 - 8 in Ardee Municipal District
 - 12 in Dundalk Municipal District
- Introducing these limits requires a lengthy statutory process, including public consultations, Councillor workshops, preparation of detailed proposals, stakeholder notifications (TII, Gardaí, adjoining authorities), consideration of

submissions, formal reports, and installation of signage.

Community Involvement Scheme 2026

Survey of roads has now commenced at:

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

4 roads have now been surveyed and tender documents have been prepared.

Events

- The Carrickmacross Cycling Club Annual North East Coastal Challenge (roads checked and repaired ahead of event)

Louth Ports & Harbours

- Repairs to Salterstown Pier Ladders and Fencing
- Enforcement proceedings taken against 22 boats in relation to unauthorised use of Clogherhead Harbour.

Environment

Waste Enforcement

Waste and Litter Enforcement

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

Litter Foot Patrol

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



Figure: High Visibility Patrol

Legal Action for Unpaid Fixed Penalty Notice
Litter Enforcement had two successful prosecutions from unpaid Fixed Penalty Notice.



Figure: illegal dumping in April

Waste Enforcement

Waste and Litter Enforcement

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	340
FPN under Litter Pollution Act	11
Waste complaints received year to date	76
Investigations under waste legislation	51

Diesel Laundering Waste

There were 33 IBC's with laundered diesel sludge waste removed by the Council to date in April 2026. The approximate cost of removal and disposal was €61,300.

Litter Foot Patrol

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

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and complaints

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

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

7 air pollution complaints were received this month. 4 noise pollution cases were received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm survey Inspections

During the month of April 2026 3 farm GAP inspections were carried out along with 1 re-inspection. No non-compliance letters were issued.

Environmental Inspection Plan

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

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 15 monitoring results received by the Council in April 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences.

Licensed landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in April at Dundalk. Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Monthly gas balancing carried out at Whiteriver. 6 monthly RCBO checks carried out at landfills and annual PAT testing carried out.

Septic Tanks

5 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in April. 3 septic tank advisory notices remain open.

Planning

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

Solid Fuels

Drogheda & Dundalk were inspected for coal lorries making deliveries. All coal lorries found delivering coal were inspected and coal registers viewed. Advisory letters issue to all coal merchants stopped.

Bathing Water Regulations

Bathing water sampling programme for 2026 submitted to the EPA for approval. Updated profiles and bathing water plan submitted to the EPA for 2026 programme which is due to commence end of May/start of June.

Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

There have been 2 payments made in the sum of €7,700.00 (as of 24th April 2026) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

There have been no payments made for Lead Replacement in April.

Climate Action

CMAF

Researchers from Trinity College Dublin and Ulster Wildlife visited the Salt Marsh in Dundalk as part of the CMAF project.

The Ramparts River design drawings are being reviewed by the Dundalk flood study consultants. Updated info has been received and is be added into the initial plan.

Sustainable Energy Communities

A first community meeting was held in Dunleer for this project.

Community Climate Action Programme

Projects under round 2 of this fund are still under review at the departmental level, with this process being delayed outside of the Council's control.

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

Biodiversity

Funding

Successful award of €20,000 Heritage Council funding for the development and delivery of a Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

Community Engagement

Biodiversity Officer and John Kelly (Invasive Species Programme Manager, National Biodiversity Data Centre, NBDC) presented to a **Tidy Towns Information Evening** hosted by the Community Support Team. All groups were given a biodiversity information pack reflecting topics discussed to encourage applications for the development of Community Biodiversity Action Plans, provide best practice in meadow management, improve invasive species awareness and biodiversity recording.

Biodiversity Officer hosted a regional training session by the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) & NBDC on **Introduction to Ship-based Cetacean Surveys**.

Biodiversity Officer supported the “**Bee Kind**” **Change Maker Cross Border Project** which saw heritage apple trees planted in Omeath and Newry by local community groups.

A short film made by local school children and DKIT students was launched at a public seminar at the ESAI Enviro conference in April. **The Meadow Magic: Pollinator Promotion Project** promoted the simple steps that can be taken to help support pollinators and improve the state of nature.



All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP)

Dandelions are the number one favourite food for Ireland’s wild bees. This April as part of our continued commitment as Council Partner to the AIPP County Hall will “**Let Dandelions Bee**”, increasing areas of reduced mowing to allow more wildflowers to bloom. To find out more about how to support pollinators visit www.pollinators.ie

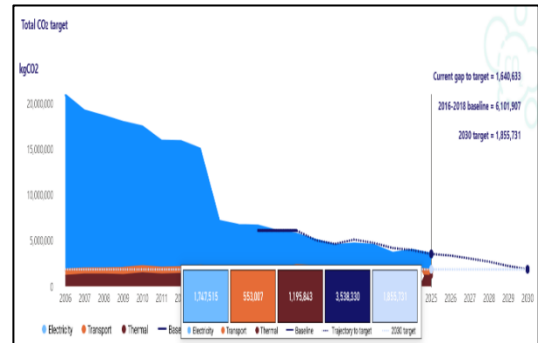
ENERGY

Public Sector Energy Monitoring, SEAI

SEAI has issued the provisional Energy Performance Scorecard for Irish Public Bodies for 2025. Total energy-related emissions remain our primary challenge. In 2025, the Council reduced CO₂ emissions by 431 tonnes. Our total CO₂ Emissions in 2025 require a further reduction of 1,682 tonnes to meet the 2030 target.

Overall, performance is on the glidepath and continued focus and sustained improvements will

be essential to ensure the 2030 emissions reduction target is achieved.



Graph shows Louth County Council CO₂ Emissions compared to the Glidepath to 2030.

Reduce your Use

In advance of the Easter break, staff were encouraged to participate in a short Easter Energy Egg Hunt within their workspace. Small, proactive actions such as these contribute to meaningful energy and carbon savings over the holiday period.

Solar PV Update

The Council have now commissioned 17 of 21 total sites on the project to increase Solar PV to its buildings. **515 kilowatts** of renewably generated PV panels and battery storage equipment, has been added to Council building stock.



New Solar PV at County Hall Dundalk

Facilities

Dundalk Athletics Track

Construction Works for Dundalk’s new Athletics Track at Muirhevnamór Sports Centre are continuing on site and remain on programme. Substantial completion of the works is anticipated in June, subject to weather conditions. Current progress is as follows:

Topsoiling, seeding works and drainage works outside the fenced track are ongoing, Substructure works to the track, including the bitumen base, are substantially complete.

The staff unit and athletics track equipment store are scheduled for installation in May. Works on the synthetic surface are programmed to commence on 27 April, weather permitting. Floodlighting funding has been approved, a contractor appointed, and installation is scheduled for August.



**The New Dundalk Athletics Track
(under construction)**

An Táin Theatre Roof Repairs

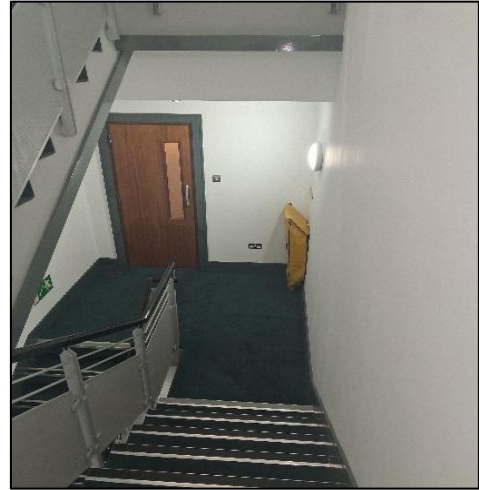
Works are substantially complete on the replacement of roof vents and roof repairs to An Táin Theatre at Dundalk Town Hall. These works will eliminate ongoing water ingress from roof leaks to the auditorium area.



**Improvements to the Roof of An Táin
Theatre at Dundalk Town Hall**

County Hall Maintenance

Maintenance of the Council’s buildings is constantly ongoing. In April maintenance at County Hall, Dundalk focused on, inter alia, painting of the canteen/motor tax stairwell. In addition, further improvements were completed to internal door controls for access and security.



**Improvements at County Hall
Staircore**

Animal Control and Welfare

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound April 2026	
Total dogs through the pound	25
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	18
Surrendered by owners	7
No dogs reclaimed by owners	8
No of dogs rehomed direct	5
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	6
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 30/04/2026	3

Dog Licences April 2026	
No of Licences sold	530
Licence Checks:	
House calls	1421

Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	356
Fixed Penalty Notices	24

Control of Horses

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

Horses through the pound April 2026	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 30/04/2026	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments April 2026	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 30/04/2026)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



Little Tag was surrendered this month and was really struggling in the kennel environment despite the best efforts of our team. An urgent appeal was posted on our Facebook page, and the power of social media resulted in the perfect match (despite a few grumpy cats ruling his new roost!) within days.

His new owners have since contacted us with an update, knowing how concerned we were for the little man: 'Just a quick message to let you know Tag now Toby is doing very well, took a few days but he is settling in well, getting more confident each day, he has had first vaccinations and was neutered last week, starting to wander the garden but comes back when called, great with grandson and getting along with most of the cats.'

Emergency Services and Building Control

Fire Service

Four Louth FRS recruits completed their Fulltime Recruit course which was undertaken in a collaboration with Cork City Fire Brigade. The passing out parade was held on April 2nd in Ballincollig Fire Station. Recruits that completed the testing 13-week course, undertook skills in firemanship, Breathing Apparatus, Compartment Fire Behaviour, Road Traffic Collision, Pumps and Hazardous Materials. Louth Instructors were all also heavily involved in the various course elements at all stages.



Louth FRS full time recruits and instructors at the passing out parade in Ballincollig Fire Station

The NDFEM External Evaluation Team visited Louth Fire & Rescue on April 22nd. The peer review visit consisted of the NDFEM National Director and various NDFEM team experts. Fire Service systems around Health & Safety, Admin, Operations, Training and Fire Safety were reviewed and bench marked against national policy and good practice nationally. The EVG team debriefed Fire Service Management and the Chief Executive at the end of day review.

Q1 Incident statistics attached. To note:

- Fire Alarm/Activation calls accounted for 18.73% of all incidents
- A 3.86% decrease on incidents compared to Q125

A 23.8% increase on incidents in Meath compared to Q125

Fire Prevention

During the reporting period, six Fire Safety Certificate applications were received bring the annual total to 46 applications received. Operational crews completed four During Performance Inspections to ensure compliance and identify any emerging risks.

Community engagement activities continued, these included a fire safety talk delivered to the Cooley Farming Community Club. In addition, arrangements are currently being finalised for the first “Just 1 Life” Road Safety Campaign for County Louth. This is aimed at Road Safety awareness for transition year students. Approximately 350 students are currently booked to attend.

Contributions on the day will include representatives from the Fire Service, An Garda Síochána, the National Ambulance Service, a mortician and road traffic collision survivors.

Major Emergency Management

The Cross Border Emergency Management Group met on the 29th April in LCC County Buildings. Stakeholders from the NI Emergency Preparedness Office, PSNI, Garda, HSE and Local Authorities met to discuss regional cooperation, exercises and resources relating to planning preparedness for major emergency management.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates March	4
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	114
Total Number of April Commencement Notices for March submitted	33

Civil Defence

Civil Defence activities this month include:

Duties

- Assistance to the Fire Service for an extrication exercise x 4 volunteers
- Evacuation centre exercise in Monaghan x 9 volunteers

Training

Weekly training continues every Thursday from 8pm-10pm

- Drone training in Bellurgan park
- First Aid Responder (FAR) training
- Manual Handling training with new recruits
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training, 3 volunteers commencing their national exams this month
- Cardiac First Responder (CFR) training with new recruits

Emergency Response

7 Community First Responder activations from NAS, 5 patients treated.

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Incident Types within Station Areas: Quarter One – 2026

Type	Ardee	Carlingford	Dunleer	Drogheda	Dundalk	Meath	Other Areas	Total
Fire/Aircraft								0
Fire/Alarm Activation	4		1	11	29	11		56
Fire/Bus/Coach								0
Fire/Car			3	9	6	3		21
Fire/Caravan								0
Fire/Chimney	3			1	4	2		10
Fire/Controlled Burning								0
Fire/Domestic	3			3	5			11
Fire/Persons Reported	1			2	3	1		7
Fire/Fire (General)				2	2	1		5
Fire/Forest		1						1
Fire/Gorse		2						2
Fire/Grass								0
Fire/Hay/Barn								0
Fire/Industrial								0
Fire/Institutional				2	2	1	2	7
Fire/Motorcycle				1				1
Fire/Oil/Petrol								0
Fire/Small/Bin/Skip		1	1	22	8	3		35
Fire/Smoke Issuing								0
Fire/Truck	1				1	1		3
Fire/Vegetation								0
SS/Alarm/Carbon Monoxide					5			5
SS/Ambulance Assist	1		1	11	8	5		26
SS/Animal Rescue								0
SS/Electrical	1			2	1	1		5
SS/Entrapment				1	1	1		3
SS/Explosion								0
SS/Flooding	1				3	1		5
SS/Garda Assist		1		2	1	2		6
SS/Gas Leak					1			1
SS/Hazardous Material						1		1
SS/Lift Persons Trapped		1			1			2
SS/Lockout			1	2	1			4
SS/Make Scene Safe				1	1	1		3
SS/Marine Emergency								0
SS/Oil Spillage								0
SS/Other				3				3
SS/River Rescue					1			1
SS/RTA	10		2	17	23	17	4	73
SS/Smell of Gas								0
SS/Trees Down					1			1
SS/Water Leak				1				1
Total no. of Incidents:	25	6	9	93	108	52	6	299

Average Mobilisation Times (H:M:S) Quarter 1 – 2026

		Time to Mobilisation	
		Fire	Non Fire
Ardee	LH11A1	00:06:57	00:06:55
Carlingford	LH12A1	00:05:19	00:05:42
Dunleer	LH13A1	00:05:07	00:05:10
Drogheda	LH14A1	00:01:09	00:01:24
	LH14A2	00:04:55	00:03:42
Dundalk	LH15A1	00:01:07	00:01:03
	LH15A2	00:06:47	00:06:21

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.

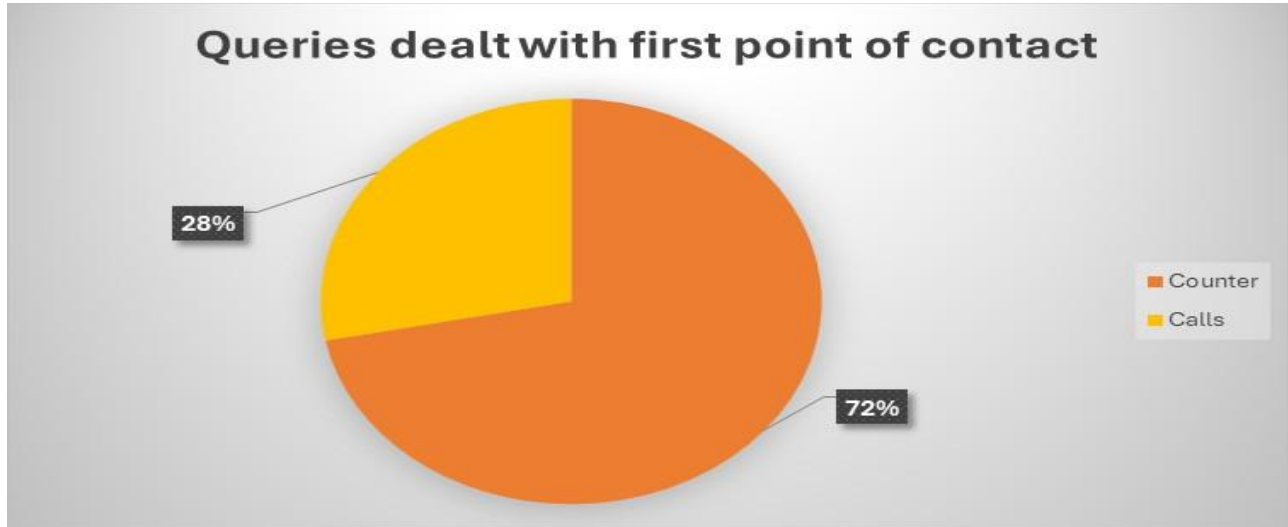
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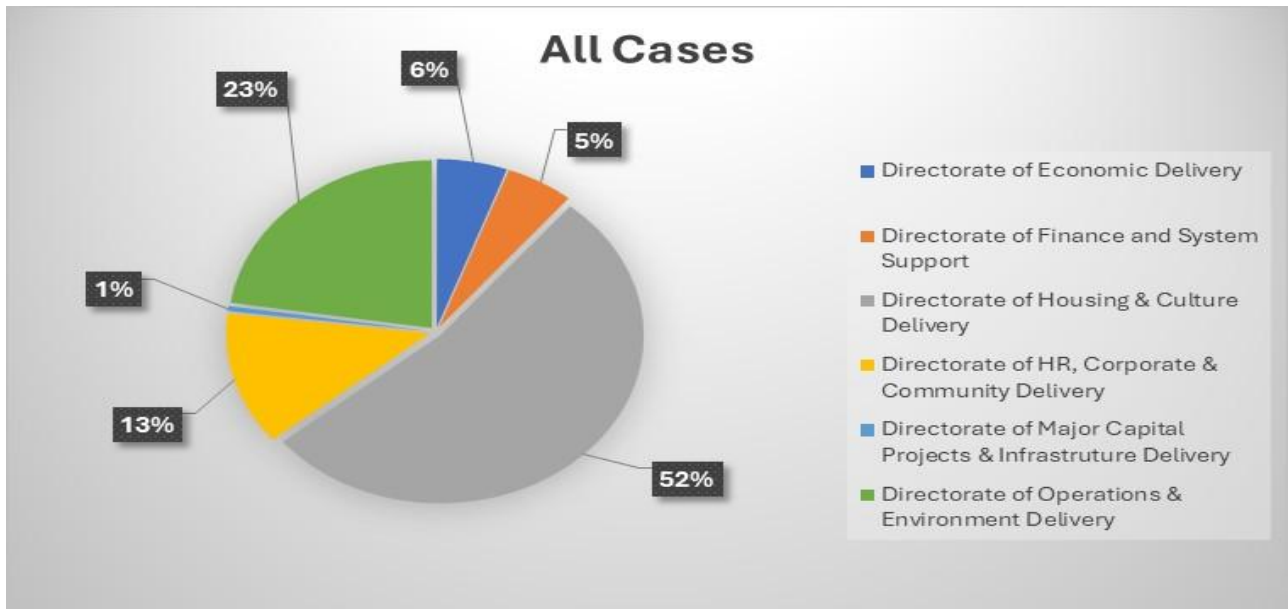
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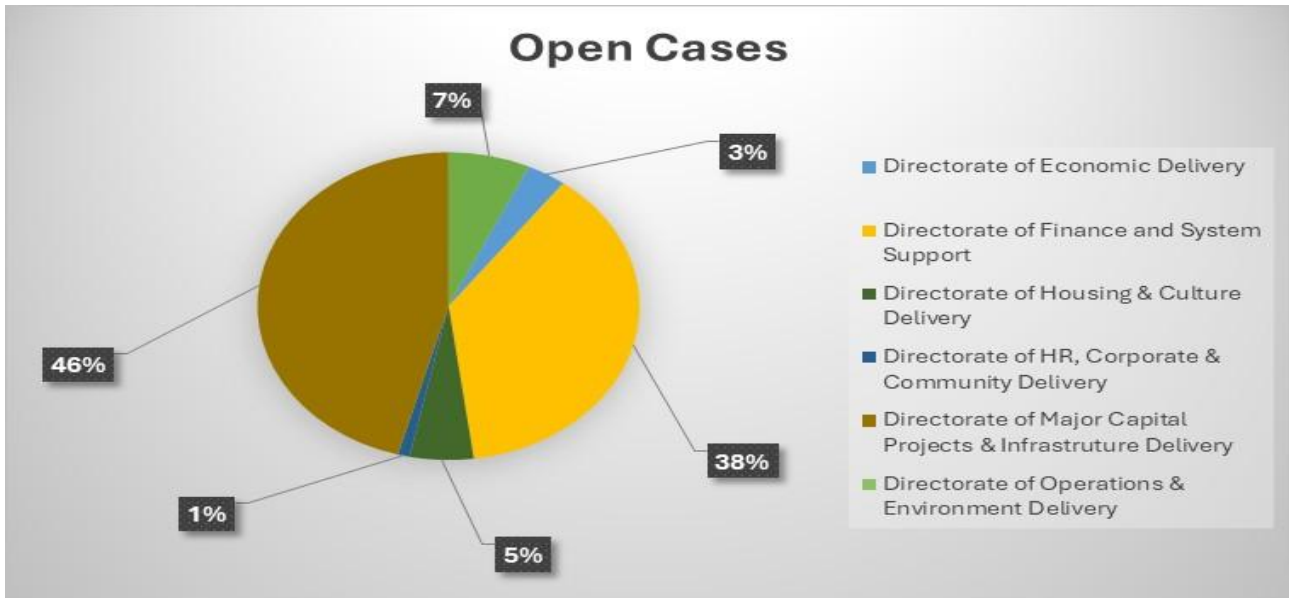
Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

During the month of April 2026 Customer Services dealt with 13,432 queries inclusive of 6,669 calls and 6,763 counter queries. 9,406 (70%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:



There were 3,824 valid CRM cases recorded during April 2026 of which 339 were received from elected members. A total of 125(37%) remain unresolved by end of April, broken down by directorate as follows:





The table below illustrates activity in the Information Compliance area.

	2025 Total January – April	2026 Total January- April	2026 Total April Only
DSARS	5	3	2
DATA PROTECTION REQUESTS	22	11	1
FOI REQUEST – RECORDS	55	70	19
AIE – INFORMATION	5	4	1
COMPLAINTS	8	20	0
OMBUDSMAN	12	1	1

Electoral Register

The Franchise Section continued to keep the Register of Electors updated while also focusing on encouraging greater civic participation. This included delivering presentations to Transition Year students in schools across the county. These sessions help young people understand how voting works, why it matters, and how to get registered, with the aim of building good habits early and encouraging lifelong engagement with the democratic process. This work is especially important following a recent report shared by the Electoral Commission, which showed that turnout among young voters was low in the Presidential Election held in October 2025.

National Voter Registration Day 2026

April 30th was National Voter Registration Day, which was a nationwide initiative promoting active citizenship by encouraging everyone to ensure they are registered to vote and to have their voice heard.

The Franchise Section were present in Drogheda and Drogheda Libraries as part of National Voter Registration Day, offering information and assistance to the public and encouraging all citizens to ensure their details are up to date and accurate on the Electoral Register.



Francise Section staff along with Deputy Mayor Declan Power in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries promoting National Voter Registration Day 2026

Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



OPC Meeting

The Louth Older People's Council held their latest meeting in Dunleer Library. Prior to the meeting commencing the Librarian gave the OPC members a tour around the new library and explained about the many library services and community supports available in the library. This was followed by an OPC meeting where the new Age Friendly Strategy was presented to the OPC members and members discussed the updated Directory of Services for County Louth and concerns around cost of Shingles vaccine.

Community Talk

On 10th April the Age Friendly Louth team gave a talk at the Dunleer Senior Citizens Club, which is located in the Market House in Dunleer. The aim of the talk was to provide information to the older people on some of the projects and activities being supported by Age Friendly Louth in Dunleer & Mid Louth. These projects and activities include strength & balance classes in Castlebellingham, digital skills in Dunleer library and Creative Drama classes for all ages in Dunleer Library. They were also informed about Garden Care & Repair in Dunleer & Ardee and how to access the project. The team also consulted with the older people on safety and security issues and emergency packs for older people.



Members of Dunleer Senior Citizens Group

Cooley Farming Community Club

Age Friendly Louth are collaborating with the HSE & Louth Sports Partnership to help deliver a pilot project for farmers in Cooley. Farmers in rural areas can

experience a heightened risk of social isolation due to working long hours, geographical distance, seasonal workload and limited opportunities for social participation. Community based social interventions are increasingly used to reduce isolation and strengthen social connectedness.

The aim of the project is to link farmers over 65 with maintaining their health and wellbeing as they get older and continue to farm. The project will have a strong social aspect to it with elements of health and wellbeing, farming information, community information and a physical exercise element.

The HSE are leading on the project, but it is being supported by Age Friendly Louth & Louth Sports Partnership. Funding has also been secured to carry out an evidenced based research and evaluation of the project with the Netwell centre in DKIT.

The pilot programme started on Friday 24th April and will run for 8 weeks until 12th June 2026.



Traveller Development

The Council is supporting the Louth Traveller Movement (LTM) with the delivery of their Social Inclusion & Well Being Programme. Sections within the Council involved in the collaboration include Community Development, Healthy Louth, Sláintecare (Dundalk) & the Community Safety Partnership.

LTM Women's Group provides a supportive space for Traveller women to meet regularly, build skills and promote positive health and wellbeing. Supports and funding will be utilised to improve Traveller women's health and wellbeing, enhance social inclusion and strengthen community cohesion through community led practical, culturally meaningful activities during 2026.

LTM Men's Group will use the funding and supports to improve wellbeing through gentle physical activity,

practical self-care information and supportive community engagement. This will help to build confidence and skills via creative learning and event participation and organisation.

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

At the April meeting of the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), the members approved capital funding of €239,207.33 to 82 local community & voluntary groups in Louth, through the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 (LEP).

The LEP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and administered by Louth LCDC. The programme is targeted towards supporting communities that are impacted by disadvantage as identified in the LEP.

The groups receiving funding will be announced by the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht in the coming months.

Comhairle na nÓg

Louth Comhairle na nÓg held a county-level meeting on 25th April to plan upcoming events and begin the Cross-Border PEACEPLUS Youth Leadership Project. Members reviewed summer activities and opportunities for young people to engage in training delivered with Healthy Louth and Louth PPN. The PEACEPLUS project will connect young people from Louth Comhairle na nÓg and the Newry, Mourne and Down Youth Councils with decision-makers and is funded by the Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership, supported by SEUPB. Participants will attend a cross-border residential in Tí Chulainn, Armagh, on 9th and 10th May. The meeting also confirmed details for Dáil na nÓg on 1st May, where six Louth representatives will attend.



Meeting of Louth Comhairle na nÓg

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Meetings

- The 3rd Secretariat meeting took place on Wednesday 15th April at 10.30am in NEST Business Centre, Ardee
- The first Plenary meeting of 2026 took place on Monday 27th April at 4pm in The Mill Enterprise Centre, Drogheda

Training

- Intermediate Canva training took place online on Monday 20th April at 7pm

Healthy Louth

Our April/May Healthy Louth Newsletter, which is the 19th Edition, went live on 1st April. <https://bit.ly/40UnBqT>

This bi-monthly newsletter shines a spotlight on all things health and wellbeing happening across County Louth. Each edition is packed with information on local programmes, events and updates aligned with Healthy Ireland themes.

Social Prescribing Steering Committee

On Social Prescribing Day, the Healthy Ireland County Coordinator and the newly appointed Sláintecare Local Development Officer for the Dundalk area were pleased to represent the Council at the first 2026 meeting of the Social Prescribing Steering Committee, hosted at the Louth Local Development Committee offices. The meeting marked an important opportunity to strengthen strategic alignment and reinforce our shared commitment to community-based wellbeing supports.

Healthy Louth looks forward to deepening collaboration with the HSE and Louth Local Development in expanding our role within the Social Prescribing Programme and enhancing access to person-centred supports across the county.



Social Prescribing Steering Committee

Tenant Forum

The Estate Management and Tenant Engagement Unit invited the Healthy Louth Coordinator to present at their inaugural tenant forum meeting in the Monasterboice Inn. The session focused on strengthening awareness of Healthy Ireland and highlighting the strategic importance of embedding mental health and wellbeing across core local services.

The event provided a valuable platform to engage directly with tenants and residents’ groups, while also deepening collaboration with key partners including the HSE, Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Louth Local Development and Connect Family Resource Centre.



Inaugural Tenant Form Meeting at the Monasterboice Inn

Akidwa Health Summit

Healthy Louth was pleased to support and participate in the 2026 Health Fair Summit, hosted by Akidwa in partnership with the Council, at the Imperial Hotel in Dundalk on 7th April, to mark World Health Day. The event served as a dynamic platform for strengthening cross-sector collaboration and advancing a shared commitment to community health and wellbeing.

The Summit brought together a diverse network of organisations delivering supports in mental health, self-care, nutrition and creative expression, complemented by free health screenings, expert panel discussions and health education sessions.

Engaging with so many community members and partners provided a valuable opportunity to highlight mental health supports, promote physical activity initiatives and showcase programmes that enhance wellbeing across Louth.



Akidwa Health Summit at the Imperial Hotel, Dundalk



LEADER Project Funding Approved

The LAG, at its April meeting, approved funding support, in the amount of **€103,462.98** for 2 LEADER projects. To date, total funding allocated to LEADER projects in Louth, including the most recent approvals, amounts to **€1,366,170.99**, which is 37% of the total programme budget.

Recent funding paid to beneficiaries under the LEADER Programme include:

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
Dromiskin Tidy Towns Ginnety’s Pond Nature Park Improvement Works	€18,290.57
Cúchulainn Gaels Omeath Community Walking Track (Phase 1 Payment)	€23,324.25
Louth Local Development CLG Waste Action Audits for the Circular Economy of Co. Louth	€6,531.30
TOTAL	€48,146.12

April Spring Clean

The National Spring Clean took place throughout April, encouraging communities to take responsibility for litter by organising local clean-up events. Louth saw excellent commitment, with over 140 groups registering through An Taisce. The Community Support Team played an active role in promoting the initiative by raising awareness, providing equipment, and offering guidance to participants. Tidy Towns groups, residents’ associations, schools and other

community members took part across the county, with many groups continuing to request supplies.

National Tidy Towns Competition 2026

The Community Support Team hosted a well-attended information session at the Monasterboice Inn for Tidy Towns groups preparing for the national competition. The event featured three guest speakers: Bernadette Solon, National Tidy Towns adjudicator, who shared practical preparation tips; John Kelly of Biodiversity Ireland, who outlined the impact of invasive species; and Council Biodiversity Officer Helen Hanratty, who provided guidance on enhancing and protecting local habitats. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A.



Tidy Towns Information Session at the Monasterboice Inn

Entente Florale 2026

Almost 100 people attended an information night at Blackrock Community Centre on 16th April, outlining preparations for Blackrock’s participation in this summer’s Entente Florale Europe competition. Hosted by the Council in partnership with Blackrock Tidy Towns, the event provided an overview of the competition, judging criteria, assessment process and plans for the jury visit in July.

Proceedings were chaired by Mr. John Horan of Blackrock Tidy Towns. Presentations by Mr. Bill Kearney, Secretary General, and Dr Christy Boylan, President of Entente Florale Europe, highlighted the competition’s strong focus on sustainability, environmental stewardship, quality of life and community involvement. Ms. Joanna Kelly, Director of Service, and Ms. Niamh Gorman of the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht outlined the significance of Blackrock’s nomination.



Entente Florale 2026 Information Evening in Blackrock



PEACEPLUS

Procurement

Contracts for Louth’s PEACEPLUS Shared Narratives Programme were signed. This cross community and cross border project has four elements including women, young people, former Security Forces and Political prisoners as well as building on the aftermath and will engage 1100 people across county Louth.



Eventwise NI and the Council signing Contracts for the PEACEPLUS Shared Narratives Project

Contracts for Louth’s PEACEPLUS External Financial Controller were signed with KPMG who will ensure that all PEACEPLUS regulations and sound financial management arrangements are adhered to.

Tender assessment panels were held to evaluate the Tender Response Documents for the following programmes:

- LGBTQIA+ Capacity Building
- Introduction to Community Restorative Justice in Louth
- Multicultural/Intercultural
- Minority Ethnic and Traveller Community Entrepreneurship Programmes.

The 17th PEACEPLUS Partnership meeting was held in County Hall, Dundalk on 13th April and ratified the decisions of the Tender Assessment panels. These four programmes were approved at a meeting of the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) on 20th April.

Project Launches

The launch event for the PEACEPLUS Sports Engagement project was held by Third Sector Connect in the Fairways Hotel in Blackrock on 15th April. This was followed on 23rd April by the launch event for the PEACEPLUS Shared Narratives Project which was held by Eventwise NI in County Hall.



Launch of the PEACEPLUS Sports Engagement Project at the Fairways Hotel, Blackrock



Launch of the PEACEPLUS Shared Narratives Project at County Hall

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as of 24/04/2026

Properties offered in April	0
Families moved into properties in April	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in April	5
Property offers recorded to date	86
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	35
Beneficiaries currently assigned	117
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	0
Properties assessed as suitable to date	45
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	19
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team

Health & Wellness Fair – Dundalk

The Health & Wellness Fair on 7th April was a partnership with Louth LAIT team and Akidwa. It was a great success, bringing together a strong and diverse group of participants and partners. The event saw the attendance of 63 partners representing the 34 organizations, and 96 attendees with 123 registered.

The morning session experienced a particularly strong turnout, with a vibrant and engaged audience contributing to a lively atmosphere. Panel discussions throughout the day were a major strength of the event, offering valuable insights and fostering meaningful conversations. Overall, the Health & Wellness Fair was a rewarding and impactful event, with strong participation and meaningful engagement.



Panel Discussion at the Health & Wellness Fair

EPIC Museum Trip

The LAIT team organised a trip to the EPIC Museum in Dublin for residents living in St. Malachy’s BOTP centre on 28th March. Over 50 residents from the centre went on the trip which gave everyone the chance to explore Ireland’s rich history through engaging, interactive exhibits, which sparked plenty of conversation and shared memories. Residents particularly enjoyed learning about personal stories of emigration and the outing provided a welcome opportunity to experience the city in a relaxed and social setting. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching day for all involved.



LAIT Trip to the EPIC Museum

Lourdes Stadium

New Community Walking Group – Drogheda Strollers

A new community walking group, the Drogheda Strollers, was launched in partnership with Louth Local Sports Partnership and Walking Ireland. The initiative promotes physical activity, wellbeing and social connection through weekly group walks. It officially began on 14th April at Lourdes Stadium as a 10-week programme, with participants receiving walking packs. After each walk, members enjoy tea and coffee, creating a friendly space to connect and build community.



New Community Walking Group – Drogheda Strollers

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Dundalk Sports Centre, in partnership with Age Friendly Louth and Louth Local Sports Partnership, was pleased to expand the Strength and Balance programme supported through dedicated programme funding. The programme has launched at O’Connell’s GAA Club, Castlebellingham on 15th April, increasing access for older adults. The weekly Wednesday 10:30am class now attracts over 30 participants, highlighting strong demand and a shared commitment to active ageing and wellbeing across County Louth.

Louth Juvenile Pre-Championship and T&F Meet

The Lourdes Stadium played host to the Pre-Louth Championships on 19th April, welcoming athletic clubs from across the county for a full day of track and field competition. Over 500 athletes took part, showcasing the results of their training. As many local clubs regularly train at the stadium, it was rewarding to see their dedication reflected in strong performances. The event provided ideal preparation ahead of the upcoming Louth Championships on 16th and 17th May.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026

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

Safeguarding

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	1 st April	LSGL Dundalk Sports Centre
Safeguarding Level 1	3 rd April	Carlingford Adventure Centre
Safeguarding Level 1	9 th April	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	23 rd April	Online

Learn to Cycle

Activity	Date	Venue
Learn To Cycle	13 th April	Dundalk Sports Centre
Balance Bike Learn to Cycle	12 th April	Dundalk Sports Centre
Learn To Cycle	23 rd April	O'Raghallaighs GFC
Inclusive Learn to Cycle	23 rd April	O'Raghallaighs GFC

Walk Leader Training

Activity	Date	Venue
Walk Leader Training	24 th April	Dee Hub, Ardee

Her Moves Summit Sisters

Louth Local Sports Partnership, with Mountaineering Ireland and Marist Secondary School, launched the Summit Sisters programme in the Cooley Mountains in April. The initiative empowers Transition Year girls through outdoor activity, navigation skills and creative reflection in nature. Based on the Her Moves principles, Summit Sisters provides a fun, inclusive and confidence-building environment, supporting girls to stay active in a social, empowering and pressure-free way.



Her Moves Summit Sisters on the Cooley Mountains

Her Moves Rugby

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in collaboration with Leinster Rugby, delivered a six-week Her Moves rugby programme in April for first- and second-year students at St Louis School, Dundalk. The programme aimed to encourage teenage girls to be more physically active, build confidence and develop a lifelong enjoyment of sport. Participants developed rugby skills and teamwork in a fun, inclusive environment.



Her Moves Rugby at St. Louis School, Dundalk

New GAA All-Stars Club Launched in Dundalk

Louth Local Sports Partnership is delighted to continue supporting inclusive disability programmes across the county. We were proud to support Clann na Gael GAA Club in Dundalk by providing equipment to help launch their new GAA All-Stars training sessions on 25th April for children with additional needs. These inclusive sessions offer a fun, welcoming and supportive environment where every child can enjoy being active and taking part in GAA.



New Equipment for Clann na Gael All Stars Club

DKIT 6-week Her Moves 'Finding what moves you' Programme

A successful six-week sports initiative delivered through the Sport Ireland Her Moves programme has concluded on 21st April in Dundalk, highlighting the positive impact of inclusive and student led approaches to increasing girls' participation in physical activity.

The project was a collaborative effort between Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Louth Local Sports Partnership, St. Louis Secondary School Dundalk, and St. Vincent's Secondary School Dundalk, with third-year students from DKIT's BA (Hons) in Sports, Exercise and Enterprise programme

playing a central role in the design and delivery of the sessions.



Her Moves Programme at St. Vincents School, Dundalk

PALS Workshop Dundalk

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in collaboration with Age & Opportunity, launched the PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) programme in Wellington Hall on 16th April. The initiative equips older adults with the skills and confidence to lead physical activity within their local communities. Delivered over six workshops, the programme combines practical and theory-based learning and supports older adults to stay active, connected and engaged.



Launch of PALS Workshop at Wellington Hall

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 March 2026 – 12th April 2026 can be summarised as follows:

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

13th March 2026 to 12th April, 2026	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	4	146	93	243
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	22	27	49
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	3	0	3
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	4	171	120	295

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

March 2026	17
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Total for 2026	31
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Tábla 3: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 3 - Housing First

Number of tenancies established	57
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	39

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

Tábla 4: Inscne / Table 4: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	96
Female	52
Total	148

Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	28
25-44	73
45-64	41
65+	6
Total	148

Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín / Table 6: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	53
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	95
Total unique individuals	148

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

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	12	16	24
Couples with dependent children	2	4	4
Total	14	20	28

**Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Aibreán 2026
Housing Allocations, April 2026**

20th March 2026 – 19th April, 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocati on YTD
Ardee	7	0	0	0	13
Drogheda	11	6	8	1	72
Dundalk	6	2	6	7	153
Total	24	8	14	8	238

Aistrithe / Transfers

20th March 2026 – 19th April 2026	Transfers
Ardee	1
Drogheda	5
Dundalk	1
Total	7

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

As at 19th March, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	359	681	1120	2160

HAP Transfer List	279	807	1518	2604
Total Housing List	638	1488	2638	4764

There are **320** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **60** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíos / Rent Management

Current Rents on 28th April 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	216	104,093
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	184	148,324
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	975	3,631,376
TOTAL	1375	3,883,793

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 April 2026.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	April 2026	195
2 nd Reminder	April 2026	28
Final Reminder	April 2026	20
Total issued		243

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **€5,931,928**. This is a 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€5,564,547) and a 16% increase on 2024 (€5,133,365).

The total number of rents currently paid by Household Budget is **927**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period

of time. **55** new payment plans commenced in April 2026 (up to and including 24th April 2026).

Airionna Athligean & Neamhni / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 23/04/2026

Relet / Void Properties on 23rd April 2026	Total
Ardee Municipal District	4
Dundalk Municipal District	28
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	37
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	69
CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)	2
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	71

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	21st March 2026 – 22nd April 2026	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	1,069	4,725
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	942	4,057
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	67	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	309	309

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

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

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

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

PRI Stats 2026

For 21st March 2026 – 22nd April 2026	April	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	215	676
Advisory letters issued	90	477
Improvement notices issued	2	10
Prohibition notices issued	0	2
Private Inspections	1	2
HAP First Inspections	42	171
RAS First Inspections	0	2
AHB First Inspections	113	242
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	1	2
HAP Re-inspections	44	188
RAS Re-inspections	1	3
AHB Re-inspections	12	35
SSA Re-inspections	0	5
Inspections from Complaints	1	4
Properties Made Compliant	6	55

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta / Tenancy Engagement

21st March 2026 – 22nd April 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	15	3	10	28	112
Post-tenancy inspections	6	5	31	42	127
Tenancy Investigation Visits	9	4	10	23	78

First Meeting of the Tenants' Forum

Louth County Council held the first meeting of its newly established Tenants' Forum on Friday, 27th March 2026, at the Monasterboice Inn, Drogheda. The Forum brings together local authority tenants from across County Louth, alongside representatives from community organisations and partner agencies, including Healthy Ireland, Louth Local Development, and the HSE.

The Tenants' Forum provides a structured channel for communication between tenants and the Council and supports tenant involvement in shaping social housing policy, estate management, and service delivery across the county.



Estate Management, Community, Healthy Ireland, tenants, and Louth Local Development (Photo: 27th March 2026)

Tenant Engagement and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy- Stakeholder Engagement Events

Stakeholder engagement events took place in Dundalk on Tuesday, 14th April 2026 and in Drogheda on Wednesday, 22nd April 2026 as part of the ongoing development of Louth County Council’s Tenant Engagement and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

The events were attended by representatives from An Garda Síochána, community groups, tenants and elected members. The purpose of the sessions was to gather feedback and support a coordinated approach to addressing anti-social behaviour across council estates. Key themes included tenant engagement, interagency collaboration and early intervention measures. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the final Strategy, which is expected to be completed and brought forward for consideration later in 2026.



From the Dundalk event that took place 14th April 2026



From the Drogheda event that took place 22nd April 2026

Anti-Social Behaviour

21st March 2026 – 22nd April 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	15	2	17	34	85
ASB cases Ongoing	10	1	0	21	-
ASB cases complete	6	1	9	16	53

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

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

21st March 2026 – 22nd April 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	0	0	3	3	7
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	0	2	2	3
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	0	0	0	3

Abandonment Notifications & Illegal Occupiers

Category	Brief Description	February
Section 15(1) Notifications Issued	Initial notice – tenant has 4 weeks to make contact and confirm occupancy.	0
Section 15(2) Notifications Issued	Final notice – property reverts to Council possession	2

Category	Brief Description	February
Properties Surrendered Following Tenancy Compliance Engagement	Voluntary surrender after compliance discussions.	0
Illegal Occupants	Instances where properties were found to be occupied without lawful tenancy and action was taken in line with legislation.	0

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

Houses in Quarry Court are in the final stages of conveyancing with some already sold.

Preliminary conveyancing at Ushers Mill is on-going. We currently have four additional affordable schemes with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage awaiting sign-off.

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 April, the Council purchased no properties.

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

Active MTR Applications Total	32
AHB MTR Applications Active	8
AHB MTR completed 2026	0
Private MTR Applications Active	21
Private MTR completed 2026	1
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	3

Under MTR, a borrower gets to stay in their home and agrees to give ownership of the home to the MTR provider. This means the borrower becomes a social

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

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

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

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2026 Budget Allocation	€6,730,000
LAHL Approvals at 27/04/2026	€1,615,450
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 27th of April , 2026	
Total Number of Applications 27/04/2026	18
LAHL carried over from 2025	4
Invalid/Returned	5
Approved	9
Declined	2
For Review	2
Outstanding – waiting on further information	4

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	409
Approved:	306
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	56
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	18
Funding Issued to Applicant	155
Principal Private Residence	296
Rental Applications	113
Vacant Grant Applications	208
Derelict top-up Applications	201

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

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

Applications are currently being accepted for the following:

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

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

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

Applicants who have already received grant approval are reminded of the importance of completing works within the specified timeframe and submitting completion certificates promptly to ensure compliance and facilitate processing.

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



Bathroom Adaptation completed in Drogheda with funding provided with a HAG



New front door completed in Tallanstown, with funding provided with a HOP

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 22/04/2026	153	7	271		431

Grants Approved 21/03/2026 – 22/04/2026	7	1	9	17	71
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Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

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

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

Modular extension installation in Dundalk:



Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units	
SHIP	770
CALF	244
CAS	49
TOTAL	1063

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	15	487	502
Total	1,323	1,607	487	2,094

Capital Housing Delivery

Pottersfield, Ardee, Co. Louth

In March, the County acquired several new high quality social housing units within the Pottersfield development in Ardee, Co. Louth. The A-Rated energy efficient units comprise a mix of 2 bed and 3 bed houses. The units were delivered by Louth County Councils Housing Section through the Part V process which is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



Mullagh Close, Clogherhead, Co. Louth

Louth County Council recently completed the acquisition of 4 high quality housing units at Mullagh Close, Clogherhead, Co. Louth. The units are all three-bed houses. The A-Rated energy efficient houses were delivered by Louth County Councils Housing Section under the SHIP Turnkey Scheme which is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



New Housing units at Pottersfield, Ardee, Co. Louth

New Housing units at Mullagh Close, Clogherhead, Co. Louth

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	Complete	31/12/2025	17 * 3 bed, 15 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	3/3	27	On Site	30/04/2026	4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 5 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	52	On Site	30/06/2026	20 * 2 bed, 17 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	41	On Site	28/02/2027	3 * 2 bed, 12 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Stage 3 Approved	30/06/2027	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	30/06/2028 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/12/2026	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed
Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	On-Site	30/06/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/03/2028	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved On-hold	31/12/2029	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	3/3	4	Completed	31/03/2026	4 * 3 bed

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	6	Completed	31/03/2026	5 * 3 bed , 1 * 2 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/05/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/06/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	2	Completed	26/03/2026	2 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	2	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/3	8	Completed	31/12/2025	2 * 2 bed, 6 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/3	3	Completed	17/04/2026	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	14	On-site	31/05/2026	2 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	2	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	17	On-site	30/06/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/1	7	On-site	30/06/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	16	On-site	30/06/2026	16 * 4 bed

Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	4	Completed	23/04/2026	4 * 2 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	10	On-site	30/06/2026	8 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed

Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

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

Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name		Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part VI/Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing Ireland	2/2	94	0	Complete	31/12/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36 x 1 Bed Apt 52 x Two Bed Apt

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 x Three Bed
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/10/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	1/1	42	0	On site	31/10/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 One Bed Apt • 12 Two Bed Apt • 6 Two Bed House • 6 Three Bed House
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/06/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth	1/1	29	26/3	Proposal	31/05/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Three Bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 5 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	0	On Site	30/06/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Apartments

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

Louth County Archives continues to advance its strategic role in the identification, preservation, and availability of the valuable public and private archival collections of County Louth.

Collections Management

Cataloguing and arranging of a local archive collection relating to a choir group and on the public collection of electoral registers is taking place.

Funding

The County Archives was awarded funding from the Heritage Council of Ireland, as part of the Heritage Stewardship Fund, for an archive conservation project on its nineteenth century poor law union collection. The Heritage Stewardship Fund will enable the long-term preservation of, and access by researchers and the public to an invaluable research resource.

The County Archives was also awarded funding from the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport under the Commemorations Fund for a conservation and digitisation project on Council records dating to the 1920s period.

Research Enquiries

The County Archives provides public access to archives in the Research Room and assists with enquiries on collections. A small sample that was handled during April includes historical maps on Termonfeckin, and Carstown; an industrial prototype developed by Drogheda Oatmeal Company; sources for the Glendon family; valuation records; Oral History Archive interviews; Dr John McIver, Ardee poor law union's medical doctor; Dundalk District Hospital records; and West Gate House, Drogheda.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Library Staff Innovation and Training

Ciara Stewart, a member of Louth County Council Library staff, was invited to present at a national training session for library staff this month, demonstrating innovative practice developed within the service. She devised and delivers a monthly Reading for Wellbeing Book Club, which supports reading engagement, social connection and mental wellbeing.

The initiative was commended by the LGMA Reading and Literacy Working Group, comprising senior library staff from across the country. The LGMA Libraries Development Group further noted that the session was among the most highly attended Skillshare sessions nationally, with over 230 participants, reflecting strong sector interest in the approach.

This recognition highlights the value of ongoing staff development within Louth County Council Library Service, where staff are encouraged to develop, share and lead best practice. Library staff regularly participate in continuous professional development through the LGMA Skillshare platform, supporting peer-to-peer and expert-led learning, professional growth and service improvement across the library sector.

Right to Read Programming and Outreach

Louth County Council Library Service joined libraries across Ireland in celebrating Spring into Storytime, one of the four pillars of the Right to Read programme, throughout the month of April. Nearly 40 events were held across the range of programming delivered, including Easter and spring themed storytimes, craft sessions, Pokémon themed craft activities and storytimes as Gaeilge. Themed displays across our branches promoted early literacy to support reader engagement.

An art competition inviting children to design a 'Book Monster' sticker, was promoted in each branch. Selected winning designs will be incorporated into the Summer Stars reading programme, supporting continued engagement with reading among children and families.



**Spring into Storytime in
Louth County Council Library Service**

As part of the outreach programme, staff delivered storytime sessions in The Gateway Hotel and Mosney Village, extending library services beyond branch locations. Library staff also hosted an information stand in Mosney Village as part of a community showcase themed “Connect, Discover and Get Involved”, promoting library services.

The Schools’ Library Service delivered a presentation to pupils in Scoil Naomh Bríd, Ardagh, Omeath and undertook outreach visits to Kilsaran Preschool in Castlebellingham and Liana Lally Preschool in Blackrock, Dundalk. A bilingual storytime was also delivered in Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week was marked in Dundalk Library through a visit from the autism unit from Réalta na Mara. A tailored designed Magic Carpet sensory storytime was delivered, supporting inclusive access to library services.

Healthy Ireland

Drogheda Memory Café

As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library initiative, the monthly Alzheimer’s Memory Cafés were held in Drogheda and Dundalk libraries. This month guest speakers spoke about navigating hospital stays with dementia. The sessions highlighted key supports available within the community and strengthened links between library users and essential advocacy services.

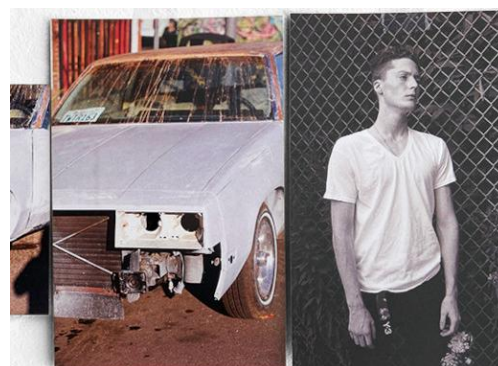


**Speakers and dementia advisers attending the Alzheimer’s
Memory Café at Drogheda Library**

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Highlanes Gallery

Jackie Nickerson’s “Stateside” was exhibited in April. This decade-long visual diary of living and working across the USA was captured with Nickerson using whatever camera she had a hand.



“Stateside” exhibition by Jackie Nickerson

As a conceptual documentary photographer her work is based on years long research and is often portraiture, exploring the identities of her subjects and the effects of working in specific environments. The exhibition closes on 9th May.

An Táin Arts Centre

The Northeastern branch of the Irish Patchwork Society launched their new exhibition on 27th April in the basement gallery. ‘Thread Therapy’ is a vibrant exhibition showcasing a wide range of members work including quilts, wall hangings and pieces created for a special Thread Therapy challenge.

Droichead Arts Centre

The Droichead Arts Centre theatre club celebrates its’ 10th anniversary this year. The final show in the current series was Pat Kinevane’s incredible production of King. The theatre club will return in the Autumn with work from Clare Monnelly and Deirdre Kinahan. The theatre club has expanded audiences at Droichead as well as enable artists to create new work.

Creative Ireland

Threads of Identity and **Heritage Through Hands** are just 2 of our 2026 Community Grant funded projects which started in April

Threads of Identity, running in Dundalk, brings together women from a wide range of cultures to explore identity and use creativity as a form of self-expression. A series of meet ups with young women from the traveller community will also be woven into the project.

Heritage Through Hands, in Drogheda, explores different craft practices using recycled and discarded materials blending Irish heritage crafts with cultural traditions shared by local migrant communities.

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



Promoting the collection at the Dundalk Chamber's Tourism Conference

An Iarsmalann / Museum

New 5 year Museum Development Plan

Work has begun on the Museum's new five-year strategic plan. An online questionnaire has been developed as part of the consultation process, and we are inviting as many people as possible to have get involved and take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CountyMuseum>

Outreach

In outreach engagement the Museum recently hosted a stand at the Tourism Conference organised by Dundalk Chamber of Commerce.

Preparations are now underway for a series of events to mark International Museums Day on 18 May, including the annual National Schools' Quiz and a programme of behind-the-scenes workshops.

In May, the Museum will also launch its walking tours of Dundalk, offering visitors and locals an opportunity to explore the town's rich heritage.

In addition, the Museum, in collaboration with the Old Dundalk Society is commemorating the anniversary of the Belfast Blitz, when Merryweather fire engines from both Dundalk and Drogheda were dispatched to Belfast to support emergency response efforts.

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 fóntais náisiúnta. A luaithe a bheidh mórthionscadal beagnach curtha i gcrích, glacfaidh an Stiúrthóireacht um Chothabháil Caipitil agus Seachadadh Comhshaoil freagracht as an tsócmhainn.

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

David Jones
Stiúrthóir / Director



Comhforbairt Áite / Placemaking

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

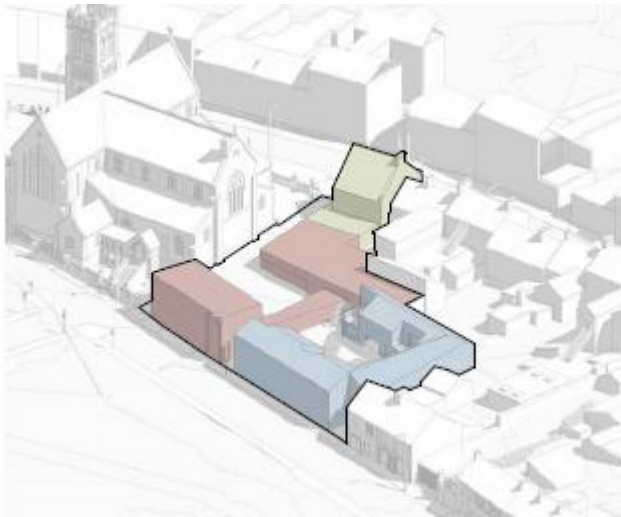
Launch of Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF)

The Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) has now been replaced by the TCRIF, which was launched on 5th March. Applications relating to Westgate, Drogheda and St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk, are being prepared for the submission date of 1st May.

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

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

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



Further development of project concept design.

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

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

LUC is the appointed Integrated Urban Design Team lead.

For project updates visit the Longwalk Urban regeneration Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Long-Walk-Urban-Regeneration-Project/61574154397623/>
Or email longwalkregeneration@tbla.eu

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

Direct engagement continued in both Drogheda and Dundalk during the reporting period, resulting in several property sales and the initiation of early-stage development activity. Recent meetings with property owners in both towns have progressed constructively and have led to the preparation aimed at returning these buildings to productive use. This work will contribute to an updated and accurate assessment of properties that have been brought back into use, as well as those that remain vacant, thereby providing a clearer understanding of current progress and future priorities.

New Compulsory Purchase Orders are currently being initiated for both Dundalk and Drogheda. While this process can be lengthy due to potential objections and negotiations with property owners, preparatory work is progressing and will continue over the coming period.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (RRDF)

Dunleer – Energising the Community

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

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

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

Ardee 2040

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

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda

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

process. Archaeological investigations are also being undertaken in parallel.

Play Spaces

St Dominic’s Park & The Glen

Part 8 proposals for a new playground at The Glen, Drogheda are currently on public display. The closing date for submissions is Tuesday 9th June 2026.

The closing date for submissions regarding the Part 8 proposals for St. Dominic’s Park, Drogheda has now passed. The Part 8 will now be brought forward to the Borough District of Drogheda.

Omeath

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

Capital Delivery Team

Funding streams

A new round of CLÁR funding for 2026 has opened. In addition to the Cooley Peninsula, the electoral division of Castlebellingham has also been included in the scheme this year. Measure 1 of the scheme, Developing Community Facilities & Amenities, is administered by local authorities and community groups can make an application for up to €100,000 in funding.

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

Railway Park, Ardee

Refurbishment works of the pathway at Railway Park, Ardee have been completed. This project was funded through the Community Recognition Fund.



Boyne Greenway - North Bank

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

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

Clogherhead Cliff Walk

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

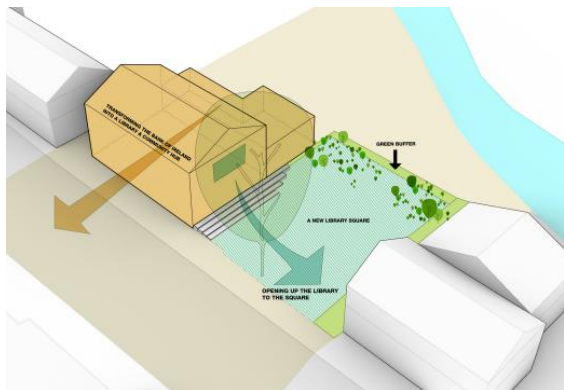
Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects



Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

The Town Centre First Plan has been adopted by the Clogherhead Town Team and is to be launched shortly. The plan provides a pipeline of projects ranging from access and mobility to community uses. The plan has been formulated following extensive community engagement and will build upon opportunities presented through the town’s coastal location and built heritage.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer



Architects have been appointed to carry out the design of a pocket square for Dunleer. The project aims to capitalise on the sites riverside location and association with St Brigid’s Well. The Council will engage with the Dunleer Town Team in relation to design options for the public space. This project is one of the proposals from the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan.

Vacant Homes Officer

The Vacant Homes Officer is continuing to inform owners of funding supports available to assist in bringing additional vacant properties back into productive use. Members of the public are also encouraged to report any vacant homes in their area through vacanthomes.ie website so that these properties can be inspected and appropriately followed up.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

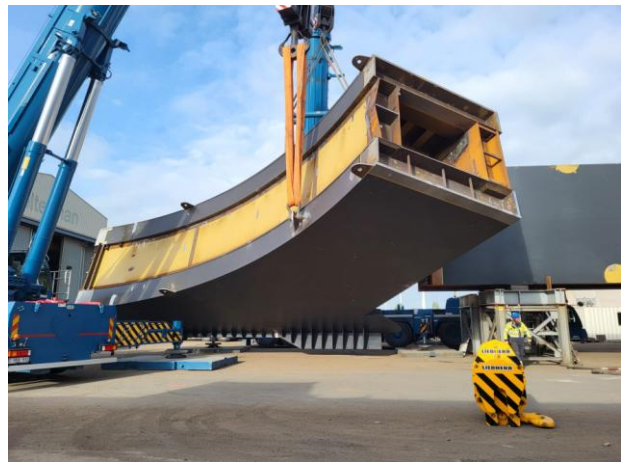
Narrow Water Bridge

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

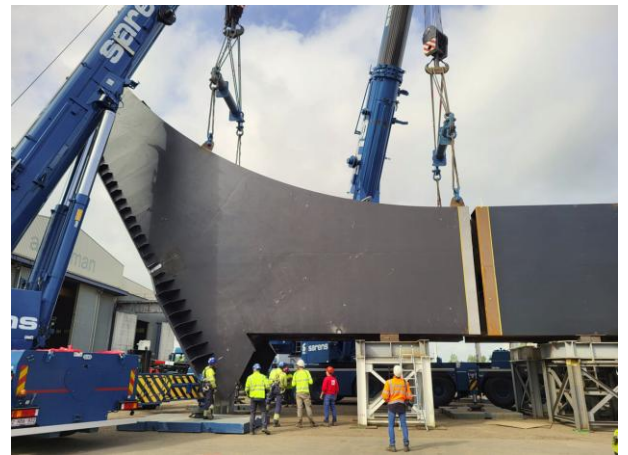
Southern embankment: - cut and fill works for the temporary support platform and crane continue with steel bracing for temp skid beam system to commence in May.

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

The fixed span date of arrival has moved to Sept. due to the availability of the large barge. However the Contractor has confirmed that currently the project is still on programme.



Moving of Pylon Boot into fabrication yard.



Pylon Boot being aligned to the pylon for welding.



Section 2 of Pylon moved into yard for welding to section 3.

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

Construction Contract - The TII have approved LCC to proceed with the tender award for the main works contract. A letter of Intent has been issued to the preferred bidder and letters of regret to the successful tenderers. LCC working towards issuing the Letter of Acceptance to successful Tenderer.

Employers Representatives Contract - The TII have approved LCC to proceed with the tender award for the Employers Representatives Contract. A letter of Intent has been issued to the preferred bidder and letters of regret to the successful tenderers. LCC working towards issuing the Letter of Acceptance to successful Tenderer.

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

N52 Ardee Bypass

The scheme is currently in the Supreme Court with the Court adjourning the matter generally pending the outcome of the CJEU reference in Power v An

Bord Pleanála once a judgment in Power is given, then this case will be re-entered before the Supreme Court.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

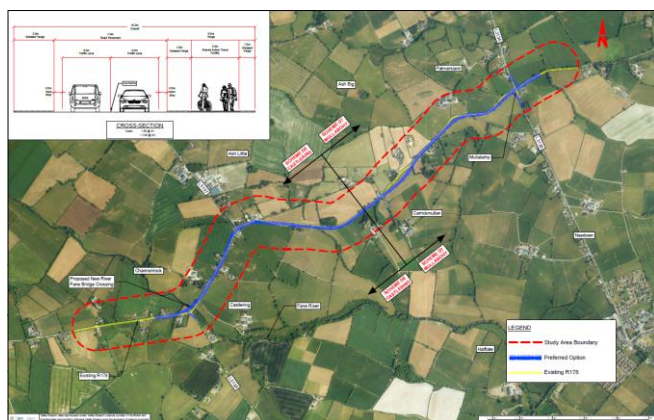
A further meeting with the ESB on their timelines to deliver major capital power supply works (which interferes in both the new section of road and remaining road took place during March.

A letter of award has been issued to the Council’s preferred contractor. Contractor has indicated that works will commence in early May. Further liaison with ESB will be required.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

An allocation of c.€350k towards Phase 3 works has been given by the Department in 2026. The emerging preferred route went to non-statutory public consultation on 30th of March till the 17th of April.

Subject to the emerging preferred route option submission, it is intended to commence Phase 3 (preliminary design and environmental evaluation) in May. Phase 3 Ecological walkover surveys to commence Mon 20th April 2026.



Emerging Preferred Route

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

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

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



Topsoil stripping at Main Line north of Aston Village

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

The Department have allocated c.€350k toward commencing detailed design for Phase 3. The preparation of tender documentation for a competent designer has commenced and is ongoing. In parallel, the Council has submitted a funding application (€23.9m) to the Housing Activation Office under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund for the delivery of Phase 3 (inclusive of rail line underpass). Funding announcements are expected in April/May 2026.

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

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

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

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

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dominican Church/Library

Design works are ongoing for the proposed conversion of the Church to a library. The design team has provided a draft Stage 1 Report with the preferred optioneering. This is currently being considered in the context of cost and floor space that is achievable within the confines of a listed building of this nature.

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

Stage 1 report has been submitted to the Department for approval. On receipt of approval, the next stage will be the preparation of Part 8 documentation.

Ardee Castle

Main Contractor has been appointed. The Works on the ground have commenced in April. There now will only be a small element of traffic management on the N2 resulting from the refurbishment works as rear access to the building has been put in place as the site compound.

approved for these safeguarding works, and the National Monuments will attend site in April. Surveys works will feed into the detailed design of the project.

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



Funding Signage Notice



Internal cobble floor within West Gate House



Clearance of debris within Judges Chambers



Bore Hole Rig

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

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

Archaeological investigations, surveys and structural safeguards measures commenced in March and will continue for 6-8 weeks and are 80% complete, subject to findings. The Ministerial Consent was



Slit Trench Excavation



Scaffolding erected for access as part of Safeguarding Works

Engagement meetings have taken place with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the National Monuments Service to help inform the development of options within the ecologically and archaeologically sensitive Boyne corridor. Subject to agreement on a preferred option, it is anticipated that the project will proceed to non-statutory public consultation in Q2 2026, providing an opportunity for the public to view and comment on the proposals.

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

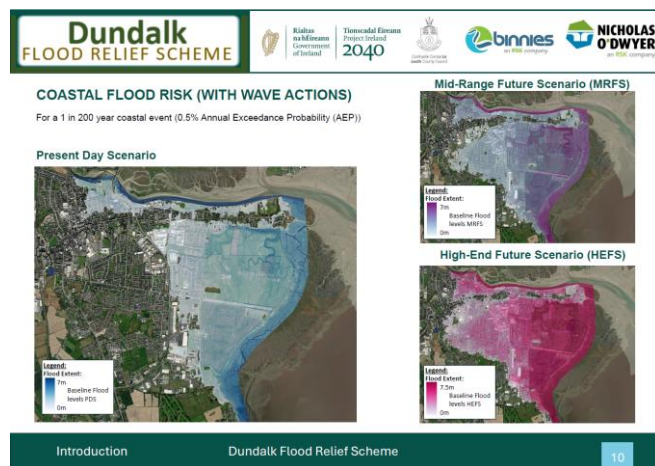
Tionscadail Cosaint ar Thulite Chontae Lú agus Creimeadh Cósta / Louth Flood Defence and Coastal Erosion Projects

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

The scheme is currently at Stage One, with the shortlist of options being developed following technical workshops and environmental assessments.

Dundalk Public Participation Day (PPD) took place on 29 April at the Gateway Hotel, Dundalk. These events, including the Blackrock PPD held in March, provide an opportunity for members of the public to review emerging proposals, meet the project team, and provide feedback to inform the ongoing development of the scheme.

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



Extract from Dundalk PPD event posters

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

An interim measure, with an estimated cost of approximately €0.8 million, for works to culverts along a number of back lanes in Carlingford was approved by the OPW in February. Detailed design for these culvert works has now commenced and will be delivered in conjunction with the Public Realm works.

A further business case for works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Season is currently being reviewed by the OPW. In parallel, hydraulic modelling checks of the proposed works is underway, along with the associated site investigation works, Appropriate Assessment screening, and archaeological assessments.

Ardee Minor Works

Works to provide improved protection to properties located along existing watercourses on Stoney Lane, John Street and N2. Delivery of the works is planned to coincide with the Local Authority’s annual road works programme in 2026.

Detailed design and landowner engagement are currently underway. In parallel, an ecologist has been appointed and is now on site and has provided a draft Appropriate Assessment screening report which is currently under review to ensure compliance with environmental requirements.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

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

The Department has now issued the underwater archaeological licence for the 3 sites and therefore the contractor will commence works in May 2026. The Council continue to seek additional monies from the OPW for Ballagan due to the increased length of the eroded area after recent storms.

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

Works on site are continuing to progress. Internal works are nearing completion.

Initial CBR readings of the carparks and service road were outside specification and re-testing is ongoing. The designer in conjunction with a Geotechnical specialist are reviewing the CBR results to instruct the Contractor on how to proceed.

Works to erect the boundary fence and school fit are ongoing along with drainage and civils in preparation for laying of road materials to the service road.



Ardee ETNS Side Entrance

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

Active Travel Investment Program

2026 Budget Allocation

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

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


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

The seven different phases are as outlined below:

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	May 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€30,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	A meeting with the NTA on the final Part 8 Planning Package was held on 26th March 2026 and subject to some minor amendments final agreement on proposals is expected in early May 2026. An on-line briefing of the Draft Part 8 proposals will be given to Drogheda MD elected members in May 2026, in advance of Part 8 public display. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 process.	Proposed Part 8 display in Q2 2026
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€37,500	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors in May 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed Part 8 display Q2 2026
Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€45,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team are currently progressing with preliminary design following non-statutory public consultation. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed Part 8 display Q2 2026
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's Lane	€550,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5	Detailed design has commenced on the entire scheme, however in parallel, due to limited budget, the tender documents for the Marleys Lane Section only will be prepared , which were received in March 2026.	Part 8 approved on 10 th February 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€10,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, these projects will be suspended at their Current Phase until further notice.	
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd.	€800,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Due to budgetary limitations, the Xerox Junction upgrade only will be brought forward as a standalone project, (due to its key position linking 3 projects). Tender documents for a standalone scheme are currently being prepared.	Part 8 Approval already granted
Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€2,500	Band 2 €5- €20m	Phase 4	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on 10 th December 2024. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	May 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€110,000	Band 2	Phase 3	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to expedite the Safe Routes to School infrastructure on McEntee Avenue etc., with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure Q2 2026.
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 2 was approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 preliminary design has commenced. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in Q2 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€20,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Dundalk Municipal District Councillors in May 2026 and thereafter progress to Part 8 Public Display. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed to commence Part 8 process and display Q2 2026
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to design the Safe Routes to School element of this project for Mill Street, to facilitate Realt Na Mara National School and Louth Rehab in Quay Side Business Park, with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure in 2026.
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 approved by NTA on the 13 th April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	TBC
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	Part 8 CE Report was proposed and recommended at Dundalk MD Meeting in April 2026. It is intended to bring sections of the project forward to detailed design (Phase 5) subject to NTA approval	Part 8 on Display 9 th Dec. 2025
Moneymore, Active Travel elements	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb 2026. The subsequent notices were issued to the relevant parties. .	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 1) St. Louis secondary school Dundalk	€35,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Remedial works to hedging and fencing adjacent to school are complete.	Section 38's completed
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2)	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Construction works commenced at Bellurgan National School & Callystown National School in March 2026 and works at St Mary's NS, Knockbridge commenced on 20 th April 2026.	Section 38's completed

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	May 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk				 <p>New footpaths @ Callystown NS</p>	
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1. SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry 3. Mullaghboy NS.	€66,500	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Design Consultant appointed in February 2026 and have commenced initial Preliminary Designs	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 4 1. Dromiskin Mixed School) 2. Marymount NS 3. Scoil Mhuire na nGael 4. Tallanstown NS	€10,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Active Travel Team liaising with An Taisce who will undertake initial high level Outline Delivery Plans for each School. Site visits at each school in Round 4 have been undertaken in March / April 2026	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	This pilot project is being led by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with the Department of Transport with funding being provided by the Climate Action Fund. Part 8 Documentation was placed on public display on 3 rd February 2026 and deadline for submissions expired on Wednesday 18 th March 2026. 120 submissions have been received. It is envisaged that the CE Part 8 Report will be brought forward to Dundalk MD Meeting in May 2016 for consideration.	Part 8 Submission Report to be complied.