



Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

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

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Finance and Water Services Airgeadas agus Seirbhísí Uisce

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

Other responsibilities include Motor Tax and Water Services.

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

Ina chuid den freagrachtaí eile ná Mótarcháin agus Seirbhísí Uisce.

Bernie Woods
Director / Stiúrtóir



FINANCE

Expenditure to 30th June 2022 / Caiteachas go dtí 30 Meitheamh 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Expenditure to/Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/06/2022	Budget Expenditure/ Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2022	% Spent to/ % Caite go 30/06/2022
Housing/Tithíocht	€16,831,159	€47,728,898	35%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€10,240,921	€26,126,012	39%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€3,955,908	€8,379,633	47%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€7,443,798	€17,331,075	43%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€8,702,300	€19,413,023	45%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€4,434,373	€9,615,255	46%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare/Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€520,517	€1,203,454	43%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheáirí	€4,999,518	€10,474,400	48%
	€57,128,494	€140,271,750	41%

Income to 30th June 2022 / Ioncam go Meitheamh 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Income to/ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/06/22	Budget Income/ioncam Buiséadaithe 2022	% Invoiced to/ % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/06/22
Housing/Tithíocht	€16,846,699	€48,920,854	34%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€2,211,105	€16,718,183	13%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€3,058,959	€8,110,634	38%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€2,161,184	€10,250,958	21%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€966,051	€2,253,742	43%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€433,986	€1,043,293	42%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€143,926	€479,424	30%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheáirí	€2,750,881	€7,097,818	39%
Rates/Rátaí	€34,719,979	€35,030,647	99%
General Purpose Grant (LPT)/Deontas Ilfheidhmeach	€4,933,098	€9,866,198	50%
Provision for Debit Balance/Soláthar faoi Iarmhéid Dochair		€500,000	0%
	€68,225,868	€140,271,750	49%

The above is the current position as of the 30th of June 2022. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2022 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 30th June 2022 are as follows:

Debtors as of 30th June 2022/Féichiúnaithe mar atá Meitheamh 2022

	Opening Balance /Iarmhéid Tosaigh	Invoices/ Sonraisc	Receipts/ Fáiltais	Write Offs/ Díscríobhanna	Closing Balance/ Iarmhéid Deiridh
Government Debtors/Féichiúnaithe Rialtais	€10,304,674	€23,913,582	(€29,369,952)	(€25)	€4,848,279
Other Local Authorities/Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile	€53,434	€398,910	(€381,413)	(€2,270)	€68,661
Rates/Rataí	€10,273,724	€34,719,979	(€18,857,913)	(€2,393,653)	€23,742,137
Rents/Cíosanna	€2,517,135	€6,675,981	(€6,728,319)	€199	€2,464,996
Loans/Iasachtal	€241,004	€934,735	(€896,496)	€8	€279,251
Development Levies/Tobhaigh Forbartha	€11,451,043	€2,512,093	(€1,810,365)	(€310,844)	€11,841,928
Fire Charges/Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin	€707,144	€265,838	(€234,430)	(€60,333)	€678,219
Miscellaneous/Ilghnéitheach	€2,513,794	€5,145,992	(€4,713,584)	(€97,327)	€2,848,875
Total Debtors / Féichiúnaithe Iomlána	€38,061,952	€74,567,110	(€62,992,472)	(€2,864,245)	€46,772,346

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th June 2022. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Vets, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

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

Budget 2023 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

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

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

Therefore, the public consultation period will revert to 30 days and the Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage must be informed of the decision by the same dates as those specified in the revised LPT Act (**31 August in a 'revaluation' year and 15th October in any other year**).

The budget process for 2023 begins with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation in July/August. The deadline for submissions will be Friday 19th of August 2022 and all submissions will be included in the report to Council when the members will decide on the LPT effective rate for 2023.

WATER SERVICES / SEIRBHÍ Sí UISCE

Irish Water

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

Water Quality / Cáilíocht Uisce

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

Water Conservation / Caomhnú Uisce

Water conservation is ongoing throughout the County.

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

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

Capital Programmes/Cláir Chaipitiúla

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

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

Tallanstown Rationalisation / Cuíchóiriú Bhaile an Tallúnaigh

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

Cavanhill WTW Upgrade/ Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Cavan Hill

Cavan Hill Water Treatment Plant has been taken back in charge by LCC on the 30th of June 2022, under the Service Level Agreement, following the completion of an IW Capital Upgrade DBO project.

Staleen WTW Upgrade / Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Steach Luíne

Staleen Water Treatment Plant has been taken back in charge by LCC on the 30th of June 2022, under the Service Level Agreement, following the completion of an IW Capital Upgrade DBO project.

Omeath WWTW / Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Ó Méith

Site mobilisation and setup of site compound has been completed. Construction Phase has commenced. Project programmed for completion in May 2023.

Shared Waters Enhancement and Loughs Legacy (SWELL)

Re-lining works commenced December 2021 and to be completed mid-2022. Irish Water are to consider further surface water separation. Phase 1 of SWELL Project is complete.

Regional Sewer Network Rehabilitation / Athshlánú an Líonra Séaraigh Aitiúil

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dundalk LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchan Líonra Áitiúil Dhún Dealgan

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

Drogheda LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchán Líonra Áitiúil Dhroichead Átha

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

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

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

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

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

Greenmount WTW Upgrade/Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Dhroim Chatha

Irish Water are progressing the design of proposed Upgrade Works at Greenmount WTW. A more detailed programme will be available following the next workshop which is anticipated to be completed in July.

Drogheda WWTP/Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha

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

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

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

Cockle Hill PS Upgrade / Uasghrádú Stáisiún Ceadéalacháin Chnoic na Ruachan

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

Water Networks / Líonraí Uisce

Water Networks Programme/Clár Líonraí Uisce

Rehabilitation Programme/Clár Athshlánúcháin

Work on the four rehabilitation schemes below is being undertaken through this program in June

- Cast iron network replacement in Pearse Park Drogheda – 100% Completed
- Cast iron network replacement in Sliabh Breagh – Ardee – 100% Completed
- Cast iron network replacement in Tallanstown - Phase 1 & Phase 2 – 100% completed
- Design development for the slip lining of the watermain through the Bridge of Peace – This project has been handed back to the Irish Water Infrastructure team to be advanced.

Lead replacement / Ionadú Luaidhe Back Yard Services / Seirbhísí Cúlchlóis

- Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacement in Pearse Park (Lourdes) - Drogheda in Louth in June – 97% completed
- Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacement in the

Corporation Cottages/ Duleek Street - Drogheda in Louth in June – 100% completed

- Irish Water's Contractors carried out back yard service / shared services replacement at 38/40/42 Fatima Court - Dundalk in Louth in June – 100% completed

First Fix / Chéad Shocrú

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

Find & Fix / Aimsigh agus Deisigh

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

Water Scouring Programme 2022 / Clar Sciúrtha Uisce 2022

Louth County Council Crew undertook unidirectional network flushing in Blackrock in June.

Network Maintenance / Cothabháil Líonra

43 essential water tasks were carried out in June including 16 arising out of our Find and Fix program (8 in Cooley, 5 in Dundalk, 1 in Dunleer and 2 in Ardee).

Planning & Water Connections / Pleanáil agus Ceangail Uisce

The Networks Section processed 22 new connections, 14 Pre-Connection Enquiries and 36 Planning Applications in June.

Service Maps / Léarscáileanna Seirbhíse

The Networks Section prepared 10 Service Maps in June.

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

This Directorate has three key areas of responsibility:

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

Infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, and ports

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

Tá trí eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrtóireacht seo:

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

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

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

Thomas McEvoy
Director / Stiúrtóir



Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

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

Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

The next meeting of the Louth Economic Forum will take place on the 27th July.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2022

To date this year 11 applications have been received, applications can be submitted until Friday, 30th September, 2022.

Carlingford Lough Cross Border Business Cruise



Paddy Malone, PRO, Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, Michael Savage, Chairperson, Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Thomas McEvoy, Louth County Council, Julie Gibbons, President, Newry Chamber, Alan Knox, President, Kilkeel Chamber, Michael Gilsean, South Armagh Business Improvement Group, Mark Kelly, President Warrenpoint Chamber, Michael Gaynor, Dundalk Chamber, Miriam Simon, Drogheda and District Chamber and Paul O'Sullivan, Carlingford Lough Ferry

On 16th June, 170 representatives from 6 cross border business groups came together to network on a Cross Border Business Cruise on Carlingford Lough. The event was sponsored by Louth County

Council, and was a collaboration between, Dundalk, Drogheda, Newry, Kilkeel, Warrenpoint, Burren and Rostrevor Chamber of Commerce and the South Armagh Business Improvement Group. Each attendee received a gift bag with promotional material for the 'sea louth – scenic seafood trail'.

Tourism

'sea louth'



Pól O'Conghaile completed the trail on the 24th May and published an article in the Weekend Magazine on the 11th June. There has been a great response from the public to the article.

sea louth had a stand at the Dundalk Agricultural Show on the 12th June where the trail was promoted to great reception.

sea louth is now one year on from launch, to mark the occasion, there will be a competition across all social media channels.

Festival Grant Funding Applications 2022

There were 23 applications received under Louth County Council Festival Grant Initiative 2022 – 18 received an offer of funding, 1 was cancelled by the organiser and 4 were unsuccessful.

There were 4 applicants under the Louth County Council Large Festival / Participative Event Programme 2022 and all received an offer of funding.

Fáilte Ireland Funding

Urban Animation

Work on the project will involve:

- An animated lighting show which will run during an annual festival
- A new Augmented Reality Trail – the first of its kind in Ireland, and
- An urban art trail with an audio story attached.

It is expected that a decision on the tenders for the first stage will issue shortly.

Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme

Tender responses for the Wayfinding Manufacture and the Installation and associated Public Realm Works are due week ending 8th July, 2022.

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

Boyne Valley Flavours

Boyne Valley Flavours committee presented the Culinary project to Louth and Meath County Council Chief Executives and their team in early June and were delighted to receive positive feedback and support from both County Councils. The next steps of the project involved setting up a Limited Company by Gaurantee and to apply for Charitable status.

The Boyne Valley Food Series has been a great success so far with 17 events taking place in May and June. More events will take place in July across Louth and Meath. We have also started planning our Annual Samahin Festival, which is the big festival for the region that closes the Food Series each year.

LEO Louth

COVID-19 Business Supports



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

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

'Look for Local' / 'Shop Local'

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

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

Brexit Supports

Brexit Advisory Clinic:

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

Microfinance Ireland Loan:

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

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

National Enterprise Awards 2022 National Finals

The National Enterprise Awards took place on 2nd June, 2022. Overall National Enterprise Award County winner Conor Kerley of Phytaphix represented County Louth at this year's event.



Conor Kerley, Setanta Nutrition Ltd., t/a Phytaphix with both his Innovation Award and Overall County Winner Award

Green for Micro



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

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

This programme will continue to be delivered throughout 2022.

2 no. Louth businesses were approved in June bringing our approvals YTD to 11 no.

LEO Louth continues to welcome new applications.

LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review / Export Adviser Programme

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

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

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

Business Training



June had 2 no. workshops delivered to 25 no. attendees. Workshops included 'Branding for Your Business' and 'How to Sell Successfully'.

The Marketing for Small Business workshop is organised for July.

All training courses are available to view and book online:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



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

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

There was 8 no. applications for Trading Online support received in June. 27 no. Vouchers have been approved YTD.

Business Advice Clinics

21 no. business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the County during June.

LEO Louth Mentor Programme



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

14 no. businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of June.

COVID-19 Microfinance Ireland Business Loan



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

During June 4 no. applications for support were received and 1 no. application was submitted to MFI.

LEO mentors are continuing to assist applicants.

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

Microfinance Ireland – New Electric Vehicle Taxi Loan



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

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

LEAN for Micro Programme



LEO Louth continues to offer the LEAN Programme to small businesses locally.

The programme helps businesses to identify issues and potential improvement areas and provides support to implement these as well as achieve savings and improvements in capability and capacity to deliver.

3 no. Louth businesses were approved for Lean in June bringing our approvals YTD to 7 no.

Co-Innovate Programme



Final clients on the Co-Innovate programme continue to engage with the programme to assist them embed innovation in their business. In total 74 no. Louth businesses participated under Co-Innovate.

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

Craft Sector

LEO Louth is working with the national LEO / Design and Craft Council Ireland Committee in the design and roll out of sectoral training and opportunities for the design and craft community.

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

Business Network Lunch – Friday 24th June, 2022

On 24th June, 2022, 120 guests attended the Business Network Lunch in the Monasterboice Inn organised by the Drogheda & District Chamber, to launch www.indrogheda.com, a new website to promote local and international investment in Drogheda and surrounding region.



Thomas McEvoy, Louth Local Enterprise Office with Robert Murray President of Drogheda & District Chamber, Miriam Simon, Vice President of Drogheda & District Chamber and Paddy Donnelly, Louth County Council

The lunch also served as an opportunity to recognise the contribution of local champions who have been instrumental in promoting diversity, inclusion and community development within the greater Drogheda Area. Louth LEO was a sponsor for one of these awards. Maureen Ward “A champion for local business, built a strong network of local business owners and managers using Twitter. She created a support network that connects businesses of all sizes online, locally. She created #LouthChat and continues to manage it weekly.



Robert Murray President of Drogheda & District Chamber with Maureen Ward from #Louthchat and Peter McGrane Louth Local Enterprise Office

European Relations

Peace IV Programme



Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

- The construction contract for the Muirhevnamór Community Centre (Construction Works) has been awarded.
- The construction contract for Peter’s Hill, Drogheda has commenced on site.

PEACE PLUS

PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG

Programmes. The design reflects the importance of peace-building activity, but also the importance of actions that will contribute positively to the economy, building prosperity and adjusting to the new environment and challenges we face.

The Louth PEACEPLUS partnership has been formed and the first meeting is scheduled for July, 2022.

Infrastructure

Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

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

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

Tenders for an advanced works contract for a compensatory roost site and related water quality monitoring have been issued to the market. A works contractor for the roost site has been appointed and it is expected that works on site will commence in July.

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

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

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

N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme

Jacobs is liaising with relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees in a screening and scoping exercise to inform the development of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Various environmental surveys and studies are nearing completion, and the scope of archaeological assessments are being agreed in consultation with the TII Archaeologist. The project team would like to thank landowners for their ongoing co-operation in allowing access for surveys.

The initial design of bridges, culverts and other structures is in progress, along with proposals for drainage and attenuation of surface water. Consultation will take place with Inland Fisheries Ireland in relation to bridges, culverts and in-stream works. Potential diversions to electricity, communications and water services infrastructure are being discussed with relevant utility providers.

Over the coming months the N2 Project Team will agree proposals for meetings with landowners to discuss the initial design – these meetings are expected to take place in September, 2022, and elected members will receive a briefing in advance.

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

N52 Ardee Bypass

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

Note: A local environmental group are seeking leave for a Judicial Review against An Bord Pleanála (ABP) and their directions to Louth County Council concerning the preparations of an EIAR and NIS. The High Court has granted leave for the applicant's application for Judicial Review and is currently deliberating a date for ABP to file paper in response to the application of a Judicial Review.

TII HD17 Schemes

A consultant recently carried out Road Safety Inspections (RSI's) on behalf of the TII on both the N2 and the N33 National Roads in Co. Louth. The consultant's reports are currently in Draft form and are being reviewed by the TII. The TII will notify

Louth County Council in due course as to the various HD17 schemes they will want Louth County Council to pursue in 2022.

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

Safety Barriers – N53 and N52

A consultant was engaged to carry out onsite surveys on behalf of Louth County Council in late 2021 at 2 No. locations identified on the N53 and at 3 No. locations identified on the N52 as possible locations for the requirement of safety barriers. The surveys will determine the safety barrier requirement as per TII guidelines. The consultant is in the process of finalising the design for submission to TII for assessment on where safety barriers may / may not be required at the 5 No. locations.

N2 Collon Safety Scheme

Following TII design report approval a Road Safety Audit has been commissioned. Tenders have been issued for Civil and M&E works and are due on the 24th June.

Port Access Northern Cross Route

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

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

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

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

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

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

Greenways

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greenway - Carlingford to Templetown

Public Consultation for the proposed Carlingford to Templetown Greenway, an information event was held, on Thursday 23rd June, 2022 at the Carlingford Heritage Centre. The drop-in event is Public Consultation No. 1 for the Carlingford to Templetown Greenway. This was well attended by elected members, members of the public and stakeholders. Closing date for submissions is 8th August. Full details at https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/louth_county_council/la_test-news/greenway-carlingford-to-templetown-public-consultation-1.html.

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

TII Funded Greenway: Templetown to Dundalk

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

LIHAF Projects

LIHAF Access Road at Newtown, Drogheda

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

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

LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement

Following contractor requests the tender receipt date was extended to Wednesday 22nd June. Five tenders have been received on this date and are

currently being assessed. Louth County Council will then prepare a Tender Assessment Report and will seek Department of Housing Approval to proceed with the works.

Safety Improvement Works

Retrofit Fencing

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

Ardee Pedestrian Crossing

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

Specific Bridge Improvement Grants

Obelisk Bridge

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

St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda

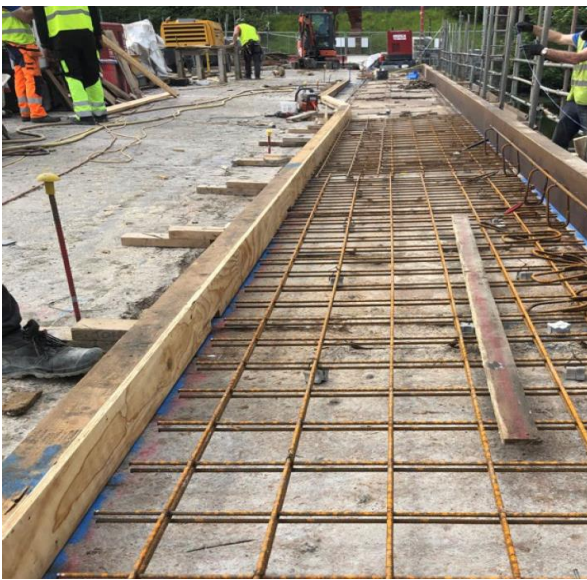
The Bridge closure has been in place from 1st November, 2021 for a period of 6 months. This Closure has been extended to 15th July, where a section of pedestrian walkway will be open to the public, as additional time for completion is required due to global market supply chain issues. The Council regrets any inconvenience that the bridge closure will cause.

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

Repairs to Masonry wall repairs are completed with all stone work at approaches on wing walls rebuilt. Bridge deck reinstatement has completed. Edge beams being erected with handrail to be installed once completed. Archaeology licence from Department of Heritage in place for excavations on pavement area on north ends of bridge adjacent the quay walls.



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



Upstream South elevation footway shuttered

Public Transport

NTA Bus Shelter Installation Programme 2021 – 2022

The NTA have, through discussions with Bus Operators, their bus shelter supplier, and Louth County Council developed a revised list of 10 proposed schemes detailed below. 3 No. Tenders have been received and have been assessed. NTA have confirmed approval for the works and a Letter of Intent has been issued to the successful Tenderer

with a view to completing the Appointment in July subject to usual assessment of Insurances and other required Project documentation. Please note NTA will supply the actual shelters through their own contractor.

- Drogheda - Donore Road
- Dundalk - Red Barns Road opposite Lennonstown entrance
- Termonfeckin - Big Street at Credit Union
- Kilsaran - South of Standard Brands
- Drogheda - Rowen Heights, Marley's Lane - Southbound
- Ardee - N2 at Monastery Church
- Clogherhead - John Kirk Park / Chapel Road at Shop
- Clogherhead - Callystown Road
- Drogheda – at Newtown Abbey, Newfoundland Road (R166)
- Dundalk - Rathmount Estate, Seafield Road, Blackrock

Corporate Projects

Ardee Castle RRDF

The Amendment Part 8 process was passed at the May Ardee MD meeting. Detailed design and production of tendering documentation is ongoing.

Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda

Main Contractor, Townlink Ltd. commenced work on site on 28th March, 2022. Site compound has been established. Asbestos removal from existing buildings is complete. Stripping out of existing buildings and removal of waste materials under way. Materials for reuse being assessed, segregated and stored as necessary on site. Site hoarding installed to secure site. Temporary traffic management plan measures is in place on Fair Street to ensure safe access and egress for all road users for duration of the contract.

Trenching has commenced for the Archaeologist to examine ground conditions prior to the Piling Rig coming to site. The breaking out of the existing concrete yard is underway and material being crushed to be used for the piling platform.



Cleaning of dismantled brickwork from Valhalla Building



Breaking out of Concrete Maintenance Yard

meetings have been held and site visits have taken place with Louth County Council. Procurement documents are being completed for required surveys. Topographical surveys will commence onsite in 2 weeks. Consultants are now fleshing out the design from the planning permission.



Appointment of BDP

Ardee 2040

The detailed design and the preparation of the EIAR and AA Screening for Development consent application to ABP are progressing. Costings for implementation of the project are being prepared. The report into the Public Engagement Process has been uploaded onto the website: www.ardee2040.ie.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

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

Long Walk (Dundalk)

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

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration

The Council are proceeding to develop the project through a phased basis, with phase one

Dunleer Fire Station

Tender Documents for design consultants finalised and it's proposed to release to the market in early July

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

Design proposals are being developed and consultation has taken place with Fáilte Ireland. The designs will reflect the feedback gained from the first phase of the non-statutory public consultation and will inform these design options. The Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys are complete on site. Initial traffic counts and traffic analysis has taken place. Options are now being further developed to bring forward for planning consent process.

Omeath Public Realm

BDP have been appointed as Lead Consultant to bring the project through to completion. Initial

incorporating the Public Realm aspect of the development and phase two the development of the backlands area of St. Nicholas Quarter. Re-submission of the preliminary business case to allow URDF approval to proceed is at an advanced stage, with revised costing from appointed QS near completion.

Dunleer Town Masterplan

Tender for a multi-disciplinary design team to lead the Masterplan process have been received and are currently being assessed.

Active Travel Investment Program

2022 Budget Allocation

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

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

The current status of the ongoing projects are as follows:

- St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda: as reported above
- Drogheda (R132), Bridge of Peace to Train Station (including Marsh Road): it is anticipated that the Design Team will have a Feasibility and Options Assessment Report concluded by the end of July, 2022.
- Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda: works ongoing (see PANCR above)
- *Drogheda 2021 Active Travel Projects – a number of Active Travel Projects in Drogheda Urban Centre, namely: Termonfeckin Road, Collon Road, Hill of Rath to Rosehall roundabouts, Rathmullan Road, Dublin Road and North Road, are amalgamated together in order to achieve economy of scale. RPS Group were the successful design team procured after a tender competition and have been appointed to process initial design proposals. Topographical and traffic surveys in the*

study areas will be commencing in July, 2022.

- Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road: as reported above
- Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Road: Design Consultants, Barry Transportation Ltd. are progressing with the development of concept designs and it is anticipated that the Design Team will have a Feasibility and Options Assessment Report concluded by the end of July, 2022.
- Dublin Road, Dundalk – Design Consultants O'Connor Sutton Cronin (OCSC) are progressing with the development of the design. A stage F Road Safety Audit has been completed and screening for Environmental Assessment is ongoing.
- Ard Easmuinn Road to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk and Bus Station to Rail Station: Consulting Engineers WSP Ltd., are preparing initial proposals for option development. It is anticipated that the Design Team will have a Feasibility and Options Assessment Report concluded by the end of July, 2022.
- Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: see Operations Report on Annagassan. Cherrybrook and Knockbridge: works have commenced on site in Cherrybrook, Ardee on the 2nd week of May and are approx 75% completed. Once complete the contractor will move to Knockbridge.



Footpath works completed in Cherrybrook, Ardee

- R166 Termonfeckin footpath tenders received and procedures to award of contract to MEAT has been completed. Louth County Council are waiting on contractors insurances in order to commence the works.
- Transport / Mobility Plans:

Drogheda & East Meath Transport Plan: Work on the Area Based Transport Assessment needs for Drogheda and East Meath is ongoing in conjunction with the NTA and Meath County Council. Traffic counts have been undertaken at key locations. The results of Stakeholder engagement and Public consultation (online survey) are being collated.

Active Travel Projects 2022

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

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

Allocations for Works Contracts:

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

Dundalk and Ardee Flood Relief Projects

Stage 1 of the Project is continuing, i.e. Options assessment, Scheme Development. Hydrological and Hydraulic modelling method statements have been approved and hydraulic modelling is now nearing completion for both Ardee and Dundalk in tandem with the processing of information from the recently completed CCTV and Topographical surveys. Preliminary Option Assessment to consider and assess a range of possible Flood Relief Measures has commenced and will continue

throughout the next few months including further Public Consultation Days, notification of which shall be advertised well in advance.

Further necessary environmental, ecological, noise and landscape assessments will continue through Q2, 2022.

Monthly project briefing notes are being issued to the current relevant stakeholders. The first Project Briefing Session for the Ardee and Dundalk Members was held in September and the first Project Consultation Day was held virtually in mid September and again in early October. The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at: www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

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

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



Extract from web page

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

OPW have commenced a data review of the Carlingford and Greenore Flood Defence Project to

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

Balmers Bog Surface Water Pipe

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

Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works

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

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

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

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

Schools Programme Projects

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

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

Ardee E.T.N.S.

Tender have been received for the construction of the school and is currently being assessed, and the design team are awaiting documentation from the preferred contractor.

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

Coláiste Chú Chulainn and Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

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

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

A Section 85 agreement between Kilkenny County Council and Louth County Council has been agreed. Tender for the proposed works have now been received and been assessed by Kilkenny County Council, as lead for the region, who are close to awarding the contract to the most economically advantageous Tenderer. A final Cost estimate for the element of works in Co. Louth will be carried out during the design process.

Planning

Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of June 2022 are given below in tabular form. There were 85 planning applications received during the month of June of which 74 were valid. In addition there were 35 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 23 Pre-Planning Applications received.

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

(A) Description / Cur Síos	(B) Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta	(C) Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair	(D) Other applications -not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT	(E) Other applications-requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area / Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae
(i) Number of applications determined / Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	8	26	44	1	79
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais	5	12	10	0	27
(iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	12.5% (1)	30.77% (8)	25% (11)	0% (0)	25.32% (20)
(iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh	0	5	3	0	8
(v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal / Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc	0% (0)	20% (1)	33.33% (1)	0% (0)	25% (2)

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

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmíú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmíú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh	
	May 2022 / Bealtaine 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo	May 2021 / Bealtaine 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmíú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	27	132	28	123
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	0	0	0
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	33	131	23	113
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	31	95	21	88
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmíúcháin a eisíodh	2	5	1	2
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	1	3	1	3
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0	2	3
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Short Term Lettings Enforcement

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Short Term Lettings	
	June 2022 / Meitheamh 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	1	7
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	1
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	0	12
Number of cases currently under investigation / Líon na gcásanna atá á n-imscúdú faoi láthair	32	48
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	1	18
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	1	4
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	0
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Déanmhais Chontúirteacha

The Planning Indicators listed below are in relation to Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period April to June, 2022.

Tá na Táscairí Pleanála thíos liostaithe bainteach le Fógraí a eisíodh faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta) 1964 sa tréimhse Aibreán go Meitheamh, 2022.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures/ Forfheidhmiú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha	
	April - June Aibreán go Meitheamh 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh	15	27
Number of Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing Owner to carry out work / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (1)(a) – Ag Tabhairt ordú d’úinéir obair a dhéanamh	10	20
Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices - Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 - Áit Chontúirteach	2	3
Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register	6	13
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	3	9
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register	4	17
Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh	11	33

Forward Planning

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

A Chief Executive’s report has been prepared on submissions received during the public consultation of the proposed Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027. This report forms part of the statutory procedure for the preparation of the proposed Variation and was submitted to the Members for their consideration on 24th June, 2022.

The CE report is available to view at: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/publications/development-plans/louth-county-development-plan-2021-2027/ce-report-on-v1-lcdp-21-27-submissions.pdf>.

Submissions received can be viewed at: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/publications/development-plans/louth-county-development-plan-2021-2027/submissions-to-the-proposed-variation-no-1.html>.

Operations and Waste Management

Oibríochtaí agus Bainistíocht Dramháil

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

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

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

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

Catherine Duff
Director / Stiúrthóir



Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk and Cooley Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
	<p>Litter picks Dundalk Town wide including all approach Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dublin Road• Inner Relief Road• Ramparts• Centenary Road• Avenue Road• Hoey's Lane• Tom Bellew Avenue• Fairgreen Road• Old Newry Road• Racecourse Road• Armagh Road• Castletown Road Etc. <p>Cooley Isolated locations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrickcarnan• Templetown• Rockmarshall• Gyles Quay• Shillinghill• Whitestown
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk <p>Frequency of Bins: There are approximately 200 bins in Dundalk. These bins are checked nightly with approximately 150 emptied nightly, if bins are less than half full they can be left for a second night.</p> <p>Cooley –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carlingford• Omeath• Gyles Quay• Templetown• Faughart• Greenore and Lordship.

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract works Dundalk. Town Centre is swept nightly. Pedestrian centre footpaths including Market Square, Court House Square are swept nightly. Approach Roads are swept every 3 weeks. Estates are swept every 4 weeks • Cooley rural village sweep programming
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract works Dundalk • Dog waste goes into normal bins as numbered above • Cooley as per bin emptying above
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly by Park Operative in Dundalk • Carried out by Water Safety Officer in Cooley
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 no. of playgrounds (not including exercise equipment/outdoor gym or Multi use games areas) • Daily by Parks Operative, repairs in house or contractor.

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface Dressing Preparation Works • R132 Omeath Road, • Marsh Road, Point Road, Upper Willville • McCourts Road <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roden Place, 	Patching/pothole repairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Street, • Town Centre • Park Street, St Patrick Car Park 	Road Repairs/Car Parking Bollard Replacement
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marsh Road • Point Road • R132 Omeath Road <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dundalk</u> Ongoing maintenance to Storm sewer network Town Wide</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hardy's Lane</p>	<p>Drainage Installation and Upgrade Works prior to Surface Dressing, Road Edge Restoration</p> <p>Essential maintenance Jet Vac</p> <p>Drainage Channel Cleaning</p>
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	None this month	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Street • Chapel Street • Linen Hall Street • Bachelors Walk • Mulholland Avenue • Seatown 	Trip Hazard Removal Works and minor Repairs
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Various Locations identified for works</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Lights in Town Area</p>	<p>Survey Works for Upgrade</p> <p>Ongoing Essential Maintenance, replacement Bulbs, straightening</p>
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner Relief Road • Cluan Enda • Barrack Street 	Road Marking Refresh Works
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>General Repairs and Cleaning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Water Safety Signage</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Town Wide/ Market Square</p>	<p>Essential Maintenance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gyles Quay</p>

Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock – 6 days/week • Knockbridge – once a week • Dromiskin – once a week • Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock (7No.) checked weekly • Annagassan (11No.) checked weekly
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly • Blackrock – checked weekly

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armagh Road, • LS-7165 Haynestown, • LP-3117 Sheelagh Road from N53 Dundalk/Castleblayney Road to county boundary, • LP-3097 Jonesborough Road, • LS-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge, • LT-70931-0 Feed Faughart, • LS-7114 Stumpa Hackballscross • R172 From Green Gates Blackrock to Rock Road, • LP-3161 Rock Road Blackrock, • LS-7158 Old Golf Links Road Blackrock, • Lp-3161 Marlbog Road Haggardstown, • LS-7162 Clermont Road, • R166 Duffys Cross – Castlebellingham and the R132 Castlebellingham • Rd182 from Walterstown Cross – Dromiskin 	<p>Road repairs and patching, and preparation for surface dressing.</p> <p>Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming</p> <p>Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)</p>
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rd182 Whitehouse Cross – Dromiskin • Rd169 Rathneety Rd171 Pepperstown – Ardee, • Rd185 Para Bwees – Whiterath Rd182 	<p>Drainage maintenance –cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.</p>
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		<p>Clearing fallen trees & debris.</p>
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán		<p>Footpath renewal</p>
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R132 junction with Old Golf Links Rd (Felda junction) 	<p>Major repair works completed</p>

Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A 	<p>Renewal of junction markings</p> <p>Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings</p>
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castlebellingham • Rd217 Williamstown • R166 M1 – Castlebellingham 	<p>Cleansing/repair/replacement</p> <p>New signage</p>
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seabank • LS-7162 Clermont Road • N52 Gibstown Ardee Road • Tallanstown and Louth Village 	<p>Collection of dumped waste for disposal.</p> <p>Collection & disposal after community clean up</p>
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) • Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins 	
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee Town • Dunleer town • Collon 	<p>37 Daily</p> <p>20 Tuesday and Thursday</p> <p>3 Tuesday and Thursday</p>

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) 	
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ardee Town River Dee Salterstown Port Beach 	
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil Corpacmhainne	
<p>Maintenance and cleaning of Fairgreen and Dunleer parks and playgrounds complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at both locations.</p>	

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L-5265-0 Jumping Church Road L-5267 Funshog L -5266-39 Whitemountain LP-2223-0 Johnstown LP 1210-41 knockcurlan N52 patching for Na RÁS Taitleann - Blackrock 19.6.2022. John of Gods Drumcar. LP 2226-0 Drumcar. R166 at Annagassan LT-12641-0 Drakestown Lane LP 1264-12 Smarmore road

Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LP-2295-25 Boyds Bridge to Branagins Cross • Opening outlets on the LP2259 Dunleer to Philipstown road. • Opening outlets on the LP 2253-0 • Crossing on the R165 at Shanlis • Marslath road LP 2254-21 • Dowdstown N52 • Willistown LP 2226-0 • Irishtown LS 5211-0 • Knockacurlan LP 1210-41 • Smarmore road LP 1264-12 	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning of slip at Salterstown • Pedestrian Bridge repairs river Dee, Ardee 	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá		
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre		
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bollards on the LS-5232 Ardee Bog road at Celtic football grounds • Chevron signs installed on the LS-5232-0 Ardee Bog Road • Strimming of Junction Dillionstown • Making up Signage for surface Dressing 	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach		
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí		



New dog fouling signage in Darver

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	
Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	<p>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses allow and green areas. • Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection. • Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Daily during working week. Also all Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Saturday p.m. • Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week. • New Signage erected at Ballsgrove Bringbanks. • Replacement timbers to seats at South Quay. • Up-grade landscape beds at South Quay – remove existing stone and replace with new. • Erect new window boxes on bridge railings on South Quay.

- Clean all roads at Meadowview / Blackbush / Byranstown for Blessing of Graves.

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí

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

New Eco-loo toilets installed at Seapoint Carpark (refer to attached photographs)

Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht

- 7 daily
- 8 daily
- 6 daily
- 6 daily
- 3 daily
- 3 daily

- Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.
- About 250 litter bin are emptied weekly in town, survey of existing litter bins in progress.
- Dominic’s Park & Mell river walk emptied daily.
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal district rural area’s public Litter Bins are emptied twice a week or daily when needed especially at beaches/Portoriel/Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day.
- Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.
- Bin upgrade and maintenance ongoing + street furniture
- Remove graffiti from bins at St Dominic’s Pk.
- Erect new bin at Marsh Rd.

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre

Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

- Town Centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.
- Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area. Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tinure. Drogheda town Boyne river walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) Town centre weeds removal.
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday) 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 4 & 5 daily (4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate park, adult exercise equipment). 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area) + disinfected

<i>Location / Suíomh</i>		<i>Notes / Nótaí</i>
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L-2275-24 Ballymakenny Road R167 Beaulieu Road LS-6284 Bellcotton R166 Termonfeckin to Clogherhead R168 Begrath LS 6270 Castlelumny Road. 	
	Drainage Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstatement of storm water manholes at Knockbrackdowns. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey / Cleaning of S.W pipelines at TermonAbbey. <p>LCC's crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement Repairs at Lourdes Sq. Pavement repairs West St. Signage repairs at Town Centre. Bollard repairs at Town Centre. Bollard installation IDA Rd. Footpath Reinstatements at Boyne Hall. 	
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening outlets on the following roads L-2275-24 Ballymakenny Road R167 Beaulieu Road LS-6284 Bellcotton R166 Termonfeckin to Clogherhead R168 Begerath LS 6270 Castlelumny Road. <p>Annual Drogheda Gully cleaning program ongoing</p> <p>Commence Approach Roads.</p>	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lourdes Sq West St <p>Survey of footpaths at Forest Hills, Georges St, Wheaton Hall, Westcourt.</p>	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patricks St 2. Dyer St 3. Westgate Junction. 4. R1232 A / Wheaton Hall 5. Bull Ring 6. Westgate Junction 7. Bull Ring 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian phase lamp fail, RED. 2. Zebra Crossing, replaces all lamps. 3. Vehicle phase lamp fail, RED. 4. Vehicle presence fail detector. 5. Failed to schedule event.

		<p>6. Vehicle phase lamp fail, RED.</p> <p>7. Vehicle phase lamp fail, RED.</p>
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	Road marking survey in progress.	Road marking survey in progress.
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p>Replacement signs Termonfeckin</p> <p>Replacement signs Clogherhead</p> <p>Making up Signage for surface Dressing</p>	
Weed killing	One application complete at Trinity St / Mell, R132 Dublin Rd / North Rd and Marsh Rd.	
Litterbin cleaning disinfecting	Dog Bin disinfecting complete on approach roads.	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<p>Newtownstalaban:</p> <p>Town Centre:</p> <p>Besexwel Lane :</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major dumping on two separate occasions. Clean up approx costings of 4000 euro to LCC. On second occasion's evidence obtained 6 FPN issued. • Issues of dumping. bags removed no evidence. • Issues over flowing bins. • Survey of town carried out during early mornings to identify issues surrounding commercial waste presentation • Graffiti identify on properties. Owners contacted to request removal.

	<p>South Quay :</p> <p>Thomas Street</p> <p>Town Centre:</p> <p>Dublin Road (R132):</p> <p>Wheaton Hall Drogheda:</p> <p>Dublin Road:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti identify on properties. Removed by LCC crew. • Survey with Oxgien waste providers regarding dead accounts. • Graffiti identify on properties. Removed by LCC crew. • Graffiti on Telecom Substation Dublin Road • Letters issued to Eir/ESB re issues on third party location units • Meeting with residents association prior to major clean up of area.Clean up carried out during Bank Holiday weekend.LCC removed all waste by arrangements • Waste build up at properties. Landlords identify and notice issue for clean up
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Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí		<p>Communications issued to business and premises owners to seek removal of Graffiti.</p> <p>LCC staff removed graffiti at St Finians Park and R132 Drogheda train station.</p>
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Power washing of benches on West Street, Drogheda

Waste Management, Environment and Climate Action Report

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement

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

Complaint Type	June 2022	In 2022
Air & Noise	19	60
Farm	4	26
Waste	9	138
Water Quality	4	19

A total of 36 complaints were received in the month of June 2022, bringing the total number of complaints in 2022 so far, to 243. 24 waste

complaints have been resolved and 12 remain open, pending further investigations.

Waste Facility Permits and Certificate of Registration

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

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

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

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

Annual Return Validations

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

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

Producer Responsibility Initiatives

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

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

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

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

Anti-Dumping Initiative

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

3 projects have been approved for this year. A Mattress and Sofa amnesty for Drogheda and another for Dundalk and finally Community Summer Clean-Up project. All initiatives to be completed by 7th October 2022.



Figure: 2021 ADI Clean-UP

C&D Waste

The EPA published Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Waste Projects in 2021. Waste Enforcement Officers are required to complete both desktop and site-based inspections of construction and demolition projects in Co. Louth to ensure compliance with the relevant Regulations

including enforcement actions where necessary. As part of site inspections, Waste Enforcement Officers ensure that waste is being managed appropriately and that any export or import of waste on site is collected by an authorised waste collector and destined to authorised facilities.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 24 fines were issued in the month of June. Of these fines, 6 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 2 in Drogheda urban area and 16 in the remaining County wide area.

There were no fines issued for dog fouling in June.

There have been 823 investigations in the year to date with 104 carried out in the month of June.

There have been 183 fines issued in the year to date, 6 of which were for Dog Fouling.

Diesel Laundering Waste

No ibcs were reported or located in June 2022. So far in 2022 there has been 216 ibcs located costing approximately €269,638.32.



Air / Water / Noise Pollution

There were 4 water pollution complaints received in June with one open and three closed.

Nine (9) Air Pollution complaints and ten (10) Noise Pollution complaints were received during June 2022.

Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning

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

From January 2022 to end of May 2022 a total of 51 Waste Disposal by Burning applications were received. In June 2022 we received 10 applications bringing the total number of application in 2022 so far to 61.

My Waste

The executive scientist who was leading this project has left Louth County Council in May 2022 and this will have an impact on progress in MyWaste.

When possible the MyWaste campaign will be looking to move to more focused interactions with individual dwellings, to establish compliance with the Waste Presentation and Segregation Bye-Laws.

Initial focus will be on dwellings which have not responded to previous requests for information and in areas where problem dumping exists.

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



Bathing Water

The annual Bathing Water Sampling programme has commenced on June 1st 2022. So far all results for our four designated bathing waters are excellent. Results for all the beaches are available on www.beaches.ie.

The four beaches identified as designated bathing waters are Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint. The public participation for the identification of new bathing waters ended on the 9th of June 2022. Three submissions were received. Further information on beaches and water quality can be found on the EPA hosted website – www.beaches.ie



Air Monitor for Drogheda

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

Section 4 Discharge Licences

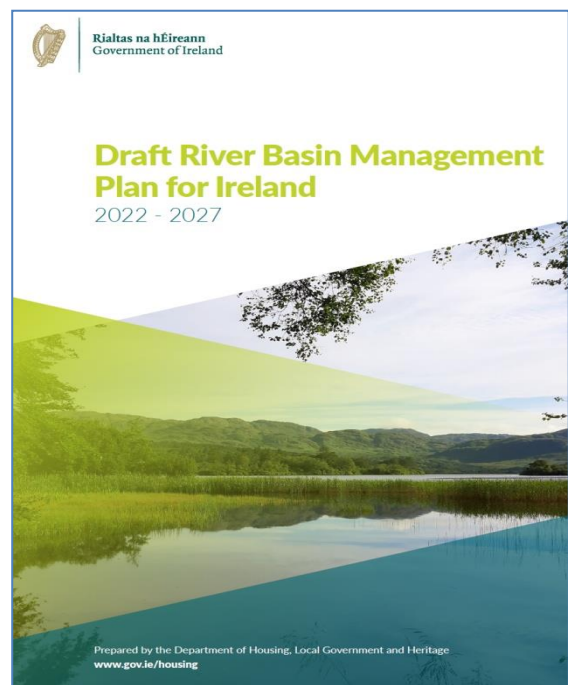
A section 4 discharge licence is a licence issued under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 as amended to premises for the discharge of treated effluent to a high standard so that it will not impact the groundwater and/or surface water receiving water body. Currently in Louth there are 34 active section 4 discharge licences. All licence holders must comply with licence conditions and submit regular monitoring results to the Council for assessment. The Council also carry out compliance monitoring on the licensed sites which includes compliance sampling and on-site inspections. Sampling and inspections of these sites is on schedule as per the inspection plan submitted to the EPA.

WATER FRAMEWORK/RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS

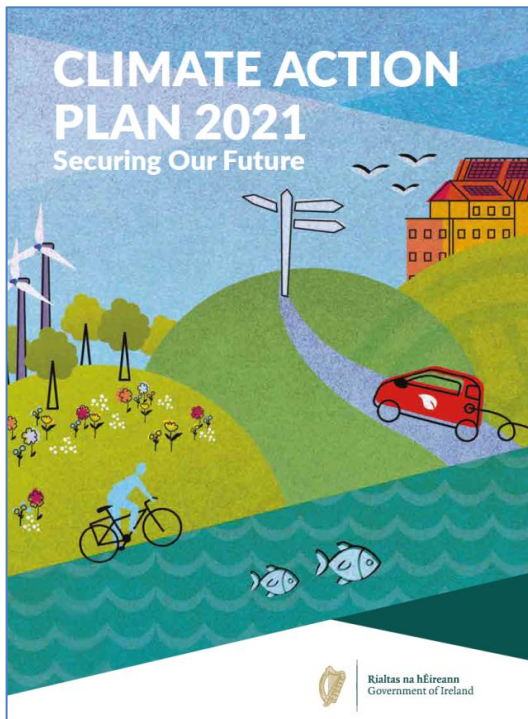
The Local Authority catchment assessments being carried out by the LAWPRO inspection teams with the assistance of Louth County Council where required are on-going in the Castletown catchment. Initial desktop studies have commenced in the Glyde catchment.

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

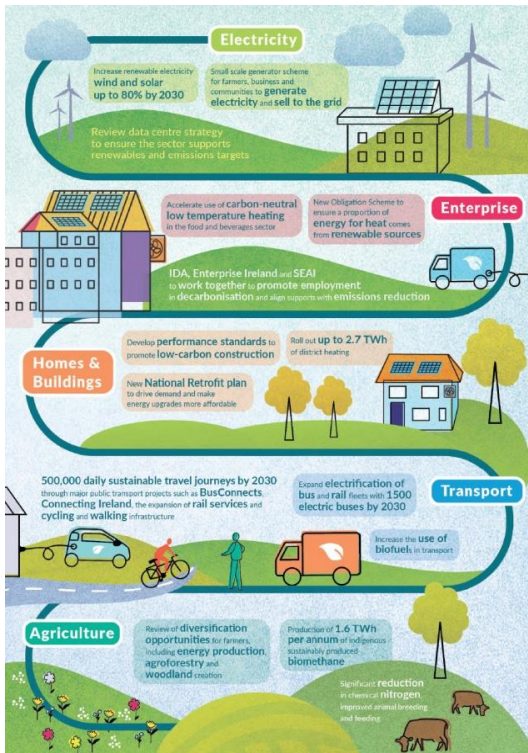
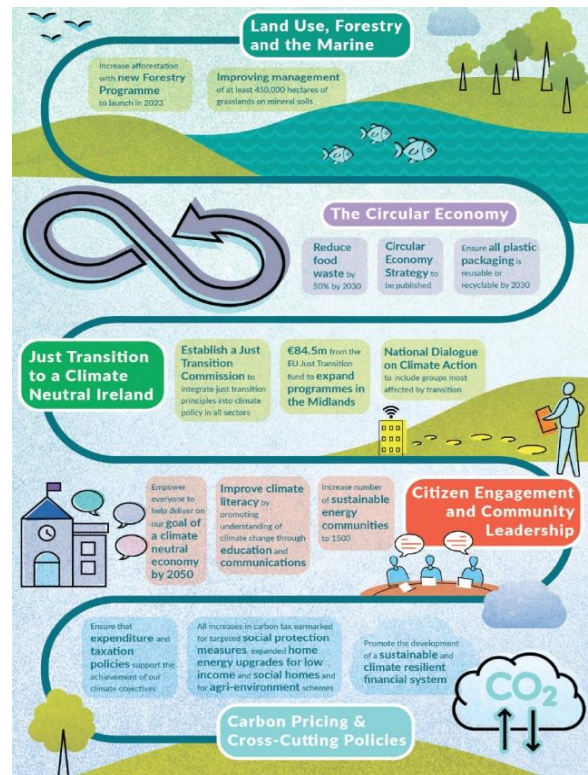
A key commitment in the Programme for Government, launching a new strengthened River Basin Management Plan will help Ireland protect, improve and sustainably manage our water environment to 2027. Achieving good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries and seas is essential for protecting Ireland's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



Louth County Council will be co-operating with LAWPRO and Dundalk Tidy Towns, who have been awarded a grant to progress an assessment of the Ramparts River in Dundalk employing a process-based approach which aims to reset / enhance the natural habitat



The info-graphic below gives an outline of the main actions and objectives of the plan.

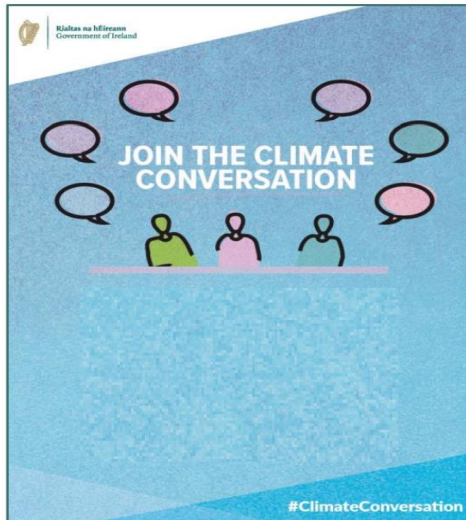


Climate Change Team

A member of the Climate Action Team attended a workshop in DKIT on Agricultural Sustainability in relation to agricultural emissions and agricultural practices to help develop Louth's Baseline Emissions Inventory. The Climate Action Coordinator attended the EPA Climate Change Conference in Croke Park Dublin which explored the themes of offshore wind, hydrogen storage and surplus renewable energy storage potential over the next three years.

Members of the Climate Team also attended an online webinar 'EU Mission' in which discussed Global Climate Action Targets.

The Climate Action Team was invited to moderate an online event 'Climate Conversations' on Wednesday 22nd June, hosted by the PPN. Climate Literacy, Just Transition, Transport and Travel, Energy (Homes and retrofitting and offshore wind) and Circular Economy were themes for discussion.



The Climate Action Team intend to roll out short videos / photos / information segments on Climate Action at a local level to All Staff in LCC to help promote Climate Action engagement and education across our organisation.

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

Members of the Climate Action Team planted trees at Louth County Council Dog Pound at the beginning of the month to celebrate EU Green Week.



Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 & Climate Action Plan

We continue to work with the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office

(CARO) to work towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 to 2024 Action.

Rory also met with Dunleer S.E.C, to discuss stakeholder engagement and potentially link / interconnect with Dunleer S.E.C on future projects and developments.

A review of the current goals and objectives of the CCAS has commenced and this will form the basis for the development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Louth, to be developed over the next 18 months (timelines not yet fixed nationally).

Draft Guidance documents were issued to help Local Authorities prepare for the development of Climate Action Plans which will incorporate all the relevant National Climate Action targets at a local level.

Each section of the Council is now required to report as part of the Monthly Chief Executive Report on Climate Action projects and initiatives that are ongoing.

Electrical Vehicles Charging Points



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

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

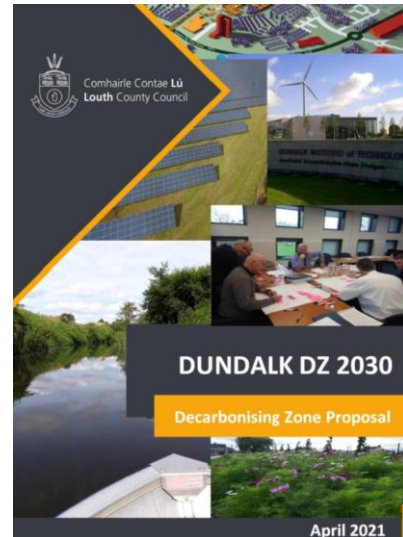
Channel	URL
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge
Twitter	https://twitter.com/FasterEVCharge
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TikTok	https://www.tiktok.com/@fasterevcharge
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0FqxddlpA7WXJr9ShzUaxQ



Louth County Council is currently assessing sites for installation of 20no. EV charging points, as funded through SEAI. The goal of this funding stream is to support people who cannot easily provide their own EV charger at home, such as terraced housing or apartments.

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/>

Dundalk Decarbonising Zone



The Dundalk Decarbonising Zone project, in common with all such projects around the country, awaits guidance from CARO (Climate Action Regional Office) in order to progress. This is to ensure a common approach with comparable outcomes across the country. Preparatory work is ongoing, in anticipation of guidance early 2022. Decarbonisation Zones have now been included within the larger Local Authority Climate Action Plan. Plans for Decarbonisation Zones have yet to be updated in Climate Action Plan

Veterinary Services / Seirbhísí Tréidliachta

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

As of 30th June 2022, Louth County Council Veterinary Section, under a Service Level Agreement with the FSAI, enforces food safety standards on two abattoirs and fourteen meat processing plants under its supervision in the County.

Amhail ar an 30ú Meitheamh 2022, cuireann Rannóg Tréidliachta Chomhairle Contae Lú caighdeáin sábháilteachta bia i bhfeidhm, faoi Chomhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse leis an USBÉ, ar dhá sheamlas agus ar ceithre cinn déag de mhonarchana próiseála feola atá faoi mhaoirseacht aige sa chontae.

Control of Dogs / Rialú Madraí

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

Dogs impounded June 2022 / Madraí curtha i bpóna, Meitheamh 2022	
Total dogs impounded / Líon madraí curtha i bpóna	31
Strays / Ar seachrán	20
Surrendered by owners / Tugtha suas ag úinéirí	11
No dogs reclaimed by owners / Líon madraí tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	5
No of dogs rehomed direct / Líon madraí a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh go díreach	3
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups / Líon madraí a aistríodh go grúpaí leasa ainmhithe	19

Dog Breeding Establishments (DBE) / Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí (BPM)

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

Dog Breeding Establishments June 2022 / Bunachais pórúcháin madraí, Meitheamh 2022	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 30/06/2022 / Líon BPM i gContae Lú, 30/06/2022	6
Hunt / Conchróite Seilge	2
Boarding Kennels / Conchróite Cinneála	2
Training Kennels / Conchróite Oiliúna	1
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 30/06/2022 / Líon madraí faoi chúram sa phána 30/06/2022	7

Dog Licences June 2022 / Ceadúnais Madraí, Meitheamh 2022	
No of Licences sold / Líon ceadúnas díolta	560
Licence Checks / Ceadúnais scrúdaithe:	
House calls / Seiceálacha baile	399
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) / Fógraí Alt 16 eisithe (iarratas ar ceadúnas a thaispeáint roimh deich lá)	100
Fixed Penalty Notices / Fógraí Pionós Socraithe	18

Control of Horses / Rialú Capall

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

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

Horses impounded June 2022 / Capaill curtha i bpóna, Meitheamh 2022	
Horses seized / Capaill gafa Reason for seizure: / Cúis na gabhála	0
Horses reclaimed by owner / Líon capaill tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	0
Horses re-homed / Líon capaill a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh	0
Horses disposed of / Capaill curtha de láimh	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 30/06/2022/ Líon capaill faoi chúram sa phóna, 30/06/2022	0



Dogs impounded during June 2022 (above) Madraí curtha i bpóna i mhí Meitheamh 2022 (thuas)

Corporate and Emergency Services Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Éigeandála

This Directorate has two key areas of responsibility:

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

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

Other responsibilities include Sustainable Energy.

Tá dhá eochairfhreagrachta ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

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

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

Freagracht eile ag an Stiúthóireacht seo ná Fuinneamh Inbhunaithe.

Joe McGuinness
Director / Stiúrthóir

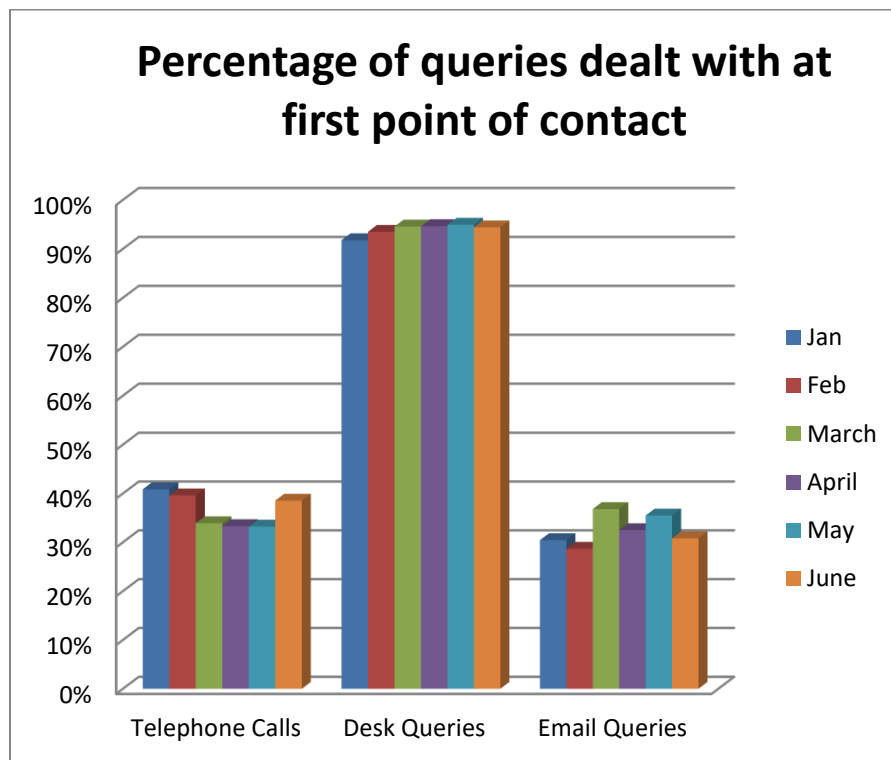


Corporate and Emergency Services

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

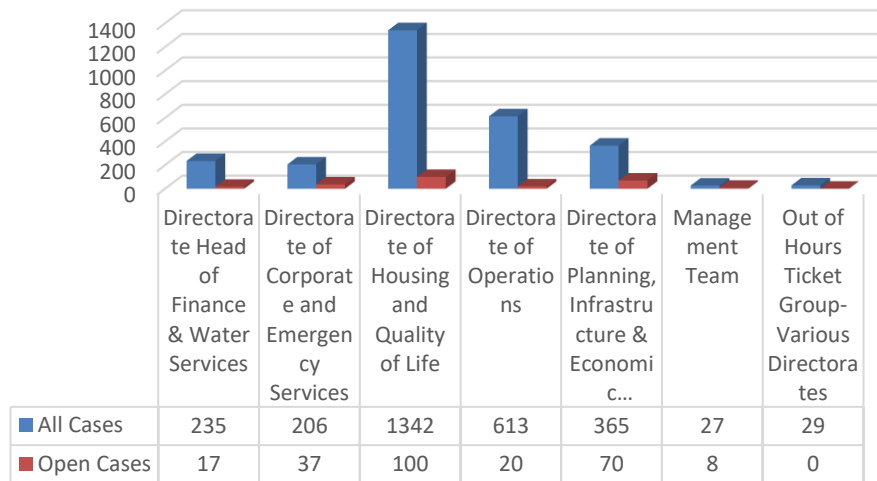
June 2022

During the month of June Customer Services dealt with 12,342 queries – 7,092 calls, 3,923 e-mails and 1,327 counter queries.



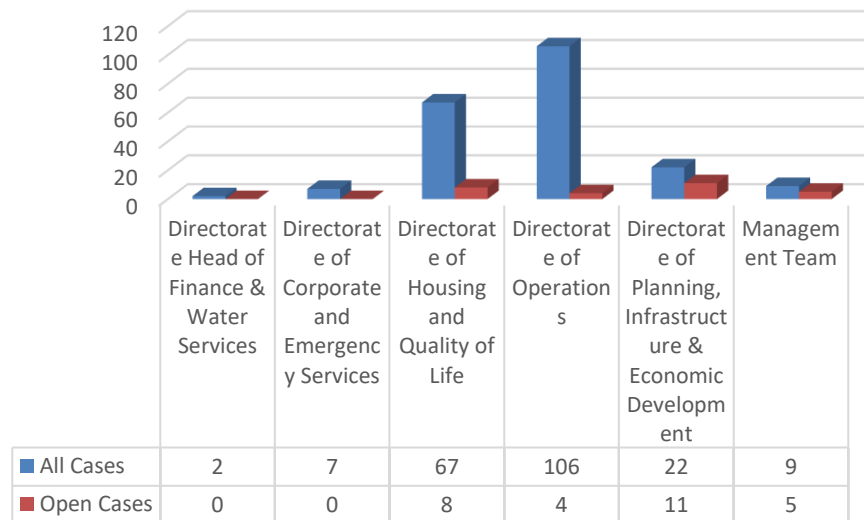
There were 2,817 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during June of which 252 (9%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:

No. of Cases Created in June and still open at 30th of June



In June, 213 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 28 (13%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:

Elected Rep Cases Created in June and still open at 30th June



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Requests Received	Total 2021	Total 2022	June 2022
Freedom of Information	57	56	10
Data Protection & DSAR	6	2	0
Access to Information on Environment	3	6	2
Ombudsman	7	5	2
Complaints Policy	10	19	1

Electoral Register

Since publication of the Live Register of Electors in February, work is continuing on the preparation of the Draft Register of Electors 2023-2024. Field Officers are calling to a number of Polling Districts throughout the county and forms received from electors are being processed.

Elected Members are once again asked to encourage their electorate to check all their details are correct on www.checktheregister.ie If details are not up-to-date electors are asked to complete the relevant form which can be picked up from Customer Services desks or requested from the Franchise Section (email: register@louthcoco.ie). Electors can register on-line via the Louth County Council website www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/electoral-register/online-registration/

Event Management

An event was arranged during June to mark the award of County Civic Honours to Amy Broadhurst, World Boxing Champion. This was followed by a Civic Reception in her honour.

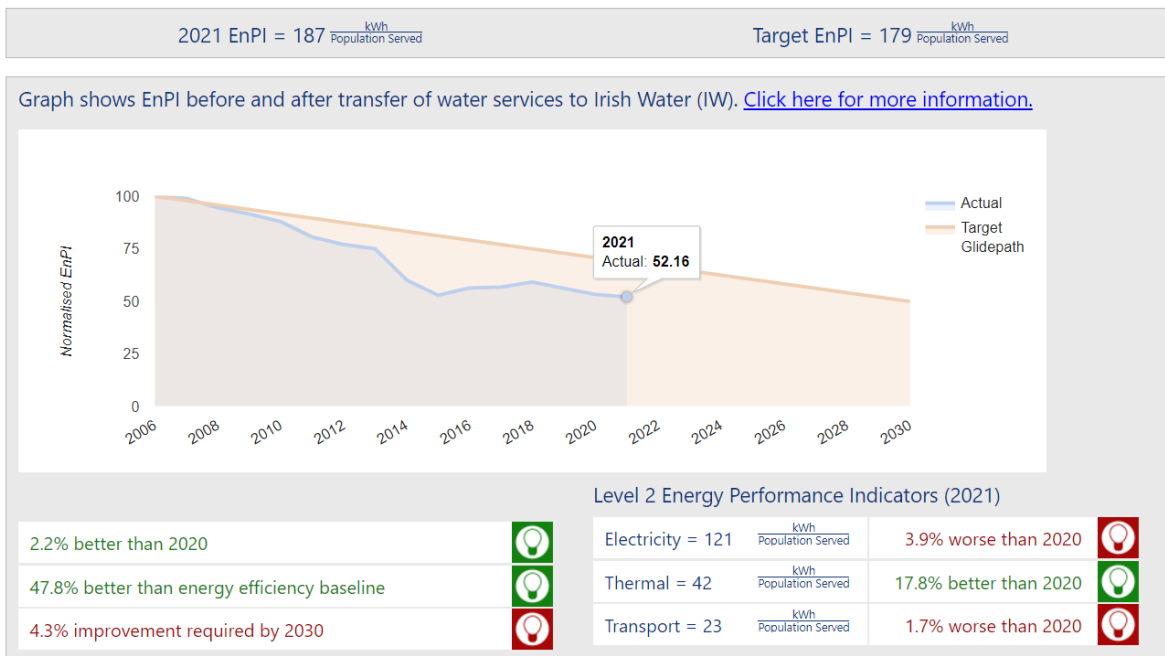


SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

The Council's energy efficiency at the end of 2021 was 47.84% (i.e., the Council's energy use at the end of 2021 has reduced by 47.84%, or the Council now uses 52.16% of the energy it used in the period 2006 - 2008) compared to the baseline, according to the latest draft report by SEAI.

Energy Performance Indicators - 2021



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

Gap-To-Target Plan to 2030

The Local Authority's role in planning to meet energy needs without using fossil fuels is increasing, especially in planning for a just transition to net zero. Local authorities are being assigned an increasing role to work in partnership with other stakeholders (e.g. industry and communities) to incrementally decrease dependence on fossil fuels and replace these with zero carbon-based solutions that meet the needs and expectations of society.

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

The Council recently participated in an application for Shared-Ireland Funding with partner Councils in Ireland and Northern Ireland, led by Monaghan County Council. The application seeks funding for a Feasibility study for Local Authorities and Local Councils to develop zero carbon Heavy Goods Vehicle roadmaps.

Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018

The Council's Energy Management System (EnMS) is compliant with ISO 50,001; 2018. It is expected that the Council will have a 1-day surveillance energy audit in November 2022 to confirm compliance with that.

Better Energy Communities Grant 2022

LCC intend to partner with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for participation in their application for grant funding for energy projects in 2022. LCC have undertaken energy audits for high energy-user Council buildings, as per new 2022 BEC Grant requirements. These energy audits identify energy saving opportunities which will be incorporated into the Council's Energy Action Plan for 2022.

Varcities H2020 Funded Project

3 Visionary Solutions are proposed as part of the EU Horizon 2020 Funded Varcities project. Dundalk is a pilot city for this project. The Part 8 process continues. Works planned will include:-

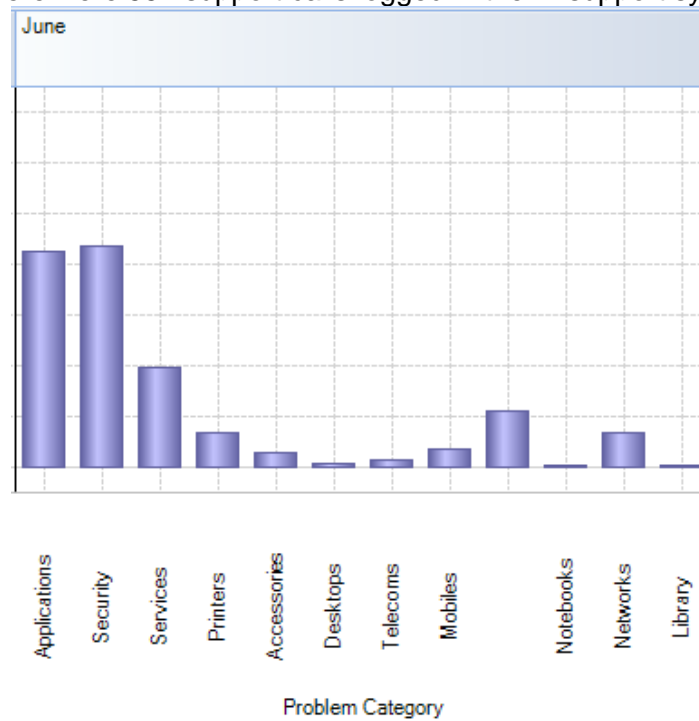
1. The creation of an Outdoor Learning Pod between Dundalk Library and Museum Quarter to showcase the newest technologies and host shared functions
2. A Green Learning and Sensory Garden for Health and Well Being
3. And new Bike Stations and Sensors Bike-stations and all associated site development works

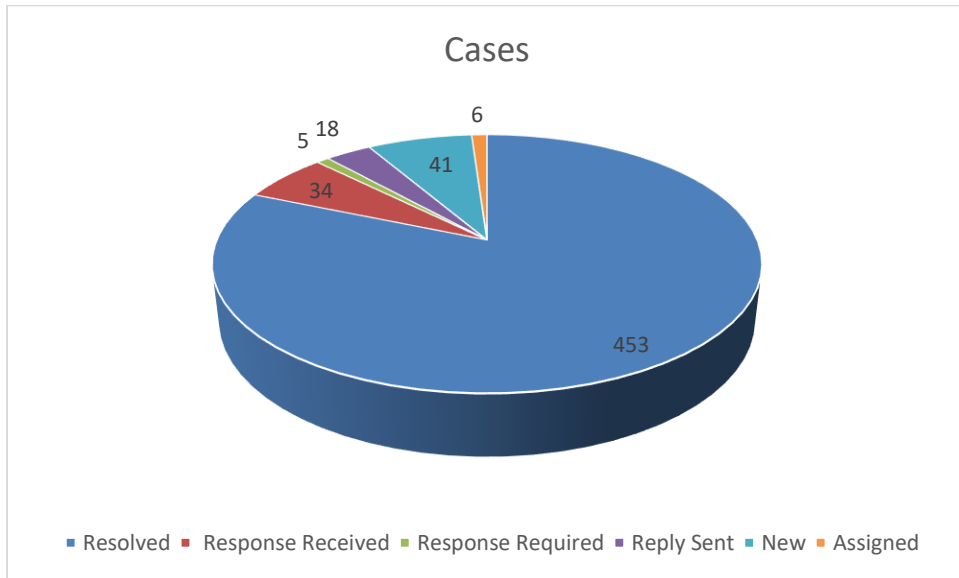
Part 8 Plans and particulars of the proposed development were put on display from 20th April 2022 to 18th May 2022 and the Chief Executive report will be provided on that public consultation phase at the July ordinary meeting of the Dundalk Municipal District.

Information Technology Section

Helpdesk

During the month of June there were 557 support calls logged in the IT support system.





Over 85% of all support requests received have been resolved.

Sophos

The figure below indicates that there are 562 end users protected and 590 assets protected in the last 30 days.

Overview

Highlights

 **1,681**

Total threats blocked

 **590**

Total assets protected

 **0**

Websites blocked and warned

Users and Devices

 **562**

Users protected

 **551**

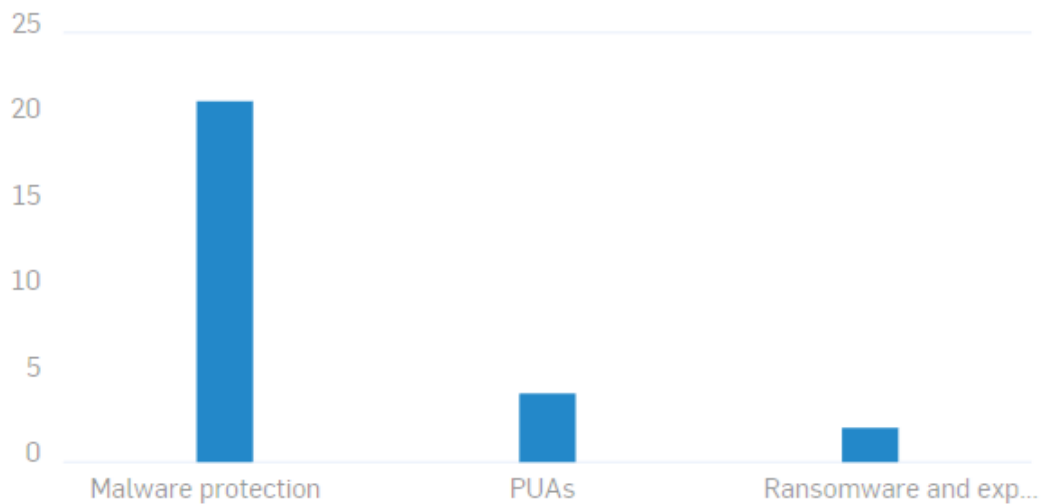
Computers protected

 **39**

Servers protected

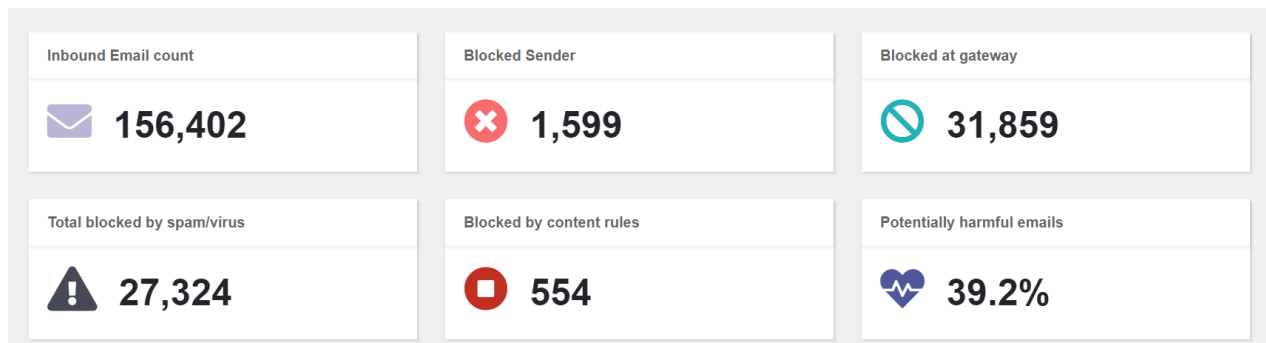
The below diagram shows that malware was the category of threat blocked most frequently in June:

Top 3 threat types blocked



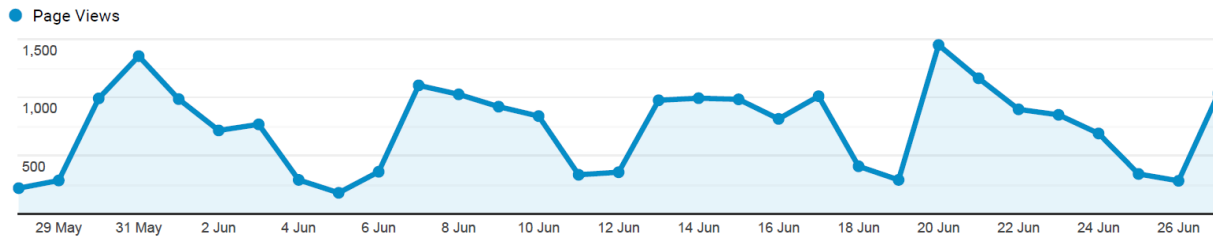
TopSec E-Mail Filtering System

We continue to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise **TopSec** to filter and block e-mail being received into the organisation to protect our network. There was an increase of over 7000 in the number of inbound e-mails received by Louth County Council in June, compared to May. Over 39% of these e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.



Louth County Council Website

There was 22,916 Page Views on www.louthcoco.ie between the 28th May and 27th June 2022.



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

Page	Page Views
	22,916 % of Total: 100.00% (22,916)
1. /en/	2,221 (9.69%)
2. /en/services/planning/online-planning-maps/	2,177 (9.50%)
3. /en/louth_county_council/vacancies/	1,167 (5.09%)
4. /en/services/dog-pound/	679 (2.96%)

ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

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

There was an increase in the number of views the Planning Map viewer received between May and June, with 2,119 views in the past 30 days and an average of 71 views a day.

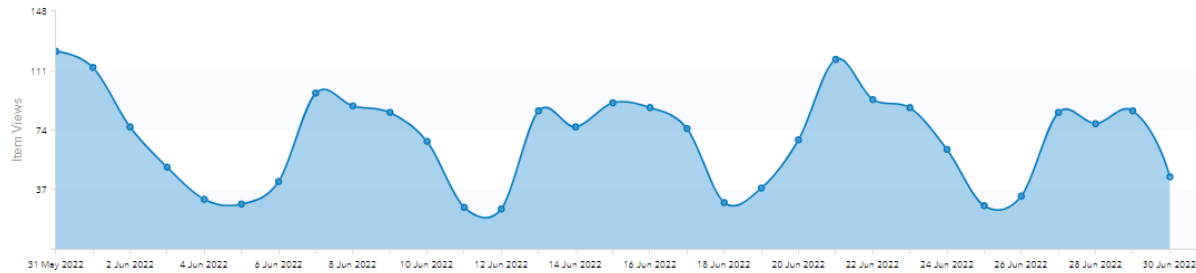
Item Views this Period

2,119

Avg Item Views Per Day

70.63

Usage Time Series



EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

Fire Service

A large fire occurred in Oxigen premises, Dundalk, on Tuesday 14th June. Five fire tenders, the hydraulic platform and the water tanker were used at this incident. It was quickly brought under control, but full extinguishment took longer, given the deep piles of waste material. Louth Civil defence provided valuable drone assistance at this fire.

The Fire Service's training plan, including training missed during Covid, is being rolled out.

- Two Breathing Apparatus Refresher courses were completed by Louth Fire Service personnel in June.
- A Compartment Fire Behaviour course was run for nine recent recruits to Louth Fire Service.
- A Station Officer is doing an ESDS Emergency Driving Instructors Course, bringing Louth's ESDS instructor complement to five.

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

The design brief for the major improvement works to Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre is drafted. Tenders have been sought from three Quantity Surveyors to complete the summary cost plan.

Fire safety inspections of buildings used to accommodate Ukrainian refugees took place in Drogheda, Dundalk and Drumcar. Most of these buildings are now occupied.

Climate Adaptation Strategy

Work on the Climate Action Plan is continuing, to include Fire Service and Building Control requirements. This will take account of the contribution of Building Control to climate change. It is expected that the new fire station in Dunleer will have all possible energy efficient features.

Major Emergency Management

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

Louth County Council continues to chair the Major Emergency Regional Steering Group and Regional Working Group. There is an agreed work programme to be delivered in 2022, including training and exercises.

Major Emergency Crisis Management structures continue to be used in the Council's response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

Civil Defence

Louth Civil Defence has continued assisting at rest centres used to accommodate Ukrainian refugees and transported them to long-term accommodation

in Drumcar and Drogheda. Most Civil defence volunteers were involved.

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

Civil Defence attended the following duties:

- Blackrock Raft Race
- Dundalk Show
- Ras Tailteann

Routine Civil Defence activities in June were as follows:

- Weekly Training
- EFR Training

- Severe weather driver training

Building Control

All Disabled Access Certificate applications are being processed and inspections of developments for compliance with the Building Regulations are arranged on a risk assessed basis.

Water Safety

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

Housing and Quality of Life Tithíocht agus Cáilíocht na Beatha

This Directorate has two key responsibilities:

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

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

Tá dhá eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

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

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

Paddy Donnelly
Director / Stiúrthóir



Housing

Addressing Homelessness

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

Presentations June 2022	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	0	119	96	215
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	0	96	67	163
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	16	24	40
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	5	4	9
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	2	1	3

The tables below reflect monthly returns submitted to the Department with regard to Homeless numbers in the NORTH EAST REGION for 20th – 26th June 2022. This anonymous and aggregated return of all individuals accessing emergency accommodation is returned to the Department of Housing on a monthly basis.

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
<i>Male</i>	65
<i>Female</i>	31
Total	96

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	11
25-44	56
45-64	23
65+	06
Total	96

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	26
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	70
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	00
Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)	00
Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	00
Total unique individuals	96

Table 4: County

County	Total
County Louth	91
County Monaghan	00
County Cavan	05
Total	96

Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	05	05	11

Total	05	05	11
Couples with dependent children	07	15	13
Total	07	15	13

Housing First

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

Homeless Services and Covid 19

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

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

The Hostels and family Hub continue to operate with reduced capacity, which reflects government guidelines in respect of social and physical distancing.

Isolation units have been made available for homeless persons with suspected/confirmed cases of Covid-19 and protocols have been drawn up to address such cases.

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

Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3203

Ardee Municipal District	Dundalk Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Total
315	1695	1193	3203

Accelerate Social Housing

Louth County Council Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026

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

The social housing targets figure for Louth County Council is 1357, comprising 1323 new build and 34 Long Term Leasing.

Under Housing for All, local authorities are required to publish a Housing Delivery Action Plan which will set out the detail of social housing delivery over the next five years. This Plan has been prepared by Louth County Council and recently agreed with the Department. The Plan envisages delivery of 1573 new build units which will exceed the target set by over 200 units.

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

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

2022 Housing Allocations up to 28th June, 2022

Numbers Allocated	Allocations - Social	Refusals - Social	Allocations - Voluntary	Refusals - Voluntary
Ardee MD	8	1	18	2
Dundalk MD	60	10	62	5
Drogheda BD	32	10	103	9
Total Allocations	100	21	183	16

Social housing transfers facilitated up to 28th June, 2022

Year	Ardee	Dundalk	Drogheda
2022	06	02	04

Housing List (Excluding HAP Transfers)

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
June 2022	393	721	576	1690

Transfer List from HAP

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
June 2022	315	1,695	1,193	3,203

There are a total of **274** applicants on the approve list for transfer (**Non-HAP**) within Social Housing including **31** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Build More Homes

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

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

Rent Management

The number of tenants who pay rent by Household Budget is now **968**

Current Rents Arrears as at 30 th June	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	170	€62,667
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	147	€87,904
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	718	€2,506,814
TOTAL	1035	€2,657,385

Improve the Rented Sector

	June	Total to date 2022
No. of properties inspected monthly	138	504
No. Of advisory notes issued to landlord	68	341
No. Of improvement notices issued	2	35
No. Of prohibition notices issued	1	3
No of Rent Book Notices issued	0	0
Inspections (HAP)	93	349
Improvement Notices (HAP)	2	46

Virtual Inspections Issued		0
Private Inspections from complaints	0	4
Hap From Complaints	7	18
Ras from Complaints	0	0
Re-Inspections HAP	10	45
Re-Inspections HAP achieving compliance	1	26
Re-Inspections RAS	0	1
Re-Inspections RAS achieving compliance	0	0
Approved Housing Body (AHB)		15
LTL (not included for payments)	0	12
Homeless properties (not included for payment)		0
Number where compliance was achieved without requirement for further inspection	0	0
Number where compliance was achieved following further inspection or inspections	1	26

Utilise Existing Housing

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

Maintenance	June 2022
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	480
No. of Maintenance Completed	370

Vacant Properties

Currently 22 No. social units have been used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need during Covid 19 and are not included in the next table.

Vacant Properties	Total
Ardee Municipal District	11
Dundalk Municipal District	23
Drogheda Borough District	31
Total Re Lets	65
Vacant Properties CPO Units not yet ready for occupation (all county)	7
Total No. of CPO Properties (Relets & CPO's)	72

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

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

The following grants are available

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

Private House Grants

Status	HOP	HAG	MAG	Total
Applications Completed 2021	174	119	39	332
Applications rolling into 2022	101	363	166	630
New Applications Up to 30.06.22	178	97	28	303

Estate Management

	DBD & AMD	DMD	TOTAL
Tenancy Inspections	14	35	49
Pre tenancy Training	06	1	7
Tenancy Investigations Visits	25	38	63
Tenancy Investigations Remote	0	22	22

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

Anti Social Behaviour

	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
ASB Cases	25	1	35	61
ASB Ongoing	13	1	11	25
ASB Completed	12	2	24	38

	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
Verbal Warning	01	00	8	09
Written Warning	00	00	00	00
Tenancy Notification	00	00	02	02

Climate Action

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

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

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Cox's Demesne Phase 2B	1/1	22	On-site	08/07/2022	2no. * 2 bed, 4no. * 3 bed, 2no. * 4 bed, 6no. * 1 bed Apt & 8no. * 2 bed Apt.
Muirhevnamore, Dundalk Phase 1	1/1	11	Stage 2 Approved	16/02/2024	3no. * 2 bed & 8no. * 3 bed
Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)	1/1	72	Stage 3 Approved	08/07/2024	27no. * 3 bed, 4no. * 4 bed, 8no. * 1 bed Apt, 25no. * 2 bed Apt & 8no. * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/1	93	Stage 2 Approved	31/07/2024	29no. * 2 bed, 23no. * 3 bed, 9no. * 4 bed, 10no. * 1 bed Apt, 6no. * 2 bed Apt, 16no. * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	6	Stage 1 Approved	02/09/2024	2no. * 2 bed Apt, 2no. * 2 bed, 2no. * 3 bed
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	80	PPP Bundle 5 Approved	31/03/2026	To be confirmed
Moneymore, Drogheda - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	27/10/2023	1no. * 2 bed
Gort Uaine, Clogherhead - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 4 bed
School Lane, Dunleer - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 3 bed
Doire Beag, Collon, Co. Louth - Infill	1/1	6	Funding Approved Single Stage	24/11/2023	6no. * 3 bed
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/4	11	On-site	30/11/2022	11no. * 2 bed (3no. Part V of 11)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	2/4	6	On-site	31/01/2023	3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)

Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	3/4	6	On-site	28/02/2023	3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	4/4	22	On-site	31/05/2023	11no. * 2 bed, 5no. * 2 bed Apt, 6no. * 3 bed Apt. (5no. Part V of 22)
Linenfield Ballymakenny	2/2	1	On-site	31/08/2022	1no. * 2 bed
Listoke Avenue Ballymakenny	1/1	6	On-site	31/08/2022	6no. * 3 bed
Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/1	3	Completed	30/06/2022	1no. * 3 bed, 2no. 2 bed.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2022 CALF DELIVERY

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

									across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 4	5	8	Tuath Housing	On-site	31/07/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey		Tierney St, Ardee	1 of 2	5		Circle	Proposal	31/08/2022	3 x3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terraced houses across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey		Tierney St, Ardee	2 of 2	6		Circle	Proposal	01/12/2022	3 x3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terraced houses across both phases

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2023 CALF DELIVERY

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

AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 501	Dublin Road, Dundalk	1 OF 1	59	6	Respond	On-site	30/06/2023	5 x 3 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed duplexes, 2 x 3 bed apartments, 16 x 2 bed duplexes, 4 x 2 bed apartments, 4 x 1 bed houses and 27 x 1 bed
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 939	Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	2 of 2	43		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/08/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 681	Newfoundwell Road Drogheda Co Louth	2 of 2	39		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	1 of 4	41	6	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 015	Oriel Heights, Collon	1 of 1	2	11	North & East Housing	Funding Approved	31/03/2023	4 x 3 bed units and 9 x 2 bed units
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 046	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 4	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	06/10/2023	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi

									detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	24/06/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	19/08/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2019.8 077	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	21/10/2023	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	2 of 4	15	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	3 of 4	21	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.8 971	Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	4 of 4	43	3	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	2020.9 791	Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1 of 1	69	16	Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 22 x 3 bed terraced, 24 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 2 bed terraced, 7 x 2 bed duplexes and 8 x 2 bed apartments

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2024 CALF DELIVERY

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

Community and Sport Louth Local Sports Partnership

LCC Sports Facilities



Dundalk Sports Centre is now available for hire

Dundalk Sports Centre is back open as normal. All our programmes are back up and running and we have availability for bookings of the All Weather Pitch, Tennis Courts, Sports Hall, Studio, Gallery and Kitchen.

Events/Programmes

Active Aging Programme

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

Dundalk Sports Centre Basketball

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

Afterschools Basketball



**After Schools
Basketball
Boys & Girls
9 years old only
Tuesdays
3.30pm-
4.45pm**

€4 pay as you go



**After Schools
Basketball
Boys & Girls
6 - 8 years old
Wednesdays
3.30pm-
4.45pm**

€4 pay as you go

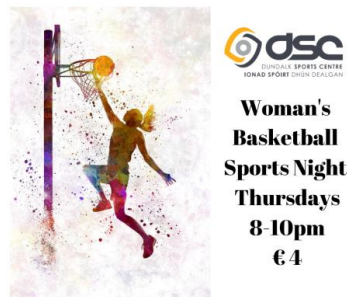
After schools basketball returned to Dundalk sports centre throughout June

Our Afterschools basketball programme returned to Dundalk Sports Centre in June. The programme ran on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during June and will be starting back in September. This is a coach lead programme with innovative drills to help improve kid's fundamental movements of basketball; it is a fun programme that is designed for all levels.

Sports Nights



**Man's
Basketball
Sports
Night
Wednesdays
8-10pm
€ 5**



Sports nights every Tuesday in Dundalk Sports Centre

Sports nights are back every Tuesday (Volleyball), Wednesday (Men's Basketball) and Thursday (Women's basketball) 8pm-10pm. This is a great way for adults to socialise while getting fit through the sport they enjoy. This programme is €5 per session for the 2 hours and all equipment is provided.

Upcoming programme



Multi sports camps this summer for ages 6 to 13

Dundalk Sports Centre is hosting three multisports camps this summer. The camps are on 11th-15th

July, 25th-29th July and 15th-19th August. These camps will consist of a wide range of fun sports and activities with coaches who have a variety of sporting backgrounds.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

National Play Day July 9th 2022

Louth Local Sports Partnership is delighted to announce that National Play Day 2022 will take place nationwide on July 9th. The theme for National Play Day 2022 is 'all play together'.

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

Through this initiative Louth Local Sports Partnership is working in conjunction with Dundalk Young Irelands GAA Club to deliver a Free Family Fun Play and Sports Day on July 9th 10am – 2pm. A large variety of suitable play and multi-sport activities will be available for children and young people to participate in during the event.

For more information please contact Louth Local Sport Partnership: email Louthlsp@Louthcoco.ie or telephone 042-9324318.



National Play Day Poster July 9th 2022

Sport Leader Awards

Louth Local Sports Partnership successfully delivered a Level 1 Sport Leaders Award programme to 28 young people aged 13-17 from Sports Clubs across Co. Louth years in Dundalk during June.

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

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

Our next Level 1 Sport Leaders Award will take place in Drogheda from August 8th – 11th.

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



Group pictures of participants on Level 1 Sport Leaders Course in Dundalk June 2022

Volunteer & Coach Education Workshops

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

Activity	Date & Time	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	14 th July 6pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	28 th July 6pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	11 th August 6pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	25 th August 6pm	Online

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

Inclusive Summer Programmes

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

Activity	Date & Time	Time	Venue
Football for All Adult Outdoor Camp	July 18 th & 19 th	11am – 1pm	Dundalk Sports Centre
Football For All Children's Outdoor Camp	August 9 th & 10 th	11am – 1pm	Dundalk Sports Centre
GAA All-Stars Camp	July 20 th & 21 st	11am – 1pm	Roche Emmetts GAA Club
Adult Inclusability Camp	August 15 th & 16 th	11am – 1pm	Lourdes Stadium
Adult Inclusability Camp	August 17 th & 18 th	11am – 1pm	Dundalk Sports Centre

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

EU_SHAFE Report



Anti-ageism Poster

On the 22nd June, the EU_SHAFE Local Action Group held a meeting, via Zoom, to discuss our Action Plan for Phase II of the project which kicks off in August this year.

The objective of the project is to make policy changes to incorporate the Smart, Healthy, Age Friendly Environments ethos. Our Action Plan will seek to address the matter of ageism in County Louth through the Louth Local Economic and Community Plan.

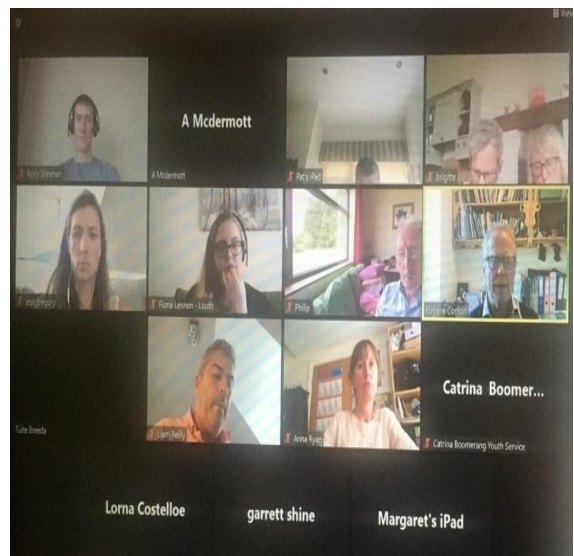
Ageism is a type of discrimination that involves prejudice against people based on their age. Similar to racism and sexism, ageism involves holding negative stereotypes about people of different ages. Ageism affects everyone, both young and old. Age discrimination can be seen in a wide variety of settings and situations including the workplace and in healthcare. According to the WHO's Global Report on Ageism, ageism is widespread in institutions, laws and policies across the world. In our research for this action plan we have focused on instances of ageism in services such as health and finance, ageism in workplace settings and ageism in the media. We look forward to reporting on the progress of our Action Plan over the coming months.

PPN

Louth PPN hosted our Climate Conversations 2022 online on Wednesday 22nd June. We were very fortunate to have input from a broad range of community voices, covering a very diverse spectrum of topics, including but not limited to:

- Micro-generation of energy (solar and wind)
- Retro-fit of houses and public buildings
- Electric car charging points – quantity and accessibility
- Female health products
- Disinformation and inaccessibility of language surrounding climate change issues

We wish to extend our gratitude to all who contributed to this event. A report based on this conversation will be issued to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications so that the voice of County Louth will be heard on these important matters.



PPN Climate Conversation online on Wednesday 22nd June

Community Engagement

Recently, Louth County Council paid out funding to beneficiaries under the LEADER 2014-2022 Programme:-

Promoter	Amount
Drogheda Alzheimers – Day Care Centre, Ref: 112187	€83,966.58
Drogheda Tidy Towns – Drogheda Tidy Towns Strategic Plan – Ref 111846	€2,250.00
Louth LEADER Partnership – Innovating Communities Project, Ref 112977	€3,661.34
Total	€89,877.92

Pride of Place 2021 – Louth Award Winners

The Cox's Demesne Youth & Community Project and the Blackrock Coastal Community were honoured by a presentation on 20th June at the County Council offices to mark their recent success in the Pride of Place Ceremony which took place in May 2022.

The Cox's Demesne Youth & Community Project won the overall prize in the Community Wellbeing Initiative category and the Blackrock Community also made a podium finish, where they came runner up in the Island and Coastal Coastal Communities category. They were competing against eighty four projects, which were put forward by 34 Local authorities across the island of Ireland.

It is a significant accomplishment, being recognised in such a prestigious all island competition and both groups have showcased that community spirit is alive and well and we wish them continued success in all their future endeavours.



Cathaoirleach Pío Smyth and Chief Executive Joan Martin with members of Cox's Demesne Youth & Community Project



Cathaoirleach Pío Smyth and Chief Executive Joan Martin with members of Blackrock Coastal Community

Pride of Place 2022

The judging day has been set for the IPB Pride of Place competition 2022. Our two groups, **The Reddoor Project** and **Creative Spark** will both be visited by the judges on 23rd August 2022. We are looking forward to welcoming the judges to Louth. The groups are currently working hard on putting together a presentation and preparing for the judges.



Amenity Grants

Amenity grant applications have been approved at the June Council Meeting and are currently proceeding for payment. Late applications are prepared to go before elected representatives for their approval at the July Council Meeting.

Anti-dumping Initiative funding 2022

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

The Dundalk Summer Clean weekend event will be carried out in partnership with Dundalk Tidy Towns and will be held on Friday 22nd July to Sunday 24th July.

Local radio will soon run an awareness campaign to inform and encourage people to register for the event.



Dundalk Summer Clean

Town & Village 2022

The Town & Village Scheme has been announced for 2022. Expressions of Interest are currently being sought for projects to put forward for consideration. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 8th July.

An application has been made to the Department under the Building Acquisition Measure of Town & Village. Funding was applied for the old Bank of Ireland building in Dunleer for the amount of €300,000.

Louth In Bloom 2022



"Louth In Bloom 2022", was launched on Monday 30th May and applications are now open.

Entries can be submitted through [an online portal www.louthcoco.ie/louthinbloom](http://www.louthcoco.ie/louthinbloom),

The nomination entry form will also be available to download on www.louthcoco.ie/louthinbloom and can be submitted by post or by dropping same, into any of the Louth County Council customer services desks at any of our offices in Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk.

Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 08/07/2022.

As part of a cross directorate response to the needs of Ukrainian refugees coming to Louth, staff members of the Community Section helped to prepare the Marist School, Dundalk which was being converted into accommodation during May and June.

Quality of Life Service Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2019-2024

Amanda Branigan & Brendan McSherry are the Quality of Life reps on the LCC Climate Action Team.

Archives

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

LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICES

Public Consultation on development of new public library strategy launched

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today launched a public consultation on the development of a new strategy for the public library service.

The main objective of this consultation is to seek the views of the public and understand attitudes towards the library service. It will also seek feedback on how services can be improved in terms of access, use and visibility of the public library.

The consultation will assist in the development of a new Public Library Strategy which will be published next year. This strategy will underpin ongoing government and local authority investment in the public library service over the next five years.

The new strategy will be the successor to 'Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities' which has overseen much progress in the public library service in Ireland over the past five years. The new strategy will be equally ambitious in continuing to grow the library service.

People are invited to complete the survey online at www.LibrariesIreland.ie or alternatively, visit their local library to complete it in person.

The consultation will run for the next five weeks with the closing date scheduled for 5pm on 9 July, 2022.

The delivery of the strategy is a key commitment in Our Rural Future, the Government's ambitious five-year policy to revitalise Rural Ireland.

Library Housebound Service

The Library service continues to offer the Housebound delivery service to our elderly customers with over 290 deliveries made since January 2022.

Housebound Book Delivery Service

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

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

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

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

In addition, free newspapers and magazines and Comic Books are available through Press Reader and Libby.

Lastly there is a host of online courses with Universal Class and Transparent Language online. For more information on these services click here

Library Newsletter

**Leabharlanna Chontae Lú
Louth Library Service**

Nuacht Na Meáin Shóisialta Eachtraí
Nuachtlitir
Leabhair molta Rsheirbhísí

Is féidir leat clárú leis an Nuachtlitir míosúil ag:
<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/library-membership.html>

eServices

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2. Select your library branch
3. Register and verify your account
4. Browse, borrow and return books

Borrow Box

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



The June edition contains the latest news, events, services, and recommendations from our libraries.

Anyone interested in receiving this monthly newsletter to their inbox can sign up here:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/louth-library-newsletter-emailing-list-registration.html>

Click here to read this month's newsletter

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/blog-and-newsletter/>

A Welcome for Ukraine



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

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

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

As part of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Louth Leader Partnership is hosting information mornings in the Barbican Centre for the Ukrainian community in Drogheda throughout the summer months.

Louth Library Service in collaboration with Louth Volunteer, Louth County Childcare Committee & the LMETB Library staff are attending these information sessions and discussing ways in which we can all help the Ukrainian community of Drogheda.

Staff also discussed ongoing events such as Baby Book Club, Parent & Toddler Group, and initiatives such as the Summer Stars Program.

Digital Learning Space

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



Summer Stars 2022



Summer Stars is back, and Louth Library Service are looking forward to providing a fully in-person programme for the first time since 2019. Summer Stars is a National Right To Read programme, which encourages children to read for enjoyment during their Summer Holidays.

The initiative was launched on Monday 13th June. So far over 300 families have visited their local library branch to pick up a reading card and Summer Stars bag.

Teddy Bears Picnic on June 15th was a huge success in Drogheda and Dundalk Library.



Enjoying all the fun in Drogheda Library for Teddy Bears Picnic

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

July Storytime & Arts & Crafts in Drogheda Library

- Art & Crafts for children with Eileen & Eilish Saturday 2nd July 10.30am

- Storytime in Drogheda Tuesday 5th & Friday 22nd July at 11.30am

July Storytime & Art & Crafts in Dundalk Library

- Storytelling 15th July at 11:30am
- Arts and Crafts 21st July at 3pm
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July Storytime in Ardee library

- Class visit with St Kevin's NS Friday 22nd July, children will be visiting the library for a tour, Storytime and to collect their library cards as part of their Literacy Summer Camp
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Mobile Music School Workshop

Through games, activities and performing, 'Let's Drum' will allow children to explore the percussion family, develop their understanding of rhythm, improve their rhythmical ability and perform as part of a drumming ensemble.

These sessions incorporate station learning and ensure that each child gets an opportunity to play a range of percussion instruments.

'Let's Drum' culminates in an end-of-workshop performance that combines the different rhythms and activities covered during the session together.

Booking essential via Timify – link will be live once event is circulated on social media.

<https://bit.ly/3y7JzZH>



Dogs Trust Workshop

This summer Dogs Trust is visiting libraries throughout the country after a long absence. The goal is to gather as many participants as possible to show off their doggie knowledge.

This workshop is suitable for 7-12yr olds.

No Booking required.

Best of Woof!

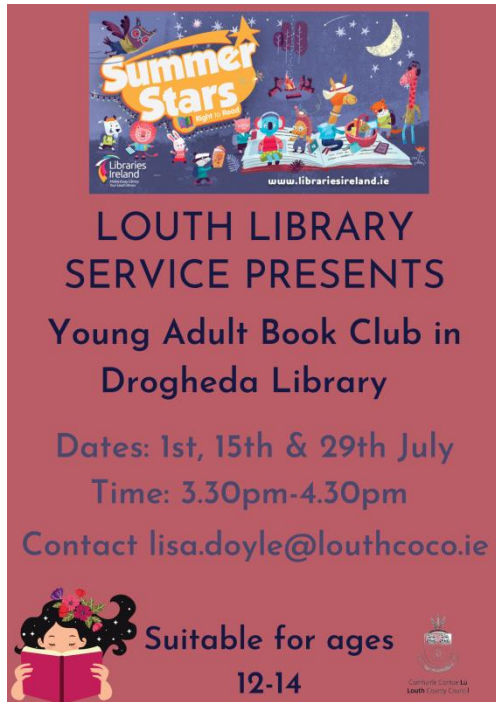
Book Wizards

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

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

Wednesday of each month in Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries.

Summer Stars YA Book Club



Libraries Ireland
www.librariesireland.ie

LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICE PRESENTS
Young Adult Book Club in Drogheda Library

Dates: 1st, 15th & 29th July
Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm
Contact lisa.doyle@louthcoco.ie

Suitable for ages 12-14

Comhairle Contae La Louth Library Council



Enjoying the Baby Book Club in Drogheda Library

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

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

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

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

Parent & Toddler Mornings



Enjoying the Toddler Morning in Dundalk Library

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

Baby Book Club

Explore the benefits of reading to your baby from an early age during Baby Book Club, first



Ciorcal Cómhrá
Irish Conversation

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó a chleachtadh?

Would you like to use or practice your Irish skills?

Beidh ciorcal cómhrá ar siúl ar an gcéad Máirt chuile mhí ag 4 i Leabharlann Dhún Dealgan.

The Irish conversation group meets at 4pm on the first Tuesday of every month in Dundalk Library.

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

Comhairle Contae La Louth Library Council

Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022



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

Funding of €50,176 has been approved towards the LCC Decade of Centenaries programme from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

This year's programme will include:

- A continuation of the Historian in Residence series of talks and lectures with Louth Library Service
- Creative writing workshops for primary and secondary schools with Louth Library Service
- Part 3 of the Remembrance Trilogy, community theatre with An Táin Arts Centre
- County Louth Artists Book Project with Creative Spark
- Outreach events for schools in conjunction with the Faraway Hills Exhibition in County Museum, Dundalk
- Continued conservation and digitization of a quantity of Rural District Council and Board of Guardian minute books that support the 1921-1923 period

Decade of Centenaries History Lecture Series



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

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

Drogheda Library Presents, Storytelling for Children with Donal Mullen Tuesday 12th July at 12pm.

All are welcome.

This is a collaboration with Millmount Museum and is part of the Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries 2022.



Other Events

Pride 2022



Having fun at Pride celebrations Drogheda Library

As part of our Pride celebrations Drogheda Library hosted a cuppa and a chat along with some LGBTQ+ book recommendations for all ages on Tuesday 14th June.

22 library borrowers attended across a mix of age ranges and genders, it was also a great opportunity to network with committee members of Outcomers Drogheda and Peter Nugent, the organiser of Drogheda Pride.

Attendees were also very impressed with the range of books available for different age groups, and appreciated the opportunity to meet some other people in the LGBTQ+ community.

The next event will take place on Saturday August 6th 10am-11am in Drogheda Library.



Coffee & Chat for Dundalk Pride

Tuesday, July 12 from 3pm – 5pm

As part of the Dundalk Pride celebrations, drop in to Dundalk Library for refreshments, a chat and some LGBTQ+ book recommendations for all ages.

All are welcome – no booking required.

Your Ability
LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICE
Work Matters
Masterclass with Angela Cox from YourAbility
DROGHEDA LIBRARY
12TH JULY 6PM
DUNDALK LIBRARY
13TH JULY 11:30AM
Work Matters at the Library
1-hour Workshop "Take your next step with Competence and achieve results in 3 easy steps!" Helps people increase their Employability and create their own opportunities. It also covers aspects of Self-Belief, confidence, and a step-by-step guide on how to get you from powerless to powerful, making your gifts and talents shine through and improve your outlook and interview scores"
No booking required.

"Take your next step with competence and achieve results in 3 easy steps!"

Angela Cox will deliver workshops in Drogheda Library on July 12th @6pm & Dundalk Library on July July 13 at 11:30am

These workshops aim to help people increase their employability and create their own opportunities. Angela will also cover aspects of Self-Belief, confidence, and a step-by-step guide on how to get you from powerless to powerful, making your gifts and talents shine through.

All are welcome – no booking required.



Age Action Computer Classes

A new five week course with Age Action began on Friday 03rd June in Drogheda library and will continue until Friday 01st July. The course offers free one-to-one tuition for people over the age of 55 who have little or no computer experience.

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



Some of the entries on display in Dunleer Library

A Loving Relationship with Self – Part 3

Thursday, July 7 at 6:30pm

In the third edition of 'A Loving Relationship with Self', Helen Corbett will discuss the topics of Separateness and Boundaries.

Booking required via Timify <https://bit.ly/3y7JzZH>

Primary Schools Service

The Schools Van has completed visits to primary schools across Louth and collected all stock that was on loan. Staff are now working on identifying any gaps in stock and looking forward to resuming the very popular Schools Library Service in September.



In Dunleer Library an exhibition is on display featuring the artwork and poetry of the children of Scoil Bhríde, Dunleer. The Genesis Programme, through the Mid/Rural Louth ACT, ran a school-based competition earlier this year on the theme of 'friendship' and all are welcome to come visit.



Louth County Childcare Committee will be holding a drop-in clinic in Drogheda Library starting Thursday the 7th of July 10am to 11.30am for 6 weeks. The Drop In Clinic is to provide advice on Childcare, the National Childcare Scheme and Aim supports for parents or guardians.

Secondary Schools Programme

Right Child Right Book Right Time

This is our Dormant Account Funded project to engage with those students least likely to access the library service, by bringing a focused, tailored book clinic directly to them.

Library staff will make their final visit of the year to meet with the First Year students in St. Oliver's Community College. Staff will review the books they read throughout the course of the book clinics,

evaluate the project and discuss with the students how to proceed for the next academic year.

Other News

eServices Demonstrations will begin in July and follow on every month. If you need any help with the range of eServices Louth Library Service provides, like Borrow Box, Libby, LOTE, Transparent Languages or Universal Class pop into Drogheda, Dundalk, Ardee at the times below.

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

Louth Library Service Presents
eServices Demonstrations
Learn how to use our full suite of
eServices with help from staff

Drogheda Library
Last Thursday of the month
Beginning Thursday 28th of July
Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Dundalk & Ardee Library
Last Friday of the month
Beginning Friday 29th of July
Time: 10:30am - 11:30am



Mosney eServices roadshow

Louth Library Service visited Mosney along with staff from Meath Libraries for an eServices roadshow on the 17th of June.

Louth Library Service is collaborating with Meath Library Service on a joint literacy initiative aimed at those living in Mosney, as one of the actions under the Drogheda Implementation Plan.

Library staff had information stands with displays and leaflets in the foodhall, where residents could sign up to become library members.

Staff provided information and demonstrations on the variety of online services available.

Louth and Meath Library Services are supporting the set up of a library in the community room in Mosney and both have committed a portion of their book budget to resourcing the new library.

Louth Library Service also provided Summer Star packs highlighting the national reading programme for children during the summer tying in with the Right to Read Programme.



Carmel Brecknell, Leona Burgess, Mark McLoughlin, Ray Gainford

Sensory Library Service

Magic Table

Available in Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries this facility is ideal for those with sensory difficulties, for Autistic people or people on the Autism Spectrum, and for people with Dementia.

Family/Group bookings to use the Magic Table can be made by emailing libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie or contacting your local branch.

Quiet Time Dundalk & Drogheda libraries every Monday 6pm-7pm

Ardee library every Saturday 10am-11am



Dundalk, Drogheda, and Ardee Libraries, are providing a peaceful hour for those who may ordinarily find the library to be an overwhelming environment.

Phones will be turned down, lights dimmed, and sensory equipment and toys will be laid out. For more information, contact your local branch library.



Sensory area with dimmed lights

LOUTH COUNTY ARCHIVES



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

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

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

Historic Structures Fund 2022

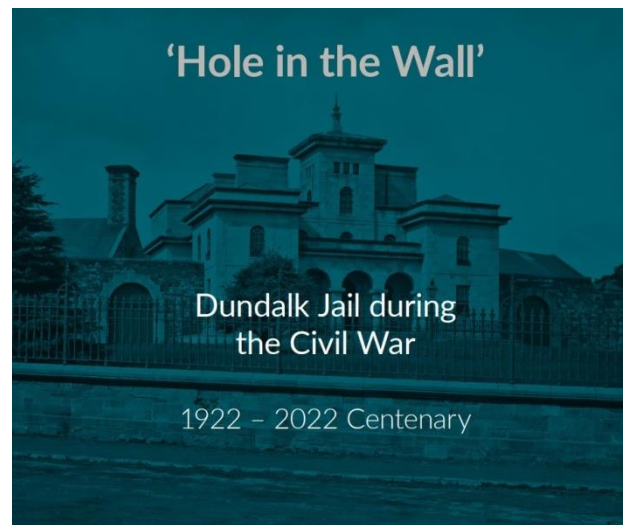
The Co Archives has been successful in receiving a provisional grant offer from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage via the Conservation Section for conservation repair works to the interior of the south gable wall of the Co Archives building. Exterior repair works to address damp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

LGMA Library Unit Digitisation Project

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

Decade of Centenaries

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



"Hole in the Wall" Centenary Booklet

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

Donating Archives

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

Research Enquiries

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

Climate Action

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

ARTS SERVICE

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Saturday 11th June and was a great success with workshops happening across the county. We had over 300 children take part in the range of events this year and had coverage across several newspapers. The audience

and participant feedback was fantastic. A particular highlight was our Music Generation Kids and Youth Bands taking to the stage in Market Square in Dundalk.



Harp Ensemble take to the stage at Market Square as part of our live music event for Cruinniú na nÓg

Clann Naofa Boxing Club had a private screening in An Táin Arts Centre on 8th June of their new documentary 'Nowhere to Hide'. The documentary by filmmaker Laurence McKeown was funded through the Creative Ireland Community Grants this year and highlights the importance of the club in the community through the words of some of the members.



17 year old Dearbhla Tinnelly, one of the featured participants in 'Nowhere to Hide' is pictured here training. She won the European Youth Championships during the filming of the documentary.

The documentary will make its world premiere in Belfast on 2nd July when it's screened at the Docs Ireland Festival, a sister festival of the Belfast International Film Festival, which focuses specifically on documentaries.

SEEK Festival

The SEEK Festival is back for 2022 with 5 new murals being delivered in Dundalk. There are a huge range of activities again throughout the festival for all to enjoy including craft fairs, art workshops at Market Square, walking tours and a specially run summer school for 16+ students interested in a career in art. The festival starts on Saturday 2nd July and details of all events can be found [HERE](#) This festival is supported by the Creative Ireland Louth funding.

Local Live Performance Scheme Phase III

June marked the final month for events under Phase III of the Local Live Performance Scheme. Throughout this phase we have had events in Carlingford, Dundalk, Ardee, Termonfeckin and Drogheda. Events ranged from live music to street performers and even a Circus at the Square!

The Department of Culture, Tourism, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media have just notified us that we are to receive further funding under Phase IV for events between July and October 2022. A call out will go out in early July for promoters, venues and groups to submit applications to the arts office for funding under the new scheme. This call out will be issued to all local papers and will be on the CreateLouth website under our news and opportunities page [HERE](#)

An Táin Arts Centre

Louth Culture Quest is fully launched and all 4 zones are now available. This app-based, county-wide, futuristic arts and culture treasure hunt will take you across Louth to view newly commissioned pieces of art on display around some of our fantastic cultural and heritage sites. The app is €5 and there are 20 sites in all to visit. What better way to spend your summer evenings and weekends than exploring all that Louth has to offer? Details can be found [here](#)

There are 2 summer schools happening throughout the month with Camp Matilda and Showman Camp. Details of all events can be found at www.aintain.ie

The Basement Gallery

Is currently hosting the exhibition “Three Views of a Border” which you can visit until 23rd July. The exhibition brings together work by Anna Marie Savage, Ciaran Dunbar and Greag Mac a tSaoir who all grew up in the border towns of Newry and Dundalk in the 70’s and 80’s. Issues of identity and displacement feature in the works from both a personal and political perspective.

Droichead Arts Centre

SJ McArdles show ‘Port’ and the accompanying album ‘Old Ghosts in the Water’ launched in Dublin on 1st July. Port is a newly written song cycle produced by **Droichead Arts Centre** and was born of a year-long research and writing project around the history and stories of Drogheda’s ancient Port, conducted during SJ’s tenure as Artist in Association at Droichead Arts Centre in 2019. The album ‘Old Ghosts in the Water’ features songs from the Port song cycle. The Port song cycle was supported by Louth County Council Arts Office, CreateLouth.

Summer Arts Camp

Creative practitioner Kelly Kierans will run an exciting summer camp using mixed media and drama and is open to children aged 8-11yrs. Details can be found [Here](#)

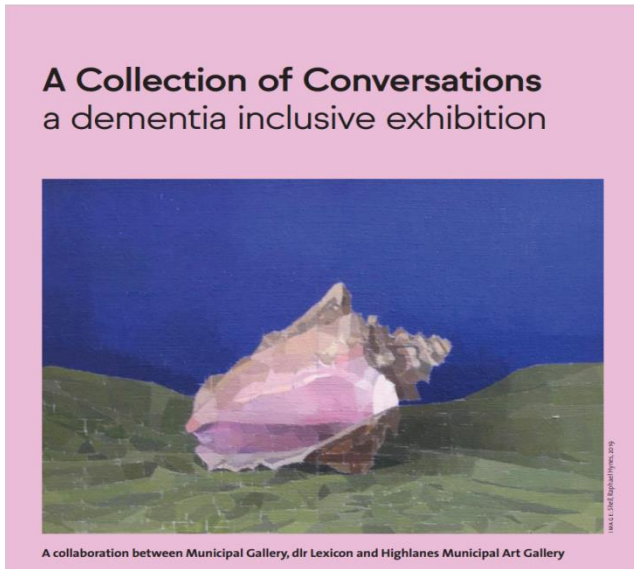
Droichead Youth Theatre

Will host a Murder Mystery Summer Camp! From deathly dinner parties to eccentric suspects make and devise your own murder mystery and solve the clues of the case before it's too late! Murder Mystery Summer Camp welcomes everyone between 13 and 17, and runs from **July 18th – 22nd, 10.30am to 3.30pm daily in Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell Street**, with a showcase performance at 6pm on the Friday evening. Details can be found [here](#)

Highlanes Gallery

A Collection of Conversations – From mid-June Highlanes Gallery in collaboration with Municipal Gallery, DLR Lexicon, will host this fantastic dementia inclusive exhibition. The artworks are

specially selected by artist Claire Halpin, Julie Merriman and Orla Goodwin for visitors living with Alzheimer's and dementia.



A series of free dementia inclusive events and tours will take place throughout the exhibition run, inviting those living with Alzheimer's and dementia and their carers/families to the galleries for visual, musical, olfactory and movement-based sensory experiences. Details of the exhibition can be found [HERE](#)

Other Funding opportunities:

Current funding opportunities available nationally are:

Arts Council Funding

A range of awards are open for application on the Arts Council portal ranging from Arts Participation Award, Dance Project Award, Film Project Award and much more. Closing date for many of the applications is 28th July 2022 and details of all schemes can be found [here](#)

County Museum

The Museum continues to be open; school groups continue to visit the Museum. The Museum is currently refreshing its display items on the First Floor Gallery. Items to be changed relate mainly to the 20th Century display. It is currently in the process of selecting and preparing the new items for

exposition. Among those selected will be a recently acquired Coach horn (see below).

MSPI News



The Interim and Full MSPI certificates previously awarded to the Museum

In previous reports reference was made to the Museum's participation in the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland – the sectoral equivalent of the ISO 9000 which sets the professional standard for museums and galleries in Ireland. The Museum has been a longtime participant in this programme and having achieved both interim and full accreditation had applied for 'maintenance' of its standards. Following the subsequent assessment of the application and 'virtual visit' the Museum was deemed to have met all of the requirements to successfully achieve the maintenance standard. The Museum will be presented with its Maintenance certificate at a ceremony in Kilkenny next month.

Recent acquisitions





Coach horn and case prior to cleaning

The Museum recently received a donation of a coach horn. As a coach approached a staging area the horn was blown to alert those present of its imminent arrival. This particular donation is unique as it is accompanied by its leather case which would originally have had a strap but unfortunately this has been lost over time.



Coach horn and case after cleaning

Climate Action

As a member of the Quality of Life team the Museum continues to support corporate Climate Action Goals.'

Heritage Office

News was received that four of our biodiversity funding applications to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage were successful. These are for:

The Louth Nature Trust's Little Tern Wardening Project at Baltray	€27,450
A survey of nesting swifts in County Louth	€13,090
Assessment and conservation planning of sand dunes	€2,550
Louth Barn Owl Trust for a survey of Barn Owls	€2,022

The Friends of Ardee Bog received a grant of €16,100 from the Department's Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme for an ecological survey of part of Corstown Bog.

Three of our five applications to the Community Monuments Fund (also DHLGH) were also successful. These were for:

Conservation works at Glaspistol towerhouse	€100,000
Conservation assessment of Drogheda's town walls	€20,000
Conservation assessment of Cill Mhuire church (Cooley)	€11,070

Heritage Plan funding of €15,000 has been obtained from the Heritage Council. The Heritage Council has also offered the following grants from its Community Heritage Fund:

Cooley Connect, for a survey of monuments in the Cooley mountains	€10,000
Louth Nature Trust, to develop a new website	€3,758

The Heritage Stewardship Fund also provided €15,000 for the repair of the gate piers at Townley Hall AND €3,091 to the County Museum, Dundalk.

The Historic Towns Initiative also awarded us €20,000 for the development of a Heritage-led Regeneration Plan for the western end of Fair Street, Drogheda.