



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

June 2025

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 30ú Meitheamh 2025

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30th June 2025

A Chara,

I am including the above-named report for your statutory consideration, which will be placed on the July Monthly Agenda of Louth County Council. This report has also been prepared under Sections 136 & 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001, advising you of the performance of executive functions in the past month and planned works. Below are some of the key highlights from June's activities.

1. Financial Reports

- **Expenditure:** Total expenditure to June 30, 2025, was €79 million (43% of the annual budget). Housing accounted for the largest share (€33.8 million, 46% of its budget).
- **Income:** Total income to June 30, 2025, was €83.7 million (46% of the annual budget). Rates collection exceeded expectations at 106%.
- **Debtors:** Closing balance of debtors was €57.8 million, with government debtors accounting for €21.6 million.

2. Economic Delivery

- **Tourism:** Over 100 submissions were received for the County Louth Tourism Strategy. Events like the Lú Festival of Light and Drogheda Sail Training Bursary were highlighted.
- **Business Support:** 44 business advice clinics and 31 mentorship appointments were provided in June. Training courses included HR, Canva, and video editing.
- **Night-Time Economy:** Initiatives like Drogheda Purple Flag Charter and grassroots music venue funding were implemented to enhance nightlife safety and vibrancy.

3. Operations & Environment

- **Waste Management:** 14 waste complaints were investigated, and €34,946 was spent on diesel laundering waste cleanup.
- **Climate Action:** Projects included biodiversity funding (€114k), energy efficiency upgrades, and participation in EU climate adaptation workshops.
- **Roads & Maintenance:** Extensive Road repairs, drainage works, and illegal dumping cleanups were carried out across the county.

4. Housing & Culture

- **Homelessness:** 247 individuals presented as homeless in June, with 47 placed in emergency accommodation.
- **Housing Allocations:** 45 properties were re-let, and 6 transfers were completed. The housing list stands at 5,031 applicants.
- **Capital Housing Delivery:** Projects like Muirhevnamór (Dundalk) and Quarry Court (Ardee) delivered new social and affordable housing units.
- **Cultural Services:** Libraries launched the Summer Stars reading program, hosted Cruinniú na nÓg events, and received book donations from President Michael D. Higgins.

5. Major Capital Projects

- **Urban Regeneration:** Westgate Vision (Drogheda) and St. Nicholas Quarter (Dundalk) are progressing.
- **Flood Relief:** Dundalk, Drogheda, and Baltray flood relief projects are in development stages.
- **Greenways:** Construction of sections of the Carlingford Lough Greenway is nearing completion.

Active Travel, €6.3 million allocated for 28 projects promoting walking and cycling infrastructure.

- **Key Projects:** Dundalk Inner Relief Road and Rathmullan Road (Drogheda) are advancing, with several projects in design or construction phases.

6. Community & Social Initiatives

- **Age-Friendly Programs:** Workshops and advocacy training sessions were conducted to promote positive ageing.
- **Ukraine Response:** 38 properties are currently occupied under the Offer A Home program.
- **Sports:** Events like gymnastics, bowls, and community games were hosted at local sports facilities.

7. Corporate Services

- **Customer Queries:** 15,429 queries were handled in June, with 62% resolved at the first point of contact.
- **Electoral Register:** Data cleansing is ongoing, with 2,903 duplicate entries identified.

8. Sustainability

- **Energy Efficiency:** County Hall reduced energy consumption by 33% since 2016, and solar panels contributed 13.41% of electricity usage at Dundalk Town Hall.

These highlights provide an overview of the key activities and achievements in Louth County Council for June 2025. I would like to especially thank all the executive and staff of LCC for their work and commitment, which is outlined in more detail in the attached report.

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David Conway
Chief Executive

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An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

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

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

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director



Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports

Caiteachas go dtí 30^ú Meitheamh 2025 / Expenditure to 30th June 2025

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/06/2025 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/06/2025	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Expenditure 2025	% Caite go 30/06/2025 / % Spent to 30/06/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€33,878,028	€73,683,142	46%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€12,082,029	€28,591,697	42%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€3,093,783	€7,538,273	41%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€8,606,077	€25,940,360	33%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€10,738,448	€24,948,899	43%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€5,028,004	€12,548,436	40%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€447,107	€1,431,271	31%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€5,195,866	€9,312,306	56%
	€79,069,342	€183,994,384	43%

Ioncam go dtí 30^ú Meitheamh 2025 / Income to 30th of June 2025

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/06/2025 / Actual Income to 30/06/2025	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Income 2025	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/06/2025 / % Invoiced to 30/06/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€29,804,101	€73,685,224	40%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€3,022,578	€16,613,589	18%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€1,979,462	€6,557,586	30%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€4,167,801	€15,522,127	27%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€1,121,751	€4,474,236	25%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€875,151	€1,947,561	45%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€165,374	€469,209	35%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€1,232,441	€17,760,538	7%
Rátaí / Rates	€37,611,935	€35,598,115	106%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€3,788,733	€11,366,198	33%
	€83,769,327	€183,994,383	46%

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The above is the current position as of the 30th of June 2025. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2025 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 30th of June 2025 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30^ú Meitheamh 2025 / Debtors as of 30th of June 2025

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Discríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€26,232,975	€71,405,862	(€75,979,146)	(€Nil)	€21,659,691
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€106,006	€618,985	(€642,525)	(€Nil)	€82,466
Rataí / Rates	€5,466,111	€37,611,935	(€23,380,233)	(€1,001,803)	€18,696,010
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,098,524	€9,017,874	(€8,424,532)	€1,156	€3,693,022
Iasachtal / Loans	€300,764	€1,118,969	(€1,162,049)	(€Nil)	€257,684
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€10,912,245	€2,264,991	(€3,817,474)	(€582,228)	€8,777,534
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€851,125	€384,284	(€325,616)	(€10,129)	€899,664
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,746,807	€5,411,757	(€4,365,037)	(€5,045)	€3,788,482
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€49,714,557	€127,834,657	(€118,096,612)	(€1,598,049)	€57,854,553

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of June 2025. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

Budget 2026 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

As this year is a Revaluation year for LPT the decision regarding whether or not to change the base rate by +/- 15% has to be decided and notified to the Revenue by end of August 2025. The minister has a bill before the Dail which they hope will be dealt with before the summer recess. As the council do not meet in August the report will have to go to council in July.

Therefore, we issued the advertisement of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation in June to allow for the full four-week public consultation period. The deadline for submissions from the public was Friday 27th of June 2025.

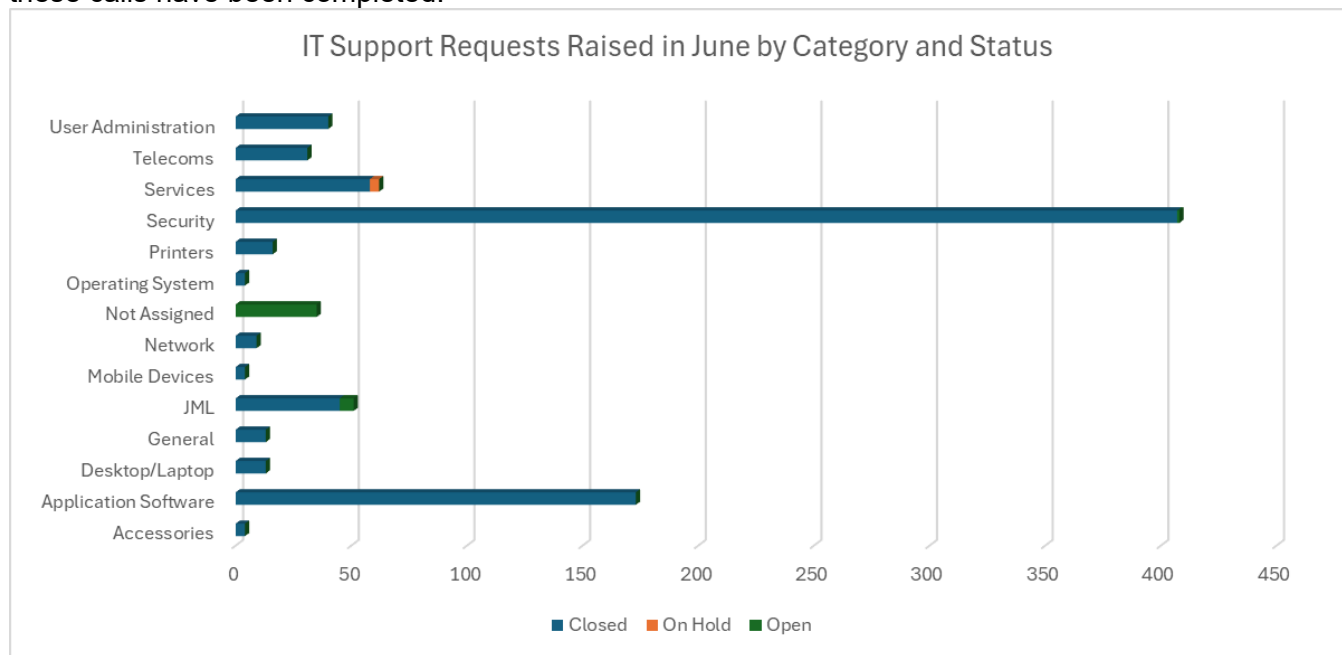
The report will go to you, the members, at the July meeting where you can decide whether to vary the basic rate of LPT by up to +/-15%. If the rate is varied upwards 100% of the additional income will be available for the authority's own use. Similarly, if the rate is varied downwards the loss of income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

If the members do decide on an increase / (decrease) on the LPT basic rate they can also decide on the number of years this change is to apply to.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/06/2025 and the 30/06/2025 there were 863 support calls logged in the IT support system. 95% of these calls have been completed.



Security and Application Software were the highest category of support requests in June.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. From 01/06/2025 – 30/06/2025 35% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Emails 166,216	Blocked Sender 4,566
Processed on Gateway 166,216	Processed on Protect 0
Blocked at gateway 24,768	Blocked by spam /virus 27,903
Blocked by content rules 345	Potentially harmful emails 34.65%
Emails Deleted by Protect 0	

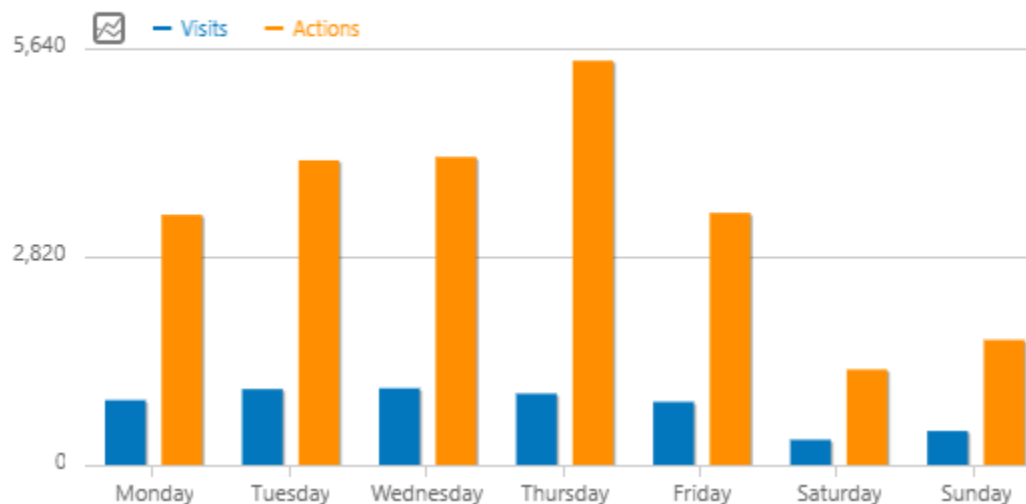
Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There were 18,461 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 30th June 2025. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in June.

PAGE URL	PAGEVIEWS
/en/	3,751
/en/services/planning/online-planning-and-maps/	855
/en/services/planning/	646
/en/home/	582
/en/services/	524
/en/services/dog-pound/	509
/en/services/library/	419
/en/services/planning/online-planning-and-maps/e-planning.html	373
/en/services/housing/	308
/en/contact/louth-county-council/	280
/en/services/housing/affordable-purchase-scheme/	279
/en/publications/development-plans/	278

The chart below presents the visits and actions per day of the week on www.louthcoco.ie during the month of June.

Visits by day of the week



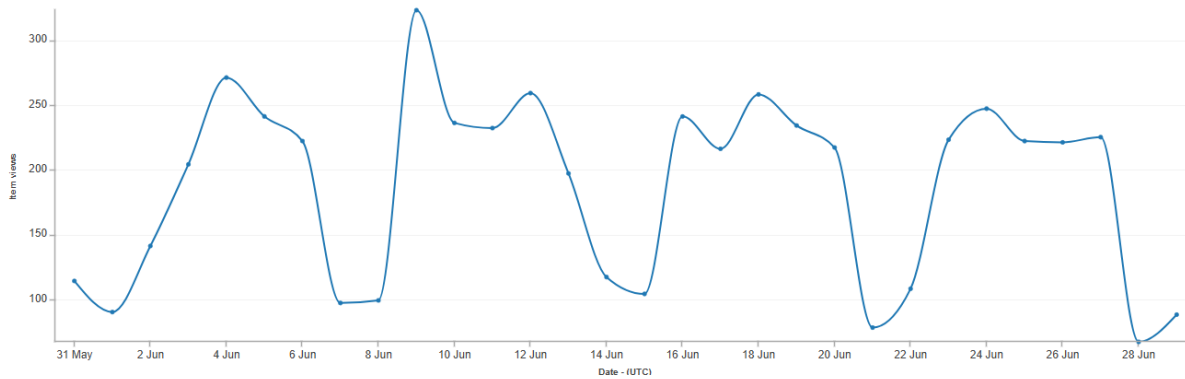
ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provide an online Planning Register Map Viewer which can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County Council website. This application is updated regularly to include all planning applications. There were 5,622 views between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025, an average of 200 views a day in June.

Item views
5,622

Average item views per day
193.86

Usage time series between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025



An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

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

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

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

A meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC took place on Tuesday 17th June in Ardee. At the meeting the proposal to recommend a waiver scheme was endorsed by the SPC, the proposal will now be brought to the Members' Budget Meeting for consideration.

Louth Economic Forum

A meeting of the Louth Economic Forum took place on 30th June in County Hall, Dundalk. A discussion took place on Louth's key opportunities and challenges, how Louth could be positioned for investment, economic development and job creation.

The Mill Enterprise Hub

The AGM of The Mill Enterprise Hub, Drogheda, took place on 11th June. It was agreed at the meeting that Stephen Rice and Shona McManus will remain as co-chairs for the incoming term.

Drogheda Sail Training Bursary



Drogheda Sail Training Bursary Presentation Ceremony

The Council were delighted to again be a main sponsor for the Drogheda Sail Training Bursary which celebrated its 12th year in 2025. 26 young people took part in 2025: 2 x 12 trainee voyages and 2 trainees (who previously sailed on this scheme)

went on progression voyages. All trainees were between 14 and 17 years of age and came from schools and youth groups all over Louth and Meath. The two sailings were on-board the Irish Sail Training Vessel, 'Maybe'. The ship returned to Drogheda on 13th June where a presentation ceremony took place and all trainees received a certificate of achievement.

Regional Enterprise Plan (REP)

The Steering Committee of the North-East REP met in Cavan on 20th June and provided updates to the Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Niamh Smyth, TD.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC)

The Political Advisory Group of DBEC, made up of elected members from the 8 partner local authorities, had its quarterly meeting in Newry on 26th June. The meeting focused on the offshore renewable sector. The next meeting will take place on 25th September in the Dublin City Council region.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2025

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is open to applications, from non-domestic commercial properties in County Louth, with a scheme closing date of Friday, 26th September 2025.

Seventeen applications have been received year-to-date.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth



If anyone wishes to submit an event or attraction to be listed on the Visit Louth website, they can do so via this [link](#). In particular, the [what's on](#) section aims to inform and attract tourists to the county.

County Louth Tourism Strategy

Online consultation for the tourism strategy began on 1st June and ran until 30th June. There have been over 100 submissions to the survey.

Press Articles

Visit Louth / sea louth were featured in 3 different publications this month, a detailed travel article by Pól Ó Conghaile for the Irish Independent that focused on Dundalk and its culture, an article in the Dundalk Democrat that promoted the sea louth scenic seafood trail and a small column in the Irish Daily Mail that also promoted the trail.

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Follow the Flavour: Explore County Louth's Scenic Seafood Trail with Sea Louth

The Sea Louth Scenic Seafood Trail is a 70km coastal journey through County Louth, celebrating fresh local seafood, rich maritime heritage, and jaw-dropping views.



Figure 1 Dundalk Democrat



Following Louth's flavours

The Sea Louth Scenic Seafood Trail – a 70km coastal journey through Co Louth – celebrates the area's fresh local seafood and maritime heritage.

From Carlingford to Clogherhead, Sea Louth weaves through coastal villages and towns, feeding the soul and appetite.

To begin the trail, pick up a passport from local tourist offices and collect stamps at 14 viewpoints along the way.

Participating restaurants include PJ O'Hare's Oyster Bar and Ghan House in Carlingford, Square Restaurant, Dundalk and the Glyde Inn in Annagassan.

To find out more, visit sealouth.ie.

Figure 2 Irish Daily Mail



Figure 3 The Irish Independent



Figure 4 The Irish Independent

Lú Festival of Light



Lú Festival of Light Launch Event

The launch of Lú Festival of Light took place on Thursday 12th June. This year the festival is being delivered by Love Drogheda Business Improvement District (BID), produced by Visual Spectrum, and funded by Louth County Council, Love Drogheda BID, Drogheda Councillors and supported by Fáilte Ireland.

The 2025 Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) Summer School took place in Bradford, England on the 18th June and featured Lú Festival of Light as the keynote panel. A presentation was given by Love Drogheda BID and was followed by a discussion panel with representatives from Visual Spectrum and the Council. Topics covered included project management and the creative process of presenting a major event.



Trevor Connolly, Love Drogheda BID, Ryan Vail, Visual Spectrum & Susan L Murphy, Louth County Council

Festivals Supported 2025

All information on festivals and events happening across the county are available at: <https://www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/>.

Re-imagined Táin Trail

An implementation plan for the Re-imagined Táin Trail is currently being prepared. A service level agreement between each of the local authorities will then be agreed and put in place, which will then lead to the commencement of the recruitment process for the Táin Trail Officer.

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley

Samhain Festival of Food and Culture (the flagship festival for The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley) was announced as one of the four major festivals in Meath and Louth contributing to the region's Home of Halloween campaign supported by Fáilte Ireland for the next three years.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Zoma has been appointed to undertake the development of the new Boyne Valley Flavours website. Work on the new website is ongoing.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Drogheda Purple Flag Charter

On 30th May, 22 venues, event organisers and night-time operators signed the Drogheda Purple Flag Charter. Signatories will be supported by the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda and the Purple Flag Working Group through access to resources, good practice, and free training. By signing the charter, organisations have committed to a safer, more inclusive, accessible and vibrant Drogheda at night. The Charter is built on five core principles: Vigilance, Safe Spaces, Pride in Place, Communication, and Stronger Together. Further signatories will be added over time, supporting Drogheda's growing reputation as a safe, vibrant, and well-managed night-time economy community.



Drogheda Purple Flag Charter Launch

All Right All Night – Active Bystander Training

Training programme for 16 - 24 year olds to foster a respectful night-time culture, free from misogyny, prejudice, bullying and sexual harassment. Funded by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and coordinated by the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda. Delivered by the All Right All Night initiative, a Train the Trainer session was held on 23rd June at Drogheda United's Sullivan and Lambe ground – 18 participants attended the three-hour session, the first of its kind in the region. Training was offered regionally to maximise participation, create networking opportunities, enhance Drogheda's reputation as a hub of good practice and increase footfall to the town. A follow-up youth workshop was held on 24th June, also at Drogheda United.



All Right All Night Training Workshop

Grassroots Music Venue Fund

Department of Culture, Communications and Sport's national initiative supporting venues whose core mission includes fostering new and emerging talent. Three Louth venues – McHugh's (Drogheda), Spirit Store and Mo Chara (both Dundalk) – were successful. No other North East counties secured funding. For context, 8 venues were funded in Dublin out of 33 nationally. Venues can apply for up to €15,000 to support grassroots music programming.

McHughs launched their programme on 13th June with a *ThirtyThree-45* curated event, supported and funded by the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda, as part of an aligned project to attract visitors to Drogheda's DIY art and music scene. The event attracted 64 attendees: 28 locals, 29 from Dublin and 7 from further afield (as far as Cork), building on Drogheda's growing DIY arts and music scene.

Culture Night Late

Drogheda has been selected as one of only eight flagship destinations for Culture Night Late on 19th September by the Arts Council. Led by Droichead Arts Centre with support from the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda. Programme awarded €16.5k from the Arts Council, with a further €5.5k from the Night-Time Economy Adviser. Last year's Culture Night Late led to a 30% increase in footfall across Drogheda's evening and night-time economy compared to the previous week. This year's programme will further activate cafés, mural trails and public realm experiences, highlighting Drogheda's commitment to bringing art into the community – key reasons for this year's successful application.

Night Moves - Stowaway Sessions

Funded by the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda, Droichead Art Centre's late night programming initiative Night Moves continues on 7th and 8th June with live music from SJ McArdle and The Cacks at Drogheda Port. The Port Company and Droichead Arts Centre partnered with the Night-Time Economy Adviser to activate a port warehouse with the viaduct as backdrop. The Port remains an active working space, currently limiting events to 2–3 days per year. Nonetheless, this proof-of-concept is seen as a step towards developing the space as a seasonal venue in future years.



Stowaway Sessions

Crinniú na nÓg Late

A Creative Ireland youth initiative, Crinniú na nÓg Late offers new artistic experiences for young people in the evening. This is an additional enhancement to the annual daytime offerings across the county and nationwide. On 7th June, Droichead Youth Theatre re-created iconic album covers in a disused unit at Drogheda Town Shopping Centre, with support from Louth County Council Arts Office and the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda. Held between 8.00–9.00pm, the event received strong support from centre management and staff, highlighting Drogheda's creative and musical reputation in a playful, public-facing way.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

IDA Ireland

The Head of Enterprise and Director met with IDA Ireland's new staff induction group on 10th June to provide an overview of investing in Louth and how the Council can support IDA and new FDI.

Business Advice Clinics

Forty-four business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to

entrepreneurs throughout the county during June together with four Financial Business Advice Clinics.

Business Training



The Schedule for training for 2025 is available to view and book online:

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

Four training courses were held in June with fifty-four clients, HR for Non-HR, Carlingford Lunch & Learn, Advanced Canva for Small Business and Video Editing for Small Business.

LEO Louth Mentor Programme



Mentors were appointed to thirty-one businesses in June to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

Carlingford Lunch & Learn: Wednesday 4th June 2025

LEO Louth held a Lunch & Learn session in Carlingford Library on Wednesday, 4th June, to inform the local businesses on supports and services available to them.



Carlingford Lunch & Learn

Women in Business NI – Wednesday 11th June 2025 – Carrickdale Hotel

The Women in Business All-Island Female Entrepreneurs Conference 2025, took place on Wednesday 11th June at the Carrickdale Hotel. LEO Louth was pleased to sponsor this event which brought over three hundred women-led business owners from across the island for a full day of inspiration, empowerment, and connection. LEO Louth attended the event and keynote speakers included Sara Davies, an award-winning entrepreneur and much-loved TV personality, Alyson Hogg Founder and CEO of Vita Liberata & Simple Purpose Ltd. who gave a unique insight into the ups and downs of developing a business. This year's theme 'You've Got This' focused on the skills and support required to grow a thriving business.



Fionnuala Rogers, Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub Programme Manager, Nikki Campbell, Head of Enterprise & Leah Harrison, LEO Louth

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of May 2025 are given below in tabular form. There were 98 planning applications received during the month of May of which 81 were valid. In addition, there were 48 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 21 Pre-Planning Requests received.

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

(A) <i>Cur Síos / Description</i>	(B) <i>Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developme nts</i>	(C) <i>Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses</i>	(D) <i>Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-not requiring EIA</i>	(E) <i>Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications - requiring EIA</i>	(F) <i>Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area</i>
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	9	12	56	1	78
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	9	6	19	0	34
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	11.11% (1)	16.67% (2)	12.50% (7)	0.00% (0)	12.82% (10)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	1	4	1	0	6
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0.00% (0)	25.00% (1)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	16.66% (1)

Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraithe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

<i>Cur Síos / Description</i>	<i>Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development</i>		<i>Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development</i>	
	<i>Bealtaine 2025 / May 2025</i>	<i>Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date</i>	<i>Bealtaine 2024 / May 2024</i>	<i>Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date</i>
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	25	123	16	115
Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise / Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which did not require follow up	0	0	0	0
Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht / Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation	43	118	30	111
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	30	117	27	114
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	1	5	1	5
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	4	4	1	2
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Déanmhais Chontúirteacha

The Planning Indicators listed below are in relation to Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period April to June 2025.

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

<i>Description / Cur Síos</i>	<i>Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures/ Forfheidhmiú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha</i>	
	<i>April to June 2025</i> <i>Aibreán go Meitheamh 2025</i>	<i>Year to</i> <i>Date / Bliain go dtí seo</i>
Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh	9	25
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	12	24
Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 – Áit Chontúirteach	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register	11	23
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	5	7
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register	7	9
Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh	7	10

Stiúrthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

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

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

David Hanratty

Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Operations & Environment Delivery
Progress Report for June 2025

Oibríochtaí / Operations

Ceantar Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Ceantar Dhún Dealgan agus Cuailgne / Dundalk and Cooley Area

Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking:

Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí / Location and metres per month /

River Walk to Tain Bridge

Inner Relief Rd to Racecourse Rd

Old Newry Rd, Lennon & Melia, Riverside

Crescent, Fairgreen Rd

By Pass at St Helena's, Quay St, Point Rd

Old Coes Rd.

Barrack St.

Centenary Rd

Ramparts

York St.

Patrick St.

John St.

Phillip St.

Castletown Rd

Castleross

Seatown Place

St. Brigid's Terrace

Castle Rd

Fairgreen Rd

Avenue Rd

Tom Bellew Avenue

Mary St. South

Williamsons Place

Mooreland Rd

Litter Pick - Mary St. North

Cooley Area

Carlingford/Omeath/Gyles Quay/ Templetown.

Litter pick for these areas.

Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins

Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency

Carried out by contractor Declan McArdle

Cooley

Emptying of bins in Carlingford, Omeath, Greenore,

Templetown car park, Gyles quay area.80 Bins weekly

Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping **Bealaí gach tseachtain / Routes per week**

All Locations on Declan McArdles Route
 Loose chippings Waterville Crescent
 Booked in to sweep Ardee Rd for event at St. Oliver Plunkett's Shrine
 Broken Glass on Quay Street
 Clean up after RTA on R172 by Operations Crew
 St. Patrick's Cemetery – ditches cut – Tractor and Flail.
Cooley

None.

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

AS PER BIN MANAGEMENT

Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála / Ring Buoy Checking **Líon Seiceáilte gach tseachtain / Number checked weekly**

Locations: Toberona x 4
 Maxwells Row x 2
 Newry Rd Bridge x 2
 Fairgreen Row x 1
 St. Helenas Park x 4
 Tain Bridge x 2
 Navy Bank x 5
 Riverside Walk x 2
 Ice House Hill x 3
 Ramparts River/Road x 2

	Suíomh / Location	Nótaí / Notes
Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs	<u>Cooley</u> ONGOING PATCHING OF LOCAL ROADS ALSO ISOLATED POTHOLE WITHIN THE AREA.R173. ONGOING PROGRAMME FOR SURFACE DRESSING AS PER THE ROAD WORKS PORGRAMME FOR 2025. <u>Dundalk</u> Coes Rd East	Potholes filled
Feabhasúchán Draenála / Drainage Remediation	<u>Cooley</u> GUILLIE, CULVERTS <u>Dundalk</u> The Demense	

	<p>5 West Terrace, Parnell Park Island Church / Long Walk</p> <p>Grange Drive Ashbrook Drive Chestnut Grove Elm Grove Pearse Park – Middle St. Seatown – Old Gardens</p>	<p>Installation of eco drains at Stapleton Place to relieve flooding. Blocked Gullys cleaned. Blocked Gullys Cleaned. (Job Cancelled) as they were hosting an event.</p> <p>Spot Flooding. Spot Flooding. Spot Flooding. Spot Flooding. Spot Flooding. Blocked Gully cleaned.</p>
<p>Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha / Fallen or Dangerous Trees</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> None currently</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u> R178, Carrickmacross Rd, Mounthamiton.</p> <p>Ardee Rd</p> <p>R172, Redbarns Rd – Loakers</p> <p>Dublin Rd / Priorland Rd Junction</p> <p>Racecourse Rd</p>	<p>Branches, hedging and grass cut at dangerous junction and cleared adjacent footpath.</p> <p>Branches, hedging and grass cut to clear footpath and Junction R171.</p> <p>Branches and grass cut along verge both sides of Rd.</p> <p>Branches and hedging cut at junction to improve visibility.</p> <p>Branches and hedging cut along footpath and junction.</p>
<p>Cothabháil Cosán / Footpath Maintenance</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> None Currently</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u> Ladywell Shrine</p> <p>St. Olivers Shrine</p> <p>Castletown Rd / Ecco Rd junction</p> <p>St. Patricks Cemetery</p> <p>17 Belfry Drive</p>	<p>General Clean up and clearing pathway.</p> <p>General Clean up and clearing pathway.</p> <p>Eco Drains Grilles replaced.</p> <p>Grass cutting, Pathways cleaning, Flailing Ditches.</p> <p>Dangerous section Repaired.</p>
<p>Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá / Traffic Light Repairs</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> None currently</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p>	<p>In progress</p>

	<p><i>Pedestrian crossing box Earl St.</i></p> <p><i>R178 / Lis na Dara</i></p>	<p><i>Repaired</i></p>
<p>Comharthaíocht / Signage & Bollards</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p><i>None Currently</i></p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p><i>Clanbrassil St, Church St and Park St.</i></p> <p><i>Ardee Rd</i></p> <p><i>Market Square</i></p> <p><i>Fairgreen Rd</i></p> <p><i>Dundalk County Library</i> <i>All approach roads to Dundalk</i></p>	<p><i>Installing Multiple Loading Bay, Disabled Parking and Casual Trading Signs.</i></p> <p><i>Side Road on Outside of right bend sign.</i></p> <p><i>Bi – Lingual Market Square Sign x 2</i></p> <p><i>Sign Cleaned beside St. Helens Park</i></p> <p><i>Parking Sign installed. Signs washed, straightened and Vegetation cleared.</i></p>
<p>Dumpáil / Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p><i>None Currently</i></p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p><i>Williamsons Place</i> <i>Saltown</i> <i>Woodview</i> <i>Ladywell Shrine</i> <i>Market St.</i> <i>Clanbrassil St.</i> <i>Peter St.</i> <i>Mary St. North</i> <i>Albert Place</i></p>	<p><i>Fly tipping.</i> <i>Fly tipping.</i> <i>Fly tipping.</i> <i>Fly tipping.</i> <i>Dumped wheelie bin / full Fly Tip.</i> <i>Used Needles</i> <i>Fly Tipping.</i> <i>20 bags collected after Litter pick by Tidy Towns.</i></p>

Na Creagacha Dubha, Fochaird , agus Ceantar Tuaiscirt Lár-Lú / Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

<p>Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins</p>	<p>Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency</p> <p><i>Blackrock – 5 days a week</i> <i>Knockbridge – once a week</i> <i>Dromiskin – once a week</i> <i>Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week</i></p>
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<p>Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping Bealaí gach seachtain / Routes per week</p> <p>Multi-hog sweeping works carried out on Ard-na-Mara, Wallace's Cove, Beech Park, Mariner's Court, Gort na Glaise, LS-7159 Wallace's Road LP-7160 Sandy Lane Wuxi Techonology Park, Heynestown. Bicycle lanes from Xerox Junction to Fane Bridge, Dublin Road. Knockbridge Chapel & school area. St. Patrick's Graveyard, Dundalk.</p>		
<p>Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra / Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles Líon gach seachtain / Number per week</p>		
<p>Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála / Ring Buoy Checking Líon Seiceáilte gach seachtain / Number checked weekly</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Blackrock – 7 checked weekly</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annagassan – 11 checked weekly</p>		
<p>Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne / Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil / Number of sites checked daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Killanny, Louth Village, & Castlebellingham – checked weekly</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Blackrock – checked weekly</p>		
Suíomh / Location		Nótaí / Notes
Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs	<p>Works carried out in this area for June was mainly connected to preparation for surface dressing. Work included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scraping and cleaning grass verges - Opening outlets, - Cleaning gullies, signage maintenance/repairs - Tar patching repairing potholes and verges with works carried on road no. LS7129, Thomastown Cross - R178 to Donaghmore. - LS-7128 from Donaghmore to Kilkerley Chapel. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LS-3113-0 from Drumbilla Skyhill to Co. Boundary. - LS-7106 Lennonstown, Kilcurry - LS-7105-14 from Dungooly to Co. Boundary. - LS-7121-0 Killyclessy. Tar patching and pothole repairs carried out on - Road no. LP-3104 Carrickedmond, Kilcurry. - R177 Armagh Road, - LP-3161 Marlbog Road, Haggardstown, - L-7100 Faughart Upper. 	
Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping	<p>N53, Dundalk Castleblayney road LS-7102 - Annies, Kilcurry. LS-7103 - Carnmore, Kilcurry LS7162 - Clermont, Haggardstown.</p>	

	<i>Location / Suíomh</i>	<i>Notes / Nótaí</i>
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-2308-0 Cackle Road* • L-6315 Mellifont* • L-6393 Timullen* • L-2278 Sandpit* • L-6281-0 Termonfeckin* • L-6284 Almondstown • LS6327 Carstown 	*Denotes - Surface Dressing prep works
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	- • Repairs to Newtown GraveyaRoad Entrance	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage Erected to Town Rath Road • Signage Erected to Town Cackle Road - L-2308-0 	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from;	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chapel Lane, Kilineer Rubble Removed</i> • <i>Barrack Lane Rubble Removed</i> • <i>Cleanup of Green Areas Moneymore and St Laurance's Pk.</i> • <i>Cleanup of Rathmullen Green Areas</i> • <i>Cleanup of Ballsgrove Green</i> • <i>Cleanup Of Finians Pk Green Areas</i> • <i>Cleanup of Kilineer YaRoad Rubbish (Pre Surface Dressing)</i> • <i>Dumping at Portbeach Removed.</i> • <i>Dumping At Bellview Removed.</i> • <i>Dumping at Marleys Lane Removed</i> • <i>Glass at Clogherhead Playground</i> <p>Bags removed from: Removal of Bags following Locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Baltray</i> • <i>Termonfeckin</i> • <i>Slane Road</i> • <i>Togher</i> • <i>Newfoundwell Road</i> • <i>Aston Village</i> • <i>Dale</i> • <i>101 Steps</i> • <i>Forest Grange</i> • <i>Brookville.</i> • <i>Yellowbatter</i> • <i>Maple Drive</i> • <i>Greenhills</i> • <i>Chord Road</i> • <i>Termonfeckin Road</i> • <i>Ballymakenny Road</i> 	
<p>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</p>	<p>Graffiti Removed from the Following Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dominick's Park (Bins and Signs)</i> • <i>Town Centre Location (Bins and Signs)</i> • <i>A number of bins outside Town Centre (Ongoing)</i> 	

Ceantar Baile Dhroichead Átha/Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

June 2025

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair / **Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí**

- Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses allow and green areas.
- Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection.
- Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Daily during working week. Also, all Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared on Saturday p.m.
- Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during the working week.
- **Remove dumping at Dunnies Lane, Barrack Lane, Moneymore, St Laurence Pk, Rathmullen Pk, Ballsgrove, St Finians Pk, Marleys Lane, Newfoundwell Rd, Aston Village, Dale, 101 Steps, Forest Grange, Brookville, Yellowbatter, Maple Drive, Greenhills, Chord Rd, Termonfeckin Rd and Ballymackenna Rd.**
- **Litter picking at St Dominics Pk, St Dominics Bridge, Lourdes Sq, Market Sq, Fr Connolly Way, Abbey Carpark, Patrickswell Lane, Kings St, Mell, Francis St, Millmount, Mount St Oliver & Old Hill.**
- **Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk, Town Centre (Bins & Street furniture)**

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

- Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings.
- 234 litter bin (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town.
- Dominic’s Park & Mell River Walk emptied daily.
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal district rural area’s public Litter Bins are emptied twice a week or daily when needed especially at beaches/Port Oriel/Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day.

- Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre

Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

- Town Centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly.
- Public Housing Estates swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.
- Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area.
- Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Teromonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure.
- Drogheda Town Boyne River Walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).
- Particular attention to road sweeping / Graffiti Removal / Weed Control for Blessing of Graves at St Mary's Graveyard, including road sweeping footpaths within graveyard.
- Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days.
- Road sweeping the town centre on daily basis.
- A study of road sweeping housing estates is under review with the intention to issue recommendation by end of month.
- Multi-Hog 1, Pedestrian Road sweeper at town centre, St Dominics Pk, Ramparts, Mell car park, Donore Rd, Kings St, Bolton Sq, Kings St, Donore Rd, Meat Market lane, Bachelors Lane, Mayoralty St, Ballsgrove Hill, Windmill Rd, Boyle O Reilly, Newtown Graveyard, O Reillys car park & Abbey carpark.
- Pedestrian green machine on town centre streets each day.
- Power washing and disinfectant of Highlane steps, Rosemary Lane, West St from St Dominics St to Shop St.
- Bottle banks cleaned and park bins daily.
- Overgrown verges at junctions within town, cut back to improve sightlines.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New litter bins installed at Town Centre and the Glen Yellowbatter.
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 Tarrthála	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.

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All approach Roads Done Alternately both North/South of Drogheda Daily (Big Sweeper) All Town Centre areas cleaned Daily Powerhousing and Disinfectant of the Following Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Highlanes Steps ➤ Rosemary Lane ➤ West St (Left Side at Dunnes Stores/Pennys) ➤ Cleanup of Bessexwell Lane, Bachelors Lane Daily Daily Cleaning of; Bottlebanks and Park Bins Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins Clean up for the Following Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blessings of the Graves St Marys Parish ➤ Blessings of the Graves St Peter Parish 	

<p>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach • Port Beach • Termonfeckin • Baltray • Seapoint Carpark • Two New Litter Bins installed on the PANCR Route Drogheda. • New Litters Bin installed entrance to the Glen at Greenbatter. • A number of Litterbins Bin repaired in Town Centre. • County Bins and Rubbish done daily (including all beaches) • Villages done on alternative days. • Bottlebanks cleaned Daily in County Areas 	<p>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</p>
<p>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</p> <p>Multihog 1 Town Centre Sweeping plus cleaning at the Following Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominick Pk/Ramparts • Mell Carpark • Donore Rd • King St • Bolton Square • Meatmarket Lane • Bachelors Lane • Mayoralty St • Ballsgrove Hill • Windmill Rd • Boyle O Reilly • Newtown Cemetery • Fair Green • Reillys Carpark • Abbey Carpark 	<p>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</p>
<p>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach • Port Beach • Termonfeckin • Baltray • Seapoint Carpark 	<p>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</p>

<p>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach • Port Beach • Termonfeckin • Baltray • Seapoint 	<p>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</p>
<p>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Clogherhead 	<p>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</p>

	Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-2308-0 Cockleroad* • L-6315 Mellifont* • L-6393 Timullen* • L-2278 Sandpit* • L-6281-0 Termonfeckin* • L-6284 Almondstown • LS6327 Carstown 	<p>*Denotes - Surface Dressing prep works</p>
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs to Newtown GraveyaRoad Entrance 	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage Erected to Town Rath Road • Signage Erected to Town Cockle Road - L-2308-0 	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<p>Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Lane, Kilineer rubble removed • Barrack Lane rubble removed • Cleanup of Green Areas Moneymore and St Laurance's Pk. • Cleanup of Rathmullen Green areas • Cleanup of Ballsgrove Green • Cleanup Of Finian's Pk Green Areas • Cleanup of Kilineer Road Rubbish (pre surface dressing) • Dumping at Port beach removed. • Dumping At Bellview removed. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dumping at Marleys Lane removed</i> • <i>Glass at Clogherhead playground</i> <p>Bags removed from: Removal of Bags following Locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Baltray</i> • <i>Termonfeckin</i> • <i>Slane Road</i> • <i>Togher</i> • <i>Newfoundwell Road</i> • <i>Aston Village</i> • <i>Dale</i> • <i>101 Steps</i> • <i>Forest Grange</i> • <i>Brookville.</i> • <i>Yellowbatter</i> • <i>Maple Drive</i> • <i>Greenhills</i> • <i>Chord Road</i> • <i>Termonfeckin Road</i> • <i>Ballymakenny Road</i> 	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	<p>Graffiti Removed from the Following Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dominick Park (bins and signs)</i> • <i>Town Centre Location (bins and signs)</i> • <i>A number of bins outside Town Centre (ongoing)</i> 	

Ardee Municipal District South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ardee Town</i> • <i>Dunleer town</i> • <i>Collon</i> • <i>New Bin at Riverside Walk</i> • <i>New Bin at Link Road</i> 	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>37 Daily</i> • <i>20 Tuesday and Thursday</i> • <i>3 Tuesday and Thursday</i>
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)</i> 	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee Town - River Dee • Salterstown • Port Beach 	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at the Fairgreen, Ardee • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Dunleer 	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil

	Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-5257-0 Millockstown* • L-2253-47 Phillipstown* • L-1264-12 Ballapousta • L-5258 Funshog • L-2253 Funshog • L-2254 Mosstown • R165 Purcellstown* • LP-2215 Manfieldstown* • R170 Dromin * 	*Denotes - Surface Dressing prep works
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R170 Dromin Village 	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous Tree removed from Kells Road, Collon 	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papal Drive, Collon 	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sliabh Breagh, Ardee 	

Signage / Comharthaíocht	Signage Erected at Mollyesh	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcass of Dog removed from Sliabh Breagh, Ardee 	
Additional Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flagpole, Pad and Bench installed outside Collon Garda Station ahead of memorial event for Garda PJ Morrissey • Attendance Serious RTA on N33 on 25/06 	

Bainistíocht Dramháil, Gníomh Comhshaoil 7 Aeráide / Waste Management, Environment & Climate Action

Waste Enforcement

Summary of Complaints

A total of 14 complaints were received and investigated by the Waste Enforcement team in June 2025, some of which remain open pending further investigations.

Complaint Type	Received in June 2025	Total Received in 2025
Waste/ C&D	14	134

Waste Facility Permits/ Certificates of Registration

Two review applications and a waste facility transfer application are currently being assessed June 2025.

Diesel Laundering Waste

There were two 25L drums removed by the Council to date in June 2025. The total cost for clean-up, removal and disposal of diesel laundering waste to date in 2025 is approximately €34,946.00.

Waste Enforcement

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

the enforcement actions taken. In June there was a focus on Waste Data Validation.

Inspection Type	No.
Non-Construction & Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	106
Number relating to Household Waste/waste presentation inspections arising from complaints	40
Construction and Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	26
Inspections of Waste Permitted Facilities	7
Hazardous waste sectoral inspections	2
Inspections in relation to Construction & Demolition waste at construction/development sites	7
Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	8
Inspections under the Packaging Regulations – Suspected Major Producers	9
Inspections under the Plastic Bag Levy	1
Inspections under ELVs Regulations	1
Desktop Annual Return Validations Completed	15

Inspection of Planning Permissions	6
Enforcement Action	
Waste Warning Letters	121
Section 55 Notice under Waste Management Act	2
Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act	2
Fixed Payment notice under the Waste Collection Permit Regulations	4
Presentation of Waste Byelaws Fixed Payment notices	2

developed. This register will allow for targeted enforcement action going forward.

A pilot project has commenced in a housing development in Dundalk town. This has identified that 16.5% of households in this area do not have a kerbside waste collection. The waste enforcement team will now be corresponding with each of these households to assess compliance with the Presentation of Waste Byelaws.

Under the Louth County Council (Segregation, Storage, and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws 2019 householder are required to comply using one of the following options:

1. Registration with one of the local waste collectors for the provision of bins to allow for kerbside collection of your household waste or
2. Bring your segregated household waste to a Transfer Station/Civic Amenity Site as required. All receipts as proof of this are required to be submitted.

Householders that fail to provide evidence of one of the above options will be subject to a €75 Fixed Payment Notice.

Commercial Food Waste

The Waste Enforcement Lead Authority gathered data from commercial kerbside waste collectors of suspected commercial premises who have a residual collection but no food waste collection and/or dry recyclable. A list of commercial premises in County Louth was provided which had a low tonnage of food waste and a high tonnage of residual waste.

Premises were selected from the list for both food waste and dry recyclable inspections to ensure compliance with the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2019 and the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 as amended. The inspections cover a range of premises – supermarkets, cafes, restaurants, fast food chains and delicatessens. The inspections will focus on how waste is managed at premise and in particular the source segregation and collection of food waste.

Litter Enforcement & Investigations

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

In June, Litter Wardens completed 52 investigations in response to dumping reported by members of the public. 10 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in June where evidence was found under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Louth County Council secured a conviction for illegal dumping with a fine imposed on the defendant by the courts of €250 and €470 expenses.

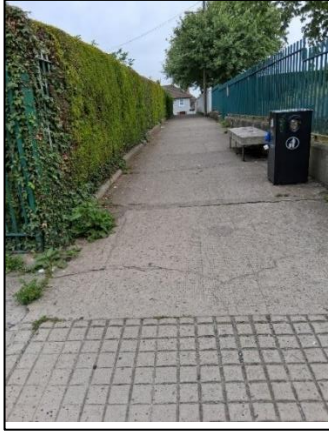


Household Presentation of Waste Project

The Waste Enforcement team continue to progress the Presentation of Waste Project.

All information has now been received from kerbside waste collectors which will allow the reverse register of all households in County Louth not availing of a kerbside waste collection to be





Photos: Magdelene Tower Before & After

Dog Fouling Awareness

Two 5-hour foot patrols were undertaken by the Litter Wardens in June, 1 in Dundalk and 1 in Drogheda urban areas. The focus of the foot patrol was to raise awareness about dog fouling and littering.



Photos: Dog Fouling Stickers.



Photos: Dundalk Foot Patrol.

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and Complaints

10 water pollution complaints were received in June 2025. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases.

One agricultural complaint was received in relation to agricultural odours. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

5 air pollution complaints were received this month. All complaints were investigated and related to backyard burning, dust and sewage smell and agricultural odours.

7 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Farm Survey Inspections

So far during the month of June, Louth County Council carried out 7 planned farm survey inspections and 3 re-inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations 2022 (GAP).

River Water Sampling and Water Framework Directive

Routine surveillance and operational monitoring of all the catchments in Louth for the water framework directive is in progress and on schedule.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 12 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in June for Section 4 Discharge Licences. On-site inspections were carried out at 12 sites. Follow up corrective actions are required at some of the sites.

Licensed landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in June at Dundalk landfill.

Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Monthly gas balancing was carried out at Whiteriver landfill.

One incident was uploaded to EPA EDEN system. This related to flare downtime at Drogheda landfill. Corrective action has been carried out and incident closed off.

Balancing of gas field was carried out at Drogheda landfill. Biannual servicing of fixed gas detectors was carried out at all landfills. Phase 5 cell 1 leachate pump replaced at Whiteriver due to malfunction.



Photos: Flare and instrumentation at Whiteriver Landfill.

Septic Tanks

4 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants. Septic tank inspections commenced in June as per requirements of the EPA National Inspection plan.

Planning

30 environmental planning observation reports were completed for June 2025. These reports related to agricultural, commercial and once off dwelling planning permissions.

Bathing Water Regulations

Sampling of bathing waters continues weekly at Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint during June. Uisce Eireann reported an overflow incident at Clogherhead WWTP to the Council on the 16th of June 2025. The Council is required to report this as an incident to the EPA, erect notices and sample. Swimming was temporarily prohibited at Clogherhead Beach. As a precaution, water samples were taken and sent for laboratory analysis. The results confirmed that the bathing water quality was excellent, and the temporary prohibition was subsequently lifted on Wednesday evening 18th of June 2025.

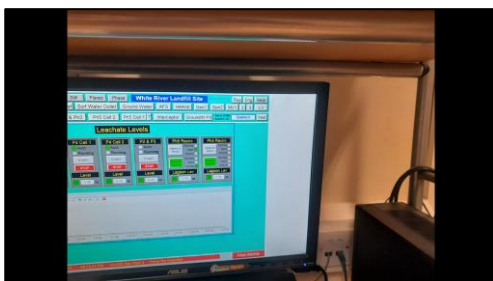
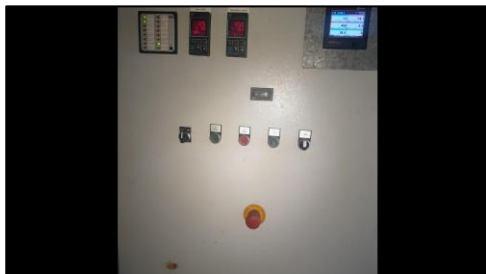
Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

€10,366.00 was paid to applicants in June for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Animal Control and Welfare

There were forty-eight valid Sugar CRM cases assigned to Animal Control and Welfare during June 2025, with four still in progress.



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Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound June 2025	
Total dogs through the pound	10
Seized under Section 16	1
Strays	8
Surrendered by owners	3
No dogs reclaimed by owners	3
No of dogs rehomed direct	3
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	4
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/05/2025	4

Dog Licences	
June 2025	
No of Licences sold	410
Licence Checks:	
House calls	622
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	251
Fixed Penalty Notices	23

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound	
June 2025	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No. of horses on hand in Pound on 31/05/2025	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments	
June 2025	
Total no of registered DBEs in Louth (as at 31/05/2025)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



Two of our dog wardens completed training as live-stranding responders with the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group.

Climate Action

EU Mission, Adaptation to Climate Change

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

Rory Sheehan attended a 2-day CLIMAAX workshop session which took place on 11th June in the CosmoCaixa science Museum in Barcelona Spain. Rory represented Louth County Council at the event which brought together CLIMAAX pilot sites and supported regions to share experiences from the first implementation cycle of the CLIMAAX Climate Risk Assessment framework and toolbox.

The event featured a series of roundtable discussions:

- Success stories from CLIMAAX pilot sites and supported regions
- Practical insights into implementing the CRA framework and risk workflows
- Challenges encountered and proposed improvements
- Open discussions between speakers and the audience

This was a unique opportunity to connect with the experience of fellow regions and institutions working with the CLIMAAX methodology and to learn directly from their first-hand insights.

CARO

The Climate Action Officer visited Kildare County Councils' DemoHouse in Maynooth. The DemoHouse is a house in Maynooth where people can visit to see, and feel, the results of energy upgrade retrofit, sustainability and environmental measures.



National Conference on Nature-Based solutions.

Members of the Climate team attended the 2-day national event, focused on nature-based solutions at DKIT on 9th and 10th June. Delegates were welcomed by President of DkIT, Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan and the conference was formally opened by Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan T.D. and hosted by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO).

This event was the second national Nature-based Solutions conference and focused on technologies and strategies suitable for Ireland. Day one featured a number of expert presentations and panels, focused on the use and impact of nature-based solutions in a variety of settings; Urban, Rural, Riverine, Coastal and the Private Sector. Drawing on expertise from Ireland and abroad, talks focused on topics such as, 'Nature-based Solutions, the ugly, the bad and the good', 'Increasing the Biodiversity Ambition within Nature-based Solutions' and 'Advancing Nature-based Solutions for People and the Planet.'

The second day focused on Nature-based Solutions in action and offered a series of practical masterclass workshops to attendees covering urban Nature-based Solutions, river restoration and coastal restoration.

Community Climate Action Fund

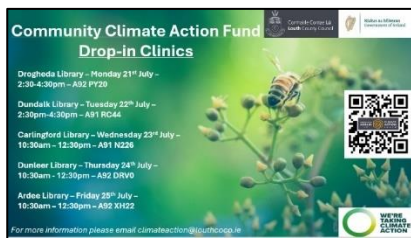
The Community Climate Action Fund was launched by Minister Ryan. Training around state aid and administering this fund was attended by the Climate Action Coordinator and Community Climate Action Officer.

The Community Climate Action Officer has contacted 22 successful groups who have been approved for funding under the Community Climate Action Fund to discuss their projects.

The 22 successful groups continue to work with the Community Climate Action Officer as they enter the delivery phase of their projects.

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

The second round of the Community Climate Action Fund is expected to open for applications in September. The Community Climate Action Officer will be holding a number of drop in clinics across each of the five Louth libraries in July for community groups to attend to ask any questions regarding this funding stream.



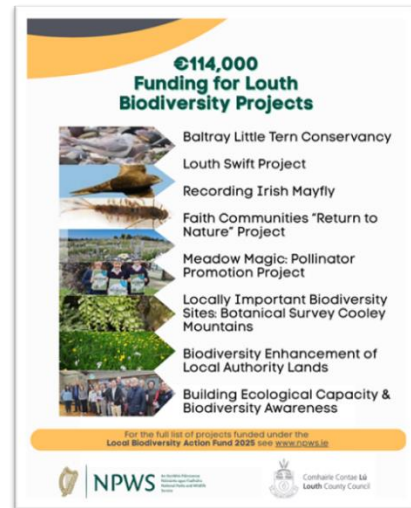
The Community Climate Action Officer would like to acknowledge the work of all community groups who are currently working on projects as part of the Community Climate Action Fund. A full list of all approved projects can be found on Louth County Council's website at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

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

Biodiversity Action

€114k Funding Awarded for Biodiversity Action in Louth

The National Parks and Wildlife Service, has awarded Louth County Council funding through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) to support eight biodiversity projects across County Louth. Funding of €114,000 (85% from NPWS, 15% from Louth County Council) aims to enhance biodiversity conservation by advancing knowledge, raising public awareness, and improving habitat and species management and protection. The projects will contribute to the implementation of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan, supporting its key objectives at a local level.



The 8 projects proposed for Louth will allow for:

1. Continued support for the Little Tern Conservancy at Baltray
2. The Louth Swift Project conservation efforts to expand
3. The National Mayfly Survey to advance
4. Louth faith communities to unite in "Return to Nature" biodiversity project
5. A Cooley based "Meadow Magic" community led film project to spotlight pollinator friendly practices
6. A study to support the identification of Locally Important Biodiversity Sites in the Cooley Mountains
7. Support for biodiversity enhancement of Local Authority lands
8. Funding to build ecological capacity and raise biodiversity awareness for council staff and communities.

has played an important role in supporting ongoing carbon reduction efforts

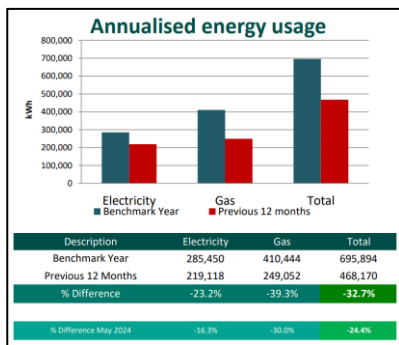
Sustainability

ENERGY

Optimising Power @ Work Behaviour Change Programme

Energy Use at County Hall

Total energy consumption in this building has reduced by **33%** since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2016. The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 695,894 kWh to 468,170 kWh. Electricity consumption on site has reduced by 23%. The number of units of electricity has decreased from 285,450 kWh to 219,118 kWh. Gas consumption on site has reduced by 39%. The number of units of gas has decreased from 410,444 kWh to 249,052 kWh.

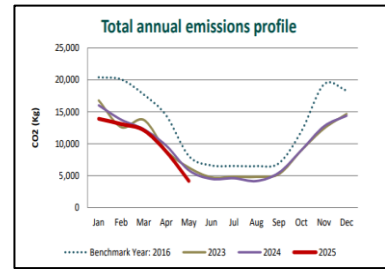


Graphic shows Annualised Energy Usage at County Hall, Dundalk (from OPW's monthly report)

County Hall Achieves Significant Carbon Emissions Reductions

County Hall continues to demonstrate strong progress in reducing its carbon footprint. Over the past twelve months, carbon emissions have decreased by 32% compared to the baseline year of 2016.

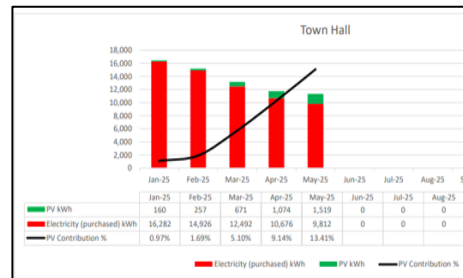
A month-by-month comparison further highlights this achievement: CO₂ emissions for May 2025 were just 4 tonnes, representing a 48% reduction from May 2016 levels. These substantial savings have been made possible through a combination of targeted energy efficiency upgrades, the installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems, expanded use of heat pump technology, and greater utilisation of the Building Management System to optimise building performance. In addition, sustained behavioural change by staff



Graph: Annualised Energy Emissions for Dundalk Town Hall to May 2025

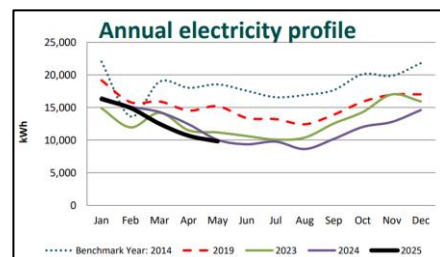
Dundalk Town Hall - SPV production

In May, the solar photovoltaic (SPV) electricity generating system at Dundalk Town Hall generated 1,519 kWh of electricity. During the same period, 9,812 kWh of electricity was purchased from the grid, resulting in a 13.41% contribution from the PV system toward the building's overall electricity usage. This level of performance is consistent with projections and supports the expected payback timeframe for the installation.



Energy Use at Town Hall

Compared to the baseline year of 2014, the annual electricity consumption at Dundalk Town Hall has been reduced by **39%**. The total annual unit consumption of electricity has decreased from 221,634 kWh to 141,556 kWh. Monthly comparison data shows that May 2025 electricity consumption is 47% lower than April 2014.



Graphic: Dundalk Town Hall's Annual Electricity Profile, to May 2025

Staff Awareness

“Chill Out Day” was held on 18th June as a fun-filled initiative aimed at encouraging positive behavioural change around energy use in the workplace. The event took advantage of the upcoming holiday period to promote the habit of powering down equipment before staff head off—an easy but impactful action that contributes to meaningful energy savings.

An information stand was set up to raise awareness and inspire staff to create personalised holiday power-down checklists for their workspaces. To boost engagement, small giveaways—including sweets, ice lollies, pens, temperature cards, and shower timers—were distributed throughout the day. An energy advisor from the Office of Public Works (OPW) was also on hand, offering expert advice and answering energy-related queries for both workplace and home settings.



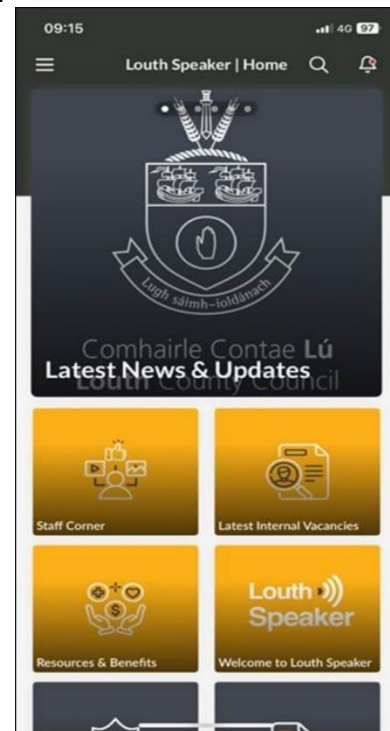
Photo: Members of LCCs Green Team at the Chill Out Stand

Energy Awareness Communications – June Highlights

Throughout the month of June, the Energy Email Account was actively used to engage staff on a range of sustainability topics. Key campaigns included communications around World Environment Day (5th June), the June Bank Holiday, and EU Sustainable Energy Week (10th–12th June).



To ensure maximum reach, energy awareness messages were circulated through multiple platforms: direct staff emails, the internal communications app, and visually engaging posters displayed in Significant Energy User buildings.



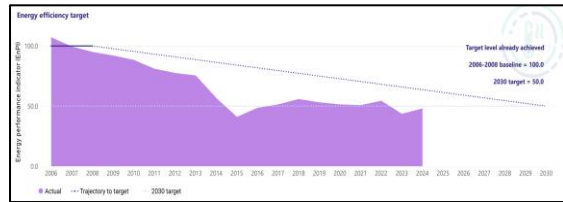
SEAI Monitoring & Reporting (Energy Use) 2030 for Louth County Council

Louth County Council was identified by SEAI for a Data Verification Assessment (DVA) for its energy data submission for 2024. That requires that the Council responds to particular queries relating to its energy use.

Staff from the Council’s Energy Team responded to the queries in Mid-June. The DVA queries related to the Council’s thermal energy use in 2024

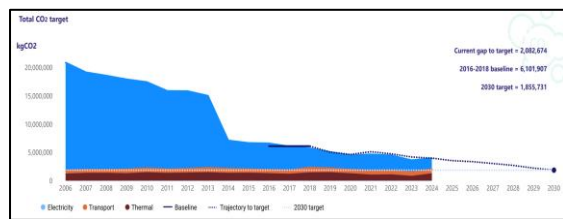
and the increase compared to previous years. The response identifies a comparable increase in thermal energy at the Council’s Leisure Facility in Dundalk, operated by Aura. Aura confirmed that it detected an issue with the gas meter there in 2023 and it was subsequently replaced by Bord Gáis.

Despite an increase in Total Final Energy in 2024, the Council remains on target to achieve the required improvements in energy efficiency and energy emissions by 2030.



Graphic: Louth County Council’s Progress towards 2030 Energy Efficiency Target

Total CO2 emissions are reported as reduced by **35.5%** compared to the baseline (Average 2016 – 2018). SEAI’s Glidepath graph shows the Council is on target to achieve the 2030 target for emissions.



Graphic: Louth County Council’s Progress towards the Total Energy Emissions (CO2) 2030 Target

H2020 VARCITIES Project

The Varcities Project participated in EU Green Week 2025, in Brussels by attending the final Varcities Event “Shaping Greener, Healthier Cities.” Louth County Council’s Varcities Team presented the learnings and outcomes of the Visionary Solutions provided for the project at its pilot site at Dundalk Co. Library. The project at The Still demonstrates high potential for replication across other urban environments.

The Council representative was further invited to join a panel discussion focused on advancing greener and healthier cities, where key topics included strengthening nature-based interventions, boosting building resilience, and exploring underexamined pathways to sustainable urban transformation.

In addition, the event offered a valuable networking opportunity, with representatives from the European Commission providing insights into forthcoming funding calls and initiatives aimed at increasing the participation of local authorities in nature-based solutions. **These Calls are now open!**



Photo: Ursula Conlon, Executive Planner for Louth County Council participating in a panel discussion in Brussels during EU Green Week

The Council team is now planning to attend the final Varcities Progress Meeting in Chania, Greece in the first week of July. That meeting will review the success of the project and plan for future similar projects using Nature Based Solutions and Health and Well Being of citizens as the focus for better smarter cities.

FACILITIES

Dundalk Fire Station Upgrades

All works for the Dundalk Fire Station Upgrade are nearing completion, with a project completion walkthrough on the newly installed 32kW Viessman Vitocal Air Sources Heat Pump and all other associated ancillary plant and equipment following completion of gas boiler decommission and integration of new all electric means of fulfilling heating and hot water demands at site. This walkthrough is to familiarise staff with what has changed on site.

There should not be any cause for station staff intervention on the new system, with it being set to legacy and it being weather compensated, it does not require any manual switching.

The system will be handed over and we will enter into the seasonal efficiency monitoring period, whereby in the Autumn and Winter periods, the system will be monitored, to ensure we are achieving optimal efficiency.



Photo: Sub Distribution Board Work Progress



Photo: New Electrical Supply for Automatic Gates



Photo: Dundalk Fire Station's Plantroom Progress



Photo: Removal of Old Barrier Equipment

Drogheda Machinery Yard Security Upgrade

Works are continuing to progress on the security upgrade. The following has been completed thus far:

- Installation of additional CCTV Cameras
- Installation of electrical supply for automatic gate system
- Removal of old barrier equipment
- C.A.T and Genny Scans
- Installation of Safety Sensors and Gate Access
- Cutting of tracks for ducting
- Removal of existing gates
- Installation of temporary fencing

A demonstration walkthrough will be completed at the end of the works to familiarise yard staff with the new automatic gate system and other security equipment.



Photo: New Safety Sensor and Access Control for Gate



Photo: Cutting of Tracks for Ducting



Photo: Drogheda Machinery Yard Gates Removed



Photo: SPV proposal for a 138 x 435Watt Panel, 60kWp array, proposed for Muirhevnamor Sports Centre, Dundalk as part of a package of SPVs for 22 Council Facilities.

Solar PV Project for 22 County Council Facilities

The deadline for tender submissions for a Solar Photo Voltaic Project for 22 Council facilities was 28th May 2025.

The tender attracted 40 expressions of interest and 8 submissions from economic operators on the Office of Government Procurement (OGP)'s eTenders Messaging Platform.

Tenders were evaluated based on technical merit, with subcategories including:

- Overall system design and performance
- Programming and scheduling of installations across the 22 sites
- Delivery timelines and project management approach

The proposed installations are expected to deliver a combined generation capacity of 600–700 kWp, with an estimated offset of over 450,000 kWh of imported grid electricity annually.

This initiative represents a significant step forward in reducing the Council's carbon footprint and operational energy costs.

Further updates will be provided as the project progresses to the award and implementation phases.

Drogheda Fair St Works

Cornmarket Building, Fair Street, Drogheda Refurbishment Works

The Council received 6 tenders for improvements works to the Council's Cornmarket Building (existing building at Fair St also known as the Francis Johnson Building) Fair St building, Drogheda.

The successful tenderer is Precise Contracts Ltd. of Derryleckagh Road, Newry, Northern Ireland for a cost of € 1,399,102.00, excluding VAT.

The works are scheduled to commence on site on Monday 30th June 2025, and the works are expected to be completed before the end of 2025.

Meanwhile Council staff have temporarily relocated from the older part of the building to the recently improved part for the duration of the works. It will be necessary, however, to close part of the public car park at Bolton Street to the public to facilitate the works.

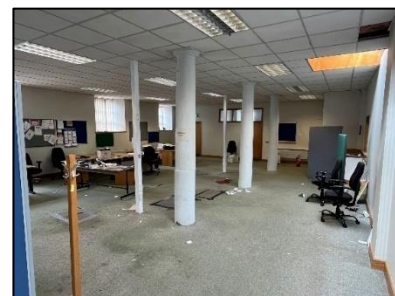


Photo: The existing Council office at Fair Street, Drogheda has been vacated (vacant possession) for work by the Contractor, Precise Contracts Ltd.

North Louth Operation Depot Upgrade

The Council has engaged the services of Van Dijk Architects to manage the upgrade of the North Louth Operations base located at Ballaverty, Bush, Riverstown, Co. Louth. This first part of that work includes Initial surveys (Ground Penetrating Radar Survey (GPRS), Topographical Survey, Archaeologist survey and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening) and these are ongoing at present.

Anticipated timelines for the project are as follows:

- Q4 2025 Part VIII planning application.
- Q1 2025 Tender & Contractor appointment
- Q3 2025 Works completed



Photo: The Bush Yard at Ballaverty Carlingford

Millmount Wall Repair

A contractor has been engaged and approval with Ministerial Licence condition confirmed to commence repair works to walls at Millmount.

The works will be undertaken by McGuigan Builders of Clontibret, Co. Monaghan and the cost of the work is €114,020.31.

The works involve repairs to damaged and collapsed sections of walls adjacent to the public road and at the access pathway leading to the tower.

Commencement of the works have been delayed slightly due to slower completion of a previous job by the contractor. The works are now expected to commence Mon 30th June and are expected to take 6 – 8 weeks to complete.



Photos: Millmount Drogheda and Locations where Wall Repairs are Proposed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

Fire Service

Louth Fire Service took delivery of new battery-powered road traffic accident tools with total cost of approximately €340,000.

Familiarisation training has been undertaken and are due to go on the run in July across the county.

Further meetings with the Design Team for the upgrade of Dundalk Training Centre took place. Dundalk will be considered as part of the four regional fire development and learning centres. Revisions to the design is ongoing to align ourselves to these requirements.

The breathing apparatus training building will be upgraded and repaired, and consideration is being given to a change to gas-fired combustion. This option is being assessed at present.

Fire Service Training courses during June were as follows:

- X2 new Recruits passed recent Breathing Apparatus Initials
- Louth Fire BA Refreshes

The Recruitment advertisement program for new retained fire fighters continued. Interviews

occurred and a number of suitable candidates were selected for training next September in Dundalk.

Major Emergency Management

Nothing of note this month.

Civil Defence

The following training was provided during June:

- Weekly Training each Thursday
- First Aid Responder Training
- Drone Training with Ardee/Dunleer Fire Stations
- Manual Handling & People Handling

The following duties were attended and medical cover provided:

- Gary Kelly Mini Marathon
- Taste of Ardee
- Dundalk Agricultural Show

The following deployments took place in June

Deployments

4 x Community First Responder Call Outs
ConVex-3 International Radiation Monitoring Exercise

Additionally, 12 new volunteers recruited and have commenced their mandatory training.

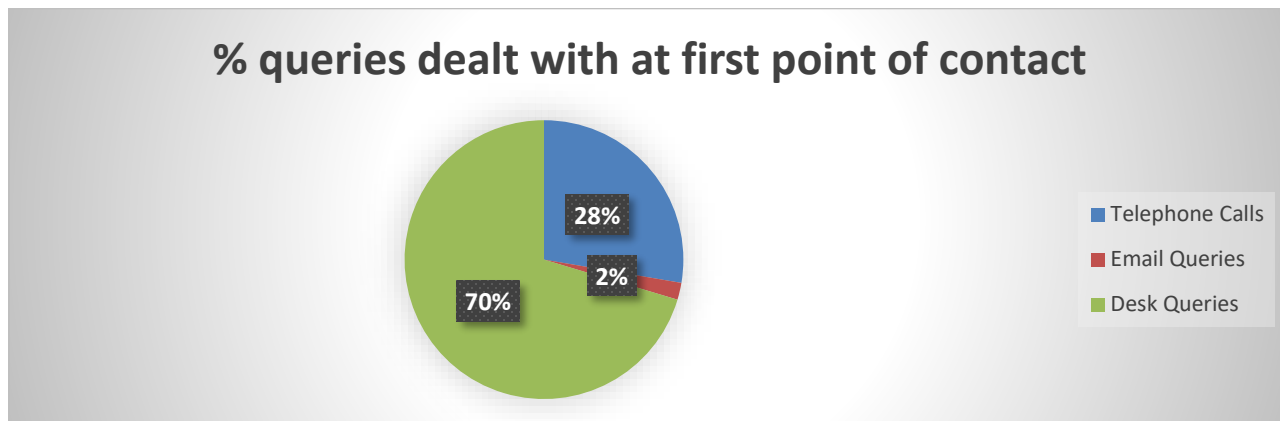
Building Control

The main workload of the Building Control Section is processing Disabled Access Certificate applications and Certificates of Compliance on Completion and the backlog of these resulting from the significant increase in applications during 2024.

Seirbhísí Corporáideacha / Corporate Services

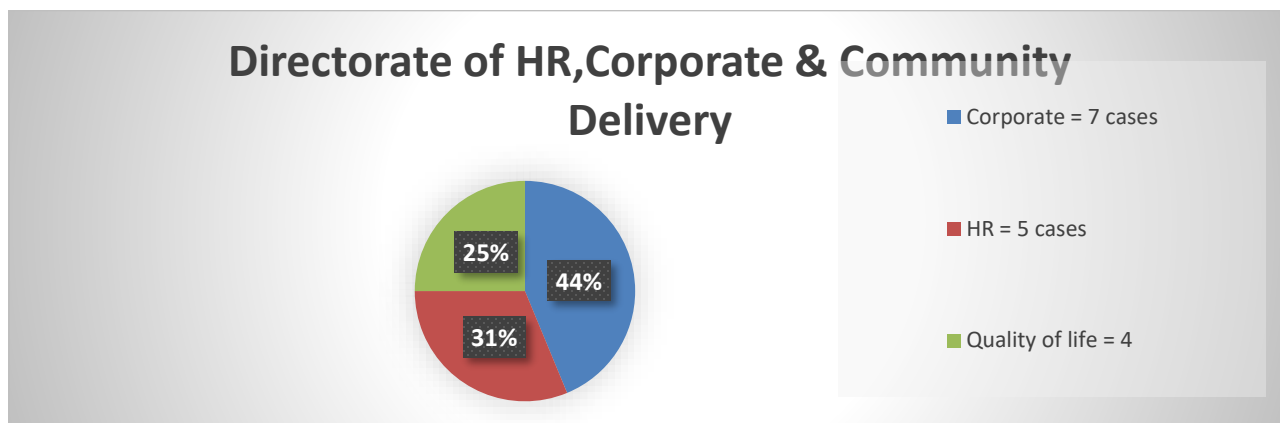
Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

During the month of June 2025 Customer Services dealt with 15,429 queries inclusive of 7,165 calls, 1,135 e-mails and 7,129 counter queries. 9,615 (62%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:

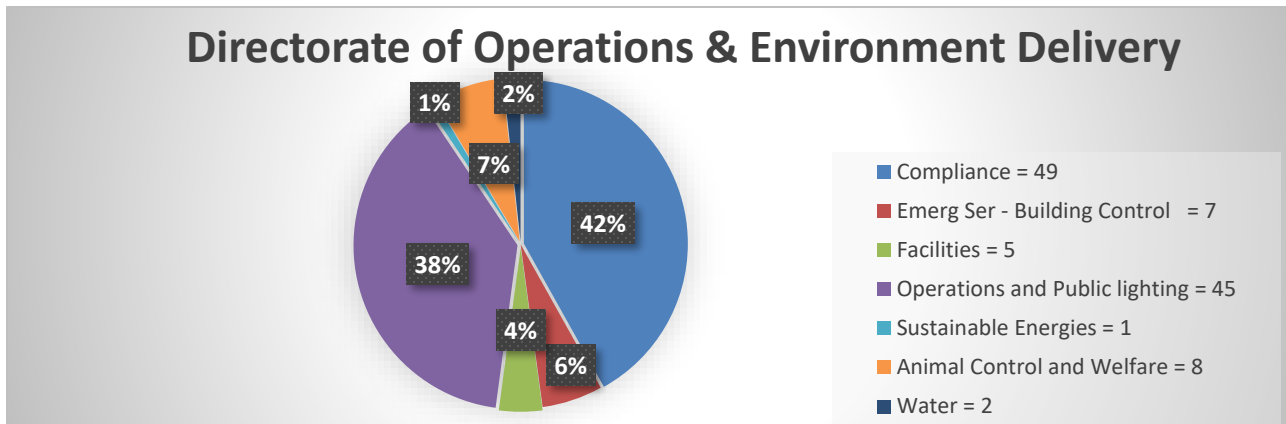


There were 3,049 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during June 2025 of which 300 were received from elected members. A total of 393 (12.8%) remain unresolved by end of June, broken down by directorate as follows:

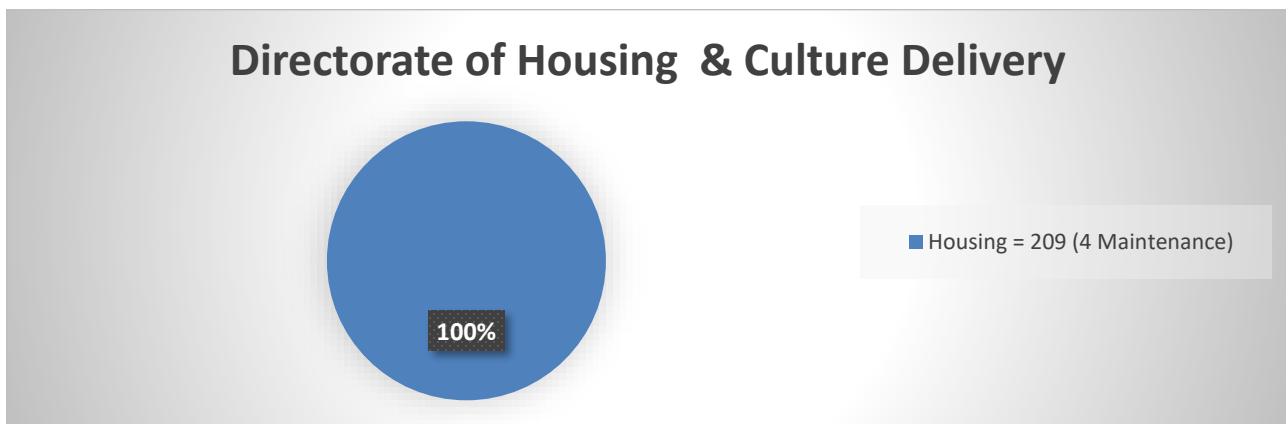
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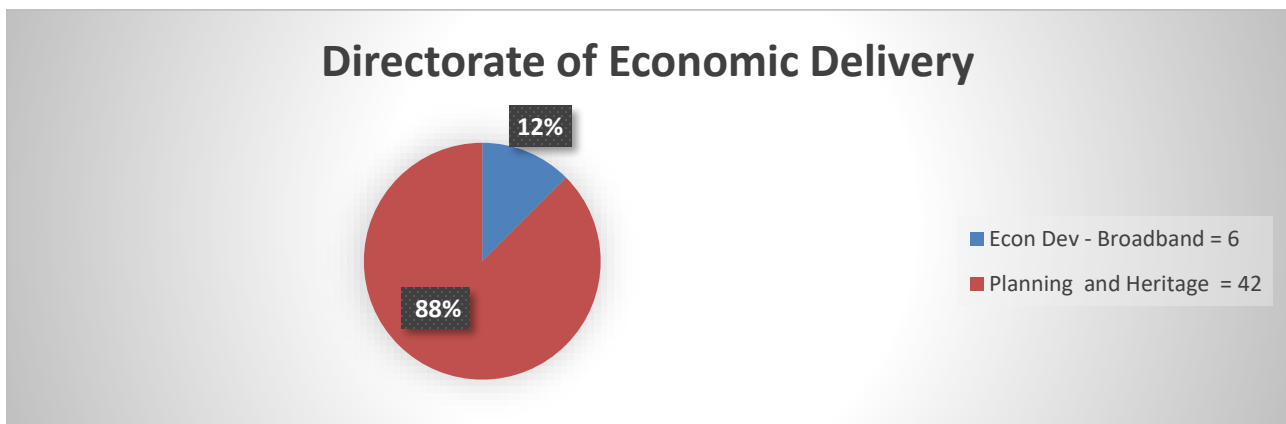
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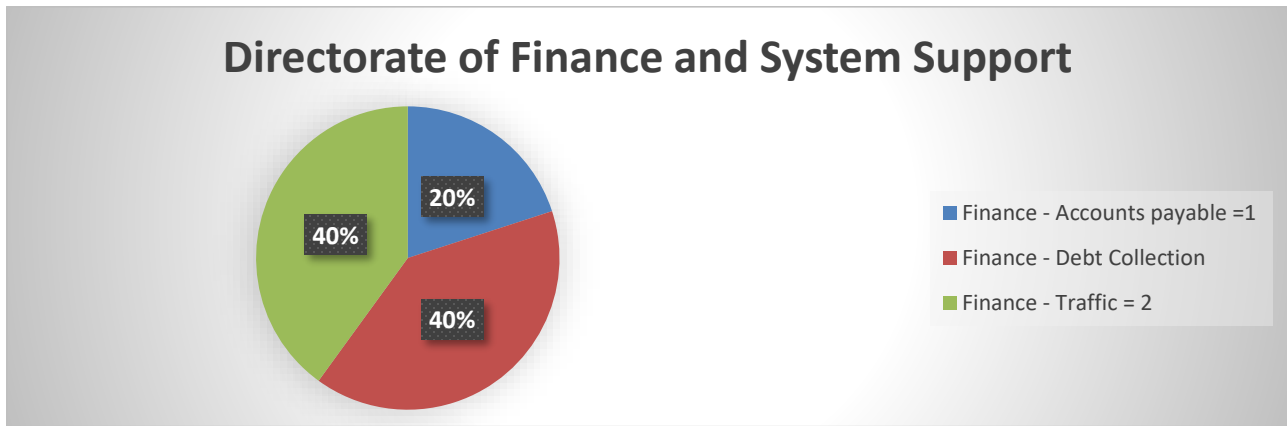
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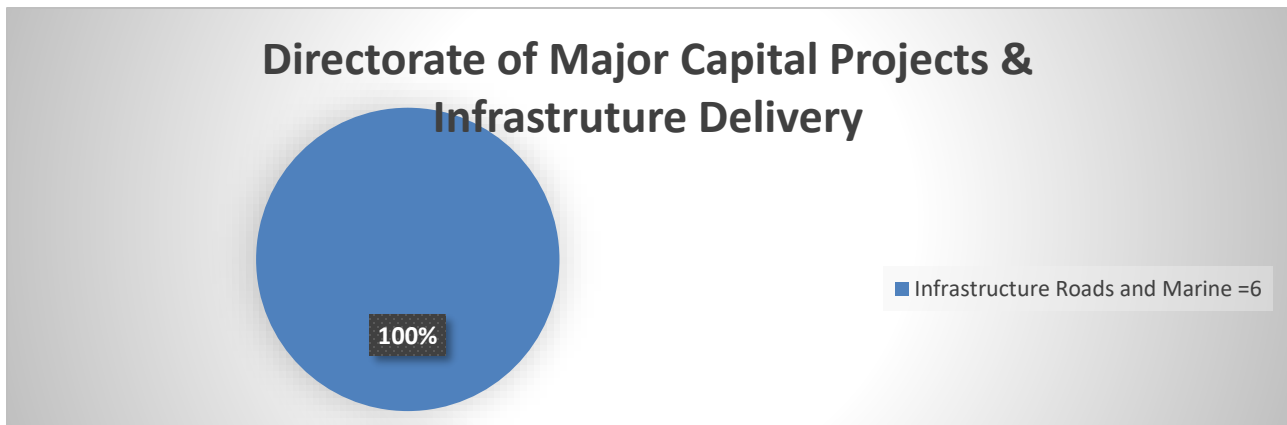
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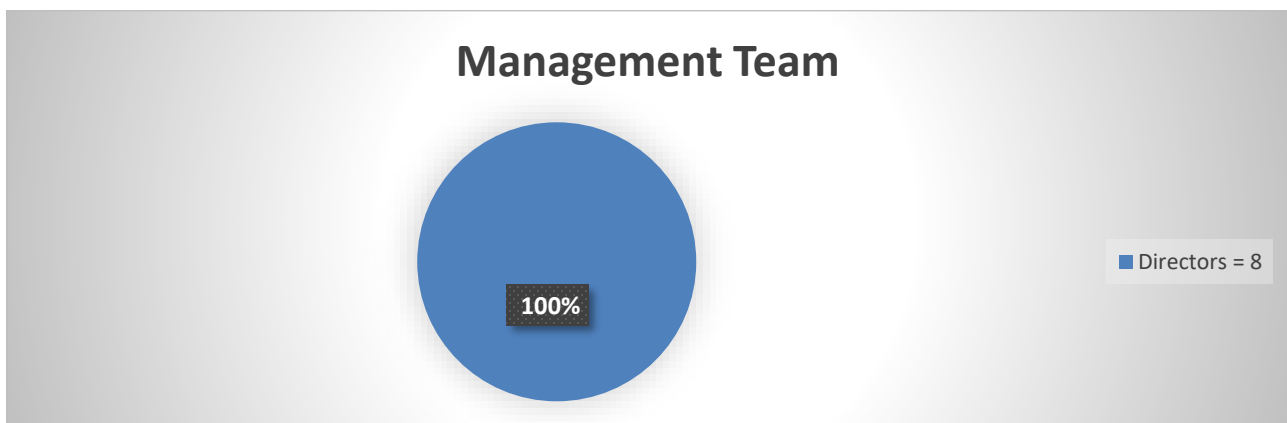
Directorate of Finance and System Support



Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



Management Team



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Request Received	2024 Total Jan- June	2025 Total Jan – June	2025 June only
FOI REQUEST	75	76	8
DSAR	9	13	1
DATA PROTECTION REQUEST	8	24	1
(AIE) INFORMATION	7	7	1
OMBUDSMAN REQUEST	9	16	1
COMPLAINTS	29	10	0

Clár Toghthóirí / Electoral Register

Field Officers have been deployed throughout the County and will be assigned to areas where improvements to the register are required i.e. new housing estates and areas where, updating of records currently on the register is required.

Data cleansing on the Electoral Register continues in advance of the introduction of the National Voter.ie system. Louth are now investigating a total of 2903 electors which are identified as being possible duplicates with another county.

Considering the large body of work taking place on the Electoral Register, constituents should be advised to check that their details are up to date and accurate by visiting www.checktheregister.ie

Tacaíocht Pobail / Community Support

Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



Creative Ageism Project

As part of Louth's ongoing commitment to promoting positive ageing and challenging age-related stereotypes, the Age-Friendly Louth Ageism Project recently launched a taster workshop at Barlow House in Drogheda. Supported by Creative Ireland, this initiative brought together over 20 participants from a wide range of local organisations to explore the impact of ageism through creative expression.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Paul Hayes, a skilled drama practitioner known for his engaging and inclusive approach. Building on the success of a similar project in Dundalk, this Drogheda-based session introduced participants to the themes of ageism and intergenerational understanding through interactive drama-based activities.

This creative journey aims to foster empathy, spark meaningful conversations and strengthen community connections across generations. It is still open for participants to attend, please contact 042 9324281 or agefriendly@louthcoco.ie for more information.



Participants at the First Taster Drama Workshop in Drogheda



Older People's Council

The Age Friendly Louth Older People's Council (OPC) met on 29th May 2025 in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee, with Chair Joe Grogan welcoming members and reviewing the March meeting minutes. A wide

range of important topics were discussed, reflecting the Council's ongoing commitment to improving the lives of older adults in County Louth.

The group praised recent advocacy training sessions supported by the Public Participation Network (PPN) and highlighted the success of the Community Connect project in tackling isolation and promoting mental health. An OPC member was appointed as Community Champion for the Cooley area.

Feedback was shared from those who attended the recent OPC Convention, which featured presentations on demographic trends, active ageing and the five pillars of healthy ageing. This also included walkability studies and visits to amenities in Tallaght, which were conducted over two days.

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

On 13th June 2025, the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced the successful projects in County Louth under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. A total of 125 projects were approved, with combined funding of €227,247 allocated across both Current and Capital funding streams.

All successful applicants have been notified of their grant awards and have been asked to submit additional required documentation. These submissions are currently being reviewed and followed up as needed. The deadline for receipt of this information is 12th September 2025.

Unsuccessful applicants have also been informed of the outcome.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Secretariat Meeting

Louth PPN held its 5th Secretariat meeting of the year on June 18th at 10.30am in The Mill in Drogheda. Items discussed included training, supports and other resources for community groups across the County of Louth. Planning for a Community Expo in September and the Louth PPN C&V Awards event in November are underway also.

Learning English through Sewing Project

Louth PPN's learning English through Sewing thematic project ran throughout the month of June in the Barbican Centre in Drogheda. This project

integrates English language learning with sewing to support non-native English speakers. Through hands-on workshops, participants will improve their communication skills while gaining practical sewing experience, boosting confidence, social inclusion and employability.

Annual Report Writing Training

This training took place online on Monday 23rd June at 7pm. This workshop covered the basics of what is required in an annual report for a charity / not-for-profit organisation and focused on how to use the annual report as a way of showing the public, members and funders how effective an organisation is.

Canva / Digital Marketing Training

This training took place online on Monday 30th June 30th at 7pm. Participants learned how to create a wide range of visual assets (posters, fliers, etc), including photos, engaging ads and professional videos. This course equipped members of Louth PPN's community groups with the skills to confidently produce scroll-stopping content and harness the latest technology to boost their output. Perfect for community groups to help promote their service's online presence.

Healthy Louth

Healthy Louth Newsletter (Summer 2025, 15th Edition)

The 15th edition of the Healthy Louth Newsletter was published as a special summer bumper issue, featuring a collection of updates, events, and community highlights. This seasonal edition showcases a wide range of initiatives aligned with Healthy Ireland priority themes, including mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and supports for older people.

To view the Summer 2025 Newsletter, click the link below:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/community/programmes/healthy-louth/healthy-louth-monthly-newsletter/healthy-louth-newsletter-summer-2025.html>



Louth LCDC Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee Meeting (5th June 2025)

The Louth LCDC Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee met for their 2nd quarterly meeting of the year on Thursday 5th June 2025 at The Barbican Centre in Drogheda. The agenda opened with a screening of Look into My World, followed by a discussion with participants highlighting the positive impact of creative arts on health and wellbeing.

The meeting concluded with agreement on next steps and appreciation for ongoing cross-sectoral collaboration supporting health and wellbeing in Louth.

National Healthy Ireland Cities & Counties of Ireland Network Meeting – 6th June 2025

Our Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Louth attended the National Healthy Cities & Counties of Ireland Network Meeting in Cork City Hall on 6th June, in her role as the representative for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

The meeting highlighted strong engagement across the network. There was a strong focus on embedding Health in All Policies, and other key topics included calls for national vaping legislation and better uptake of EU-funded opportunities to support innovation in climate and health.

WHO Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting – Bursa, Türkiye (17–19 June 2025)

Our Healthy Ireland Coordinator attended the WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting in Bursa, Türkiye, representing the Midlands and Eastern Regional Assembly Area. The event concluded Phase VII of the WHO Healthy Cities programme and outlined priorities for Phase VIII, set to begin in 2026.

The conference focused on building resilient and sustainable urban communities, with sessions covering equity, environment, participation, and place-based planning. Highlights included thematic

workshops, site visits, and the sharing of international best practices.

A significant milestone was achieved as Waterford, Limerick and Galway City were each formally accredited as WHO Healthy Cities. In addition, the National Healthy Ireland Cities and Counties Network of Ireland received WHO accreditation, an important recognition of Ireland's commitment to advancing urban health and wellbeing.

This engagement provided valuable insights and reaffirmed that much of the work underway in Louth is in line with international standards. Learnings from the event will inform and strengthen future health and wellbeing initiatives across the county.



Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy and Ms.

Kira Fortune, WHO, Regional Advisor Healthy Cities alongside other members of the Healthy Ireland Cities & Counties Network of Ireland.

Not Around Us Campaign – Drogheda United Joins the Initiative

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting a healthier environment for all, Drogheda United has officially joined the Not Around Us (NAU) campaign, funded by Healthy Louth. The initiative supports the creation of smoke and vape-free spaces, particularly in areas frequented by children and young people.

Key areas across Sullivan and Lambe Park, including vendor spots and shop areas, have been designated as smoke- and vape-free zones. New NAU signage has been installed to highlight this positive change and encourage a healthier match day experience for all visitors.

This collaboration demonstrates a shared commitment between Drogheda United and Healthy Louth to protect the health and wellbeing of supporters, with a

strong emphasis on creating safer spaces for our youngest fans.



Ms. Aoife Burns, Social Responsibility Officer, Drogheda Utd and Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer, Community.

LEADER

Development led by local communities

LEADER 2023-2027 Programme

The LEADER 2023-2027 Programme continues to support private enterprises and community groups to improve the quality of life and economic activity in communities throughout County Louth. There is approximately €3.75 million available for project funding in Louth throughout the life of this Programme.

LEADER Project Funding Approved

The LAG, at its June meeting, approved funding support, in the amount of €17,076.46 for one LEADER project. The project supported is in the Drogheda area under the Theme of:

- Economic Development and Job Creation.

Recent funding paid to beneficiaries under the LEADER Programme:

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
Louth Village Community Centre Flood Damage Repair & Improvement Works	€41,047.26
Dundalk Enterprise Development Co Upgrade of Heating System	€8,641.00
TOTAL	€49,688.26

Social Integration and Community Activation Programme 2024-2028 (SICAP)

SICAP provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. SICAP addresses high and persistent levels of deprivation through targeted and innovative, locally led approaches. It supports disadvantaged communities and individuals including unemployed people, people living in deprived areas, people with disabilities, single parent families, people on a low income, members of the Traveller and Roma community and other disadvantaged groups.

The SICAP Mid-Year Review is currently in progress. This review provides the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) with an opportunity to assess Louth Local Development's performance in delivering the SICAP programme in line with the 2025 Annual Plan, SICAP Programme Requirements and the Funding Agreement. It is intended to foster stronger collaboration between the LCDC and Louth Local Development and to act as a supportive step in preparation for the end-of-year review. The review must be completed and formally approved by the LCDC no later than 31st July 2025.

Blue Flag Beaches

The Blue Flag beach season has officially begun. Lifeguards will be on duty at weekends throughout June on our three Blue Flag beaches. For July and August, lifeguard will be in place seven days a week to ensure beachgoer's safety.

Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign

As part of a broader dog fouling awareness campaign, 21 dog bag dispensers have been installed across the county as a pilot initiative in partnership with local Tidy Towns groups. Additionally, 17 dog fouling stencils have been distributed and children's artwork from a recent competition is now displayed on bins throughout the county to help raise awareness.



Installation of new Dog Bag Dispenser in Dromiskin



Displays of Artwork in Drogheda and Ardee



Residents Association in Drogheda with their 'Bag It Bin It' Stencil

PEACEPLUS



PEACEPLUS Action Plan

Tenders for PEACEPLUS Action plan projects for 'Sports Leadership' and 'Community Safety, Engagement, Wellbeing and Signposting' were posted on the e tenders website. Tenders were received for the 'Shared Narratives' Project and for 'The Sports Engagement' project and are currently being assessed.

Planning permission was granted for the proposed capital works to St. Nicholas' Church of Ireland, Dundalk. The procurement for these capital works will begin in Q1 2026.

An appropriate assessment screening of the proposed capital works at the Battle of The Boyne site was carried out and concluded the works would not have a significant impact on the environmental integrity of the River Boyne area. This outcome will allow us to proceed with the procurement as planned in Q4 2025.

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as at 30/06/2025

Properties offered in June	0
Families moved into properties in June	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in June	4
Property offers recorded to date	85
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	38
Beneficiaries currently assigned	130
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	1
Properties assessed as suitable to date	44
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	19
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team

"Taste of All Nations"

People from far and wide descended on Ardee on June 7th, for the highly anticipated Taste of All Nations event in conjunction with refugee week. It was a vibrant celebration of food, culture and diversity and with the sun shining down and the town buzzing with energy, the event was hailed as a resounding success by organisers, participants and visitors alike.

Hosted in the heart of Ardee, Taste of All Nations brought together some of the county's local food heroes for a day of delicious discovery. Attendees sampled an extraordinary range of dishes and products, from traditional dishes to bold global flavours, all made with the freshest ingredients.

Highlights included live dance performances, a circus act for children, face painting, music and a bustling food market that showcased the best of Louth and beyond. Family entertainment and community performances added to the festive atmosphere.



Participants at the 'Taste of All Nations' Event in Ardee

The LAIT attended the 2025 "Pathways" Graduation Ceremony in DKIT. 47 graduates received their certificates in an uplifting and reflective ceremony. The Pathways programme plays an essential role in facilitating access to higher education for individuals from diverse backgrounds. By offering tailored support, fostering confidence and providing practical skills, these initiatives empower participants to overcome barriers and achieve their academic and professional aspirations.



2025 Pathways Graduation Ceremony in DKIT

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Fun Gymnastics Event

We were delighted to host a Fun Gymnastics event over the June bank holiday weekend. Our main hall was transformed beyond recognition with the hall filled with crash mats, balance beams, vaults and parallel bars. It was a great day out for the children participating and their families.



Gymnastics Event at Dundalk Sports Centre

Lourdes Stadium

Bowls Event

Our second Bowls Event took place on the 18th of June with 14 participants on the day. There were four teams in total who battled it out in great weather conditions while relaxing with refreshments afterwards.



Outdoor Bowling at Lourdes Stadium, Drogheda

School Sports Days

Various primary schools have celebrated their end of year over the last couple of weeks by hosting school sports days at the track. The students got to enjoy a range of athletic events from long jump to relays.

Community Games

The Louth Community Games took place at the Lourdes Stadium on Saturday 7th June. Athletes competed for qualification to represent their county at national level.

Disability Inclusion Course

The Lourdes Stadium hosted a disability inclusion course in the studio on 14th June. This course was organised by the Louth Sports Partnership and was attended by clubs in the surrounding areas.



Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2025

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach and volunteer education programmes in June 2025.

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	26 th June	Online
Safeguarding Level 3	12 th June	Online
Disability Inclusion Training	14 th June	Lourdes Stadium

Open Water Swimming in Clogherhead

Louth Local Sports Partnership partnered with Swim Ireland during June to deliver Open Water Swimming sessions in Clogherhead. The Swim Ireland Open Water programmes catered to adults of all levels of swimming ability. The group were brought on a journey from their first time in the open water through to swimming confidently in open water.



Participants at Open Water Swimming Session in Clogherhead



Kilkerley Emmets Mothers & Others Group

Supporting Local Clubs through Louth LSP Small Club Grant

Following the launch of the Small Club Grants Scheme, groups have now received funding to support them in developing sport and physical activity in their area. Two examples of this support were the formation of the Gaelic for Mothers and Others group in Kilkerley Emmets GAA and an U8 team in Moneymore FC in Drogheda. With the support of the LSP, both teams were able to purchase kits, enabling them to participate in local events.



Moneymore FC U8 Team

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

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

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

Ger Murphy
Stiúrthóir / Director



Titíocht / Housing

Ag Déileáil le hEaspa Dídine / Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the Northeast Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the Northeast Homelessness Strategy 2024-2026. The following work done within County Louth in the period May 18 – June 17, 2025 can be summarised as follows:

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

May 18 to June 17, 2025	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	5	129	64	198
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	5	23	19	47
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	2	0	2
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	10	154	83	247

Tables 2 - 4 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on June 17, 2025. Also included at Table 5 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 2: Inscne / Table 2: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	105
Female	84
Total	189

Tábla 3: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 3: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	35
25-44	107
45-64	39
65+	8
Total	189

Tábla 4: Saghas Loistín / Table 4: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	85
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	104
Total unique individuals	189

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

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	38	48	69
Couples with dependent children	7	16	22
Total	45	64	91

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

Number of tenancies established	50
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	34

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta o' Bealtine 20 go dtí Meitheamh 19, 2025 / Housing Allocations from May 20 to June 19, 2025

District	LA	LA Refusal	AHB	AHB Refusal
Ardee	7	1	0	0
Drogheda	5	1	0	1
Dundalk	9	2	24	3
Total	21	4	24	4

Aistrithe / Transfers 20/05/25 – 19/06/25

District	Number
Ardee	2
Drogheda	1
Dundalk	3
Total	6

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

June 19, 2025	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	365	781	1203	2349
HAP Transfer List	296	818	1568	2682
Total Housing List	661	1599	2771	5031

There are **332** applications on the transfer list (Non-HAP) within Social Housing including **67** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíosá / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears at 20 th June 2025	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	265	€108,634
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	189	€146,912
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1088	€3,868,545
TOTAL	1542	€4,124,091

Rent arrears are monitored on an ongoing basis and letters are issued to customers within two weeks of their falling into arrears. Failure to address these arrears will result in a second letter being issued and if necessary, a third and final reminder. Failure to respond at that point will result in an escalation to tenancy warning. The following correspondence was issued in June 2025.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	June 2025	123
2 nd Reminder	June 2025	32
Final Reminder	June 2025	20
Total issued		175

The total rental income received in 2025, to date, is **€8,291,527**. This is a 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2024 (€7,743,692) and a 16% increase on 2023 (€7,167,881). The total number of rents currently being paid by Household Budget is **938**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **53** new payment plans commenced in June 2025 (up to and including June 20, 2025).

Airíonna Athlígean & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 23/06/2025

Relet / Void Properties on June 23, 2025	Total
<i>Ardee Municipal District</i>	5
<i>Dundalk Municipal District</i>	17
<i>Drogheda Municipal Borough District</i>	23
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	45
<i>CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)</i>	2
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	47

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

Cuairteanna Chothabhála / Maintenance Calls

Maintenance	May 22 - June 23, 2025	Total (YTD)
<i>No. of Maintenance Requests Received</i>	796	6051
<i>No. of Maintenance Requests Completed</i>	673	4740
<i>No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress</i>	74	972
<i>No. of Maintenance Requests Refused</i>	49	339

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

The 2025 EERP allocation for Louth, has been confirmed by the DHLGH as 140. Two units submitted over our allocation in 2024 will be taken out of this total. Two Units in Hillview are accounted for under the 2024 figures so the total for 2025 shall be shown as 138.

Municipal District	Number of Commenced/ Completed Units
<u>Ardee MD:</u> <i>St Olivers Park Kilsaran Feran Drive, Louth Village Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown</i>	23
<u>Dundalk MD:</u> <i>Ladywell Dundalk Aisling Park Dundalk Doolargy Ave, Dundalk Barton Park, Dundalk</i>	35
<u>Drogheda BD:</u> <i>St Finians Marian Park Boyle O'Reilly Terrace Ascal a Haon</i>	39

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

May 22 - June 20, 2025	June	YTD
<i>Properties inspected monthly</i>	191	1091
<i>Advisory letters issued</i>	171	1093
<i>Improvement notices issued</i>	8	26
<i>Prohibition notices issued</i>	0	1
<i>Private Inspections</i>	0	0
<i>HAP First Inspections</i>	80	495

<i>RAS First Inspections</i>	0	1
<i>AHB First Inspections</i>	60	315
<i>Private Re-inspections</i>	0	3
<i>HAP Re-inspections</i>	35	188
<i>RAS Re-inspections</i>	0	0
<i>AHB Re-inspections</i>	16	85
<i>Inspections from Complaints</i>	0	4
<i>Properties Made Compliant</i>	24	96

Before



After



Estate Management and Operations teams cleared rubbish and debris from Moneymore alleyways on 6th June

Iompraíocht Fhrithshóisialta / Anti-Social Behaviour

<i>May 17 to June 18, 2025</i>	<i>Drogheda</i>	<i>Ardee</i>	<i>Dundalk</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Yearly</i>
<i>ASB Cases* Received</i>	16	2	2	20	119
<i>ASB cases Ongoing</i>	16	5	10	31	-
<i>ASB cases complete</i>	10	2	4	16	79

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

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

<i>May 17 to June 18, 2025</i>	<i>Drogheda</i>	<i>Ardee</i>	<i>Dundalk</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Yearly</i>
<i>Verbal Warnings</i>	1	1	2	4	24
<i>Written Tenancy Notifications</i>	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014</i>	0	0	0	0	0

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta / Tenancy Engagement

<i>May 17 to June 18, 2025</i>	<i>Drogheda</i>	<i>Ardee</i>	<i>Dundalk</i>	<i>Monthly Total</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
<i>No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training</i>	1	7	9	17	109
<i>Post-tenancy inspections</i>	0	0	10	10	78
<i>Tenancy Investigation Visits</i>	14	5	20	39	199

Blocked Alleyway in Moneymore Cleared

An alleyway in Moneymore has been cleared, restoring access to residents after years of neglect. For a significant period, the passage had been completely obstructed by accumulated rubbish and debris, making it impassable and a source of frustration for the local community. The recent clean-up marks a positive step forward, allowing residents to once again use the alley and improve the overall appearance and safety of the area.

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

The application portal for Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda closed on Monday June 16, 2025, with 135 Application received. Offers have issued and been accepted for all 8 units for sale. The next upcoming affordable scheme is expected to be for Quarry Court, John Street, Ardee. The application is current with the DHLGH for approval of funding.

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

Mortgage to Rent June 2025 Report

Active MTR Applications Total	31
AHB MTR Applications Active	13
AHB MTR completed 2025	05
Private MTR Applications Active	18
Private MTR completed 2025	1
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	1

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

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folaíoch / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	305
Approved:	208
Rejected:	21
Withdrawn	36
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	40
Funding Issued to Applicant	73
Principal Private Residence	224
Rental Applications	81



Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2025 Budget Allocation	€6,610,000
LAHL Approvals at 23/06/2025	€1,938,342
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at June 23, 2025	
Total Number of Applications at 23/06/2025	21
LAHL carried over from 2024	9
Invalid/Returned	11
Approved	13
Declined	3
For Review	0
Outstanding – waiting on further information	3

Gnóthaithee/ Acquisitions

In April the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) issued a circular 11/2025 regarding the Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions programme 2025. Louth County Council have been allocated €12m in 2025.

The circular sets out criteria for the purchase of second-hand homes for tenant in situ, disability and homeless.

In June, the Council did not purchase any property, however €2.3m has been spent from the allocated funding.

The Council is actively working with tenants and landlords in relation to the Tenant in Situ scheme where tenants had been given a notice to quit, some of whom may be in receipt of HAP. The Council has also identified several properties for applicants who are homeless and or have a disability.

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

The acceptance of grant applications is currently paused while the Grants Section continues to prioritise existing applications received. Currently, the only new applications that can be considered are where a 'priority 1' medical need exists.

The Council was notified in May of the 2025 Allocation of €3,174,338 inclusive of a contribution of €476,151 by the Council. It is important that applicants who have already received grant approval ensure that the works are completed within the stated timeframe and submit their complete certificate to the Grants Section as soon as possible.



Ramp and front door completed in Dundalk, with funding provided with a MAG

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 3/06/2025	93	5	272	-	370
Grants Approved 22/05/2025 – 23/06/2025	12	1	4	17	127

Oiriúnuithe ar Thithíocht Chomhairle do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas / Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants with

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

Application Status	Monthly	YTD
Applications received 20/05/2025 – 23/06/2025	4	32
Works Appointed	32 minor adaptations	
Of the Works onsite/ completed	16 minor adaptations	

Seachadadh Caipitil Tithíochta / Capital Housing Delivery

Muirhevnámór Infill Housing Scheme, Dundalk

John Cummins TD, Minister of State for Local Government and Planning, officially opened Louth County Council's social housing scheme in Muirhevnámór, Dundalk, on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

The Muirhevnámór Infill Housing Scheme comprises 11 high-quality, A2-rated homes, delivered by Louth County Council's Housing Capital Section as part of the Government's 'Housing for All' plan. The scheme was funded through the Social Housing Capital Investment Programme (SHCIP).

Louth County Council signed contracts in May 2023 with CJ Callan Construction Ltd. as the main contractor for the €4.6 million project. The homes were designed by Van Dijk Architects and constructed on previously unused land within the existing Muirhevnámór estate. Construction began in August 2023 and was completed in May 2025.

The development includes three two-bedroom detached bungalows, one three-bedroom detached bungalow, and seven three-bedroom two-storey houses. The A2-rated homes are highly energy efficient and will significantly reduce energy costs for residents of the Muirhevnámór Infill development.

The homes have been allocated to persons with disabilities and families from Louth County Council's social housing list, through the Choice Based Letting (CBL) portal.



Official opening of Muirhevnamór Infill Housing Scheme, Dundalk by John Cummins TD, Minister of State for Local Government and Planning and elected representatives



Muirhevnamór Infill Housing Scheme, Dundalk - delivery of 11 new housing units



Muirhevnamór Infill Housing Scheme, Dundalk - delivery of 11 new housing units



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Quarry Court, Ardee

Jack Chambers TD, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation officially launched Louth County Councils New Affordable Housing Scheme at Quarry Court in Ardee at a ceremony on Friday June 6, 2025, which was also attended by Louth County Council Cathaoirleach, Councillor Kevin Callan. The Scheme consists of 11 Affordable three-bed Houses and 9 one and two bed Social Apartments.

The 20 new A2 rated residential homes were purchased by Louth County Councils Housing Section as Social & Affordable houses under the Government's 'Housing For All' plan utilising Social Housing Capital Investment Programme (SHCIP) funding and the DHLGH Affordable Housing Fund. The development at the junction of John Street and Stoney Lane was built by Currabeg Construction.

The 11 affordable houses are the first houses in Ardee to be advertised by Louth County Council and consist of three-bed detached, terraced, and semi-detached houses. The houses will be very energy efficient with air to water heat pumps, double glazed aluclad windows, and rear access to all back gardens.



Official opening of Quarry Court, Ardee by Jack Chambers TD, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation and elected representatives

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Quarry Court, Ardee – delivery of 11 Affordable Homes & 9 Social Apartment units



Quarry Court, Ardee – delivery of 11 Affordable Homes & 9 Social Apartment units

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units	
SHIP	756
CALF	471
CAS	33
TOTAL	1,260

Housing for All Social Housing Build Delivery				
Year	Target	Actual	Projected	Total
2022	660	227	-	227
2023	156	365	-	365
2024	160	438	-	438
2025	172	60	393	453
2026	175	0	493	493
Total	1,323	1,090	886	1,976



Seachadadh SHIP / SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Muirhevnámór, (Infill) Dundalk	1/2	6	Completed	28/05/2025	2 * 2 bed & 4 * 3 bed
Muirhevnámór, (Infill) Dundalk	2/2	5	Completed	28/05/2025	1 * 2 bed & 4 * 3 bed
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	1/2	13	Completed	30/04/2025	6 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed & 5 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/2	59	On Site	30/09/2025	21 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 20 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt

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Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	45	On Site	30/11/2025	14 * 2 bed, 16 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	48	On Site	31/06/2026	9 * 2 bed, 13 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Stage 3 Approved	25/12/2026	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	31/08/2027 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/12/2026	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed
Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	On-Site	30/06/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/08/2027	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved	30/06/2028	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	2/3	4	Completed	22/05/2025	4 * 3 bed
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	3/3	4	On-site	30/11/2025	4 * 3 bed
Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock, Dundalk	1/1	12	On-site	30/11/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt.
Quarry Court, John St. / Stoneylane, Ardee, Co. Louth	1/1	9	Completed	17/04/2025	3 * 3 bed Apt, 6 * 2 bed Apt.

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<i>Derryveigh House, Hoeyes Lane, Dundalk</i>	<i>1/1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2025</i>	<i>1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed</i>
<i>Clontygora, Dundalk</i>	<i>1/1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/11/2025</i>	<i>2 * 4 bed</i>
<i>Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2025</i>	<i>1 * 2 bed</i>
<i>Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2026</i>	<i>5 * 3 bed</i>
<i>Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2025</i>	<i>4 * 1 bed Apt</i>
<i>Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda</i>	<i>2/5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2025</i>	<i>4 * 1 bed Apt</i>
<i>Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda</i>	<i>3/5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>31/03/2026</i>	<i>4 * 1 bed Apt</i>
<i>Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda</i>	<i>4/5</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>31/03/2026</i>	<i>6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex</i>
<i>Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda</i>	<i>5/5</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/06/2026</i>	<i>6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex</i>
<i>Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2</i>	<i>1/2</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>20/06/2025</i>	<i>12 * 2 bed Apt</i>
<i>Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2</i>	<i>2/2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2025</i>	<i>4 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 2 bed Apt</i>
<i>Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3</i>	<i>1/2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>16/04/2025</i>	<i>4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed</i>
<i>Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3</i>	<i>2/2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/09/2025</i>	<i>2 * 2 bed Apt</i>
<i>Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3</i>	<i>1/1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>On-site</i>	<i>30/06/2025</i>	<i>3 * 3 bed</i>
<i>Ellwood Park, Ballymakenny, Drogheda</i>	<i>1/1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>20/06/2025</i>	<i>3 * 3 bed</i>

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Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	1/3	1	Completed	13/06/2025	1 * 3 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	2/3	3	On-site	30/09/2025	2 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	3/3	4	Funding Approved	30/06/2026	2 * 2 bed Apt, 2 * 3 bed Duplex

Seachadadh CAS / CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	15/09/2026	Twenty-one * 1 Bed apartments
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	Women's Aid Dundalk	12	Stage 2 approved	02/09/2026	Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments

Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name		Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part V/ Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Flaxmill Lane with North & East	1/1	17		Completed	<u>May 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 one Bed Apt 7 two bed Apt 3 Three bed Apt
Dublin Road Dundalk with Respond	3/3	16		Completed	<u>May 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 one bed Apt 2 Three Bed Apt 1 Two Bed Duplex

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Three Bed Duplex
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	1/3	18		On Site	30/05/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Three bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	2/3	8		On Site	30/06/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	12/7	On Site	30/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Houses
Connollys Field Dundalk Fold Housing	1/1	70	59/11	On- Site	01/06/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 One bed apt • 19 Two bed apt
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing	1/1	142	128/14	On Site	31/01/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 One bed Apt • 70 Two bed Apt • 24 Three Bed Apt
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	30/01/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	1/2	20	15/5	On Site	31/05/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Two Bed apt/ Duplex
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	2/2	33		On Site	30/08/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 One Bed Apt • 16 Two Bed Apt • 2 Two Bed House • 7 Three Bed House

Bayview Gardens, Drogheda, Co Louth	1/1	58	52/6	On Site	01/07/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 One Bed Apt/Duplex • 32 Two Bed Apt/Duplex • 3 Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham, Co Louth	1/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/06/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Two Bed House • 1 One Bed Apt/Duplex • 4 Two Bed Apt/Duplex • 3 Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/01/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The County Archivist is assisting the LGMA-led Working Group on revising the record retention schedules of the National Retention Policy. The schedule for Fire Services is undergoing revision.

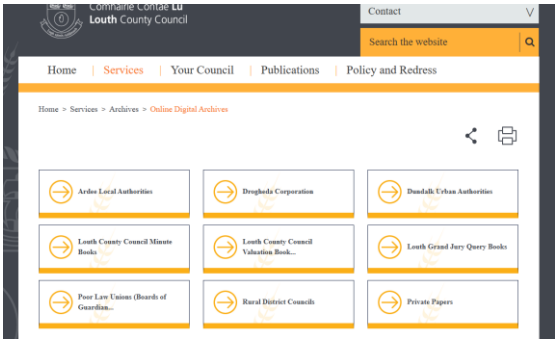
The County Archivist regularly assists staff with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the County Archives. Work continues to take place in reviewing and appraising records for retention as archives or for destruction with work on Operations, Enforcement and on Planning records in progress.

Digitisation Project

The digitisation of the historical minute books of Drogheda Corporation has now been completed and public access copies of the minute books were placed online in June. Minutes dating from 1649 – 1925 for Drogheda Corporation are available on the County Archives' Online Digital Archives web-page: www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/archives/online-digital-archives/. The project is kindly being funded by the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society.

The provision of free online public access to original archival sources will improve the democratisation of

access to records and will assist local history research.



Screen-grab of the online digital archives page on Louth County Archives' web-pages

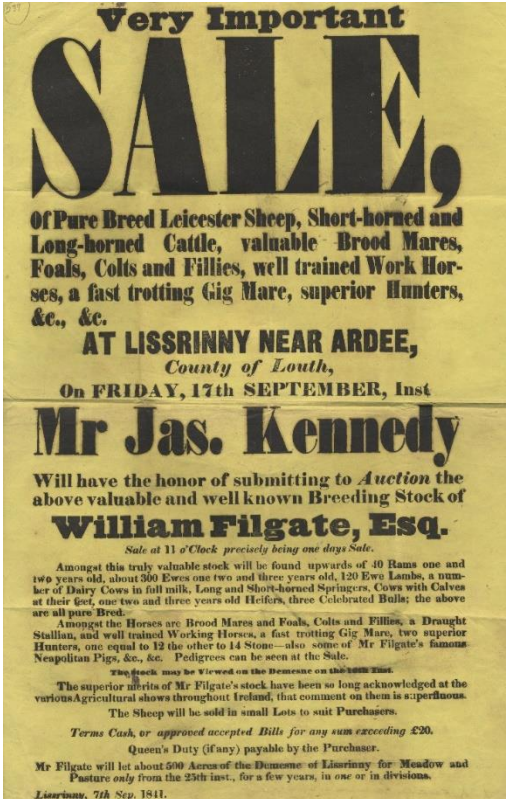
Research Enquiries

The preservation of archives is a vital need for our society and the service receives a steady volume of enquiries on archives. Research enquiries include those from private individuals, academics (historians, archaeologists, social scientists, etc), professionals (solicitors, engineers, planning consultants, etc), family historians, students and state agencies. The Archivist also supports staff in various sections with many business-related enquiries.

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.



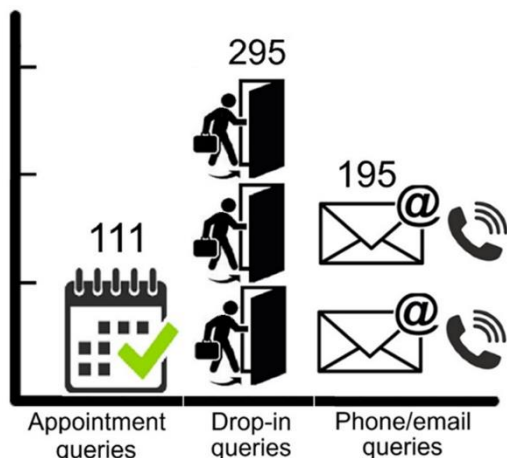
Auction notice for sale of sheep and other livestock of William Filgate, 1841 (The Filgate Papers, PP0001/)

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Louth Library Local Studies and Reference Collection

Public enquiries to Dundalk Library's Reference Collection for questions relating to genealogy, local history, newspapers, and research were compiled for 2024. Staff interactions with the public and schools for the calendar year are indicated below.





Summer Stars at Louth Library Service



Cathaoirleach Councillor Kevin Callan, Director of Services Ger Murphy, library staff and first class pupils from Castletown Girls School, Dundalk

Summer Stars launched in Dundalk library with Cathaoirleach Councillor Kevin Callan, Director of Services Ger Murphy and County Librarian Amanda Branigan with first class pupils from Castletown Girls School, Dundalk.

Summer Stars is an annual free national reading programme that takes place from June until the end of August across all Louth library branches: Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Dunleer and Carlingford. Children throughout County Louth are invited to join the adventure and enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading over the summer.

Each child will receive a free Summer Stars pack which includes:

- a reading card to track their reading adventures throughout the summer
- an activity book with lots of engaging literacy friendly activities
- a seeded bookmark made with eco-friendly paper
- a summer stars bag to keep their summer reads

Participants are invited to return their reading card to their local library branch by the end of August for a chance to win a family pass to Sky Park, Carlingford. There will be lots of free events and activities taking place throughout the summer to celebrate Summer Stars including storytimes and arts-and-crafts activities.



Teddy Bear Storytime in Drogheda library

To celebrate the launch of Summer Stars, Anyone4Science facilitated workshops in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee library during the month of June. Local primary school children participated in a Gangsta Granny – CSI solve the crime – which Granny did it? workshop. Drogheda Library held a teddy bears picnic on Friday, June 20.



Jennifer from Anyone4Science in Drogheda library



Fourth class pupils from Scoil Aonghusa learning about the 3D Printer

Baby Book Club

Baby Book Club took place in Dundalk and Drogheda Library in June where little ones and their grown-ups came together for story time, songs, and fun! Designed for babies from 0-18 months, Baby Book Club helps nurture early language skills, build bonds, and introduces the joy of books from the very beginning.



Baby Book Club attendees at Drogheda Library



Enjoying Baby Book Club in Dundalk Library

Louth Library Primary Schools Service

The school's service was busy retrieving loans during June as schools finished up for the summer. Summer Stars and My Little Library Bag initiatives were also promoted with primary schools and ELCs through contacting teachers and arranging storytime sessions and schools' van visits. The schools service visited The De La Salle Preschool and Little Partners Creche Ltd in Dundalk in June.

The focus is on inspiring children to join the library, using their membership to experience the joy of reading, and to help them maintain and improve their reading skills outside of school.



De La Salle Preschool Staff and Children with a "My Little Library Bag"

Book Donation

Louth Library Service was delighted to receive a selection of books donated by Uachtarán na hÉireann Micheal D. Higgins. This donation includes publications bought by the President as well as books gifted by authors and groups.

10-day loans

Louth Library Service have a brand-new batch of 10-day short loans of bestselling books at each library

branch. Why short loans? They help to keep the hottest new reads circulating faster, so more people get a chance to enjoy the latest and greatest titles. You can borrow these popular books for 10 days — perfect for a quick dive into your next favourite story. Pop in soon and grab your next page-turner!

Cruinniú Na nÓg

Attendees at the Go Fly Your Kite workshop in Dundalk Library for Cruinniú Na nÓg had great fun at this hands-on activity. Young artists designed and decorated their own kites and discovered how to make their creations fly. Participants couldn't wait to test their kites outdoors!



Kite-maker in Dundalk

Drogheda library was also delighted to welcome renowned artist Jenni Kilgallon who facilitated a needle felting workshop as part of Cruinniú na nÓg June 7.



Artist Jenni Kilgallon

Drogheda Memory Café

Drogheda's Alzheimer's Memory Café was held in Drogheda library on June 10. The guest speaker was Helen Barron, manager of Tredagh Lodge. Helen spoke about Tredagh Lodge and the services connected to the day care centre for clients and their families. This was followed by a Q&A session. The café will take a break for the summer and the next meeting for both Drogheda and Dundalk cafés will be on Tuesday, September 9. The cafés provides a welcoming space for people living with dementia. All are welcome to attend.



Helen Barron from Tredagh Lodge Daycare.

MABS Information Stand

A representative from the Money, Advice and Budgeting service visited Drogheda library on June 27. This "Skills for Life" event was hosted in partnership with MABS.

Dorothy Macardle Talk

Dundalk Library hosted a truly memorable evening celebrating the extraordinary life of Dorothy Macardle on June 12, as part of the EPSO festival.

Lea Hennessy offered a fascinating insight into Dorothy Macardle's life and family background while Sharon McArdle brought Dorothy's prison notebooks to life with a moving and powerful performance of her writings, showing how her personal life and experiences shaped her public legacy.



Speakers Sharon McArdle and Lea Hennessey at the Dorothy Macardle evening of talks

The festival finished on Saturday night in its home venue of St. Nicholas Church with the Chamber Choir Ireland and an incredible recital featuring Sarah Davachi's surreal Songs of the Smile's Fig.

Highlanes Gallery

Highlanes Gallery launched their **Summer Sunday Season** on June 15 with an enlightening recital featuring Caoimhe Ní Mhaolagáin and Sárán Mulligan.



Caoimhe Ní Mhaolagáin and Sárán Mulligan.

The Summer Sunday Season sees the gallery opening on Sundays from 11am to 3pm right through the Summer until August 24 inclusive.

For details on all upcoming exhibitions and events at Highlanes please see <https://highlanes.ie/all-events/>

Droichead Arts Centre

Droichead Youth Theatre summer terms started on June 28 and runs until August 16. The classes run weekly on Saturdays and all new members are always welcome.

Night Moves – Droichead Arts Centres new series of Night Moves continued in June with the phenomenal Stowaway Sessions at Drogheda Port on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, featuring local singer songwriter SJ McArdle and his PORT collection with guest artists including Roisin Ward Morrow. The NIGHT MOVES summer series is a programme designed to provide new and engaging nighttime cultural experiences across Drogheda and East Meath.

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Louth Contemporary Music Society (LCMS)

LCMS returned for its 19th iteration on Friday 13th June with an incredible selection of music in their 'Echoes' festival. Featuring pieces from composer Bernhard Lang, who was also in attendance, German guitar quartet, Aleph, and singer Daisy Press enthralled with their eclectic performance of the hypnotic 'A Cold Trip' in An Táin Arts Centre for the festival's opening event. Saturday saw further performances from Aleph and Press in St Vincents church and the Spirit Store was host to Apartment House and Francesca Fargion reimagining Nico's The Marble Index with haunting strings and electronics.



Chamber Choir Ireland performing in Dundalk



Singer Songwriter SJ McArdle and Róisín Ward Morrow performing at Drogheda Port for the Night Moves Summer Series

For more details on the Night Moves programme, Droichead Youth Theatre or any other upcoming events at Droichead Arts centre please see <https://www.droichead.com/whats-on.html>

An Táin Arts Centre

Exhibition- 'Threads of Witness' by Frances Crowe launched on Wednesday, June 18, in the Basement Gallery. Frances' work seeks to capture the emotional essence of the humanitarian crisis. Her tapestry work is a testament to the threads that bind us together as humans regardless of borders or politics and her work could not be timelier.



Artist Frances Crowe

Frances was the Roscommon artist on the Threading the Táin Tapestry project funded by Creative Ireland back in 2022. The exhibition runs until July 26.

Camp A Million Dreams – The annual 2-week musical theatre summer camp started on June 30 running for 2 weeks for children from the age of 3 to 18.

For all events and exhibitions in An Táin Arts Centre see <https://www.antain.ie/whats-on/> for details.

Creative Spark

Print Studio Membership – Annual membership for the Print Studio is now open for applications for the 2025/2026 year. For details on how to apply please see [Membership Form](#) here.

Kids & Teens Art Summer Camps are now open for registration. The camps will take place from Monday to Thursday, July 21 to 24. For details on this and all the courses and training available through Creative Spark and booking details please see their events page at <https://creativespark.ie/events>.

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Saturday, June 7. Despite the wet weather lots of fun was had and there were plenty of activities across the county for all to enjoy. From carnivals to craft workshops, magicians to music makers, bake offs to bubbles and plenty more, Louth was buzzing with youthful activity throughout the day.

Highlights included the Children's Carnival Collective take place in our Fair Street offices in Drogheda. Produced by Droichead Arts Centre artists including Kieran Gallagher and Vivienne Byrne facilitated drumming workshops, dance movement, costume and prop making to create an incredible interactive carnival procession at the end. In Dunleer Library we had Glass Fusing, in Ardee there were Lego workshops while in Carlingford Library we had a puppet and magic show with Billy Bubbles. Dundalk hosted the Big Day Out at the Square with the Big Fish workshop, Spray Painting and circus performers. Over thirty-five events occurred right across the county. We also launched a new Comic Book created by students from Drogheda and East Meath in our collaboration with Meath County Council and provided sensory workshops for students at Abacus School in Drogheda and ballet lessons for children with additional needs.



Cruinniú na nOg participants



Cruinniú na nÓg Lú



Cruinniú Louth 2025

Feedback from the day was very positive and uptake on events was high, considering the awful weather. Thanks to all who came out to take part!

An Iarsmalann / Museum

Museum news



The Coulter Poppy - a literally perennial favourite

As the summer season advances the Museum has presented an engaged and diverse array of services to the public. Over June the Museum provided to the town's schools historic walking tours highlighting elements of Dundalk's rich architectural, social, political and religious history. These walks took in elements as diverse as the Green Church, Kelly's Monument, St. Leonard's Gardens and St. Patrick's Cathedral across the town.



Louth's greatest heroes - the tour

Similarly with the end of the school year many of the town's organised summer courses are availing of the opportunity to develop bespoke tours of the Museum and its galleries. Amongst the tours on offer are a familiarisation with Louth's greatest heroes, its

mythological roots, as well as introductions to the county's archaeological story.

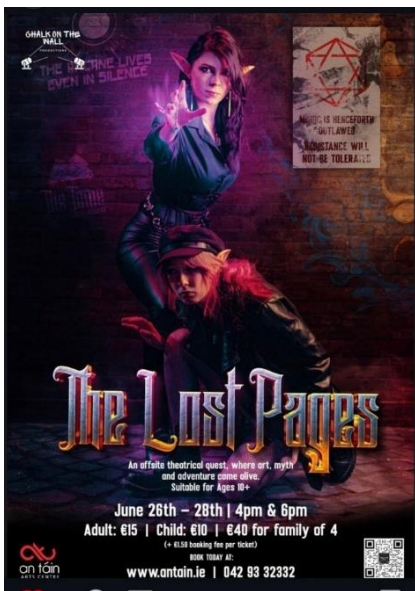
In keeping with the theme of heroes, the Museum hosted Jim Kerley from the Old Dundalk Society who gave a lunchtime talk on the history of the fabled Dundalk Merryweather. The event was included as part of the EPSO festival.

This historic fire engine travelled to assist with the relief efforts in Belfast during the German Blitz of the city in 1941.



The Merryweather Fire Engine in the Museum courtyard

The Museum hosted several performances of the Chalk on the Wall Production of *The Lost Pages* inspired by the *The Tome of Many Worlds* an exhibition by 2024 An Táin Arts Centre artist in residence, Andrew Browne. Performances took place over June 26, 27 and 28.

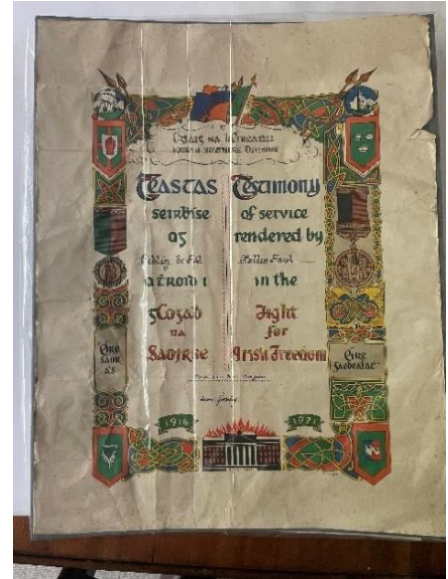


The Lost Pages performed at the County Museum, Dundalk

Recent Acquisitions

The Museum has added several significant additions to its collection over the month of June. Amongst the items added include:

- A testimony of service rendered in the fight of Irish Freedom.



Certificate recognising service rendered during the War of Independence

A painting of the Catalpa, the whaling ship involved in the rescue of six IRB men from a penal colony in Freemantle, Western Australia in 1876. This painting of the ship is reputedly painted on the canvas of a sail from the Catalpa itself.



A painting of the Catalpa



Dedication "In Honour of the Heroes who rescued their suffering fellow countrymen from British tyranny in Western Australia"

A computer game and console from the late 1970s.



Computerised fun for all of the family – a games console from 1975-76

An Irish Army bicycle from 'The Emergency' the BSA Mk V bicycle was a standard issue bicycle for the Irish Army's Cyclist Squadron during the mid-20th century, particularly during the Emergency. These bicycles, manufactured by Birmingham Small Arms (BSA), were essential for the squadron's mobility, especially in areas with limited road infrastructure.



An Irish Army bicycle from the 1940s



Birmingham Small Arms (BSA) Mark V Bicycle used by the Irish Army Cyclist squadrons during the Emergency period.

Perhaps one of the most interesting features of this bike is the incorporation of a bracket made to house a rifle whilst the soldier is pedalling the bike.



Close-up of rifle bracket on army bicycle

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

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

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

David Jones
Stiúrthóir / Director



Comhforbairt Áite / Placemaking

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

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

The approved Westgate planning documents, including the suite of drawings, the EIAR and the AA Stage 2 reports, represent a large volume of material. Full details of the planning submission and An Bord Pleanála Inspectors Report, Direction and Order are available here:

<https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/318758>



Artist impressions of Westgate project

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Phase 1

Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. are currently on site, works are being completed on a phased basis to minimise impact on residents and businesses. Phases A, B, C and D have been largely completed. Removal of existing EIR poles and overhead lines is now completed.

Phases E1, E2 and F are ongoing with works to the Peace Park and Linen Hall Street progressing. Stakeholder meetings continue bi-weekly and have been largely positive to date. Concerns raised recently regarding the Bridge works TTMP have been addressed and have subsided.

In relation to the surfacing works to Linen Hall Street the contractor has been requested to revise and reissue their programme with a view to keeping the duration of any closures as short as possible. This

will be communicated to all stakeholders well in advance of the works commencing.

Archaeological Monitoring is ongoing with no significant finds to date. Anything that has been discovered have been hand dug around, recorded appropriately and covered in situ.



Linenhall Street, installation of new footpath ongoing.



New planting along An Tain Apartments.

Pedestrian access will always be maintained and deliveries to and from all businesses will be accommodated to minimise the impact as much as possible.

Glas have appointed a dedicated Liaison Officer for any queries, John Caffrey jcaffrey@glascel.ie



Works to Peace Park.

Phase 2 – Backlands Area of St Nicholas Quarter

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

Property owner and stakeholder engagement has commenced with individual meetings held with relevant property owners on the 17th and 18th of June in the Town Hall.



Artist impressions of St. Nicholas Quarter Phase 2

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

Louth County Council has launched The Long Walk Urban Framework Plan project. This project aims to create a framework plan for regeneration of the Longwalk area, that supports town centre growth, and meets the needs of the town’s residents, visitors and businesses.

LUC is the appointed Integrated Urban Design Team lead. As part of the initial stages of the Urban Framework plan, a public consultation event took place at The Longwalk on April 10th and the online survey was open for engagement up until April 17th. The in-person and online engagement has been positively supported by the community, and input arising from this engagement will support the understanding of current uses and issues and the future possibilities and opportunities for The Long

Walk area. A second public engagement event will take place at The Longwalk on July 1st 2025.

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

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

Targeted engagement continues in Drogheda and Dundalk, with several properties now advancing through planning, sales, or early development stages as a result of recent outreach.

In Drogheda, efforts have included the placement of notices on identified premises, with positive feedback received from the community. Stakeholder collaboration with property owners, local businesses, and community groups has helped identify priority sites and build local support for reactivation efforts. Responses to previously issued regeneration letters to newly identified owners requesting meetings have been received and engagement is now ongoing with these newly identified owners.

Athghiniúint Tuaithe agus Ciste Forbartha / Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Ardee Castle

Waiting for Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for permission to appoint the main contractor.

In mean time, liaison ongoing with ESB and adjoining building owners to get overhead cables undergrounded.

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford



Artist impressions of Carlingford

The tender for the procurement of consultants for a heritage led detailed design has been completed. LCC are now progressing the appointment of the Design Team. This is nearing completion and it is hoped that they will be appointed soon.

Ardee 2040

The Council have concluded engagement with TII in relation to pre-planning approval for the main street in Ardee. Turley Planning, the Design Team lead, are in the process of completing the planning pack for submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda

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



Play Spaces

St Dominic's Park & The Glen

AA Screening Stage 1 report has been completed for the Glen and Part 8 documents are being prepared. Engagement with park users and the community has commenced and will continue over the coming months.

AA Screening Stage 1 report for proposed works in St. Dominic's Park playground is currently being prepared in addition to Part 8 documents.

Capital Delivery Team

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) is designed to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland and to build greater resilience into our town and village centres through regeneration projects including plaza development, green space or recreational amenity development, streetscape enhancement, community centre refurbishment and bringing vacant and derelict buildings back into use as multi-purpose community spaces.

The 2025 TVRS, which was announced in March, is now closed for applications, with received expressions of interest currently being appraised.

If you have any queries in relation to the **2025 Town and Village Renewal Scheme**, please email funding@louthcoco.ie

CLÁR

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas, with the aim of attracting people to live and work there. The 2025 CLÁR Programme, which was announced in April, is closed for applications, with shortlisted expressions of interest now being appraised by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

If you have any queries in relation to the **2025 CLÁR Programme**, please email funding@louthcoco.ie

Community Recognition Fund

The Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) has announced the successful applicants for Call 3 of the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024. Louth has received €740,227 in funding in this call, for the following projects:

- the installation of a pitch drainage system at St. Mary's GAA Ardee (€86,955)
- the installation of accessible, natural play equipment in Ardee Community Park (€100,069)
- the purchase of a community bus for Louth Volunteer Centre (€69,995)
- enhancement works to Millmount Governor's House in Drogheda (€50,600)
- walking track upgrade at Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's GFG (€97,255)
- heating system upgrade at The Market House Dunleer community hub (€107,207)
- Tidy Towns enhancement works at the Demesne Dundalk (€57,885)
- toilet upgrade at Dundalk Football Club (€69,261)
- development of Muirhevnamor Park in Dundalk (€101,000)

Tender documents have been prepared for the design of a public square in Dunleer and will be issued to design consultants in the coming weeks. This project aims to create a high-quality public space in the centre of the town.

Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

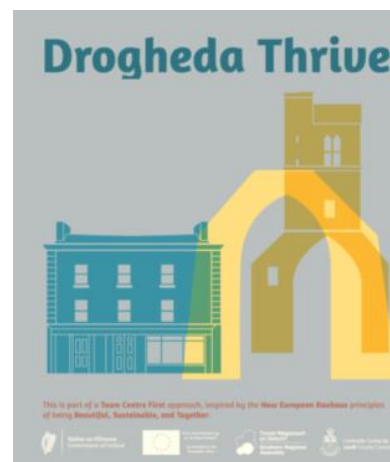


The draft Town Centre First Plan is being finalised in partnership with consultants. Once finalised, these will be issued to the Town Team, and a Public Consultation event will be organised prior to the adoption of any plan. This plan will provide a pipeline of potential projects that can avail of different funding streams aimed to meet the needs of the local community and visitors alike.

Funded by the DRCDG, the CRF recognises the huge efforts made by local communities in welcoming and supporting new arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects

Town Centre First Plan – Project Development Measure - Dunleer



THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

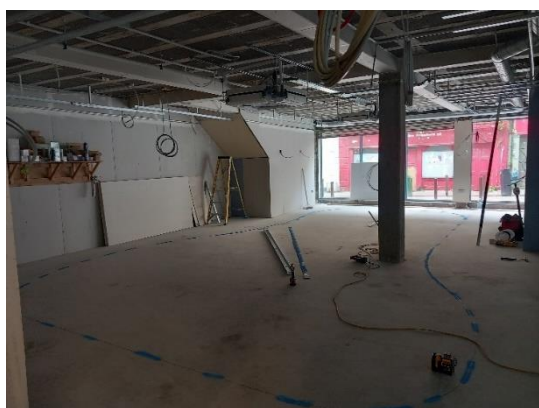


Part 8 Planning permission has been granted for the renovation and extension of both West Gate House and the adjacent former Drogheda Youth Development Building at a meeting of the Drogheda Municipal District Council meeting. This marks a significant milestone for the redevelopment of this site and is intended to be a catalyst for further regeneration within the West Street area.

The Part 8 Planning application was formulated following extensive public and stakeholder engagement and will provide a fully accessible community facility with a range of functional spaces and a roof terrace garden that preserves the historic character of the site. An application for funding of up to €7 million under the Thrive initiative has been submitted to the Southern Regional Assembly. The result of the funding application is to be announced in August.

Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub

First fix fit-out works of Mechanical, Electrical and Civil works close to completion and closing of internal plasterboard walls has now commenced onsite.



First Fix fit out Drogheda Digital Hub

Town Team Support Fund

Louth County Council were successful in receiving funding under the Town Centre First Suite of Supports towards Town Centre Health Checks for both Castlebellingham and Collon. Draft versions of these have been received from Craft Studios and will be published in the coming weeks.

Vacant Homes Officer

Engagement with property owners remains a key focus, with ongoing support provided to those exploring options to bring vacant homes back into use.

This month, the Vacant Homes Officer attended the Vacancy & Dereliction Festival of Ideas organised by Drogheda Vacancy & Dereliction Task Force & Development Perspectives. The Vacant Homes Officer's presence was well received by the group and the current work so far was recognised and commended. Conversations around planned next steps to address vacancy took place with a commitment to continued stakeholder engagement made.

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

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Control building construction ongoing, external render and internal plastering has been completed.

Southern abutment – the majority of the structural walls have been poured. Internal walls ongoing.

Northern Works: New filter lane work are ongoing including utilities.

Bascule abutment has been excavated to formation level and the laying of reinforcement bars has commenced.

Works have commenced on the manufacturing of the steel bridge in Ghent, Belgium and going forward the majority of the works on the project will be in the fabrication yards.



Control Building



Southern Abutment



Commencement of Reinforcement within Northern Bascule Abutment



Commencement of Fabrication of Bridge Components

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

The design team, valuers, LCC and WMNRO continue to engage with the landowners, their agents, and other stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

Stage (ii) Archaeology works are now complete. Previously agreed Stage (iii) sites were completed and backfilled by 23rd May 2025.

Extensions were agreed at Rassin 3, Shanmullagh 2 and Annaghvackey 2. These areas will be subject to an additional Stage (iii) agreement which is in preparation. These extension areas were not subject to Contractual Stage (ii) works but went straight to Stage (iii). All Archaeology works should be completed, and the site backfilled, by the end of July 2025.

A Target Cost 2 budget submission for the entire project has been submitted to the TII in October 2024 for their review and approval and to allow the scheme to progress to tender. It's anticipated that TII decision as to whether the scheme will progress to tender will be given by the end of June.

Subject to TII approvals it is anticipated that tender documents will be issued to the market Q3.

N52 Ardee Bypass

The scheme is currently in the Supreme Court with the Court adjourning the matter generally pending the outcome of the CJEU reference in Power v An Bord Pleanála once a judgment in Power is given,

then this case will be re-entered before the Supreme Court.



Annaghvackey 2 additional area completed 26th May 2025 but not backfilled. Facing W.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

Preparation of tender documents for the completion of the works is ongoing. Survey of remaining area to be constructed has been carried out.

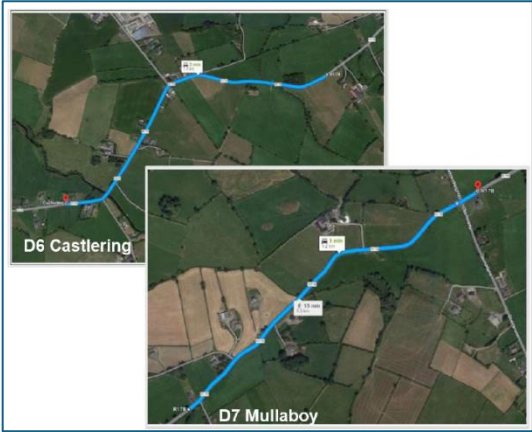
R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

RPS Consultants have now delivered Stage 1 of TII Phase 1 requirements.

- Project Execution Plan
- Constraints and Opportunities Report
- Feasibility Report
- Climate Report

A Members brief took place online on 19th June with Q & A session following presentation.

Members Presentation Slide

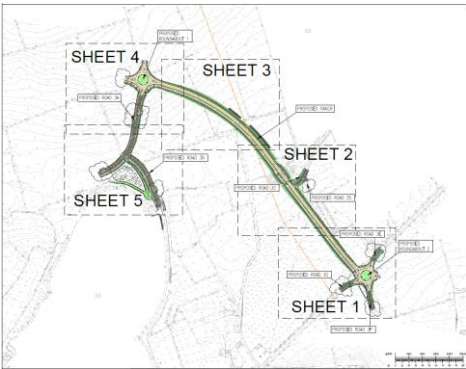


Project Route Sections for RibGeom Design

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is to be delivered by developers. Detailed design to be submitted to the Council for review and approval prior to road construction commencing. A notice to enter was issued to a number of landowners on the expected extent of the work, and the Council Team will be engaging with these affected landowners.

Subject to the developer's submission to and approval of final detailed design / road safety audit stage 2 by the Council, it is intended that works will commence in September.



PANCR Phase 2 Extent of Works

Glasbhealaí / Greenways

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

Section 1, & Section 2: Works are substantially complete from Carlingford to the border at Cornamucklagh. Road Safety Audits 3 & 4 were carried out on 20th Jan 2025 and items raised are being addressed.

Landowner engagement is ongoing on the acquisition of the CPO land parcels. The Council's valuer for the land acquisition continues to negotiate with Landowners agents.

Section 3 – Northern Ireland: Works continue to progress on the construction of the boardwalk, with handrail installation ongoing. It is intended that this section of greenway in the North shall be opened in mid-summer.



Border to Rough Island section of boardwalk

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

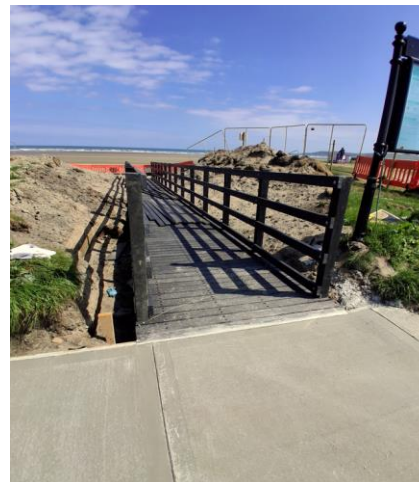
The design team are now concentrating on determining an emerged preferred route corridor, which will be subject to the next public consultation phase. Further details on the project can be found on the dedicated website

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

As part of the development of route corridor options for the project, the Consultants will be carrying out a number of ecological walkover surveys within the identified study area from public roads and public lands.

Scéim Bonneagair Áineasa Aeraíochta / Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, beach accessibility.

Construction of both Templetown and Port are now complete.



Section of new boardwalk leading to the beach, Port.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

A meeting was held onsite with Chief Fire Officer and National Fire Directorate for their approval to proceed to Stage 2 (Planning and Design) with new proposal of standalone training centre now the preferred option by the Directorate to the Southern end of existing Operational Site.

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

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

The Consultant Engineers continue to work on Stage 1 of the Dundalk Flood Relief Project.

The Preliminary fluvial and coastal flood relief measures are continuing to be reviewed by the Steering Group to refine to the shortlisted options.

The next steps include incorporating these options into the development report and preparing for a Public Participation Day in July / August.

Site Investigation works commenced on the 9th of June and are progressing well. A Public Liaison Officer from the Consultant Engineers is working on the scheme and is in communication with landowners/private property owners. The Public Liaison Officer will carry proof of identification.

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

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

Ardee Minor Works

An application for funding for minor works is currently with the OPW for approval. These minor works will provide an element of protection for properties along existing water courses within the town and are proposed to be carried out along with the annual road works programme works.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

The Consultant Engineers continue to work on Stage 1 of the Flood Relief Project.

RPS are continuing to undertake hydraulic model simulations of potential options to ensure that the proposed scheme provides the required standard of protection to properties. Work continues on development of the Scheme Analysis and Development report.

Underwater archaeology and geophysical survey works are currently on site, with further dive surveys are to be scheduled in July and August.

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

www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

The Local Authority and OPW are continuing to scope the brief tailored to the study area and recent flood event mechanisms to issue to the market for appointment of a project consultant engineer.

In the interim the Local Authority are compiling a final list of minor works which could improve the conveyance characteristics of Carlingford drainage system and are currently preparing a funding business case.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

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

Procurement via eTenders of a civil engineering contractor to carry out the works resulted in 11 tenders being received. These tenders have been assessed, and the successful contractor is currently being appointed.

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

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

Summary of progress below.

- Surface water-80%
- Foul pipework and manholes – 100%
- Eir Ducting-80%
- Electrical first fix wiring -95%
- External windows and doors – 95%- ironmongery and flashings left.
- Fireproofing to steel at GP area plus additional – 70%
- Skirting-40%
- Stonewall -50%
- Downpipes-50%
- Gutter 90%
- Grid Ceilings 45%
- Rainwater harvesting tank 100%
- External paint 60%
- Radiators 50%
- Window winders 60%
- Solar panel 100%
- Cladding 60%

Proposed Works Forecast

- Ground works to continue

- Additional fireproofing
- Complete electrical wiring
- Complete plumbing pipework and fit out boiler room
- Aluminium surrounds to windows
- Continue skirting
- Continue stone wall building
- Grid ceilings
- Kerbing
- Petrol interceptor installation
- Complete gutters and downpipes
- Radiators
- Window winders
- External paint

PHASE 2: Concept Development and Option Selection

PHASE 3: Preliminary Design

PHASE 4: Statutory Processes

PHASE 5: Detailed Design and Procurement

PHASE 6: Construction and Implementation

PHASE 7: Close-out and Review

The current status of the ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below.

Active Travel Investment Program

2025 Budget Allocation

On the 13th January, 2025 The National Transport Authority (NTA) awarded Louth County Council a budget allocation of €6,300,000 million to advance twenty eight (28) Nr Active Travel Projects.

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

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

Band 1 €0 - €5M;

Band 2 €5 - €20M;

Band 3 > €20M;

They also divide the evolvement of a Capital Investment project into a seven-phase process, i.e. (Phase 1 to Phase 7 inclusive) with seven Gateways Reports i.e. hold points, were local authorities are to prepare and submit Gateway Reports for sign-off before obtaining approval to advance to the next phase.

The seven different phases are as outlined below...

PHASE 1: Scope and Purpose

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Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	July 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€270,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	PHASE 4: Statutory Processes	The National Transport Authority have recently approved GW 3 Gateway Report and we envisage that this project will be brought forward for Part 8 public display in August 2025. In advance of Part 8 public display a briefing will be given to Drogheda MD Councillors.	Proposed Part 8 display August 2025
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€50,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	Consultants RPS Group have completed draft Gateway 3 Report. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors in advance of a non-statutory public consultation.	Proposed Part 8 display early Q3 2025
Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€100,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	The Design Team are currently progressing with preliminary design following non-statutory public consultation with this design expected to be completed by early July 2025. Thereafter, the Active Travel Team will proceed to Part 8 public display	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2025
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's (Pathfinder Project)	€120,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement	Part 8 approval received on 10 th February, 2025 by Drogheda Municipal District. GW4 deliverables all presented and approved by the NTA in April 2025. Detailed design has commenced and in parallel the procurement documents for the selection of suitable contractor.	Part 8 approved on 10 th February, 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€400,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2 - Concept and Options Phase 4 – Statutory Process	The Active Travel Team are having on-going discussions with Irish Rail regarding Dublin Road Bridge and interaction with the Dart North Coastal Project. A inter agency meeting was held to examine proposals on Active Travel measures under the Dublin Rd, railway bridge. Further meetings are planned. Consultants AECOM via the NTA are currently developing options for the section relating to the under-bridge of the Navan Railway Line (MacBride Train Entrance to McGraths Lane). North Road - Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design Report) approval received from the NTA in February 2025. The design team are currently preparing pre-planning i.e. Part 8 documentation and discussing land requirements with 3 number landowners, plus some residents on the North Rd	Dublin Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display depending on dialogue with NTA / Irish Rail. North Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display Q3 2025

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Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd. (Pathfinder Project)	€2,625,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Tender Document to establish a restricted panel of competent contractors was advertised on etenders and Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). A select panel of eight contractors is formed and detailed tender documents will be issued to this panel in early Q3 2025.	Completed – Part 8 Approval on the 10 th September 2024 Procurement of Contractors on-going
Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€25,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on the 10 th December 2024.	Part 8 Approved in December 2024.
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€100,000	Band 2	Phase 3 /4 Preliminary Design / Statutory Process	Workshop held with the NTA in October and we intend to accelerate parts of the scheme, namely, McEntee Avenue, Mulholland Avenue & Pearse Park to deliver key elements associated with pedestrian provision and Safe Routes to School infrastructure. Gateway 3 (Preliminary Design Report) approval received from the NTA in June 2025. The Active Travel Team have met associated schools. It's planned to have a non-statutory consultation event in Sept 2025	Proposed Part 8 early Q4 2025
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Phase 2 approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 preliminary design has commenced.	No part 8's but possible Section 38
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€60,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	GW3 Reports approved by the NTA in Dec 2024. Public consultation held on 20 th March, 2025. Event was very well attended. Submissions from a number of groups / residents / business owners received and the Design Team are now amending the design to reflect these submissions.	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2025
Mill Street, Dundalk	€75,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Preliminary Design	GW3 comments received from NTA and a workshop held with NTA & LCC. Resulting from this workshop, the drawings will be updated and a non-statutory public consultation will be held in early Q3 2025. The Active Travel Team have conducted meetings with key stakeholders such as schools and Bus Eireann.	2025
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Preliminary Design	GW3 comments received from NTA and a workshop held with NTA, LCC and consultants on 20 th November 2024. Resulting from this workshop the drawings will be updated and a non-statutory public consultation will be held in Q3 2025.	2025

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College Heights to Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk	€150,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	GW2 report approved by the NTA in Dec 2024.	2025
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€135,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	Second public consultation day along with stakeholder engagement meeting held on the 28 th November 2024. Louth Consult portal for submissions closed on 12 th December 2024. Design Team have reviewed all submissions and are currently updating preliminary design drawings to reflect these submissions.	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2025
Moneymore, Active Travel elements	€200,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	CPO public consultation ended 11 th February, 2025. 9 submissions received. Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala.	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 1) 1. St Louis Secondary School Dundalk 2. Rehab Care Mill Street Dundalk 3. Saint Brigid's and Saint Patrick's School, Drogheda 4. Scoil Aonghusa, Drogheda	€40,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6 – Construction	Works completed at Schools 1 & 4 in Dundalk & Drogheda. Concrete surface replacement outside Saint Brigid's and Saint Patrick's School, Bothar Brugha Drogheda, commenced in April 2025 & finished in May 2025, with line marking to be applied in early July. Bothar Brugha road will be surfaced during the summer and line markings applied thereafter. Works relating to Rehab Care on Mill Street, will be incorporated as part of Mill Street, Active Travel Project.	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School	€950,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	For schools 1 – 3, Section 38 Process of the Roads Act concluded. The proposals were advertised and placed on public display on 22nd April 2025 with a deadline for submissions of 6th May 2025 School 4 will be delivered via the Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station project.	No part 8's but Section 38's

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3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk					
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1.SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa , Kilcurry 3.Mullaghboy NS.	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Louth County Council were informed in Q4 2024 of three new schools to be included as part of Safe Routes to School Round 3. Funding was received 13 th Jan 2025. Tender Documents to be prepared seeking Design Consultants for the Design of Proposed works.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Bus Enhancement Programme	€500,000			Funding to allow for the upgrade of bus stops in various locations across the county including the installation of bus poles and hard standing areas plus bus shelters in agreed locations.	N/A
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Government Climate Action Plan (CAP 23/24) has identified shared mobility as a key mechanism for reducing car dependency and car ownership. Dundalk Town along with Cork City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Carlow Town, and Sligo Town has been selected as a location for the delivery of a pilot project to test the effectiveness of mobility hubs. The hubs will provide short-term access to a variety of modes of travel including e-bikes, e-scooters and Electric Vehicles (EVs). This pilot project is being led by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with the Department of Transport with funding being provided by the Climate Action Fund. A Detailed Business Case is currently being prepared by the DOT and is due to be submitted to the Department of Environment Climate and Communications who manage the Climate Action Fund. It is anticipated that the tendering process will commence for this project later this year.	N/A