

# LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



**Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Bealtaine 2026

### Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

A Chara,

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

The Corrs Civic Reception demonstrated the value of a strong cross-directorate approach, delivered through collaboration between Dundalk BIDs, the Museum and Corporate Services. The event showcased the collective capacity of Louth and the Council with all its partners to deliver a high-quality occasion that reflected positively on both Dundalk and County Louth as a great place to live, work and play, and I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all involved..

Here is a summary of some key achievements and actions from the Chief Executive Report for May 2026:

#### 1. Finance and System Support Directorate

- Financial Management:
  - Expenditure to 27 May 2026: €70.7 million (35% of annual budget spent).
  - Income to 27 May 2026: €83.7 million (41% of annual budget invoiced).
- ICT:
  - 761 IT support calls logged; 85% resolved & 18% of inbound emails flagged as potentially harmful.
  - 13,518 unique website page views; planning/maps, services, library, and housing most visited.
  - Cybersecurity training focused on AI-driven phishing threats.

#### 2. Economic Delivery Directorate

- Tourism:
  - Strong presence at Balmoral Show and National Tourism Conference.
  - Louth venues secured €76,000 under the Grassroots Venue Support Scheme.
- Local Enterprise Office:
  - Supported student enterprise awards, regional food showcases, and AI adoption events.
  - 52 business advice clinics, 22 mentors, and 5 training courses delivered in May.
- Planning:
  - 102 planning applications received in April; 45 determined.
  - 17 planning enforcement complaints investigated in April.
  - Living City Initiative extended to Dundalk and Drogheda for urban regeneration.

#### 3. Operations & Environment Delivery Directorate

- Roads and Maintenance:
  - Extensive gully cleaning, drainage, and repairs across Dundalk, Ardee, Drogheda, and rural areas.
  - Regular road sweeping, footpath upgrades, and signage maintenance.
- Environment:
  - 340 litter investigations, 109 waste complaints YTD.
  - 3 diesel laundering waste callouts in May (cost: €31,050).
- Climate Action:
  - €651,374 allocated to 17 community climate projects.
  - Solar PV installations progressing; 563.7 kWp installed to date.
- Animal Control:
  - 15 dogs through the pound in May; 467 dog licences sold.
  - 6 registered dog breeding establishments.
- Fire & Emergency Services:
  - 511 incidents YTD (down from 658 last year).
  - New fire appliances received and training centre developments underway.
- Civil Defence:
  - Ongoing training and medical cover at community events.

**4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate**

- Corporate
  - Successful delivery of the Corrs Civic Reception.
- Customer Services:
  - 13,589 queries handled in May; 71% resolved at first contact.
  - 2,927 valid CRM cases recorded.
- Community Support:
  - New Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031 launched.
  - Active engagement with youth (Comhairle na nÓg), PPN, and Healthy Louth initiatives.
  - 3 Blue Flags and 1 Green Flag awarded to local beaches
- Sport:
  - Expansion of athletics facilities and successful Bike Week with 40+ events.

**5. Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate**

- Housing:
  - 353 people presented as homeless (13 April–12 May); 47 placed in emergency accommodation.
  - 286 housing allocations YTD; 4741 on housing list, 63 relet/void properties as of 22 May.
  - 828 maintenance requests received in May; 727 completed.
  - 220 units allocated for energy retrofit in 2026.
  - 414 vacant property grant applications submitted; 314 approved.
- Cultural Services:
  - Archives: New photo album of Ardee House acquired.
  - Libraries: 50 Spring into Storytime events, 1,171 participants.
  - Arts: Public art commissions, exhibitions, and creative events ongoing.
  - Museum: County quiz, workshops, and commencement of the strategy development Plan for 2026-2030.

**6. Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate**

- Placemaking & Urban Regeneration:
  - URDF replaced by TCRIF; applications for Westgate (Drogheda) and St. Nicholas Quarter (Dundalk) submitted.
  - Ongoing engagement with property owners to address vacancy.
- Physical Development:
  - Major projects: Narrow Water Bridge, N53 upgrade, Boyne Enterprise Link Road, and PANCR Phase 2 progressing.
  - Greenways: Dundalk Bay to Carlingford public consultation completed.
  - Flood defence and coastal protection works ongoing in Dundalk, Drogheda, Carlingford, and Ardee.
  - School projects and active travel initiatives advancing, though some delayed due to budget constraints.

I would like to conclude by expressing my sincere appreciation for the exceptional commitment, resilience, and professionalism demonstrated by the entire Louth County Council team.

I encourage all members to read the report in full, which reflects the breadth, depth and impact of the remarkable work carried out across the organisation.

Regards




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David Conway  
Chief Executive  
Louth County Council

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## An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

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

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

**Bernadette Woods**  
Stiúrthóir / Director



**Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports****Caiteachas go dtí 27<sup>ú</sup> Bealtaine 2026 / Expenditure to 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**

<b>Rannóg / Section</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure to 27/05/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 27/05/2026</b>	<b>Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026</b>	<b>% Caite go 27/05/2026 / % Spent to 27/05/2026</b>
Tithíocht / Housing	€30,925,456	<b>€91,043,877</b>	34%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€10,674,929	<b>€29,724,225</b>	36%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€2,423,923	<b>€6,253,179</b>	39%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€7,478,167	<b>€25,275,969</b>	30%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€9,813,171	<b>€26,717,755</b>	37%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€4,522,056	<b>€13,508,055</b>	33%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€380,279	<b>€1,342,504</b>	28%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€4,492,956	<b>€9,786,701</b>	46%
	<b>€70,710,937</b>	<b>€203,652,265</b>	<b>35%</b>

**Ioncam go dtí 27<sup>ú</sup> Bealtaine 2026 / Income to 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**

<b>Rannóg / Section</b>	<b>Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 27/05/2026 / Actual Income to 27/05/2026</b>	<b>Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026</b>	<b>% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 27/05/2026 / % Invoiced to 27/05/2026</b>
Tithíocht / Housing	€29,073,294	<b>€91,667,227</b>	32%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€2,939,015	<b>€17,228,704</b>	17%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€1,160,736	<b>€4,864,078</b>	24%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€3,086,730	<b>€13,604,272</b>	23%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€1,286,006	<b>€4,843,340</b>	27%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€450,346	<b>€1,971,310</b>	23%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€156,528	<b>€474,809</b>	33%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€1,920,797	<b>€17,390,895</b>	11%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,682,899	<b>€39,640,432</b>	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€3,988,733	<b>€11,966,198</b>	33%
	<b>€83,745,084</b>	<b>€203,652,265</b>	<b>41%</b>

The above is the current position as of the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2026 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 are as follows:

**Féichiúnaithe mar atá 27<sup>ú</sup> Bealtaine 2026 / Debtors as of 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**

	<b>Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance</b>	<b>Sonraisc / Invoices</b>	<b>Fáltais / Receipts</b>	<b>Díscríobhanna / Write Offs</b>	<b>Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance</b>
<b>Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors</b>	<b>€11,388,113</b>	€95,963,679	(€94,421,632)	(€Nil)	<b>€12,930,160</b>
<b>Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities</b>	<b>€229,656</b>	€899,271	(€980,528)	(€Nil)	<b>€148,399</b>
<b>Rataí / Rates</b>	<b>€5,273,449</b>	€39,682,899	(€23,302,792)	(€749,538)	<b>€20,904,018</b>
<b>Cíosanna / Rent</b>	<b>€3,368,616</b>	€7,348,468	(€7,411,604)	(€13,201)	<b>€3,292,279</b>
<b>Iasachtal / Loans</b>	<b>€273,054</b>	€752,140*	(€952,320)	(€Nil)	<b>€72,874</b>
<b>Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies</b>	<b>€6,998,721</b>	€4,533,822	(€368,559)**	(€1,239,463)	<b>€9,924,521</b>
<b>Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges</b>	<b>€934,463</b>	€378,230	(€293,523)	(€Nil)	<b>€1,019,170</b>
<b>Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous</b>	<b>€2,970,672</b>	€3,697,856	(€2,113,478)	(€33,972)	<b>€4,521,078</b>
<b>Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors</b>	<b>€31,436,744</b>	<b>€153,256,365</b>	<b>(€129,844,436)</b>	<b>(€2,036,174)</b>	<b>€52,812,499</b>

Above are the debtor balances as of 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

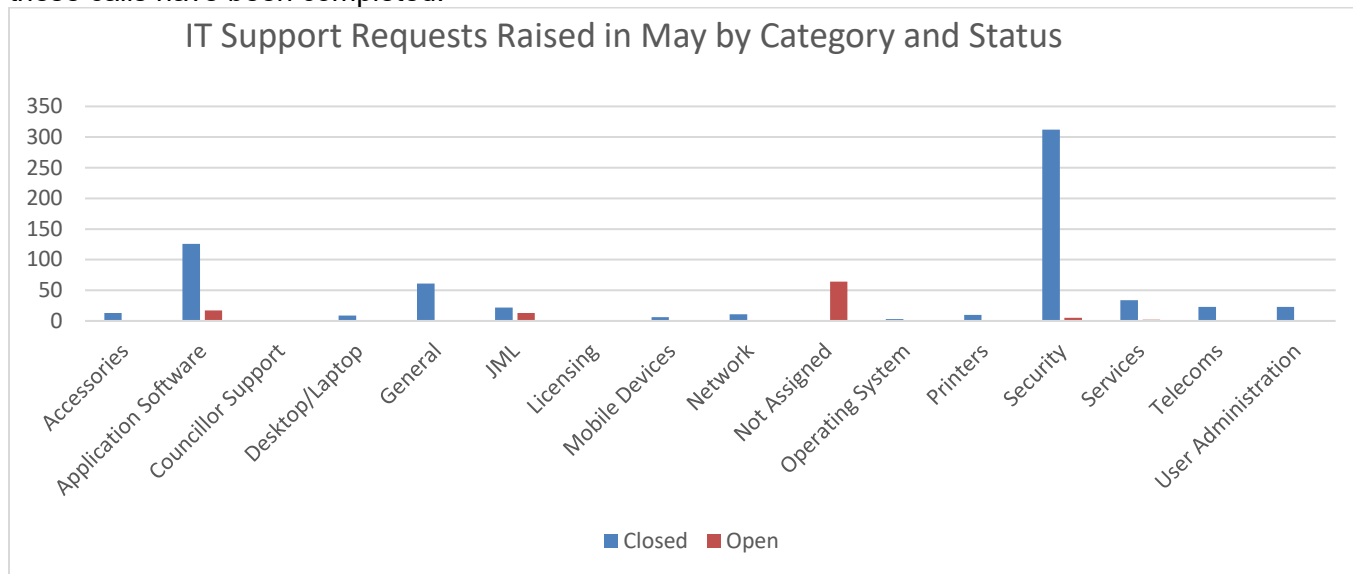
\* Loans accrual for May is not run till the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month.

\*\*The development levy receipts figure is net of repayment of Govt Waiver to the Department.

## Technolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

### Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/05//2026 and the 27/05/2026 there were 761 support calls logged in the IT support system. 85% of these calls have been completed.



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

### 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 01/05/2026 – 27/05/2026 18% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
345,832	153,231	192,601
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
7,373	20,886	33,470
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
655	18.0%	23

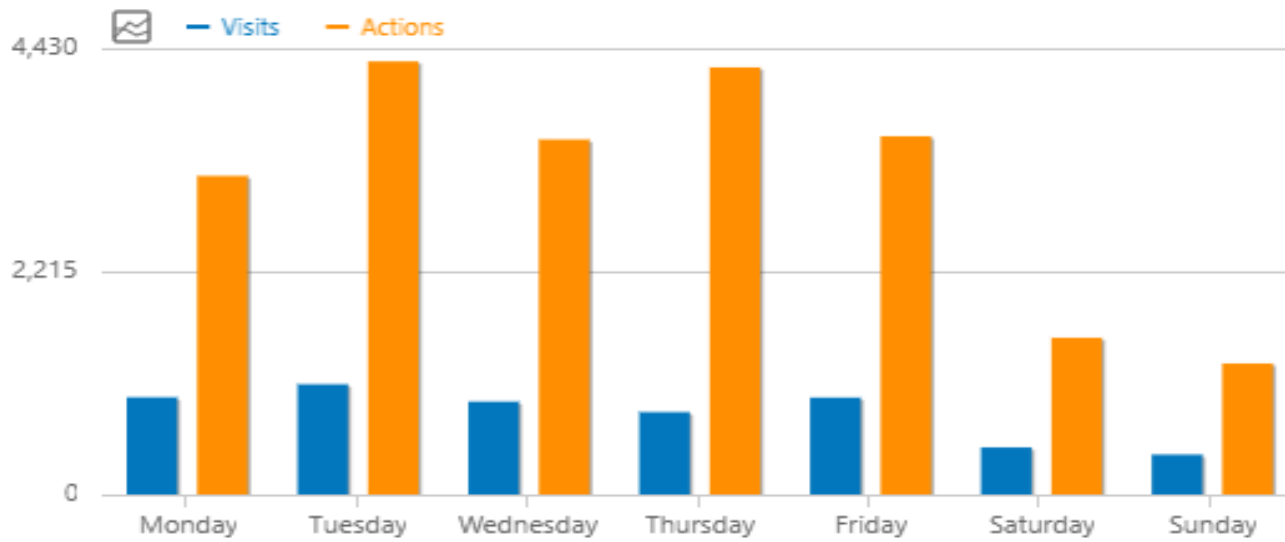
### Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There were 13,518 unique page views of [www.louthcoco.ie](http://www.louthcoco.ie) between 1<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in this month. Online planning and Maps, Services, Library, Planning, Dog Pound and Housing received the highest number of page views in May.

Page URL	Pageviews
<a href="#">/en/</a>	2,684
<a href="#">/en/services/planning/online-planning-and-maps/</a>	974
<a href="#">/en/services/library/</a>	528
<a href="#">/en/services/planning/</a>	444
<a href="#">/en/home/</a>	406
<a href="#">/en/services/dog-pound/</a>	381
<a href="#">/en/contact/louth-county-council/</a>	379
<a href="#">/en/services/</a>	315
<a href="#">/en/services/housing/</a>	294
<a href="#">/en/services/planning/online-planning-and-maps/e-planning.html</a>	213
<a href="#">/en/search/?cx=010260021037495049231:plrpxzinh&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;q=</a>	192
<a href="#">/en/services/housing/social-housing/social-housing-support-application/</a>	184
<a href="#">/en/louth_county_council/</a>	182

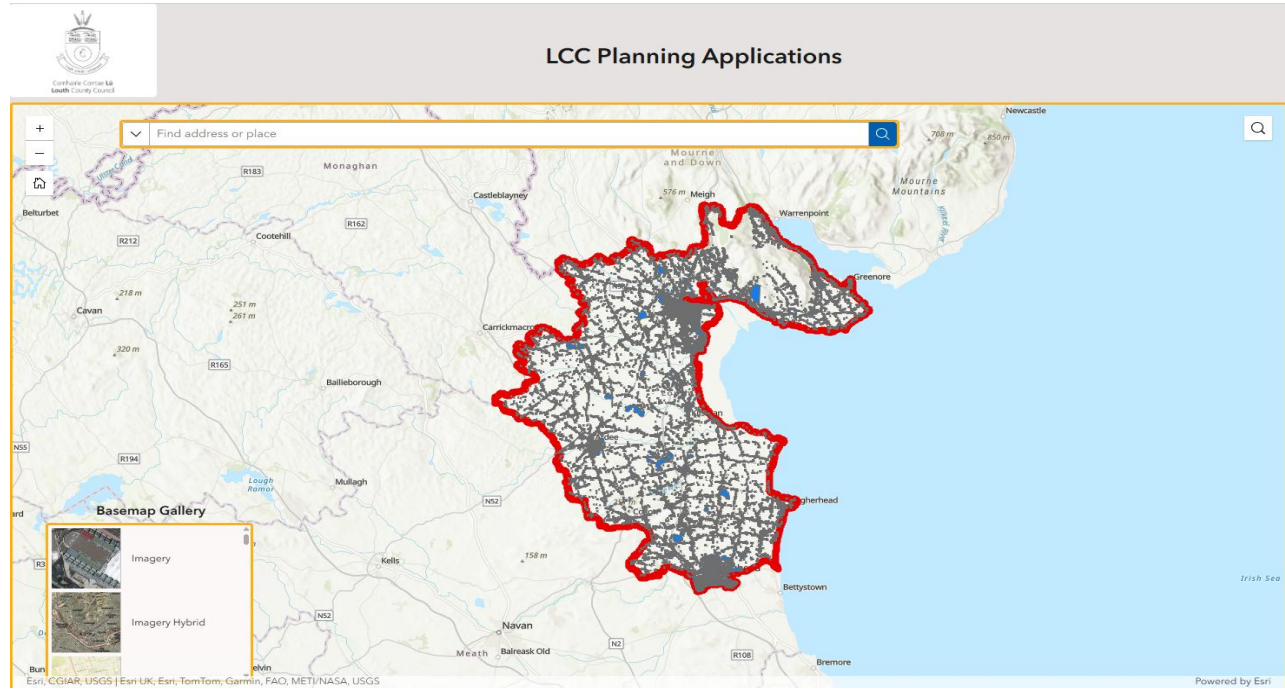
The chart below presents the visitors by days of the week to www.louthcoco.ie in May.

### Visits by day of the week

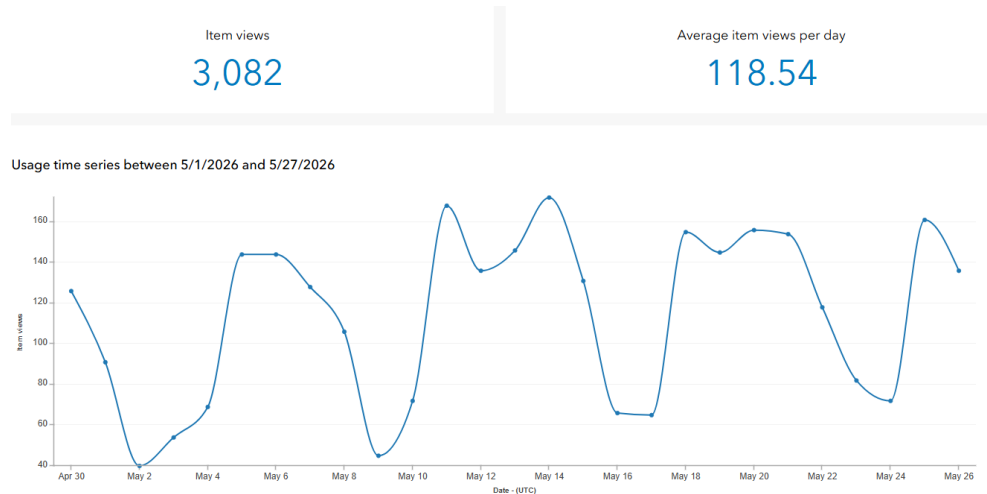


### ArcGIS Online – Planning Applications Map Viewer

The Planning Applications Mapping application continues to receive many visitors. The data in the system is updated regularly to update information on the publicly available system. It is available on the Graveyard Section of [www.louthcoco.ie](http://www.louthcoco.ie) - E-Planning



There were 3,082 views of the application between 01/05/2026 and 27/05/2026, an average of 119 views a day in May.



### Cyber Security Training

May’s Cyber Security training highlighted that AI is making phishing attacks more sophisticated and targeted, enabling highly convincing emails that are difficult to detect and often aimed at specific staff or leadership. It reinforced that traditional warning signs are less reliable, so staff must remain vigilant—verifying requests, avoiding embedded links, and reporting suspicious activity—while the organisation continues to strengthen access controls and staff awareness as key defences.

## An Stiúarthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúarthóireacht 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**  
Stiúirthóir / Director



## An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

### Turasóireacht / Tourism

#### **Balmoral Show**

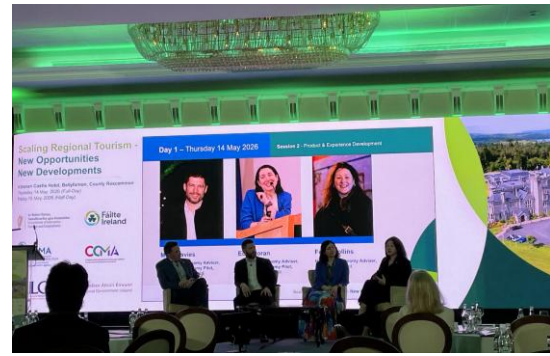
Visit Louth was represented at the Balmoral Show, held in the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The stand was promoted by a number of local tourism businesses alongside Council staff. The event was well attended with over 500 entries received for the Visit Louth competitions. Prizes were generously sponsored by Ghan House, The Fairways Hotel, and Whodunit Tours.



*Visit Louth Stand at Balmoral Show*

#### **Local Government National Tourism Conference 2026**

The 'National Local Government Tourism Conference 2026' took place in Kilronan Castle Hotel, County Roscommon on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Leading industry figures from Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland spoke on building stronger tourism destinations with Local Government. The Council was well represented by the Night-time Economy Adviser who took part in the panel discussion on the Tourism Impact of Festivals and the Night-time Economy.



*Panel Discussion with the Night-time Economy Officer, Drogheda*

#### **Members Meet-Up – Carlingford Oyster Company**

Boyne Valley Flavours hosted its most recent Members Meet-Up at the Carlingford Oyster Company. Members enjoyed a tour and insight into the operations of Carlingford Oyster Company, learning more about oyster farming and the importance of aquaculture within the region's food and tourism offering.

The event provided members with an excellent opportunity to network, exchange ideas and strengthen connections within the Boyne Valley Flavours community.

#### **Promotion – Boyne Valley Bites**



Work also continued on the development and promotion of the Boyne Valley Bites campaign and positioning the Boyne Valley Flavours website as the leading online destination for food tourism in the region.



The Centre of Food Culture Ireland held its second sold-out Meet the Maker event of the year with Galtee Honey Farm in Tipperary on 9<sup>th</sup> May. This event marked the second of twelve events taking place across Ireland highlighting different crafts including beekeeping, cider making, brewing and cheesemaking.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland exhibited at Ballymaloe Festival of Food where the team promoted the pioneering island-wide food producer directory, events series and Samhain Festival of Food and Culture 2026.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland were delighted to win Leinster ‘Innovator of the Year’ at the Irish Restaurant Awards Final in Dublin on 18<sup>th</sup> May.



*Irish Restaurant Awards*

## Geilleagar Oíche Dhríochad Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

### **Irvine Welsh Event – Drogheda**

Droichead Arts Centre hosted Irvine Welsh – In Conversation + DJ Set on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, delivered by local promoter External Sounds and supported by the Night-Time Economy Adviser. The event, marking 30 years of *Trainspotting*, included a sold-out Q&A followed by a late-night DJ set at Sarsfields Bar. The sold-out event highlights the appetite for ambitious, culturally significant programming featuring working class artists and supports Drogheda’s growing profile as an alternative live events destination.

### **Sound Town Night**

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

May Activity:

- Night Moves – Late Cafés, The Coffee Box, George’s Street – delivered by Droichead Arts Centre

- Deadly Craic Comedy Club, (The Watchtower) McHughs
- Boyne Sounds – Trad Night, (The Barlow House), McHughs
- Makerspace crafting experience at Bare Food Café – delivered by The Cottage Market

### **Grassroots Venue Support Scheme – Strong Outcome for Louth**

Five Louth grassroots venues were approved for funding under the Government’s 2026 Grassroots Venue Support Scheme, announced on 25<sup>th</sup> May. This represents a strong outcome for the county, with Louth accounting for 5 of the 60 successful applicants nationwide (over 8% of awards). The funding delivers a combined €76,000 investment into live music and comedy programming across the county, directly supporting emerging artists, local promoters, and night-time activity.

Successful venues:

Drogheda

- McHugh’s Public House (€20,000)
- Odd Mollie’s (€8,000) Dundalk
- Spirit Store (€20,000)
- Toales Rock Bar (€20,000)
- Mo Chara (€8,000)

This outcome places Louth among the strongest performing counties nationally on a per capita basis, reflecting both the quality of local venues and effective county-wide engagement with the scheme.



*Grassroots Event at Odd Mollie's*

### **SommiT Ireland Festival – Drogheda**

Drogheda hosted SommiT Ireland, a three-day food and wine festival (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May), marking its relocation from Waterford to County Louth. The event was supported by the Council through the Festival Grant Initiative 2026 and by the Night-Time Economy Adviser. Centred at The Barbican with activity across the town, the programme combined industry events with a public SommiT Sunday, showcasing the Boyne Valley food offering, Louth

seafood, and the county’s position as Ireland’s largest grower of wine grapes. The festival reflects an opportunity to build on Louth’s emerging strengths in food and wine, supporting longer-term growth of the sector in line with comparable developments seen in England and Wales.

## Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

### Junior Achievement Ireland Programme



*‘Energize’ Carbon Monoxide Awareness Poster Competition Winners*

As part of the Junior Achievement Ireland programme, students from Mullaghbouy National School, were announced as winners of the ‘Energize’ Carbon Monoxide Awareness Poster Competition on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The winning entry was created as part of a programme delivered by a volunteer from the Council.

### National Student Enterprise Awards – County Louth Finalists

County Louth was represented by two student businesses at the National Student Enterprise Final, which took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

- **Senior Category:** CTRL Base – a 3D-printed gaming controller holder designed in the shape of a hand and available in a range of colours. Developed by Oliver Ginty and Zion Oluwabowale (Ballymakenny College, Drogheda).
- **Junior Category:** Cillian’s Sausage Rolls – a product offering homemade sausage rolls with a variety of innovative flavour

combinations. Developed by Cillian Hand (Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer).



*National Student Enterprise Awards*

### Regional Producers Showcase – Emerald Park

Louth LEO along with Louth County Council and Meath County Council through our Boyne Valley Flavour Food Officer, supported the inaugural Regional Food Producer Showcase at Emerald Park, bringing together over 50 buyers and producers from across six counties.

Louth businesses were strongly represented, showcasing the quality and innovation within the county’s food and drink sector. The event provided valuable opportunities for networking, market access and business growth

### Enterprise Ireland Start-up Day – Aviva

LEO Louth attended Enterprise Ireland Start-up Day 2026 in the Aviva Stadium, which brought together over 650 founders and ecosystem stakeholders, including all Local Enterprise Offices. The event highlighted the strong performance of Irish start-ups and the critical early stage supports provided by LEOs and showcased successful client journeys, reinforcing the impact of LEO support in scaling innovative businesses nationally.



*Enterprise Ireland Start-up Day*

### Ó'Fiaich Industry Experts

Ó'Fiaich Institute of Further Education and Training hosted 25 employers on campus to launch its new Employers Portal, strengthening links between education and industry. The event highlighted collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Louth LEO, to support skills development and create pathways for learners into employment. LEO's involvement reinforces its role in connecting local businesses with talent and supporting regional economic growth.



*Ó'Fiaich Industry Experts*

### Dundalk Chamber Business Awards Launch

Launch of Louth Business Awards - Applications have opened for the Dundalk Chamber Louth Business Awards 2026, a key event recognising excellence across the regional business community. With 19 categories and strong anticipated participation, the awards provide valuable visibility and recognition opportunities for local enterprises. Louth LEO sponsors Best Start-up.



*Dundalk Chamber Business Awards Launch*

### Business Beyond Borders UK – 21<sup>st</sup> May

British Ambassador to Ireland, Kara Owen, visited Drogheda for the first UK-focused *Business Beyond Borders* event, hosted by The Mill Enterprise Hub. The event brought together SMEs and business leaders from the North-East to explore UK market opportunities, with Louth LEO contributing as part of the event panel. The initiative forms part of The

Mill's BASSE Programme supporting sustainable scaling and international growth.



*Business Beyond Borders Event*

### Dundalk Chamber Business 2 Consumer Expo – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

The Dundalk Chamber Business 2 Consumer Expo returned to the Marshes Shopping Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. LEO Louth were delighted to support this fantastic event that seen over 40 stall holders showcase what they had to offer to customers on the day. Businesses were able to raise their profile, meet new customers and grow their network on the day.



*Business stalls at the Business 2 Consumer Expo*

### AI Works for Ireland Event

Over twenty Louth-based clients attended the 'AI Works for Ireland' event, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, in the Peace Campus, Monaghan. The event, hosted by the Local Enterprise Offices and Google, will focus on supporting businesses in the adoption of AI technologies through expert talks, workshops, and peer learning.

**Funding Approved:**

- 1 Green for Business Approved
- 2 Digital for Business Approved
- 2 Energy Efficiency Grants Approved

**LEO Workshops and Training Held:**

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 52 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in May
- **LEO Mentoring** – 22 Mentors were appointed to businesses in May to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance
- **LEO Training** – LEO Louth held 5 training courses in May:
  - Start Your Own Business
  - Social Media Planning & Content
  - Smarter Business with AI
  - Create & Grow (Workshop 3)
  - Marketing Research Using Ai

**Oidhreacht / Heritage**

Conservation work, funded under the Community Monuments Fund (CMF) 25 and deferred from 2025, began at Glaspistol castle towerhouse, Clogherhead.

Preparations continued for conservation works at Hatch's castle, Ardee. This is the sole Louth project funded under CMF26. The National Monuments service was asked for feedback on the performance of Louth projects in 2026.

**Pleanáil / Planning****Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management**

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of April 2026 are given below in tabular form. There were 102 planning applications received during the month of April of which 79 were valid. In addition, there were 45 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 15 Pre-Planning Requests received.

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

(A) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developme nts	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications - requiring EIA	(F) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	4	16	25	0	45
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	2	7	7	0	16
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	0% (0)	31.25% (5)	12% (3)	0% (0)	17.78% (8)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	1	4	0	1	6
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0% (0)	25% (1)	0% (0)	100% (1)	33.33% (2)

**Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraithe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development**

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

Cur Síos / Description	Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	Aibreán 2026 / April 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Aibreán 2025 / April 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	17	86	22	98
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	23	69	13	75
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	29	90	29	87
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	1	5	0	4
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	1	0	1
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

## **Pleanáil Chun Cinn / Forward Planning**

### **Living City Initiative – Urban Regeneration Incentive**

The Living City Initiative (LCI) has been extended to include the urban centres of Dundalk and Drogheda. The scheme provides tax relief for qualifying expenditure on the refurbishment or conversion of certain buildings where special conditions are met. Its primary objective is to revitalise these areas by encouraging regeneration and bringing renewed activity and vibrancy into town centres.

The LCI offers four types of tax relief for money spent on:

1. Refurbishing or converting homes for owner-occupiers.
2. Refurbishing or converting homes rental properties (landlords).

3. Upgrading commercial properties, with accelerated tax allowances for refurbishment or conversion.
4. Living over the shop relief.

This scheme helps regenerate older urban areas and supports the creation of refurbished residential homes in central locations. Qualifying property owners can claim tax relief on refurbishment money spent - either through income tax (for an owner-occupied residence) or as capital allowance for rental property.

To date there have been a number of queries to the Council by property owners and 6 applications for the LCI scheme have been received by the team.

Full details of the application process and Special Regeneration Area maps regarding this initiative can be found at:  
<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/planning/living%20cities%20initiative/>.

## 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



## **Oibríochtaí / Operations**

### **DUNDALK & NORTH LOUTH**

#### **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**

- Grille Cleaned Castleblaney Road / Mill Road/Fatima/Hardys Lane/Ramparts
- Removed obstructions from Blackwater
- Cleared 30 blocked gullies around Dundalk town
- The Square Blackrock R172,
- LS-3161 Marlbog Road Haggardstown,
- LS-7120 Shanmullagh Hackballscross,
- LS-7162 Clermont Road

#### **Drainage Works**

- Ballytrasna Flooding issues
- North Commons Carlingford
  - Collapsed gully lids replaced Avenue Rd.
- Gully lid repaired Ecco Road
- Gully Repaired R172
- Channonrock

#### **Road Resurfacing**

- Line marking refresh in Town Centre
- 10 Disabled bays marked
- Chapel Pass, Blackrock

#### **Road and Pothole Repairs**

- Greenacres
- Red barns Road
- Point Road
- Jocelyn Street
- Nicholas Street
- Hoeyes Lane
- Castle Road
- Dublin Road
- St Patrick's cemetery
- Fair green row
- Marshes
- Old Coes Road
- Market Square
- Crowe Street
- Seatown
- Roden Place
- Longwalk
- McEntee Ave
- Farndreg
- Mill Road

- LS-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge from R178 to County boundary 4.72 KM,
- LS-7184 Dunmahon Road Haggardstown
- LS 7127 Balrobin Kilkerry from Glebe to Kilkerry Chaple,
- LP-3122 Milltown from Glebe to N53

#### **Road Sweeping**

- Jet washed entire town centre –
- Market Square and Clanbrassil Street
- Kingswood
- The Loakers
- Chapel Pass, Blackrock
- Knockbridge,
- Castlebellingham,
- Dromskin

#### **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**

- Mullaharlin Road
- Inner relief road
- Racecourse road
- The Laurels Walkway
- Oliver Plunkett Park
- Old Golf Link's Road, Blackrock



*Pathway repairs completed at Green Lane, Blackrock*

#### **Signs & Bollards Maintenance**

- Clanbrassil St - damaged signs replaced
- Longwalk Road - no parking signs replaced
- New bollards installed centre Islands at St Joseph's National School, Tom Bellew Avenue.
- New pencil bollards installed at Kilkurry School

#### **Traffic Light Repairs**

- Gateway Hotel Junction
- Quay Street Junction
- Avenue Road Junction
- Xerox Junction,
- Heynestown junction and

- Felda junction
- **Playground & Gym Equipment**
- Checked weekly
- Painting completed of equipment in Aisling Park, Dundalk.
- **Illegal Dumping**
- Redeemer Church alley way
- Drive 2 M-More
- **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**
- N53, Dundalk Castleblayney Road,
- Rices bridge R178,
- LS-7103 Carn More Kilcurry



*Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) works ongoing at Maguire's Cross, Cooley*

- L-5268, Funshog
- L-6224, Dillonstown
- L-6224, Castle Lane
- 96tonne of Tar Installed in

#### **Road Sweeping**

- All routes in Ardee Town ( 5.2km)

#### **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**

- Repairs to Footpaths and Installation of new Footpaths along R132 Dunleer

#### **Signs & Bollards Maintenance**

- Signage Cleaned and repaired in area. Incorrect signage corrected on O'Carroll Street, Ardee

#### **Traffic Light Repairs**

- Repairs to Traffic Lights at Pedestrian Crossing, Ardee



## **MID LOUTH & ARDEE**

#### **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**

- Inspections and cleaning as required to gullies in Ardee, Collon, Dunleer.
- Outlets and Gullies cleaned and repaired on L-2255

#### **Drainage Works**

- N33, Ardee
- L-6237, Green Lanes, Dromin
- Outlets and Gullies cleaned and repaired on L-2255 and on Drogheda Road, Ardee

#### **Road Resurfacing**

- L- 2225, Finvoy Cross, Togher
- L-2299 at Nursery Cross, Coolfore
- N52, Dundalk Road, Ardee
- Irish Street, Ardee
- Castle Street, Ardee

#### **Road and Pothole Repairs**

- L-2239, Mountainstown Road
- N52, Gudderstown, Dundalk Road
- L-1210, Gudderstown
- L-5211, Lambstown
- L-1264, Ballapousta
- L-1297, Leabhys Cross
- L-1297, Kells Road
- L-2250, Dysart

#### **Playground & Gym Equipment**

- 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

#### **Other Works**

- Washing and Clearing Salterstown Pier
- Line Marking;
- L- 2225, Finvoy Cross, Togher
- L-2299 at Nursery Cross, Coolfore, County Louth
- N52, Dundalk Road, Ardee

- L-1297, Leabhys Cross
- L-1297, Kells Road
- Pedestrian Crossings in Collon

#### **Illegal Dumping**

- Repeated Incidents at L2226, Charleville

#### **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**

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

#### **Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards**

- Ring Buoy Checking in;
  - Ardee Town - River Dee
  - Salterstown
  - Port Beach

### **SOUTH LOUTH OPERATIONS (RURAL)**

#### **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**

- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Clogherhead, Termonfeckin, Tullyallen and in the rural areas

#### **Drainage Works**

- Significant Drainage Works at Clonmore
- Significant Drainage Investigation Works at Dowth
- The Burris and Old School Lane, Tullyallen – Significant Drainage Works to alleviate Flooding Risk

#### **Road Resurfacing**

- Mayne (R166), Clogherhead, Drogheda

#### **Road and Pothole Repairs**

- L-6251, Grattanstown
- L-6319, Chapel Road
- L-6313, Coolfore
- L-6322, Hill of Rath
- L-2304, Sheetland Road
- L-2244, Port Coast Road,
- L-6285, Gallroostown Road,
- L-2278, Sandpit Road
- L-6305, Strand Road
- L-6251, Gallagher

#### **Road Sweeping**

- Routes in towns and villages within Area

#### **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**

- A number of signs cleaned, repaired, straighten and replaced in area

#### **Traffic Light Repairs**

- Repairs to Safety Lights at Walshestown National School

#### **Playground & Gym Equipment**

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

#### **Other Works**

- Empty Public Facilities at; Monasterboice, Port and Clogherhead
- Painting Public Facilities at Port and Clogherhead
- Cleaning Sand from Port and Clogherhead Beaches
- Preparations for Blue Flag Ceremony at Clogherhead Beach

#### **Illegal Dumping**

- Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area (Dummies Lane and other repeated hotspots)
- Major Clean Up from Port Oriel where illegal contaminated waste was collected
- Assistance with Tidy Towns clean ups in Clogherhead and Baltray.
- Removal of Bags Collection from;
  - Baltray
  - Twenties Lane
  - PANCR/Ballymakenny Road
  - Townrath
  - Sandpit
  - Galroostown
  - Clogherhead



*Over 200 bags were collected by LCC Operations team for South Louth from a weekend clean-up by volunteers from Queensborough to Baltray (above)*

### **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**

- Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins
- Rubbish and Dumping
- Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles at;
  - Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
  - Clogherhead Beach
  - Port Beach
  - Termonfeckin
  - Baltray
  - Seapoint Carpark
- Emptying of Public Bins at;
  - Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
  - Clogherhead Beach
  - Port Beach
  - Termonfeckin
  - Baltray
  - Seapoint Carpark
  - PANCR Route Drogheda
- County Bins and Rubbish done daily (including all beaches) with Villages done on alternative days.
- Bottlebanks cleaned daily
- Collected Skips from Community Groups from Multiple Groups

## **DROGHEDA & SOUTH LOUTH (URBAN)**

### **Road Resurfacing**

- Scarlet Street
- Thomas Street
- Sandford Tce
- Crushroad Lane
- Crosslanes
- Hardmans Gardens
- Georges Street
- Dual Carriageway
- St. Mary's Street

### **Road and Pothole Repairs**

- Scarlet Crescent
- Rowan Heights
- Stameen
- Cement Road
- Dublin Road
- John Street
- St. Laurence's Park
- Moneymore
- Thomas Street
- Nun's Walk
- Rathmullen Road
- Hillview

### **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**

- Hotspots in Drogheda.
- Cleaning of aco channels at West Street.
- Blocked drainage kerbs on the North Road.
- Cleaning road gullies on Dublin Road
- Cement Road, Blackbush avenue

### **Drainage Works**

- Upgrade of control manhole at Westgate Junction.
- Surface water manhole replaced at St. Dominics Street and Yellow Batter

### **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**

- Marley's Lane
- Rathmullen Road
- Stameen

### **Signs & Bollards Maintenance**

- Flexi Bollards installed at IDA Road
- Upgrade of pay & display parking poles on West Street and Dominic Street
- Bollard re-instated at Fair St/Georges St. Junction.
- Cleaning of signage on approach roads
- Signage at O'Reilly car park.

### **Traffic Light Repairs**

- General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and light signal head and replacement of lamps.

### **Illegal Dumping**

- Bessexwell Lane
- Embankment of Dual Carriageway
- Rathmullen

### **Litter Picking**

- Dominick's Pk
- Dominick's Bridge

- Lourdes’s square
- Market Square
- Fr Connolly Way.
- Abbey Carpark.
- Patrickwell lane.
- King St.
- Mell.
- Francis St.
- Millmount
- Mount St Oliver
- Duleek St
- Old Hill
- Fair Green
- Dublin Rd
- Dublin Rd Steps
- Marsh Rd
- Watery Hill steps
- Dale Steps
- Curry Hill
- Pitcher Hill

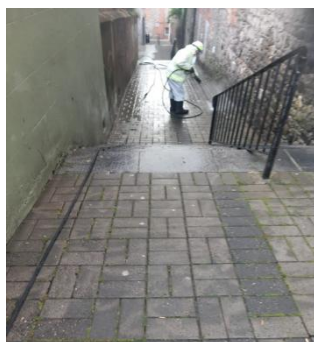
**Beaches/Ring Buoys/Lifeguards**

Ring Buoy checking in;

- Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
- Clogherhead Beach
- Port Beach
- Termonfeckin
- Baltray
- Seapoint
- Repairs carried out ladders and fencing at Salterstown Pier



*New Signage in West Street, Drogheda*



*Powerwashing steps at Highlanes*

**OPERATIONS COUNTYWIDE**

**EVENTS**

- Cooley Coast Run
- Tour of Louth
- Drogheda 10K
- Marist 5K Run
- Drogheda Darkness into Light
- Dunleer Athletic Club 5K
- Circus Piece of Work Dundalk
- SUM 5K Fun Run
- Music Generation – Pop in the Park
- Charles Hendry Exhibition – Market Sq. Dundalk
- Africa Day

**Environment**

**Waste Enforcement**

**Waste and Litter Enforcement**

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	340
FPN under Litter Pollution Act	11
Waste complaints received year to date	109
Investigations under waste legislation	109

**Diesel Laundering Waste**

There were 3 callouts and 9 IBC’s located in May 2026 The total cost approximately for this was €31,050. The total cost in 2026 so far is approximately €92,350.

**Litter Foot Patrol**

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

**Legal Action for Unpaid Fixed Penalty Notice**

Litter Enforcement had 2 successful prosecutions from unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices.



### **Anti-Dumping Initiative 2026**

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that funding is available through the WERLA's to support Local Authorities in 2026 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

The 2026 ADI aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping by identifying and delivering projects aimed at tackling illegal dumping 'black spots' throughout the County and adhere to key measures of prevention, abatement, education & awareness and enforcement.

The closing date for ADI project applications was 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026. A total of 6 project applications were submitted for approval under the ADI 2026 totalling **€118,706.00**.

### **Environmental Regulation**

#### **Water Quality and complaints**

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

#### **Air & Noise Pollution Complaints**

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

#### **Farm survey Inspections**

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

### **Environmental Inspection Plan**

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

### **Discharge Licences**

Assessment inspections were carried out on 13 monitoring results received by the Council in May 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences.

### **Licensed landfills**

Quarterly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in May at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver. Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Monthly gas balancing was carried out at Whiteriver. One incident was uploaded to EPA Eden system for Drogheda flare which has been actioned and closed off. Site visit was carried out by EPA at Drogheda landfill in relation to licence review.

### **Septic Tanks**

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

### **Planning**

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

### **Bathing Water Regulations**

Bathing water sampling programme for 2026 submitted to the EPA for approval. Updated profiles and bathing water plan submitted to the EPA for 2026. Pre-season sampling is due to commence Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 in advance of the bathing season. Louth has received 3 blue flags for Port, Templetown and Clogherhead. A green flag was awarded to Seapoint beach in Termonfeckin.

### **Rural Water Programme**

#### **Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant**

There has been 9 payments made in the sum of €29,981.60 (as of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

## Climate Action

### CMAP

Application for consent to install monitoring equipment has been prepared.

### Sustainable Energy Communities

Blackrock SEC are now progressing with their application to complete an energy master plan for their SEC. This will be funded and managed by Louth County Council.

### Climate Action Week

Preparation is underway for a community grant fund for Climate Action Week.

### ENVIRON conference

The Climate Action Coordinator presented on the council's sustainability as a keynote presentation at the ENVIRON conference at DKIT.

### Community Climate Action Programme

A total of €651,374.78 has been allocated to 17 community groups under the second phase of the Community Climate Action Programme. Further information on each project under Community Climate Action Programme is available at <https://louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

### Biodiversity Action

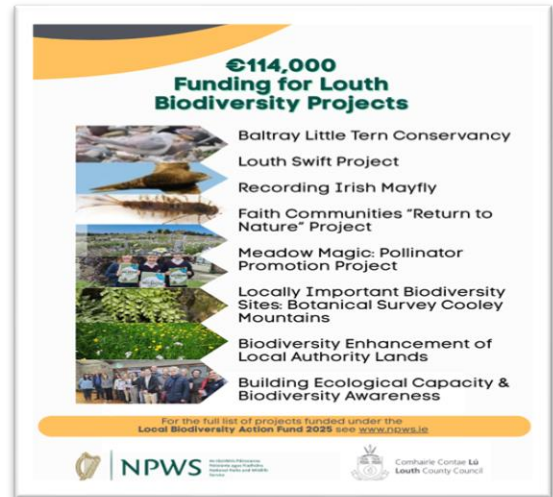
The Council welcomed the Minister of State for Nature, Biodiversity and Heritage, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, to the Baltray Little Tern Conservancy Project led by Louth Nature Trust in Drogheda. The visit took place during National Biodiversity Week and marked the announcement of the 2026 Local Biodiversity Action Fund allocations.



*Minister Chris O'Sullivan at the Baltray Little Tern Conservancy Project*

## Local Biodiversity Action Fund

The Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) is managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and delivered locally by the Council. It supports practical projects that assist local authorities in implementing biodiversity actions with projects delivering critical actions under Ireland's National Biodiversity Action Plan. In 2026, seven projects across County Louth received funding.



### Biodiversity Week

Biodiversity Week was celebrated from Fri 15 - Sun 24 May with the Biodiversity Officer, Libraries staff and local groups hosting everything from bat walks, whale watches and bioblitzes to community events and creative experiences.

### Community Engagement

The Biodiversity Officer gave talks on biodiversity actions to the Dundalk Women's Shed and the IWDG & Fair Seas Local Groups Roadshow.

### All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

**No Mow May** is a chance to celebrate the benefits of reduced mowing for pollinators. Native wildflowers emerge naturally with less mowing. The meadow at County Hall is buzzing!

On **World Bee Day**, Minister for Housing, Nature and Biodiversity visited Louth to celebrate World Bee Day viewing a short film co-funded by the Council and NPWS, made by pupils at Mullaghbuoy NS and DKIT students.

**The Meadow Magic: Pollinator Promotion Project** aims to promote the simple steps that can be taken to help support pollinators and improve the state of nature. It was launched in DkIT in April, ahead of No Mow May and its messages have been widely viewed and shared across social media.

The film is available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=GEDnof5jq6MuH3ny&v=agjwmDBvGMc&feature=youtu.be>

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SEAI Monitoring + Reporting**

The Council has now completed submission of energy data for 2025. Final data was uploaded to SEAI's Public Sector Monitoring and Reporting (PSMR) System ahead of the closing date of 15 May 2026. This mandatory reporting to the web-based platform is used by SEAI and by Irish public bodies to track and report their annual energy consumption, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and progress toward national climate targets.

The submission included the following details:

- Energy Consumption data.
- Activity Metrics, such as staff numbers and building floor areas (m<sup>2</sup>).
- Energy Saving Projects completed during the year.
- Management Progress: updates on organisational energy management practices and compliance.

## **Stepping into Spring, Promotion & Staff Training**

In May, the Energy Team continued the targeted approach to optimise energy use across our buildings, aligned with the OPW's Optimising Power @ Work Programme monthly theme. This included promoting a "Power Down" campaign to reduce unnecessary electricity consumption and encouraging greater use of natural daylight to cut lighting demand.

Heating systems were adjusted in accordance with the Council Heating Policy, reflecting the milder spring conditions and reducing energy use where appropriate.

Staff engagement was supported through targeted BMS training for managing building systems at the Council's office at Fair Street Drogheda and at Dundalk Fire Station.

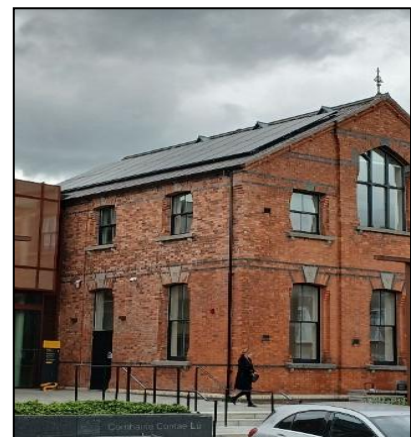
## **Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Installation Update**

Work on this project is now at an advanced stage. Some issues have arisen to delay progress to completion slightly, as follows:

1. The ESB Networks (known as an NC7) connection for SPV to the National Electricity Grid for Dundalk Machinery Yard has not yet been approved, so work is not permitted to start.
2. Drogheda Library (Arts Centre) has a full schedule of shows, and to in order to avoid disruption, SPV installation work is deferred to the last week in May.
3. The roofs at Dundalk Town Hall and Drogheda Fire Station are not suitable for solar PV at present, so other locations are being investigated.

An additional 33 kWp of solar PV was installed at the Council's Office at Fair St Drogheda in May. This brings the total capacity on the building to 48.7 kWp and the total capacity installed to date on the project to 563.7 KWp, compared to some 50KWp previously.

The Council complex at Fair St Drogheda generated some 7,000 kWh of renewable electricity in the first 18 days of May. Previously, the annual expected power output for the Council's 11 KW solar PV at County Hall was 9,000 kWh for the entire year. Therefore the new Distributed Solar Farm is a significant source for independent renewable electrical energy for the Council and which can replace up to 5% of the Council's electricity, imported from the national grid.



***New SPV Equipment at the New Corn Exchange Building in Drogheda (Fair Street)***

**The 2026 SEAI Energy Show**

Council staff attended SEAI’s Energy Show 2026. It is Ireland’s flagship B2B event for sustainable energy solutions. Attendance provided valuable insights into emerging renewable energy technologies, best practice in energy efficiency, and practical approaches to decarbonisation. Staff also benefited from engagement with industry experts and suppliers, strengthening knowledge and contacts to support the Councils ongoing climate and energy objectives.

**Dundalk Athletics Track**

The facilities section has made significant progress on the development of the new athletics track in Dundalk, with the project on course for completion in summer 2026.

Upon completion, the facility will feature a new 8 lane, 400-metre synthetic running track, a central field space, and dedicated long jump/triple jump, shot put, high jump, pole vault, and javelin facilities. The track will initially open without floodlighting, which is scheduled to be installed later this year.

Approximately 50% of the Synthetic base layer and pore sealer layer has now been installed. The long jump and shot-put areas are complete, and pole vault sockets have been installed. The central grass area is currently being de-stoned, with grass seeding completed.

This phase of the project is highly weather-dependent, and maintaining progress in the weeks ahead will be heavily dependent on good weather. Any prolonged period of adverse weather may impact the overall completion date.



*The new Dundalk Athletics Track*

**North Louth Operations Base**

Part 8 Planning Permission has been approved for the proposed upgrade of North Louth Operations Base at Ballaverty. The proposed development will consist of the removal of existing temporary storage containers and the construction of a single-storey building comprising office accommodation, canteen and associated sanitary facilities, and all associated site development works. It is anticipated works will commence in Q3 2026.

**Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers**

The Council’s EV Charging capacity has now been increased at Dundalk Machinery Yard, with capacity now available for up to 10 vehicles at any one time (up from 4 previously).

**Animal Control and Welfare**

**Control of Dogs - Control of Dogs Act 1986**

<b>Dogs through the pound May 2026</b>	
<b>Total dogs through the pound</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Seized under Section 16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Strays</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Surrendered by owners</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>No dogs reclaimed by owners</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>No of dogs rehomed direct</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/05/2026</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Dog Licences May 2026</b>	
<b>No of Licences sold</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Licence Checks:</b>	
<b>House calls</b>	<b>699</b>
<b>Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Fixed Penalty Notices</b>	<b>30</b>

### Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

<b>Horses through the pound May 2026</b>	
<b>Horses seized, and reason for seizure:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Horses reclaimed by owner</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Horses rehomed</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Horses disposed of</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/05/2026</b>	<b>0</b>

### Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

<b>Dog Breeding Establishments May 2026</b>	
<b>Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 31/05/2026)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Hunt</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Boarding Kennels</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Training Kennels</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Welfare</b>	<b>2</b>

## EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

### Fire Service

There were 511 Incidents logged with ERCC for Louth YTD. This compares with 658 incidents for the same period last year.

Three Louth students completed their Breathing apparatus course in Hackettstown this month. Other training courses completed this month were abrasive wheels, Emergency Service Blue Light Driver training, CISM Awareness and BA refreshes for Louth personnel. Familiarisation training in the two new Scania fire appliances for Drogheda and Dundalk continues with the crews. Once completed the vehicles will be ready to go on the run in both stations.

An external health & safety audit took place in Ardee this month in advance of the NSAI audit in June. Systems were reviewed on station and audit report findings will feed into the next NSAI audit.

The Dundalk Regional Training centre design was given Stage 1 approval by the NDFEM this month. This €8 million project will move to the next stage of public consultation and Part 8 planning approval. The design includes new entrances to the training yard, a new training building and a refit of the existing Breathing Apparatus house.

Louth Fire & Rescue Service has also been given capital funding approval by the NDFEM for €900,000 for the replacement of the two existing Water Tanker appliances in Dundalk and Ardee. The replacement of these vehicles is crucial to continue the enhancement of the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the fire fleet into the future. It is anticipated that a tender for these vehicles will be issued on Q3 2026.

The tender for the new Turntable Ladder for Drogheda Fire Brigade closed and the contract has been awarded to Rosenbauer Ltd as the successful tenderer. This €1 million NDFEM capital funding will replace the existing aerial vehicle in Drogheda and is due to be completed in Q4 2026.

### Fire Safety

During the reporting period, twelve fire safety certificate applications were received bring the annual total to 58 applications received.

Community engagement activities remained a key focus. These included a fire safety talk delivered to the Northeast Vintage Club, Arch Club, and Coral Home Care camp; continued engagement with local community groups; and ongoing delivery of the Primary School Programme through school visits across the county.

Fire, road, and water safety officers across Ireland are joining forces for 'Amber Thursday' to promote fire, road, and water safety over the June bank holiday weekend, which is traditionally one of the busiest weekends of the year. Louth County Council Fire & Rescue, in partnership with emergency and health

services, hosted Just 1 Life, a major road safety awareness event for Transition Year students, at [An Táin Arts Centre](#), Dundalk, on May 5th . The event, the first road safety programme of its scale to be held in County Louth, brought together frontline responders and healthcare professionals to deliver powerful, real-life messages about the consequences of road traffic collisions and the importance of responsible road use.

Over 300 students heard first-hand accounts from those who respond to road collisions daily. Members of Louth County Fire Service, An Garda Síochána Louth, the National Ambulance Service (NAS), and [HSE Ireland](#) healthcare professionals spoke about their first-hand experiences of road traffic accidents.

**Building Control**

Disability Access Certificates May	11
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	132
Total Number of April Commencement Notices for May submitted	17

**Civil Defence**

Civil Defence activities included;

**Training**

- Weekly training continues every Thursday evening
- 1 volunteer completed a 3-day Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) in Dublin
- 2 volunteers attended a weekend’s EMT training In the Civil Defence college, Roscrea
- 2 volunteers completed their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) exams
- 5 volunteers completed a manual handling class
- 1 volunteer completed a people handling course in Monaghan

- 3 volunteers completed a Cardiac First Responder course
- 6 volunteers completed a First Aid Responder course

**Duties**

- 5 volunteers provided medical cover with Dublin Civil Defence at the Leinster Rugby game in the Aviva stadium
- 2 volunteers provided ambulance cover to Monaghan Civil Defence for the Ulster GAA final
- 3 volunteers provided medical cover for the Just 1 Life roadshow in the Táin theatre
- 19 volunteers provided medical and mountain rescue cover for the Cross Cooley Challenge
- 7 volunteers provided medical cover for the Louth Community Games finals
- 4 volunteers provided medical cover for a civic reception in the Táin theatre
- 6 volunteers provided medical cover for the Dunleer AC 5K race
- 10 volunteers provided medical cover for the Gary Kelly Mini Marathon in Drogheda
- 6 volunteers provided medical cover for the Apple Blossom Walk in Dundalk

**Emergency Response**

- 5 Community First Responder activations from NAS, 4 patients treated by 10 volunteers

**Other**

The Civil Defence Officer applied for grant funding from the Department of Defence for the purchase of a van. This application was successful and will be used to buy, fit out and brand a van to use in flood pumping operations once authorisation is received from the local.

## An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail

### Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

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

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

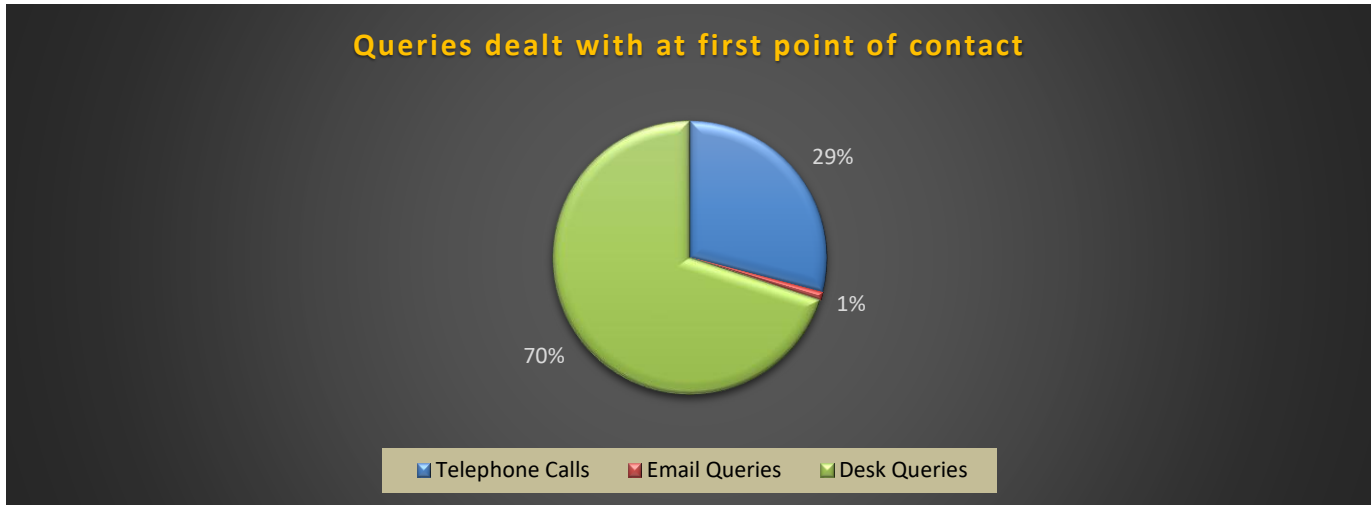
**Joanna Kelly**  
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



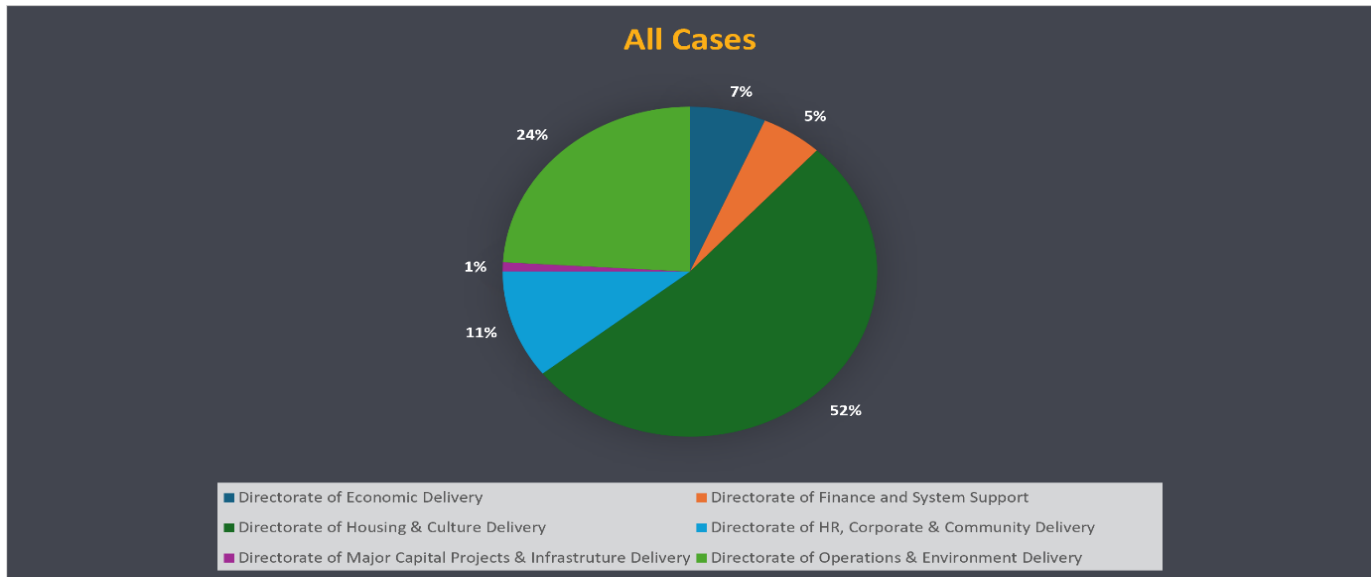
## Seirbhísí Corparáideacha / Corporate Services

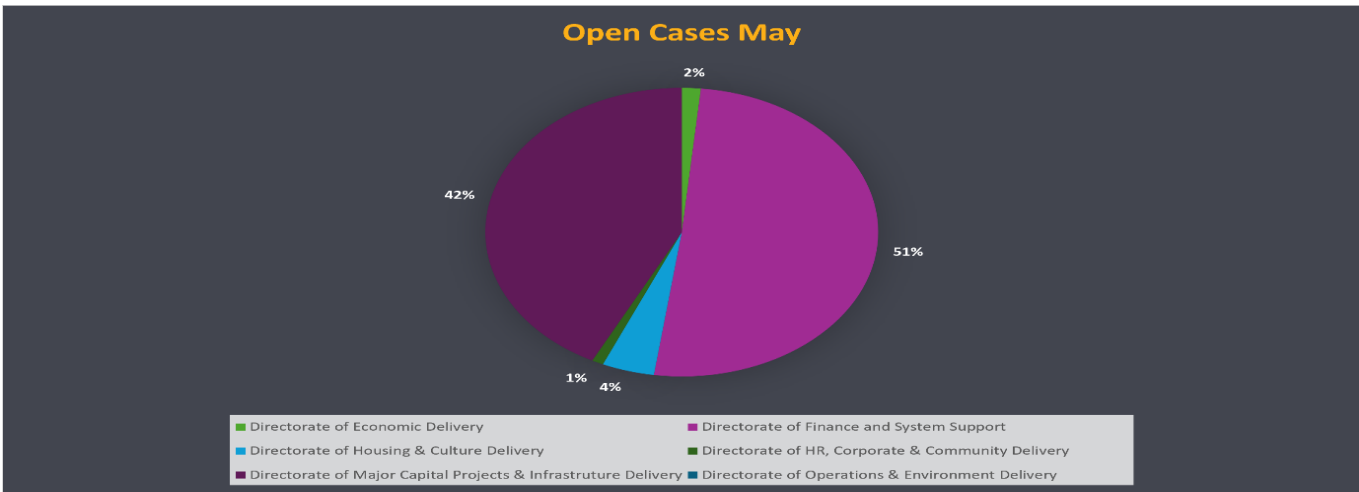
### Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

During the month of May 2026 Customer Services dealt with 13,589 queries inclusive of 5,976 calls 138 emails and 7,475 counter queries. 9,714 (71%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:



There were 2,927 valid CRM cases recorded during May 2026 of which 306 were received from elected members. A total of 906 (31%) remain unresolved by end of May, broken down by directorate as follows:





The table below illustrates activity in the Information Compliance area.

	2025 Total January – May	2026 Total January- May	2026 Total May Only
<b>DSARS</b>	12	5	2
<b>DATA PROTECTION REQUESTS</b>	23	12	1
<b>FOI REQUEST – RECORDS</b>	68	96	24
<b>AIE – INFORMATION</b>	6	10	4
<b>COMPLAINTS</b>	10	22	2
<b>OMBUDSMAN</b>	15	4	2

**Accessibility**

“Make Way Day” took place on Friday 29th May, aiming to highlight the everyday obstacles faced by people with disabilities in public spaces, while encouraging everyone to be mindful of keeping pathways clear, safe and accessible.

Access Officer Susan Deery was joined by Councillor Maeve Yore, local disability activist John Moran, members of An Garda Síochána, Senior Executive Engineer Patrick Callan and Area Engineer Martin Hearty for a walk through Dundalk town. During the walk, a number of common obstructions were identified, including poorly placed signage, street furniture and bins, all of which can significantly impact accessibility.

This initiative served as an important reminder that simple, everyday actions can make a meaningful difference, and that creating an inclusive, accessible environment is a shared responsibility for everyone in our community.



## **Community Support**

### **Age Friendly Louth**



#### **Launch of New Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031**

The new Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031 was launched at the Louth Age Friendly Alliance meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Mr. Rodd Bond, Chair of the Louth Age Friendly Alliance, welcomed the new strategy and thanked all involved in its preparation, including OPC members, Alliance members, community and voluntary groups and particularly older people in Co. Louth who contributed to the consultation process.

The new strategy contains 28 actions across the 8 themes of the Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Mr. Joe Grogan, Chair of the Louth OPC, thanked everyone for their contributions to the strategy and advised that the Louth OPC were looking forward to working with the Alliance and Programme Manager to help deliver on the strategy, and make Co. Louth “a place where ageing is valued, life experience is celebrated and resources are directed to support wellbeing and quality of life for people of all ages”.



**Members of Louth Age Friendly Alliance launch the new Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031**

#### **OPC Conference in Athlone**

Members of Louth OPC and the Age Friendly Louth team attended the OPC Conference in Athlone from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May. The theme of the Conference was "Thriving Together: Age Friendly Sustainable Communities".

The conference featured keynote addresses from national and local leaders including Minister Kieran O'Donnell TD, alongside policy updates, expert panels and interactive workshops. Highlights included a national update from Age Friendly Ireland and a fireside chat with representatives from An Garda Síochána, Local Authorities and Citizens Information. Mr. David Conway, Chief Executive, took part in the fireside chat and highlighted the importance of the Age Friendly Programme to the Council since 2008.

#### **Age Friendly Walks for Bealtaine**

Age Friendly Louth partnered with Walking For All and Cooley Connect Well to host an Age Friendly Walk in Cooley GFC on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate Bealtaine. The walk led by trained walkers from Cooley Connect Well was suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

#### **Cooley Farming Community Club**

Age Friendly Louth is continuing to partner with the HSE to help deliver this pilot project in Cooley. The aim of the project is to support farmers over 50 with maintaining their health and wellbeing as they get older and continue to farm. The project will have a strong social aspect to it with elements of health and wellbeing, farming information, community information and a physical exercise element.

#### **LCDC Communications Campaign**

A communications campaign relating to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) was delivered from 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May through local radio advertisements on LMFM and posts across the Council's social media platforms. This formed part of a national awareness initiative aimed at highlighting the role of LCDCs in connecting public bodies and communities throughout Ireland. The campaign sought to increase public understanding of the purpose and functions of the LCDC, and its contribution to local community development through the implementation of actions within the Council's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

## Comhairle na nÓg

### Dail na nÓg

Six members of Louth Comhairle na nÓg represented the county at this year's Dail na nÓg event which was held in Leinster House on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. The event brought youth members from all over the country to discuss issues that were of importance to young people. This year's event was focused on education to coincide with the Department of Education's ongoing consultation on the future of education in Ireland. Two young people from each municipal district took part and it was an excellent opportunity to meet with members of Dail Eireann including our local TD's.



*Dail na Óg Event in Leinster House*

### PEACEPLUS Youth Leadership Training

Twenty young people took part in a cross-border Youth Leadership Residential Programme in the Ti Chulainn Centre in Mullaghbawn on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May. The event brought together Louth Comhairle na nÓg members from each municipal district and members of Newry Mourne and Down Youth Council.

The event was the first event for the youth councils under the PEACEPLUS Youth Leadership Project. The young people engaged in training and team building and have set out a series of future events on issues that are important to young people living in the border region. The project is funded by Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership and supported by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

### Public Participation Network (PPN)

#### Social Media Support Contract

Louth PPN has begun work with SLB (a digital management company) to enhance its online presence to members and non-members alike. May brought a significant increase in engagement levels as hoped (e.g. on Facebook there was a 2.675% increase in engagement and interactions when compared with the previous 28 days).

### Secretariat meeting

Louth PPN's Secretariat met on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May in Dundalk to discuss the progression of the workplan and oversee the budget spend for 2026.

### Training

Throughout the month of May, Louth PPN offered its members the opportunity to participate in the following online courses:

- AI Apps & Tools (May 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Social Media (May 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Managing Change (May 26<sup>th</sup>)

In collaboration with Louth Libraries and Age Friendly Louth, Louth PPN also delivered a series of in-person workshops in Digital Life Skills throughout the month of May as follows:

- Basic Digital Literacy (May 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Financial Literacy (May 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Misinformation & Media Literacy (May 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Online Safety & Privacy (May 26<sup>th</sup>)

### Healthy Louth

#### National Healthy Ireland and Sláintecare Healthy Communities Meeting – Dundalk

Louth was selected as the host location for the second annual meeting of Healthy Ireland Coordinators and Sláintecare Local Development Officers, convened at the Gateway Hotel, Dundalk on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May. The programme featured a series of strategic workshops and keynote contributions, including an address by Dr. Seán O'Riordáin on the Local Democracy Taskforce; a session led by Jamie Moore on governance for community wellbeing through the PPN; and an interactive workshop delivered by Joan O'Donnell on the application of Human Learning Systems to future local governance and Healthy Ireland implementation.

#### Visit to Muirhevnamore Community Gardens

Following a presentation at the Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee, Healthy Louth initiated a strategic collaboration with Dundalk Sláintecare, the Libraries Section and Age Friendly to engage collectively with representatives from Muirhevnamore Community Gardens. This coordinated approach enabled partners to gain a shared understanding of the significant recent developments within the gardens and to explore future plans aligned with countywide health and wellbeing objectives. The engagement reflects Healthy Louth's commitment to fostering strong interagency partnerships and supporting community-led initiatives. Continued collaboration with the Community Gardens team will further strengthen integrated local development.

### Cross Border Collaboration

The Healthy Ireland Coordinator initiated a strategic engagement with the UK Healthy Cities and Towns Network Coordinator, based in Belfast, to explore opportunities for cross-border collaboration and shared learning. This meeting reflects a broader shared-island approach, opening discussions on how both jurisdictions can work collectively to advance common health and wellbeing goals. The UK Healthy Cities and Towns Network, comprising WHO-designated flagship cities and national networks, provides political, strategic and technical support to strengthen local government action on health equity, participatory governance and intersectoral collaboration. This initial engagement lays the foundation for future partnership development, knowledge exchange and coordinated action to address the wider determinants of health across the island.

### Place Standard Tool Event – Muirhevnamore Masterplan

County Louth delivered its first-ever Place Standard Tool initiative on 21<sup>st</sup> May, led by the Sláintecare Local Development Officer in partnership with Healthy Louth and Louth Local Sports Partnership. Hosted in Dundalk Sports Centre, the event brought together council staff, local residents, elected representatives and community organisations to collaboratively assess local needs and priorities.

The session was facilitated by the National Healthy Ireland Office, based within Waterford County Council, marking an important step in embedding the Place Standard approach within local planning processes. We were also honoured to welcome Dr. Diarmuid O'Donovan, Director of National Health Improvement in the HSE, whose attendance underscored the national significance of this work.

As a first-of-its-kind initiative for Louth, the insights gathered will play a central role in shaping local policy development and will directly inform the emerging Muirhevnamore Master Plan. This event establishes a strong foundation for ongoing community-centred planning, and we intend to build on these findings through continued engagement and evidence-based decision-making.

### Delivery of Sustainability Equipment to Green Schools across Louth

The Community Support Team conducted a survey of schools across the county to identify the supports needed to strengthen their sustainability and biodiversity efforts. The response was very positive, with many schools requesting specific resources.

These items were successfully delivered throughout the month of May.



*Rathcor National School*



*Sheelagh National School*

### Green Schools Flag Awards Ceremony 2025-2026

Dundalk proudly hosted the awards ceremony, where An Taisce presented Green Flags to 17 schools from across County Louth, along with schools from Meath, Monaghan and Fingal, as part of the Green Schools programme.



*Students from Scoil Mhuire na Trocaire, Ardee*



Students from St. Joseph's CBS, Drogheda

PEACEPLUS capital project was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The Open Day allowed visitors from the local community and further afield to explore the rich history and architecture of the church and its grounds at their own pace with refreshments available to all, free of charge.

A talk by Dr. Kathleen Nallen from DKIT's River Project on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence was held in St. Richards Chapel and was followed by music from the Davide Forti String Trio.

The open day was completed with a very popular and informative talk and guided tour of the church and churchyard by Mr. Trevor Patterson from the Select Vestry.

**Collaborative Arts**

The launch event for the PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Programme was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May in The Still at Dundalk Library. Speakers on the day included Cathaoirleach Cllr. Séan Kelly, Chief Executive Mr. David Conway and Ms. Sinead Dowling from Capacity Ireland. The launch was very successful and was well attended by project partners including Music Generation Louth and Louth Local Development under its Social Inclusion Programme.



Launch Event at The Still, Dundalk Library for the PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Programme

**International Blue Flag Awards and National Green Coast Awards 2026**

Blue Flags have been awarded for Clogherhead, Port and Templetown beaches, along with a Green Coast Award for Seapoint for the 2026 season.



Blue Flag Raising at Port Beach

**SLÍ GHLAS AN LÚ 2026**

The Community Support Team launched a new Green Sustainable Competition for Tidy Towns groups, replacing the former Litter League. Open for entries from 11<sup>th</sup> May, the competition aims to recognise and celebrate the significant efforts of Tidy Towns groups in developing sustainable, vibrant communities. The closing date for submissions is Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.



**PEACEPLUS**

**St Nicholas Church of Ireland, Dundalk**

The first of eight planned open days as part of the animation plan for the St. Nicholas Church of Ireland

**Community Engagement**

The Louth PEACEPLUS Programme Manager, Ms. Grainne Flanagan, addressed a plenary meeting of the Public Participation Network in the Mill Hub in Drogheda to give an update on future tenders arising from the Louth PEACEPLUS programme.

**Procurement**

A request for tender for a "Conservation Architect–Led Multidisciplinary Team for Detailed Design,

Construction Management and Handover of Renovation and upgrade works to St. Nicholas Church Of Ireland, Dundalk” has been placed on eTenders with a closing date of 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



### Louth County Council / Newry Mourne and Down Strategic Alliance

A meeting of the Joint Management Team of the Louth County Council / Newry Mourne and Down Strategic Alliance was held in Louth County Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Louth Community Safety Partnership

#### Louth Community Safety Partnership Meeting

The third meeting of the Louth Community Safety Partnership took place on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Members were presented with information on the work of the former Drogheda Implementation Board, the LMETB Youth Service and the Operation Encompass pilot scheme in Drogheda.

Work on the Louth Community Safety Strategy has commenced and subgroups have been established.

#### National Office for Community Safety Event

Cllr. Paddy Mc Quillan, Vice Chair of the Louth CSP and Ms. Therese Mc Ardle, LCSP Coordinator, recently attended a national event hosted by the National Office for Community Safety. During the event, information on the community safety policy context; the community safety infrastructure and supports available were presented. It also proved to be a very valuable networking opportunity.

#### Property Marking

A number of successful property marking events have taken place throughout the County with large numbers attending all events. Property marking is a community led crime prevention programme which involves the marking of property with a unique eircode to deter theft & aid recovery. The events were held in partnership with An Garda Síochána and the local community.

## Ukraine Humanitarian Response

### Offer A Home Programme

#### Property Figures as of 25/05/2026

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

### Local Authority Integration Team

#### Money Matters – Imperial Hotel, Dundalk

The Louth LAIT team were delighted to attend the Money Matters event held at the Imperial Hotel on 12<sup>th</sup> May. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with attendees, share information and support financial awareness within the community. Team members connected with a wide range of participants, highlighting available services and resources, while gaining insights into local needs and strengthening collaborative links with partner organisations.

#### Community Integration Forum – County Hall, Dundalk

The CIF meeting took place in County Hall, Dundalk on 20<sup>th</sup> May, bringing together key partners to enhance collaboration and coordination across services. Representatives from the LGMA and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration attended, offering national insights and updates. Local stakeholders, including the Irish Red Cross, Louth Local Development Company and Louth Volunteer Centre, also participated. Discussions focused on current challenges, service delivery updates and opportunities for improved joint working to support communities across Louth. The meeting promoted open dialogue, knowledge sharing and alignment of efforts, reinforcing strong partnerships and the importance of continued engagement between statutory and community organisations.

**Presentation Of Certificates to Direct Provision Residents**

At a special certificate ceremony held at Louth Local Development’s office in the Haymarket, Drogheda, the LAIT team were invited along to celebrate with residents from Setanta B&B and Bells court who successfully completed Safe Pass, Manual Handling and HACCP training.

The event recognised the commitment, resilience and progress of participants as they build skills for employment and independence. Sincere thanks were extended to Ms. Ina McCrumlish and Ms. Rachel Corwell of the SICAP team for their guidance, encouragement and dedicated support throughout the programme. Their efforts have made a meaningful difference, empowering participants to achieve qualifications and take confident steps toward brighter, more sustainable futures together.



*Presentation Of Certificates to Direct Provision Residents*

**Sport**

**Dundalk Sports Centre**

**Expansion of Athletics Facilities**

The Council’s Sports Unit is delighted to announce the expansion of athletics facilities in County Louth, with work continuing on a new track set to open at Muirhevnamore Park, Dundalk. This addition marks another milestone in the county’s commitment to sports development, complementing the established Lourdes Athletic Stadium in Drogheda.

**Lourdes Stadium**

**Introduction to Bowls**

This month SportsUile carried out a 4-week programme called ‘Introduction to Bowls’. This programme took place on our Bowling Green in the Lourdes Stadium and brought in many members. As this 4-week programme was such a success,

SportsUile are now carrying out a second programme in the Stadium.



*‘Introduction to Bowling’ at the Lourdes Stadium*

**HSE Group – Sli Nua.**

The HSE Group, Sli Nua, which is a collaboration between the Council’s Sports Unit, the HSE and Sport Uile, have completed their 12-week programme this month. This programme was designed specifically for HSE mental health service users and aims to promote physical activity in a supportive, welcoming environment where participants can move at a pace that feels right for them.



*Sli Nua Programme at the Lourdes Stadium*

**Louth Local Sports Partnership**

**Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026**

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

**Safeguarding**

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	21 <sup>st</sup> May	Online
Safeguarding Level 3	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Online

### **Bike Week 2026 a Huge Success in Louth**

Bike Week 2026 took place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May and was successfully coordinated by Louth Local Sports Partnership on behalf of the Council, with over 40 events delivered across the county and strong participation from individuals of all ages and abilities. Key highlights included:

- Inclusive cycling sessions delivered in partnership with Louth Disability Cycling Club
- School-based Cycle Right skills workshops
- Community bike maintenance demonstrations
- Family-friendly cycling events

The initiative promoted physical and mental wellbeing, encouraged sustainable transport and highlighted the continued development of cycling infrastructure across Co. Louth.



*Bike Week 2026*

### **Transition Year Students introduced to Sports Leadership.**

LLSP delivered a Transition Year Sports Leadership Programme to 30 students in CBS Dundalk on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Participants engaged in both theoretical and practical modules, focusing on:

- Leadership skills development
- Communication and teamwork
- Understanding pathways within the sports sector

The programme supports youth engagement and promotes future involvement in sport and physical activity as coaches and volunteers in communities across Co. Louth.



*Sports Leadership Programme for Transition Year Students in CBS Dundalk*

### **Her Moves Summit Sisters**

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in partnership with Mountaineering Ireland and St Mary's Secondary School, Dundalk, successfully delivered the Summit Sisters programme in the Cooley Mountains on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Supported by Sport Ireland through the Her Moves campaign, the initiative aims to increase participation in physical activity among teenage girls. Designed for Transition Year students, the programme combined hillwalking and navigation with reflective and creative outdoor activities. Participants developed practical skills, including map reading and route planning, while benefiting from the wellbeing of outdoor activity. The initiative promotes a girl-centred, inclusive approach and supports increased female participation in sport locally.

### **PALS Workshop Dundalk**

Louth Local Sports Partnership supported the training of 10 new Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) in the Dundalk area in May.

Delivered by Age & Opportunity through the Go for Life programme in partnership with Louth LSP, the initiative is provided free of charge and aims to build local capacity for community based physical activity. The Leaders participated in 6 workshops throughout the month to achieve their qualification.

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

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

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

**Ger Murphy**  
Stiúrthóir / Director



**Titíocht / Housing**

**Ag Déileáil le hEaspa Dídine / Addressing Homelessness**

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

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

13th April 26 to 12th May 26	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	7	196	102	<b>305</b>
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	22	25	<b>47</b>
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	<b>7</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>353</b>

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

April 2026	6
Total for 2026	37

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

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

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

**Tábla 4: Inscne / Table 4: Gender**

Gender	Total
Male	89
Female	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>

**Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups**

Age Group	Total
18-24	30
25-44	66
45-64	40
65+	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>

**Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín / Table 6: Accommodation Type**

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	51
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	91
<b>Total unique individuals</b>	<b>142</b>

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

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	11	15	24
Couples with dependent children	2	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>

**Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Bealtaine 2026 / Housing Allocations, May 2026**

20th April – 19th May, 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocati on YTD
Ardee	1	0	0	0	14
Drogheda	29	8	8	2	109
Dundalk	8	2	2	4	163
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>286</b>

**Aistrithe / Transfers**

20th April – 19th May, 2026	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	3
Dundalk	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

**Liosta Tithe / Housing List**

As at 19th May, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total

Housing List	372	672	1140	2184
HAP Transfer List	272	795	1490	2557
<b>Total Housing List</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>1467</b>	<b>2630</b>	<b>4741</b>

There are **321** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **64** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

**Bainisteoireacht Chíos / Rent Management**

Current Rents on 26th May 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	216	98,952
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	190	155,790
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	955	3,611,863
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1361</b>	<b>3,866,605</b>

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 May 2026.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1st Reminder	May 2026	212
2nd Reminder	May 2026	55
Final Reminder	May 2026	120
<b>Total issued</b>		<b>387</b>

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **€7,363,262**. This is a 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€6,857,988) and a 17% increase on 2024 (€6,297,911).

The total number of rents currently paid by Household Budget is **934**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **49** new payment plans commenced in May 2026 (up to and including 25th May 2026)

**Airíonna Athligeán & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties**

**Updated 22/05/2026**

<b>Relet / Void Properties on 22nd May 2026</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ardee Municipal District	5
Dundalk Municipal District	25
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	33
<b>Total No. of Relet/Void Properties</b>	<b>63</b>

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

**Iarratais Cothabhála / Maintenance Requests**

<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>23rd April–21st May 2026</b>	<b>Total (YTD)</b>
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	828	5,553
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	727	4,784
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	53	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	38	347

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

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

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

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

**PRI Stats 2026**

For 23rd April – 20th May 2026	May	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	123	799
Advisory letters issued	145	622
Improvement notices issued	2	12
Prohibition notices issued	1	3
Private Inspections	3	5
HAP First Inspections	31	202
RAS First Inspections	0	2
AHB First Inspections	38	280
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	1	3
HAP Re-inspections	31	219
RAS Re-inspections	0	3
AHB Re-inspections	18	53
SSA Re-inspections	0	5
Inspections from Complaints	1	5
Properties Made Compliant	9	64

**Páirtíocht Tionóntachta /Tenancy Engagement**

23rd April – 21st May 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	16	0	10	26	138
Post-tenancy inspections	3	13	51	67	194
Tenancy Investigation Visits	11	3	10	24	102

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

The final stakeholder engagement event for the development of Louth County Council’s Tenant Engagement and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy took place on 28th April 2026 in Ardee, concluding a series of consultations across the county.

The event brought together community groups, tenants and elected members, providing an opportunity to gather local perspectives on addressing anti-social behaviour within council estates. Discussions focused on strengthening tenant engagement, supporting early intervention and improving collaboration between stakeholders. Feedback from this final session, along with earlier events, is now being incorporated into the draft Strategy, which is expected to be finalised later in 2026 the year.

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

23rd April - 21st May 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	8	2	6	16	101
ASB cases Ongoing	5	3	25	33	-
ASB cases complete	12	0	0	12	75

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**

23rd April - 21st May 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	1	0	0	1	8
Written Tenancy Notifications	1	0	0	1	4
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	0	0	0	3

**Abandonment Notifications & Illegal Occupiers**

Category	Brief Description	Year to Date
<b>Section 15(1) Notifications Issued</b>	Initial notice – tenant has <b>4 weeks</b> to make contact and confirm occupancy.	6
<b>Section 15(2) Notifications Issued</b>	Final notice – property reverts to <b>Council possession</b>	8

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

**Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing**

Conveyancing of the houses in Quarry Court almost fully complete, with 8/11 new homeowners having received their keys.

Sale Agreed on all 10 houses in Ushers Mill with conveyancing on-going.

We currently have four additional affordable schemes with the Department which are still awaiting sign-off.

**Gnóthaithee/ Acquisitions**

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

In May, the Council purchased four properties.





Recently acquired properties in Dundalk and Louth Village

Total Number of Applications 25th May 2026	20
LAHL carried over from 2025	4
Invalid/Returned	7
Approved	9
Declined	2
For Review	2
Outstanding – waiting on further information	4

**Deontas Athchóirithe D’áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant**

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

Active MTR Applications Total	31
AHB MTR Applications Active	8
AHB MTR completed 2026	0
Private MTR Applications Active	21
Private MTR completed 2026	1
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	2

Applications Submitted:	414
Approved:	314
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	56
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	15
Funding Issued to Applicant	157
Principal Private Residence	297
Rental Applications	117
Vacant Grant Applications	210
Derelict top-up Applications	204

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.

**Isasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans**

<b>2026 Budget Allocation</b>	<b>€6,730,000</b>
LAHL Approvals at 25th May 2026	€1,615,450
<b>Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 25th May, 2026</b>	

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

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

Applications are currently being accepted for the following:

- **Housing Adaptation Grant** – for works to make a home suitable for a person with a disability, including internal layout changes and accessibility improvements.

- **Mobility Aids Grant** – for minor works such as grab-rails, ramps, and stair lifts.
- **Housing Aid for Older People** – for essential repairs and improvements for those aged 66 and over.

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

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

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

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

**Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed**



*Bathroom Adaptation completed in Dundalk with funding provided with a HAG*



*Ramp completed in Dundalk, with funding provided with funding provided with a HAG*

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 22nd May 2026	157	9	262		428
Grants Approved 23rd April – 22nd May 2026	12	0	16	28	99

**Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability**

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

Works Appointed	33 minor adaptations	2 extension modular extensions Additionally, 1 extension funded under TAP
Of these Works onsite/ completed	15 minor adaptations	2 extensions/ 2 modular extensions/ 1 TAP extension.

**Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery**

<b>Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units</b>	
SHIP	763
CALF	150
CAS	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>962</b>

<b>Housing for All Social Housing Build Delivery</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022	660	227	-	227
2023	156	365	-	365
2024	160	438	-	438
2025	172	562	-	562
2026	175	146	356	502
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>2,094</b>

## **Capital Housing Delivery**

### **Minister for Housing visits Louth to officially open three new social housing developments delivering 170 homes.**

Louth County Council welcomed Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD, to County Louth on Friday, 1st May, where he officially opened three social housing developments in Dundalk and Drogheda, delivering a combined 170 new social homes for communities across the county.

The developments, delivered directly by Louth County Council with funding support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Social Housing Capital Investment Programme (SHCIP), represent a significant milestone in the

Council's ongoing delivery of high-quality social housing.

The Minister, who was joined by Minister of State for Older People and Housing, Kieran O'Donnell TD, began his visit in Dundalk, where he officially opened Phase 1 of Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, a major council-led housing development being constructed by OHMG Ltd.

When fully completed, Fulacht Fia will deliver 93 social housing units, comprising a mix of house types designed to meet the diverse needs of households in Dundalk. Phase 1 delivers 52 homes, which are now completed, with the remaining units due for delivery by year end. The development is being delivered using modern construction methods and forms part of Louth County Council's direct-build programme.



***New Housing units at Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk, Co. Louth***

The Ministers then travelled to Drogheda for the official opening of Greenhills Grange, an age-friendly social housing scheme located on the Newtown Link Road.

Delivered under the Council's Accelerated Delivery Programme, the development will

provide 46 high-quality age-friendly social housing bungalows, designed to support older residents to live independently and safely within the community. The homes are being delivered by Cunningham Contracts Ltd, with construction having commenced in late 2024.



**Age Friendly Housing units at Greenhills Grange, Drogheda, Co. Louth**

The final stop on the Ministers' visit was the official opening of Phase 2 of Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda.

Delivered by M&L Quinn, Phase 2 of Boice Court delivers 72 new social homes in total,

including houses, apartments and duplex units, designed to accommodate families, older people and households with specific accessibility needs. The development was delivered in phases, with a number of homes already completed and occupied.



**New Housing units at Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda, Co. Louth**

**Seachadadh SHIP/SHIP Delivery**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Phase</b>	<b>Total Number of Social Units Expected</b>	<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Projected Substantial Completion Date</b>	<b>Unit Type</b>
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/3	32	Complete	31/12/2025	17 * 3 bed, 15 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	3/3	27	Complete	20/05/2026	4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 5 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	52	Complete	20/05/2026	20 * 2 bed, 17 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	41	On Site	28/02/2027	3 * 2 bed, 12 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Stage 4 Approved	30/06/2027	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	30/06/2028 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/12/2026	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed
Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	Complete	20/05/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/03/2028	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved On-hold	31/12/2029	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	3/3	4	Completed	31/03/2026	4 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown	1/1	27	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed, 6 * 1 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed duplex

Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth					
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	6	Completed	31/03/2026	5 * 3 bed , 1 * 2 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/08/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/09/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	2	Completed	26/03/2026	2 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	2	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/4	8	Completed	31/12/2025	2 * 2 bed, 6 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/4	3	Completed	17/04/2026	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/4	7	On-site	31/07/2026	2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	4/4	7	On-site	31/08/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	2	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	17	On-site	30/06/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/1	7	On-site	30/06/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed

Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	16	On-site	30/06/2026	16 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	4	Completed	23/04/2026	4 * 2 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	2	Completed	19/05/2026	2 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	8	On-site	30/06/2026	8 * 3 bed

### Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

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

## Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name	Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part V/ Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth  Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/10/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 One Bed Apt</li> <li>• 32 Two Bed Apt</li> </ul>
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk  Tuath	1/2	12	0	On site	31/07/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Two Bed House</li> <li>• 6 Three Bed House</li> </ul>
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk  Tuath	2/2	30	0	On Site	31/10/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 One Bed Apt</li> <li>• 12 Two Bed Apt</li> </ul>
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/08/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Three bed Houses</li> <li>• 4 Two Bed Apts</li> <li>• 4 Three Bed Duplex</li> </ul>
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth	1/1	29	26/3	Proposal	30/07/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Three Bed Apt</li> <li>• 18 Two Bed Apt</li> <li>• 5 Three Bed Houses</li> </ul>
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	0	On Site	30/08/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 Three Bed Houses</li> <li>• 9 Two Bed Apartments</li> </ul>

## **Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services**

### **An Chartlann / Archives**



*Archives Entrance Gate Sign*

#### **Recent Acquisitions**

A photograph album of Ardee House, dating from c.1916–1920, has been donated to Louth County Archives by John Rafferty, Vice President of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society. The album was entrusted to him by Mrs Caroline Ballantyne, great-granddaughter of Captain John St Clair Macmillan and Gwedolen Maud Macmillan, who wished it to be preserved for public research.

Ardee House, now St Joseph's Nursing Home, was built c.1810 by William Parkinson Ruxton, and later became the Macmillan family residence. The album provides a rare visual record of the house, its gardens, meadows, groves, and the nearby tower house known locally as Flemings Castle.



*Ardee House Photo Album*

#### **Research Enquiries**

A small sample of enquiries handled last month includes historical vehicle registrations; housing

development drawings; a water agreement with a local business; family history sources; historical postcards of Blackrock; and St Brigid's Hospital, Ardee.

### **Leabharlanna / Libraries**

During April, Louth County Council Library Service delivered 50 Right to Read: Spring into Storytime events, engaging 1,171 participants across the county, demonstrating strong community engagement and the continued impact of national library programmes at local level.

#### **Right to Read: My Little Library Bag**

Children aged 4–6 and their families are invited to participate in the My Little Library Bag initiative this month. Delivered in partnership with the Local Government Management Agency and funded by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, this national programme provides each child with a bag containing two free books, to support their transition to primary school, alongside guidance for parents. Working in collaboration with Early Learning Centres and primary schools across the county, the initiative encourages families to engage with their local library and begin their membership and reading journey.

#### **Right to Read: Book Monsters**

Creative engagement in reading was further supported through the Book Monster Sticker Competition, which received over 1,000 entries from children across Louth. This strong response reflects both the enthusiasm of young readers and effective collaboration between our library staff teams and schools.

The winning designs will feature as part of the Summer Stars programme, helping to sustain interest in reading this summer, through this annual creative, child-centred literacy initiative.

#### **Skills for Life Programme**

Through the Skills for Life programme, Louth County Council Library Service continues to build digital confidence across communities. Courses delivered in Dundalk and Dunleer focused on essential skills such as using personal devices, understanding online safety, recognising scams and misinformation, and engaging responsibly with digital media. This work aligns to our technology and life-long learning strategic objectives to ensure accessible, high-impact learning opportunities for all. Further workshops on AI are scheduled across Dundalk,

Dunleer and Ardee, strengthening community capacity to engage with these emerging technologies.

### Events, Outreach and Cultural Programming

Key highlights this month included intergenerational storytelling events for Bealtaine in Dundalk and Carlingford, together with the “C.S. Lewis and the Wee County” talk in Drogheda, which promoted engagement with local literary heritage.

Outreach is central to service delivery, with engagement through community storytimes, participation in the Louth ABC Dundalk A.C.T. Network event, and targeted work with groups such as the Cooley Farming Community, ensuring inclusive and accessible services reach diverse audiences.

Collaborative programming with the iconic international Jaipur Literature Festival brought high-quality literary and artistic experiences to local audiences in Dundalk, while Biodiversity Week, delivered in partnership with the Council’s Biodiversity Officer, offered a range of creative and educational activities promoting environmental sustainability and community wellbeing. Celebrations marking the centenary of Sir David Attenborough also supported sustainability awareness and lifelong learning.

## Na hEalaíona / Arts

### Public Art

Assessment panels are finalising decisions for the 6 Public Art sculptures and 3 Public Art residencies that closed in late May. It is expected the 9 successful artists will be announced by the end of June.

### Highlanes Gallery

**Ceiliúradh: Treasures of the Boyne Valley** exhibition was opened on 8th May by Cllr Michelle Hall, Mayor of Drogheda. This community curated exhibition celebrates the diversity and richness of the region and is reflected through a selection of works from both the Drogheda Municipal Collection and by 3 invited contemporary artists.

The opening featured a short Q&A session with the artists. This special exhibition is one of many key events in this, the 20th anniversary year of Highlanes Gallery opening.

## An Táin Arts Centre

**Exhibition:** North Louth artists are back with their annual exhibition which opened on 7th May. This independent group of artists present a cross section of new work, highlighting the diverse approaches of its members. Featured artists include Derek Bell, Sandra Bell, Omin, Rosemary Warren, Kate Beagan, and Irene Woods. The exhibition will run until the end of June.

### Droichead Arts Centre

Night Moves continued in May with Songs of Longing with Paddy Connolly in the gallery space of Droichead Arts Centre on 8th May, as well as a special Sound Town Night events in The Coffee Box café on 29th May. Night Moves is an innovative night-time cultural programme led by Droichead Arts Centre in collaboration with Drogheda’s Night Time Economy.

### Creative Ireland

**Cruinniú na nÓg** preparations are well underway with events planned across the county for the National Cruinniú na nÓg day on Saturday 6th June. Several workshops began in May with songwriting and spoken word in Droichead as part of the Night Time Economy event. While in Dundalk special photography and cyanotype printing workshops began in Creative Spark for teenagers with a special exhibition planned for Cruinniú day.

For more information on Cruinniú na nÓg check out the national website

[www.cruinniu.gov.ie/events/location/louth/](http://www.cruinniu.gov.ie/events/location/louth/)  
or email [creativeireland@louthcoco.ie](mailto:creativeireland@louthcoco.ie)

## An Iarsmalann / Museum



**County Quiz winners 2026, St. Furseys NS.**

The Museum marked International Museums’ Day this year with its annual County Quiz for National Schools held on the 18th May. St. Furseys NS, Haggardstown won through as the winners of the perpetual shield. The Museum also hosted several

'behind-the-scenes' workshops for the county's national schools. The workshops are designed to introduce the principles of collection management and care to children and continue to prove popular with all audiences.

In addition, the Museum in association with the Old Dundalk Society hosted a lecture on Dundalk's response to the Belfast Blitz.

Work on the development of the Museum's strategy for 2026-2030 continues with an online survey inviting contributions from the public to the future direction of the County Museum service.

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

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

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

**David Jones**  
Stiúrthóir / Director



## **Comhfhorbairt Áite / Placemaking**

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

#### **Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF)**

The Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) has now been replaced by the TCRIF, which was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The window for applications closed on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Category 1B applications relating to Westgate, Drogheda and St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk were submitted. A category 1A (project development) application was made in respect of the Park Street area of Dundalk.

#### **St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)**

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD visited St. Nicholas Quarter on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to mark the completion of the Phase 1 works.



*Visit of Minister James Browne TD to St. Nicholas Quarter*

BDP Ltd are the appointed consultant design team for Phase 2 of the SNQ project and are approaching completion of the design phase. Property owner and stakeholder engagement is continuing. The concept will be brought forward to Part 8 planning with full public consultation in the coming weeks.

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

Direct engagement with property owners in Drogheda and Dundalk continued throughout the reporting period under the URDF Call Three Funding Allocation. This work has already resulted in several property sales and the initiation of early-stage development activity. Recent meetings with owners in both towns have progressed constructively,

supporting the preparation of plans aimed at returning these buildings to productive use.

A full review of all properties included in this programme is underway and will be completed mid-year, providing an updated and accurate assessment of progress to date and identifying priority actions for the period ahead.

This ongoing engagement will contribute to a clearer understanding of properties successfully brought back into use, as well as those that remain vacant, ensuring a more targeted and effective approach to addressing vacancy in both towns.

New Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) are also under consideration for Dundalk and Drogheda. While the CPO process can be lengthy due to potential objections and negotiations with property owners, preparatory work is advancing and will continue over the coming period.

### **Play Spaces**

#### **St Dominic's Park & The Glen**

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

### **Capital Delivery Team**

#### **Muirhevnamore District Park**

Following the completion of reseeding and landscaping works, the project revitalising the park has now been completed. This project was supported by Community Recognition Fund.

### **Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects**

#### **Vacant Homes Officer**

The Vacant Homes Officer continues to actively engage with property owners, highlighting the funding supports available to help bring vacant and under-used properties back into productive use. A range of grants is currently available, including the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and the Derelict Property Top-Up Grant, which provide significant financial assistance to eligible homeowners seeking to renovate and reoccupy empty buildings.

To date, 306 Vacant Property Grant applications have been approved, reflecting strong public uptake and ongoing progress in tackling vacancy. Of these, 155 grant payments have already been issued by the

Council upon completion of works, directly supporting the return of homes to active use within the community.

Members of the public are also encouraged to support this work by reporting empty or derelict homes in their area through the VacantHomes.ie platform, enabling the Council to inspect these properties and follow up appropriately.

## **Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development**

### **Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects**

#### **Narrow Water Bridge**

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

Southern embankment: - Works have begun on the installation of the temporary bracing for the skid track system.

Northern embankment:- Works on the final wall pours within the bascule chamber and plant room are ongoing.

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

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

As part of her visit to Co. Louth on the 21st May, the British Ambassador, Kara Owen visited the NWB site and received an update on the project by the project team and was officially welcomed to the site by Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Kelly.



***NWB Site Visit by British Ambassador, Kara Owen***

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

Construction Contract – a formal contract signing for the main works was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, with the award of the contract to Jons Civil Engineering Limited.



***N53 Construction Contract Signing***

Employers Representatives Contract - the Employers Representatives has been appointed to the scheme (Atkins) ; they will administer the day to day running of the project.

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

#### **Boyne Enterprise Link Road**

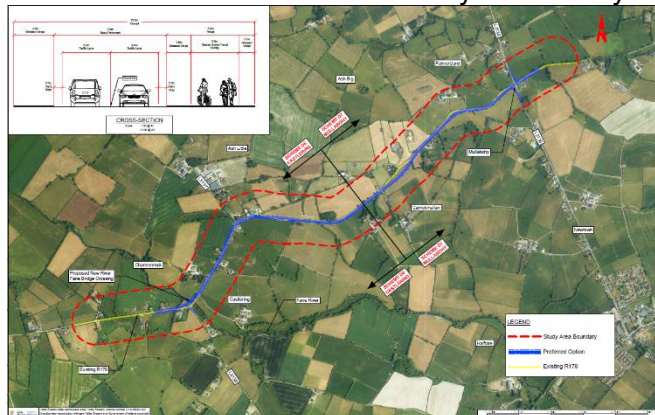
A further meeting with the ESB on their timelines to deliver major capital power supply works (which interferes in both the new section of road and remaining road took place during May whereby it was agreed they would fast-track their ducting works which commenced early May within our site boundaries to safeguard the need not to excavate through our new road/footpath in the future and to allow our works to commence.

The works in relation to the Council's project commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme**

The Public Consultation Summary Report for the preferred route option has been completed and will be issued to Department for their information/comment – end of phase 2. Commencement of Phase 3 (preliminary design and environmental evaluation) began in May. Phase 3 Ecological walkover survey has been completed, and

site investigation tender documentation has been drafted which are to be advertised by end of May.



*Emerging Preferred Route*

**Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.**

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

Pavement capping and drainage works have commenced on the mainline.

The Council Team continue to engage with the affected landowners.

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

**Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway**

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

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

[www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie](http://www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie) including contact details for the Project Liaison Officer and the independent appointed agronomist.

**Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects**

**Dominican Church/Library**

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

is achievable within the confines of a listed building of this nature.

**Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre**

Stage 1 report has been completed and has been submitted to the Department (National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management) with approval being granted to proceed with full scheme at end of April 2026. Our consultants VH & Associates have been given instruction by Louth County Council to commence progressing with stage 2 (Statutory Planning Process and Design) of the project.

**Ardee Castle**

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

The Castle has been cleared out of unfixed furniture. The main demolition to subsided Judges Chamber House on southside of castle has been completed and various door openings are currently under construction.

Soft stripping has also been completed, and all internal walls if required have been taken down for removal.



*Demolition of Judges Chambers Completed*

**THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme**

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

Archaeological investigations, surveys and structural safeguards measures commenced in March and will continue for 10-12 weeks and are 80% complete. Note: Works program has been extended due to the discovery of asbestos which had to be professionally removed and due to the building being found to be in very poor condition structurally, meaning additional safeguarding works being required. The Ministerial Consent was approved for these safeguarding works, and the National Monuments have attended site in April and May. Surveys works will feed into the detailed design of the project.

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

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

#### **Dundalk Flood Relief Projects**

The scheme is currently at Stage One, with the shortlist of options being progressed through the multi-criteria assessment (MCA) process for each flood cell, alongside ongoing environmental inputs.

Dundalk Public Participation Day (PPD) took place on 29 April at the Gateway Hotel, Dundalk. The event was well attended and generated numerous questionnaires, which are currently being analysed to inform the ongoing development of the scheme.

The project team is now commencing preparation of the draft Options Development Report, with key milestones scheduled over the coming months to progress the scheme.

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

#### **Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project**

The Flood Relief Scheme continues at Stage 1, with ongoing preparation of the Option Development Report and continued refinement of potential scheme options, incorporating updated buildability considerations, cost estimates and environmental inputs.

Engagement is ongoing with key stakeholders, including the National Monuments Service and heritage specialists, whose input is helping to identify constraints in sensitive areas and inform the need for

further archaeological investigation. Concurrently, environmental and heritage surveys are progressing, including aquatic and bird studies, together with planned geophysical and site investigations to support a robust assessment of the emerging options.

The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at: [www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie](http://www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie)

#### **Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project**

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

A business case for works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Seasons is currently being revised. In parallel, hydraulic modelling of the proposed works is ongoing to refine the design, while site investigation works are planned to inform ground conditions and constructability. Appropriate Assessment screening and archaeological assessments have now been completed, providing key inputs to support the progression of the scheme.

#### **Ardee Minor Works**

The proposed works aim to provide enhanced flood protection to properties located along existing watercourses on Stoney Lane and John Street. Delivery of this element of the scheme is intended to align with ongoing Uisce Éireann works, thereby optimising efficiencies and minimising disruption to the local community.

Detailed design works in the vicinity of the N2 are currently underway, alongside active engagement with affected landowners to ensure that access, site constraints, and local considerations are appropriately addressed. In parallel, an ecologist has completed an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, which is presently under review to confirm full compliance with environmental and statutory requirements.

## **Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects**

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

Coastal protection works are now on site and are progressing well. A Road Closure application to facilitate site traffic is being considered.

Drummullagh is substantially complete with works to commence in Bellurgan in early June, with plant and equipment already on site. Ballagan will commence towards the end of June.



*Coastal Protection Measures Drummullagh*

## **Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects**

### **Ardee Educate Together National School.**




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


Works to erect the boundary fence are complete and school fit out and commissioning are ongoing.

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	June 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€30,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	At the end of May 2026, the NTA have given approval to LCC to advance to Part 8 Public Display as per Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. At this juncture the Design Team are preparing all the necessary Public Display material, i.e. Video Fly Through, information leaflets etc. An on-line briefing of the Part 8 proposals will be given to Drogheda MD elected members in Mid-June 2026, in advance of Part 8 public display in July 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 process.	Proposed Part 8 display July 2026
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€37,500	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councilors in June 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2026
Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€45,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team are currently progressing with preliminary design following non-statutory public consultation. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed Part 8 display Q3 2026
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's Lane	€550,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5	Detailed design has commenced on the entire scheme, however in parallel, due to limited budget, the tender documents for the Marleys Lane section only will be prepared.	Part 8 approved on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€10,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, these projects will be suspended at their Current Phase until further notice.	
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd.	€800,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Due to budgetary limitations, the Xerox Junction upgrade only will be brought forward as a standalone project, (due to its key position linking 3 projects). Tender documents for a standalone scheme are currently being prepared.	Part 8 Approval already granted
Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€2,500	Band 2 €5- €20m	Phase 4	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.  Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	June 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€110,000	Band 2	Phase 3	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to expedite the Safe Routes to School infrastructure on McEntee Avenue etc., with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure Q3 2026.
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 2 was approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 preliminary design has commenced. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in Q3 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€20,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	On-line briefing on the proposed scheme given to Dundalk Municipal District Councilors in May 2026 and Part 8 Public Display to commence on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026 Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Proposed to commence Part 8 process and display Q2 2026
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to design the Safe Routes to School element of this project for Mill Street, to facilitate Realt Na Mara National School and Louth Rehab in Quay Side Business Park, with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure in 2026.
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 approved by NTA on the 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	Part 8 CE Report was proposed and recommended at Dundalk MD Meeting in April 2026. It is intended to bring sections, namely Sextons Junction forward to Detailed Design.	Part 8 approved April 2026
Moneymore, Active Travel elements	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb 2026. The subsequent notices were issued to the relevant parties. Deadline for submissions / objections expired on 13th May 2026. The Active Travel Team will now proceed to Issue Tender Documents for the appointment of a contractor to construct the Permeability Link.	N/A

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	June 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 1) St. Louis secondary school Dundalk	€35,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Remedial works to hedging and fencing adjacent to school are complete.  New footpaths @ St. Louis Secondary School	Section 38 completed
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Construction works commenced at Bellurgan National School & Callystown National School in March 2026 and works at St Mary's NS, Knockbridge commenced on 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026.  New footpaths @ Bellurgan NS, Callystown NS	Section 38's completed
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1. SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry 3. Mullaghboy NS.	€66,500	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Design Consultant appointed in February 2026 and have commenced initial Preliminary Designs  New Pencil Bollards as interim measures @ Kilcurry NS	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 4 1. Dromiskin Mixed School) 2. Marymount NS 3. Scoil Mhuire na nGael 4. Tallanstown NS	€10,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Active Travel Team consulting with An Taisce who will undertake initial high level Outline Delivery Plans for each School.  Site visits at each school in Round 4 have been undertaken in March / April 2026. Active Travel Team awaiting Outline Delivery Plans from An Taisce.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	June 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>This pilot project is being led by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with the Department of Transport with funding being provided by the Climate Action Fund. Part 8 Documentation was placed on public display on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 and deadline for submissions expired on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</p> <p>120 submissions have been received.</p>  <p>CE Part 8 Report was recommended to the members at Dundalk MD Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026. A total of 41 individual sites formed part of the Part 8 proposal. 36 of these sites were granted approval by the Elected Representatives. The 5 sites not approved are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 15 – Centra Car Park, Blackrock.</li> <li>Site 45 – Cluda Enda</li> <li>Site 60 – St. Fursey’s Terrace</li> <li>Site 65 – Fatima Park</li> <li>Site 68 – Park View</li> </ul>	Part 8 Approved 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026