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Louth County Council

**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report in
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Finance and Water Services

Airgeadas agus Seirbhísí Uisce

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

Other responsibilities include Motor Tax and Water Services.

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

Ina chuid den freagrachtaí eile ná Mótarcháin agus Seirbhísí Uisce.

Bernie Woods
Director / Stiúrthóir



Finance

Expenditure to 31st August 2021

Section	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TO 31/08/21	BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2021	% SPENT TO 31/08/21
Housing	20,183,656	39,706,362	51%
Road Transportation & Safety	11,956,642	26,232,178	46%
Water Services	4,473,600	7,854,289	57%
Development Management	9,997,649	17,057,986	59%
Environmental Services	10,772,373	18,475,519	58%
Recreation and Amenity	5,271,129	9,425,077	56%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	651,833	1,180,833	55%
Miscellaneous	11,100,290	10,604,375	105%
	74,407,172	130,536,619	57%

Income to 31st August 2021

Section	ACTUAL INCOME TO 31/08/21	BUDGET INCOME 2021	% INVOICED TO 31/08/21
Housing	20,843,753	40,590,850	51%
Road Transportation & Safety	3,472,808	16,802,175	21%
Water Services	3,852,942	7,598,460	51%
Development Management	5,986,128	10,177,060	59%
Environmental Services	1,191,203	2,150,427	55%
Recreation and Amenity	392,229	962,409	41%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	254,087	455,146	56%
Miscellaneous	3,768,399	6,496,645	58%
Rates	35,387,113	35,437,249	100%
General Purpose Grant (LPT)	6,577,464	9,866,198	67%
	81,726,126	130,536,619	63%

The above is the current position as at the 31st August 2021. 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 2021 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as at 31st August 2021 are as follows:

Debtors as at 31st August 2021

	Opening Balance	Invoices	Receipts	Write Offs	Closing Balance
Government Debtors	9,101,755	54,858,675	(54,531,544)	(152)	9,428,734
Other Local Authorities	111,441	600,364	(593,579)	0	118,226
Rates	11,030,292	35,387,113	(18,636,401)	(6,504,347)	21,276,657
Rents	2,968,564	8,304,578	(8,735,380)	(55,238)	2,482,524
Loans	283,360	1,153,067	(1,186,927)	0	249,500
Development Levies	10,622,066	2,353,282	(2,011,525)	0	10,963,823
Fire Charges	750,804	305,690	(223,467)	(46,895)	786,132
Miscellaneous	1,847,991	5,696,680	(4,894,851)	(22,680)	2,627,140
TOTAL DEBTORS	36,716,273	108,659,449	(90,813,674)	(6,629,312)	47,932,736

Above is the debtor balances as at the 31st August 2021. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recouplements, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Vets, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

Covid-19 - Rates Waiver

With the extension of the current lockdown the Government have announced an extension to the Rates Waiver Scheme to the end of Quarter 3. The eligibility for the scheme is different from the 2020 Waiver and the full scheme criteria and eligibility is available on our website.

The Rates Waiver to the end of June 2021 for eligible businesses is €6.3m and is shown in the above Rates Write off figure and under Misc. Expenditure in table 1 above.

We continue to deal with our rate customers on a case by case basis and we urge rate payers that are experiencing difficulties at this time to contact the rates department without delay.

Local Authority Members' Remuneration & Expenses

We are still waiting on the Department circular in relation to the new regulations in relation to changes to the members' expenses. As soon as we receive the relevant circular the changes will be

implemented and we will forward the details to the members.

Budget 2022 Meeting

The Department Circular FIN16/2021 sets out the **Prescribed Periods for the 2022 Budget as follows:-**

All Local Authorities 1st November 2021 to 30th November 2021

And it also sets out the **Prescribed Periods for the Municipal/Borough Districts to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan** as follows:-

14th October 2021 to 15th November 2021

As set out in the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 the meeting with a Municipal/Borough Districts must conclude no later than 10 days prior to the local authority budget meeting.

As we have not received confirmation of the dates in time for the September MD/BD meetings we will present the proposed dates for the Draft Budgetary Plan meetings at the September Monthly Council meeting. We will also present proposed date for the Annual Budget Meeting at the September Monthly Council Meeting for agreement.

Water Services

Note - it is expected that progress of capital schemes and delivery of some services will experience further delays as result of restrictions due to Covid-19.

Water Quality

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

Boil Water Notice

A Boil Water Notice issued by IW / LCC to the customers on the Killineer Public Water Supply on the 26th January 2021 has been lifted as and from the 31st August 2021.

Water Conservation

Water conservation is ongoing throughout the County.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

Capital Programmes

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

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

Tallanstown Rationalisation

Ryan Hanley Consultants are currently working on the Project Design. Land Acquisitions for Pumping Station sites are also currently being progressed. Project Workshop 2 was completed on 5th July. Consultant currently working on detailed design.

Cavanhill WTW Upgrade

LCC and IW are currently negotiating the phased transition from the DBO contract to Operations

control. LCC are currently recruiting additional staff to be trained by the DBO Contractor/IW in order to manage and operate Cavan Hill WTP once the facility is taken back in charge by the LA under the Service Level Agreement.

Staleen WTW Upgrade

LCC and IW are currently negotiating the phased transition from the DBO contract to Operations control. LCC are currently recruiting additional staff to be trained by the DBO Contractor/IW in order to manage and operate Staleen WTP once the facility is taken back in charge by the LA under the Service Level Agreement.

Omeath WWTW

Anticipated date of commencement on site is Q3 2021. Detailed Design currently being reviewed by Irish Water.

Shared Waters Enhancement and Loughs Legacy (SWELL)

The programme for this work, which includes surface water separation in Omeath, will be co-ordinated with the Omeath WWTW Project.

Regional Sewer Network Rehabilitation

Irish Water undertook survey works on Drogheda Sewer network which were completed in early July.

Dundalk Drainage Area Plan (DAP)

DAP Workshop 2 with Irish Water, Louth County Council and Arups Consulting Engineers completed in February 2021 to review the progress on the survey and modelling project. LCC Operations staff continue to liaise with IW and Consultants with network verifications. Stage 3 Workshop is proposed for 1st September 2021.

Dundalk East Strategy - In advance of completion of Dundalk DAP

- Route Selection completed
- Consultants progressing design with IW in consultation with Louth County Council.
- Site Investigation due to commence in June and contract programmed for Q4 2021.

Coe's Road Pumping Station

- Operational modifications to Pumping Station undertaken by EPS
- Options for cleaning of existing large diameter sewer currently under review with Irish Water

Dundalk LNRP

Strategic Review underway for Dundalk WWTP and Blackrock WWTP to facilitate advancing Local Network Reinforcement Programme.

Drogheda LNRP

Works at SWO including the provision of Non-Return Valves on the 3 no outfalls and an Event Duration Monitor being progressed.

North Drogheda Wastewater Network Strategy

Consultants have been appointed and Study being progressed by IW in consultation with Louth County Council. Workshop 3 was completed April 2021. Site Investigation works are currently being progressed.

Quay St./St. Helena Rising Main, Dundalk

Pipe assessment delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions as contractor is UK based. Date of commencement dependent on status of restrictions. Workshop 2 was completed in early June 2021.

Baltray Rising Main

Pipe assessment delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions as contractor is UK based. Date of commencement dependent on status of restrictions.

Greenmount WTW Upgrade

IW and LCC are currently developing a Water Needs Brief to initiate a project to upgrade the Greenmount Water Treatment Works.

Water Networks

Water Networks Programme

Rehabilitation Programme

Rehabilitation of the 150mm diameter asbestos water main in the Donore Industrial Estate commenced under this program in August 2021.

Lead replacement / Back Yard Services (BYS)

Irish Water's Contractors carried out no BYS in Louth in August.

First Fix

1 first fix type repairs were undertaken by Irish Water contractors in August.

Find & Fix

Louth County Council crews continue their Find and Fix program in Cooley and Dunbin areas in August however these activities will be restricted due to resources being redeployed to the water scouring program.

Water Scouring Programme 2020

LCC Water services crews began the unidirectional flushing of the network served from the Cavan Hill Water Treatment Plant in August, completing sections on the Dublin Road, Mullagharlin Road, Langfield, Hoeys Lane, DKIT, Louth County Hospital, Glenwood, Muirhevna. Tom Bellew Avenue, Coe's Road, Point Road, Bay Estate, The Lookers, Kingswood, Manydown, Riverside Drive, Lennonstown, Rock Road, Greengates, Cockle Hill, Haggardstown, Mullagharlin Road, Clermount, and Dundoogan

Network Maintenance

40 essential water tasks were carried out in August including 20 under the Find and Fix program (10 in Carlingford, 7 in Dundalk, and 3 in Clogherhead).

Planning & Water Connections

The Networks Section processed 14 new connections, 8 Pre Connection Enquiries and 46 Planning Applications in August.

Service Maps

The Networks Section prepared 56 Service Maps in August.

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

This Directorate has three key areas of responsibility:

- Planning, the way in which we organise the built environment in our county
- Infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, and ports
- Economic Development, including the Local Enterprise Office, and work involving partners and funding outside the state

Tá trí eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

- Is é Pleanáil an slí a eagraímid an timpeallacht thógtha i gContae Lú
- Bonneagar, ár mbóithre, ár ndroichid, agus ár gcalaphoirt san áireamh
- Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, an Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil san áireamh, agus obair le comhpháirtithe agus foinsí maoinithe lasmuigh den Stát

Frank Pentony
Director / Stiúrthóir



Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

- Part of our assessment of projects currently includes their impact on the environment.
- A new support for micro and small businesses in Louth to assist them develop their green and sustainable agenda was launched in 2021. Further details are available at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/green>

Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

As a number of members were on annual leave, the meeting that was due to take place on 28th July, 2021 was postponed.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2021

The 2021 Shop Front Improvement Grant Scheme opened to applications on Monday 17th May, 2021 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00pm on Friday 29th October, 2021. Details of the scheme are available at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/economic-development/business-incentive-schemes-retail-prospectus/> or you can request the design guidelines, application form or make enquires by emailing shopfrontgrant@louthcoco.ie.

To date, 20 Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme applications have been received, 8 from Drogheda, 9 from Dundalk and 3 from Ardee.

Tourism

'sea louth' - Scenic Seafood Trail

The sea louth team are liaising with various publications and online media channels, and have organised a number of journalist visits to Louth to sample the seafood trail and see what Louth has to offer. The following coverage has taken place:

The Sunday Business Post's Food and Wine Magazine (Sunday 1st August) had a piece focusing on sea louth producers and included 4 recipes featuring Louth's seafood produce.

The Sept/Oct issue of 'Ireland of the Welcomes' magazine features a 7 page spread on the new trail.

Please follow the following link for The Sunday Times article (Sunday 5th September)

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/louth-where-to-visit-best-places-enjoy-fresh-seafood-crffmjsfp>

Pdf's will be circulated once available.

Further publications are expected in the coming months and will be updated in the next report.

Fáilte Ireland – Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme

Following consultation with the members of Drogheda MD and representatives from Drogheda Chamber and Drogheda BIDs, Placemarque are currently undertaking the design of the new signage and are liaising with Boyne Valley Drive on the co-ordination of the signage from both projects.

The bespoke new signage for visitor information and orientation is part of the Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns programme. The proposed signage will be focused on streets from Magdalene Tower to Millmount and from Westgate to St. Laurence's Gate in Drogheda town centre.

Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business' Scheme

A new funding scheme for outdoor seating and accessories for the tourism and hospitality sector was launched on the 31st March, 2021. This funding scheme provides for funding of up to €4,000 for individual tourism and hospitality businesses to develop and increase their own outdoor seating capacity. The scheme was extended to pubs (including non-dining) from the 14th June and is being administered by the Economic Development & Tourism Office. The application form together with a list of 'FAQs and Guidance' is available on the Louth County Council website at

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/economic-development/outdoor-seating-accessories-for-tourism-hospitality-business-scheme/>.

72 applications have been received to date.

Fáilte Ireland – Business Supports for the Tourism Industry

The Boyne Valley Ambassador programme involving 15 local ambassadors will continue to be rolled out on social media in September. Each of the Ambassadors are sharing a series of digital posts with destination messaging brought to life through images and video content.

The next two phases of the Fáilte Ireland [Strategic Tourism Business Continuity Scheme](#) will provide financial support to visitor attractions, outdoor tourism activity operators and tourism accommodation providers. Minister Martin announced €30million for Phase 4 and 5. Phase 4 will support eligible visitor attractions and outdoor activity operators, including tourism golf courses and boat tour operators. Phase 5 will apply to eligible Fáilte Ireland approved tourism accommodation providers such as hotels, guesthouses, hostels, holiday camps, caravan and camping parks, self-catering, B&Bs and Welcome Standard. Both Schemes opened for applications on the 5th August, 2021 and will close on the 17th September, 2021. Full details and eligibility criteria will be available on www.failteireland.ie from the 5th August.

Boyne Valley Flavours

The Boyne Valley Food Development Officer has been working closely with Failte Ireland on a Food Experience Development programme with up to 15 businesses from across Louth and Meath involved.

Work on the next phase of the Culinary Project has commenced.

Development of a new Food Strategy for 2022 is planned in the coming months.

LEO Louth

COVID-19 Business Supports



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

Businesses applying for support from LEO Louth should email: info@leo.louthcoco.ie.

'Look for Local' / 'Shop Local' Campaign

The Louth online shopping directory is available at: www.louthcoco.ie/ShopLouth.

LEO continued to promote #ShopLocal #LookforLocal with a national and local campaign which ran through July and August 2021. Businesses can be included on the Louth online directory by emailing: tradingonline@leo.louthcoco.ie.

Retail Powerhouse Forum



LEO Louth is supporting 12 local retailers on the Retail Powerhouse forum in 2021. This is a commercial retail forum that focuses on building trade with expert tips specifically for retailers.

Brexit Supports

Notwithstanding the trade agreement negotiated between the EU and UK, Brexit is creating issues for businesses around VAT and Customs paperwork.



Brexit Advisory Clinic:

Brexit Advisory Clinics, involving one to one meetings to help assess the impact of Brexit on Louth businesses, continue to be offered to local businesses. The aim of the clinic is to design a pathway to mitigate Brexit and access additional supports.

Brexit Microfinance Ireland Loan:

Microfinance Ireland is offering a Brexit Business Loan, via LEO, in order to support businesses that will be directly impacted by Brexit. Loans up to €25,000 are available, and depending on the purpose the term can be between six months and three years.

Brexit Readiness Checklist:

The Brexit Readiness Checklist is available on the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation website: <https://dbei.gov.ie/.../Brexit-Readiness-Checklist.pdf>.

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

Border Stimulus Programmes to assist local businesses address Brexit and Covid challenges



A suite of 5 business support programmes continued to be delivered in August.

The 5 programmes are:

- Export Development Programme
- Financial Management Programme for owner managers
- Green for Microenterprise
- Innovation Programme for small businesses in Co. Louth.
- Superior Retailing Programme

Export Development Programme



The Export Development Programme commenced in January with 15 Louth businesses. Workshops and mentoring sessions were delivered in August and continue to be delivered over the summer period.

Financial Management Programme



The Financial Management Programme neared its conclusion in August. Training workshops completed in July, with company one to one mentoring during August and September.

The quality of the action plans developed by the businesses was of a very high standard with the scores ranging between 60% and 85%.

The programme was very successful with high attendance and extremely positive feedback from participants and mentors.

Green for Micro



The Green for Micro programme is a free programme which aims to help businesses identify cost savings and improve their green credentials. This is achieved by looking at the business from an environmental perspective. Projects may vary from assessing energy, water and waste costs, guidance with environmental management system, to the greening of the product or business to adapt to the changing market place.

An additional application was approved in August giving a total of 14 businesses engaging in this programme so far. LEO Louth continue to seek new applications.

Innovation Programme



The Innovation Programme is designed for SME business leaders who have ambitions to embed innovation in their businesses. The programme

which commenced in April will be run over 6 months.

All participants have completed their fifth workshop and have completed a minimum of 5 mentoring sessions with some participants availing of up to 10 sessions. Participants are now planning and building their robust Innovation Plans.

Superior Retailing Programme



The Superior Retailing Development Programme was aimed at assisting Irish owned retail businesses cope with the challenges of Covid, Brexit and Online. Businesses would be able to plan their growth into the future.

The group workshops finished in July with overall attendance on the programme exceptionally high at 93%. Company one to one mentoring continued in August.

Engagement and participation was excellent with each session including questions, exercises, break-out room groups and peer experience learning to ensure all participants had the opportunity to actively participate and be involved in the programme.

The end of programme evaluation showed e-Commerce as the top priority for participants and an additional, final Masterclass was delivered on the specific subject of "Free Google Tools to Improve your Online Presence"

Additional assistance to participants requiring facilitation, advice and motivation is available until September under the programme.

Business Training



The Autumn Training schedule kicks off this September with 3 booked out 'Start Your Own Business' programmes. These 8 week courses help foster entrepreneurship giving participants the practical tools required to get started with their own businesses. A further course will be added subject to demand, likely to commence in October.

Those who have recently received Trading Online Vouchers will benefit from 'Your website is live - What now?' training. This course is aimed at busy business owners who are managing their own websites and need advice on keeping their online presence current, customer friendly and easy to find without spreading themselves too thin. Complementing this course is a 'Digital Marketing Strategy' workshop and 'Email Marketing using Mailchimp.'

New businesses who have yet to file tax returns will get a step by step guide, with September's 'Filing your income Tax Returns' workshop, which passes on useful tips and resources to ensure tax compliance.

Further courses for October and November include 'Book Keeping for Small Business', 'Advanced Facebook', 'Instagram for Beginners' 'Accessing Finance' and much more.

All courses are available to book online at: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>.

LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review / Export Adviser Programme

LEO Louth appointed 3 no. consultants in July to deliver this programme to year end.

The programme will provide support to LEO portfolio clients to develop their export and growth

potential, working with client businesses to identify and pursue export opportunities and to ensure maximum uptake of LEO supports.

Trading Online Voucher scheme



The Trading Online Voucher scheme to assist businesses to get online or enhance their online presence, under which LEO can provide 50% support up to a maximum grant of €2,500 is continuing in 2021.

8 applications were received during August. Applicants who were awarded vouchers in 2020 continue to draw down payment of their grants, with the (2020) scheme ceasing payments in September, 2021.

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

Business Advice Clinics

34 business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the county during August.

LEO Louth Mentor Programme



The Mentor Programme is designed to match up the knowledge, skills, insights and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners with small business owner / managers who need

practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

11 businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of August.

COVID-19 Microfinance Ireland Business Loan



LEO Louth offers full expert assistance to clients to assist the completion of Microfinance Loan Application, Business Plan and Cashflow Projections.

During the month of August, another application for support was approved by MFI. LEO mentors continue to assist applicants.

National Women's Enterprise Day

National Women's Enterprise day is scheduled for the 7th October and LEO Louth is engaging with the organisers of the national virtual event in relation to planning and potential themes for this inspirational event.

Student Enterprise Programme



The Student Enterprise Programme for the 2021 - 2022 academic year commences in September. Delivery agents have been appointed to work with pupils in the 19 no. second-level schools throughout the county and all principals have been contacted to invite their schools' participation in the programme.

Lidl - Food Kick-Starter Programme

Boyne Valley Flavours with LEOs Louth and Meath ran a Lidl Kick-start information session in August, with 12 producers from the region attending. Lidl are currently accepting applications for the programme.

Food Business Management Development Programme

Louth Food business will be offered the chance to take part in a Food Management Development Programme being run by Monaghan Local Enterprise Office. The programme will run over 6 modules between September and November.

LEAN for Micro Programme



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

The programme helps businesses to identify issues and potential improvement areas and provides support to implement these as well as achieve savings and improvements in capability and capacity to deliver. Businesses with an interest in improving competitiveness should contact LEO Louth to discuss how both the LEAN Programme and the LEAN Network can be of assistance.

There was 1 application received in July.

Co-Innovate Programme



Final clients on the Co-Innovate programme continue to engage with the programme to assist them embed innovation in their business. In total 63 Louth businesses participated under Co-innovate.

A further opportunity has arisen for additional clients to engage in early stages of this programme.

10 additional businesses are now availing of support through the programme and the LEO

continues to work on identifying suitable companies.

Craft Sector

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

Louth companies will be able to apply to engage in two training programmes, an e-Commerce bootcamp and an export focused programme later in the year.

Successful applicants for the summer programme have been notified.

Delivery of the second national programme with 2 applicants selected for the August 'Get Set' training programme.

8 Louth businesses have submitted an expression of interest to take part in a national LEO pilot to work with a B2B platform to help businesses trade with the USA and further information seminars will be run in September, 2021.

Regional Enterprise Plan - North East

A new Regional Enterprise Plan is in the process of being developed.

European Relations

Peace IV Programme



COVID - 19

Due to the Public Health Crisis in Ireland most Peace IV projects in Louth continue to be delivered online, with some live outdoor activities beginning to take place.

New Projects

Louth Peace IV Partnership Committee advertised request for tenders and received submissions for the delivery of four new projects, listed below, as part of the implementation of the Local Authority

Peace IV Action Plan. Tender assessment and awarding of contracts will take place in September.

1. **Community Capacity Building** (Theme: Building Positive Relations)
2. **The Crossing Field, Drogheda** (Theme: Shared Spaces and Services)
3. **Dundalk World War 1 Memorial** (Theme: Shared Spaces and Services)
4. **Muirhevnamor Community Centre Extension** (Theme: Shared Spaces and Services)

PEACE PLUS

The feasibility phase of PEACE PLUS process has commenced and a consortium of consultants (Blu Zebra, Venture and Locus) were appointed by SEUPB to carry this out.

Infrastructure

Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Following the announcement of an initial sum of up to €3million to the Narrow Water Bridge Project to allow work to recommence and to bring the proposal to tender stage. The council has begun the process of collating the numerous files together in relation to the project to ascertain a programme for the project and the services and approvals required to bring the scheme to construction stage.



Photomontage of Proposed Bridge

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

The Part 8 Planning process closing date for submission passed on the 20th July with a total of 11 submissions made. It is proposed to present the Chief Executives Report to the members of Dundalk MD for the September meeting.



Part 8 Site Location Drawing

N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme

Surveys and investigations required to inform the design process are ongoing. Apex Surveys has commenced topographical survey services. The survey work is non-intrusive, and the purpose of the surveys is to capture ground elevations, natural and man-made features to inform the development of the road scheme. Surveys commenced in late July and will run until late September, and are taking place along the existing road network and on private lands. The surveys may require temporary traffic management on national, regional and local roads within the study area for short periods.

Causeway Geotech Ltd. has commenced Ground Investigation Works in mid-August, with their initial works due to be completed in December, 2021. Letters were issued to affected landowners. Ground investigation works will also take place along the route of the existing N2 and traffic management will be required.

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

News and updates will be posted on the 'Latest News' section of the project website: www.N2MonaghanLouth.ie.

N52 Ardee Bypass

Feedback from the public consultation on the junction review has now been completed and a junction strategy report is now being completed. An EIA screening report and AA screening report have been prepared and the scheme screens out in both. An opinion has been sought from An Bord Pleanála prior to publication of the Part 8. Further information has been sought by An Bord Pleanála and a response is currently being collated. This

opinion from ABP and subsequent to their findings will push the Part 8 process to Q4.

Assessment of the previous scheme design has been carried out to determine of the requirement for additional lands is being discussed with affected landowners in relation to:

- Cycle/Pedestrian Facilities;
- Side Slopes to accommodate forgiving roadsides and potential savings in safety barrier provision;
- Drainage (additional attenuation ponds to remove online storage);
- Direct Accesses (to minimise the number of departures & accommodate new junction arrangements);
- Disposal areas.

Further archaeological investigation is planned to take place in these areas.

TII HD 15 Safety Works: King Williams Glen Tullyallen, N51

Works to increase the stagger at the junction are now substantially completed. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been carried out and works identified are to be carried out in due course. The works will proceed subject to TII funding.

Park and Share / Park and Ride Pilot Scheme

ACS Civils commenced works on the 8th March. Works are on programme to finish in September. Traffic Management is in place with kerbing and footpath works taking place on the old N52. Cast in situ kerbing is in place and paving of the parking areas is now substantially complete.



Aerial View of Park & Share Construction progress

TII HD17 Schemes

Site inspections have been carried out at priority locations on National Roads including the N33 and the Funshog junction on the N2, in conjunction with TII Safety Section.

Funshog: Feasibility & Options reports are currently be prepared and will be forwarded to the TII for their review and approval in due course.

N33: Road Markings and signage is now completed by Contractors appointed for works.

N2: Public Lighting Remedial Works: A Feasibility & Options Report for Public Lighting Remedial Works has been approved by TII for 3 no. locations on the N2. Contractor on site completing civil works, Mechanical and Electrical works 90% complete at Tierney Street junction Ardee, Slieve Breagh / N2 junction, Main Street Collon - R188 / N2 junction. Waiting on ESB to complete the connections.

Safety Barriers - N53 and N52

2 Locations identified on N53 and 3 locations on N52 to be surveyed for safety barrier requirements as per TII guidance to determine needs along both of these routes.

A Feasibility & Options Report has been prepared and approved by TII in relation to Daly's Cross. Further conversations will take place with TII and the timescales.

N2 Collon Pavement Scheme

Tenders have been received, assessed and a letter of intent has issued along with letters of regret. The scheme is approx. 1.6km in length and will involve night time works. Additional works are being planned to address collisions identified by TII. Approval is now awaited from TII to award this contract.

N33 West Pavement Scheme

Tenders have been received to carry out resurfacing of a 3km section of the N33 in 2021. A Contractor has been appointed to carry out these works. The contractor is programming to commence work on Monday 30th August. Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works which are scheduled to take 7 weeks to complete.

N2 Short Term Safety Measures

Short term safety measures are to continue in 2021 on the N2 north of Ardee. Quotations have been received for additional warning signs and a contractor is being appointed. A further contract will issue for hedge clearance in September.

Port Access Northern Cross Route

Land Acquisition ongoing. Fencing completed at R132. Fill material being stockpiled, for embankment use. Existing ESB 38kv line has been diverted. Footpath and cycle path works to facilitate development on the Ballymakenny Road which is part of the PANCR scheme are ongoing. The purchase of land to facilitate the footpath and cycle path has commenced in line with the CPO procedure. Public lighting columns have been erected. Watermain, foul sewer and telecoms ducting are presently being laid. Kerbing work is due to commence on the week commencing the 30th August. Accommodation works to landowner property is ongoing.



Footpath & Cycle lane Construction progress

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

Part 8 CE planning report to be presented to the Drogheda B.D. in September. It is intended to Tender the scheme by end September.



Part 8 Drawing

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The project has been reactivated with Cavan County Council being the lead authority. Currently the consultants are reviewing the route using a RibGeom method of assessment.

Carlingford Lough Greenway - Omeath to

Newry (Joint project with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and East Border Region).

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

The contract for the site clearance and site investigation are completed. The final S.I Report has now been issued and the design consultants are using the data and information gathered to finalise the design and required land acquisition. CPO mapping is being finalised and it is envisaged will go on public display in September. Ongoing engagement with the affected Landowners regarding land acquisition and potential accommodation works prior to any publishing of a CPO.

SEUPB have granted a 12 month extension to the project programme and have engaged a third party to independently assess the request for additional funding by the three Greenway projects with a decision expected in Q3 of 2021.

It is anticipated that Planning Permission in N.I. will be decided upon in September after additional topographical surveying is completed to confirm design.

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

Greenway - Carlingford to Templetown

Consultants have been appointed to the project and have commenced the baseline data collection for the project which will go toward informing the route options for the scheme.

Design meetings are currently ongoing. Consultants with initial draft Route Option assessment and draft Constraints mapping completed. Once completed Stakeholder consultations will commence.

Dundalk Municipal Athletics Grass Track

Earthworks and drainage are substantially complete, top soiling and seeding are now being

finalised. Perimeter fencing is due to commence first week in September. Footpaths and public lighting are ongoing.



Aerial View of earthworks & drainage

LIHAF Projects

LIHAF Access Road at Newtown, Drogheda

Engaging with Department and Developer. Contract documents are substantially complete and ready for tender, subject to the Departments approval. Site investigations are now completed. Tenders for Archaeological excavation contract are being assessed. An Bord Pleanála decision to grant the SHD for 450 housing units has been overturned in Judicial Review which significantly affects the viability of the project. The developer is preparing a revised housing proposal to be submitted in order to bring the quota of housing up to 200 units.

LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement

The Oral hearing in to the CPO was held on the 3rd March, 2020. The CPO has been approved by ABP on the 23rd June, 2020. Landowner engagement is ongoing. Atkins Consultants have completed for review the detailed design and contract documents. Topographical Survey now completed. AA screening report has been received. Ground Investigation is now complete. Archaeological test trenching contract is substantially complete. Accommodation works details and contract documents are drafted. An updated costing, programme for delivery of housing and programme for LIHAF infrastructure has been provided to the Department of Housing for agreement.

Safety Improvement Works

Low Cost Safety Schemes

- Anne Street, Dundalk: Tenders have been returned and are currently being assessed.
- Tullyallen National School: Tenders have been returned and the preferred Contractors insurances, etc. are currently being assessed.

Ardee Pedestrian Crossing

Feasibility & Options Report for the Refurbishment of the Pedestrian Lights on Castle Street, Ardee has been forwarded to the TII and approval has been received on 25th February, 2021 for funding of €136,258 for these works. Discussion have commenced with the TII regarding the appointment of a consultant and review of fees for completion of Design and overseeing of construction works.

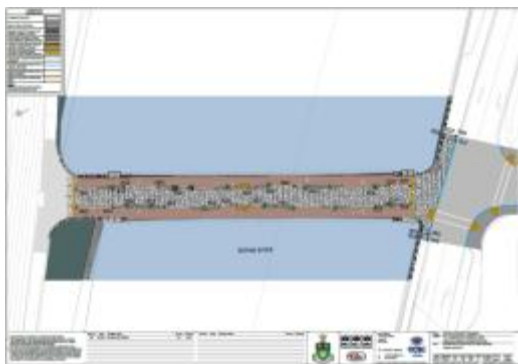
Specific Bridge Improvement Grants

Obelisk Bridge

Louth County Council received approval from ABP for the works under Section 177AE subject to conditions on 6th May, 2021. Tenders documents are complete and we await approval from DTTAS to release to the market. It is envisaged, subject to DTTAS approval the tender will be issued in early September.

St. Dominick’s Bridge, Drogheda

Only one tender was received for the project, the initial costing being substantially higher than estimated. A Tender report has been completed and approval has been received from NTA (funding authority) to appoint a contractor. The Contractors insurances, etc. are currently being assessed before appointing them.



St. Dominick’s Bridge

Town & Village Renewal

Blackrock Footpaths

Additional public lighting bases have been provided at Felda with lighting to follow. Works are now complete on the section of footpath between Elm Park and Sandy Lane. Works to the Sandy Lane / Rock Road junction are now complete in accordance with DMURS. Additional speed humps have been provided adjacent to pedestrian crossing areas. EIR utilities are due to complete removal of infrastructure. Airtricity are due to complete public lighting over the coming weeks. Design works for the 2021 allocation have commenced.

Dromiskin Footpaths

Design works have been completed and Tender issued for construction of works with a tender return date of the 2nd September. Infrastructure has been working closely with the Elected Representative / Community Group to secure the lands required to construct the footpath.

Stabannon Footpaths

Infrastructure is working closely with the Community Group to open discussions with the adjacent landowners. Tenders have been received and are currently being assessed, with the view of a contractor being appointed in September.

Corporate Projects

Ardee Castle RRDF

Detailed design is proceeding as well as ongoing engagement with the DEHLG. An amended Part 8 will be required to better comply with the Building Regulations with the design currently being finalised.



Design impression of proposed works

Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda

Value engineering is currently ongoing by the design team in order to minimise the global increase in cost of materials. Preparation of the Bill of Quantities is nearing completion, all Design packages are completed and tender documentation will be released to the restricted panel in mid-September.

Advance construction works commenced in mid-May and are currently ongoing in terms of the reconfiguration of the existing canteen and IT rooms. Further works such as removal of communication masts, etc. have been completed. These advanced works are required in order to give the main contractor a clear site.



3D view of proposed works

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Carlingford Rural Regeneration

The design team have begun carrying out their site assessments with traffic surveys being completed on the August bank holiday weekend. Tender documents for topographical and GPR surveys are being finalised.

Omeath Public Realm

Work is ongoing in relation to the preparation of tender documents for the design team.

Ardee 2040

The project team for the regeneration of Ardee are working on the preferred option to bring forward for public consultation in the coming months. The communications team are currently preparing an early consultation report having already provided key insights to the design team. The reports will be a summary and analysis of the first phase of

stakeholder and community consultations for Ardee as well as the outputs from the stakeholder surveys and various meetings.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

The public consultation has been completed and the preferred solution for each area has been identified. These are now being developed to bring forward for further consultation.

Long Walk (Dundalk)

The Council is continuing to engage with the third party stakeholder to progress the project.

St. Nicholas Quarter & Backlands Regeneration

Work is ongoing by the regeneration team in relation to the development of the consultant brief for the project.

Active Travel Investment Program

2021 NTA Allocation

Under this current heading allocation there is 14 number projects. These projects range from new footpath, design and construction of new footpath / cycle lanes, transport studies and active travel studies, current status is as follows:

- St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda: as reported above.
- Drogheda R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road): Tenders returned at the end of August. Assessment process commenced.
- Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda: works ongoing (see PANCR above).
- Drogheda: Twenties Lane & R166 Termonfeckin Road: Tender for consultants to be issued in September.

- R168 Collon Road, Hill of Rath RAB and Rosehall RAB: Tender for consultants to be issued in September.
- Rathmullan Road from Marley's Lane junction, design: Tender for consultants to be issued in September.
- Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road: reported as above.
- Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design: Tender for consultants issued to NTA framework in August to be returned by mid-September.
- Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Road: Tenders for consultants issued to the NTA Framework in July. Tenders returned by the end of August. Assessment process commenced.
- Inner Relief Road to Riverside Walk Dublin Road R215: Tenders for consultants issued to the Louth County Council Framework in July. Tender Report complete and forwarded to NTA (funding Body) for approval to appoint Design Team has been received. Appointment of Design Team now to proceed in early September.
- Ard Easmuinn Road to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station: Tender for consultants issued in August to NTA Framework to be returned by mid-September.
- Transport / Mobility Plans: the 2 larger transport plans for Dundalk and Drogheda will be carried out in conjunction with the LAP's. Remaining plans will seek Tenders from consultants in September.
- Footpath Extensions / Links Package A: Works ongoing in Termonfeckin Strand Road (See Operations Report), remaining Footpath construction packages to be issued in September.
- Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: See Operations Report on Annagassan. Remaining construction packages will be issued to the market in September.

Flooding General

Catchment based Flood Risk Assessment & Management Study (CFRAM)

Dundalk and Ardee Flood Defence projects

Stage 1 of the Project has now commenced, i.e. Options assessment, Scheme Development. Hydrological and hydraulic modelling method statements have been approved and modelling is now ongoing for both Ardee and Dundalk in tandem with the processing of information from the recently completed CCTV & Topographical surveys.

Further tender documentation for necessary environmental, ecological, noise and landscape assessments has been issued and Contractors will be appointed to carry out these works later in August and into September.

Monthly project briefing notes are being issued to the current relevant stakeholders and the first Project Consultation Day will be held virtually in mid-September which will be advertised prior to the event. A briefing session for the Ardee and Dundalk Members will be held prior to the public consultation. The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.

Drogheda & Baltray Flood Defence Projects

The Tender competition has now been completed and a preferred Consultant has been identified and a Letter of Acceptance issued. It is envisaged that the Contract will be signed and works on the Project will commence in September. A Section 85 Agreement between Meath County Council and Louth County Council has now also been agreed to facilitate any required Works in Co. Meath.

Carlingford & Greenore Flood Defence Project

OPW have commenced a data review of the Carlingford & Greenore Flood Defence Project to reappraise the Options identified in the Flood Risk Management Plan. The data review will include additional rainfall data collection and modelling. A temporary rain gauge at Carlingford Fire Station for rainfall data collection is now operational, providing additional data to inform project design and development. OPW have now requested installation of a second rain gauge and a new river

level gauge and investigations are underway to identify a suitable site in Carlingford.

Balmers Bog Surface Water Pipe

OPW has approved funding, €668,571, for these works to be undertaken in advance of the Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme. A Contractor has now been appointed and has commenced works on the Project.



Commencement of pipe laying

Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works

Applications for the 2021 OPW Minor Works Funding have now been submitted for Coastal Protection Projects in 3 separate locations, Omeath, Bellurgan and Ballagan. Works have now been completed at Seabank and Salterstown.

Annagassan Harbour

Consultation has taken place with National Parks and Wildlife Service and the EPA due to the proximity of Annagassan Harbour to two Natura 2000 sites (Dundalk Bat SAC and Dundalk Bay SPA). Due to the nature of the works involved a full EIA may be required. Estimated cost further investigations up to €135,000 if full EIS is required. No funding available.

Schools Programme Projects

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

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

Ardee E.T.N.S.

Approval to go to tender has issued by Department of Education. Expressions of interest have now been reviewed and a shortlist of contractors has been finalised. The Department of Education have approved this shortlist.

The Department has sought two additional SEN classrooms which will require Part 8 planning approval. Options have been reviewed with the Planner and these are now being presented to the Department for approval.

The advanced works for ESB and Bord Gáis requirements are complete.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn & Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

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

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

A Section 85 Agreement between Kilkenny County Council and Louth County Council has been agreed. Design and preparation of the tender documents for construction works is nearing completion. A final cost estimate for the element of works in Co. Louth will be carried out during the design process. The Members have approved for Louth County Council to seek a loan for the works at the June Council meeting.

Planning

Development Management / Bainistíocht Forbartha

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of July, 2021 are given below in tabular form.

There were 155 planning applications received during the month of July of which 137 were valid. In addition there were 38 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 26 Pre-Planning Applications received.

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

(A) Description / Cur Síos	(B) Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta	(C) Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair	(D) Other applications -not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT	(E) Other applications-requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area / Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae
(i) Number of applications determined / Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	6	59	55	0	120
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais	3	15	22	0	40

(iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	16.67% (1)	50.85% (30)	9.09% (5)	0% (0)	30% (36)
(iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh	0	0	1	0	1
(v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal / Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	100% (1)

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

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh	
	July 2021 / Iúil 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo	July 2020 / Iúil 2020	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	31	197	24	137
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	0	0	0
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	25	157	23	123
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	22	137	13	69
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon	1	3	0	11

na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh				
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	4	0	4
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	3	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Short Term Lettings Enforcement

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Short Term Lettings	
	August 2021 / Lúnasa 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	5	51
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	1	11
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	0	9
Number of cases currently under investigation / Líon na gcásanna atá á n-imscúdu faoi láthair	1	36
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	3	4
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon	0	0

na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh		
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	0
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0

Forward Planning

Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan 2021 - 2027

The Elected Council Members resolved to place the proposed alterations on public display for a period of not less than 4 weeks, in accordance with Section 12(7) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The final date for receipt of Submissions / Observations was 4pm on Wednesday 28th July, 2021. The Chief Executives Report on submissions received is now being prepared.

Full details are available to view online at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/publications/development-plans/draft-louth-county-development-plan-2021-2027/material-alterations-to-the-draft-louth-county-development-plan-2021-2027.html>.

Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs)

Stage 1

- 1 x S.247 PA Opinion issued to ABP.

Stage 3

- 1 x Decision received from ABP to grant SHD for Scotch Hall / South Bank Development, Marsh Road, Drogheda.

Operations and Waste Management

Oibríochtaí agus Bainistíocht Dramháil

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

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

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

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

Catherine Duff
Director / Stiúrthóir



Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk and Cooley Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
	<p>Litter picks Dundalk town-wide including all approach roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dublin Road• Inner Relief Road• Ramparts• Centenary Road• Avenue Road• Hoey's Lane• Tom Bellew Avenue• Fairgreen Road• Old Newry Road• Racecours Road• Armagh Road• Castletown Road• Etc. <p>Cooley - Isolated locations including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrickcarnan• Templetown• Gyles Quay• Shillinghill• Whitestown
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works - Dundalk• Cooley• Carlingford• Omeath• Gyles Quay• Templetown• Faughart• Greenore• Lordship

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract works - Dundalk • Cooley - rural village sweep programming
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract works - Dundalk • Cooley - as per bin emptying
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly by Park Operative in Dundalk • Carried out by Water Safety Officer in Cooley
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily by Parks Operative, repairs in house or contractor

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knocknagoran L-3056-0 • Chapel Hill, Omeath L-7055-0 • Rooskey Road L-7059-0 • Willville • Bellug L-7071-0 • Gyles Quay L-7079-0 <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyde Park 	<p>Surface Dressing works completed</p> <p>Works have started on the 2021 Road Works Program resurfacing</p>
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omeath • Ravensdale • Carlingford <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy's Lane • Hyde Park • Ongoing maintenance to Storm sewer network Town Wide 	<p>Essential maintenance</p> <p>Open drainage channel clearance Drainage improvement works Essential maintenance</p>

Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrickmacross Road • Armagh Road 	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omeath <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clanbrassil Street 	<p>Essential maintenance</p> <p>Essential maintenance</p>
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Avenue • Weekly maintenance of all Traffic Lights replacement bulbs (replacement LEDs), vandalism repairs, etc. 	<p>Essential Maintenance</p> <p>Ongoing Essential Maintenance</p>
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omeath R173 	<p>White Line replacement</p>
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General repairs and cleaning <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General repairs and cleaning • Roundabout signage installation 	<p>Essential Maintenance</p> <p>Essential Maintenance</p> <p>Roundabout sponsorship</p>
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<p><u>Cooley</u> Numerous small amounts removed</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoey's Lane • Rockfield Manor • Castleross • Salttown • Toberona • Inner Relief Road • Creative Spark • Doolargy • Muirhevnamor • Hardy's Lane • Rampart River • Lady Well 	<p>Domestic Waste</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moorland Road • General Blackspots 	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	None this month	



Road Works Program 2021 resurfacing works at Hyde Park, Dundalk



Roundabout sponsorship signage erected in Dundalk

Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter picking was carried on N53 Dundalk Castleblayney Road from Rathmore to Hackballscross
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blackrock - 6 days/week Knockbridge - once a week Dromiskin - once a week Tallanstown and Louth Village - once a week
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blackrock (7 No.) checked weekly Annagassan (11 No.) checked weekly
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil
	<p>Checked Weekly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Killanny Louth Village Tallanstown Blackrock

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí	
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<p>Tar patching repairing potholes works were carried out on the following roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LS-7112, Roche Road from Killin Brid A Crinn to County Boundary • LS-7118 Bog Road Rasan • LS-7107 Falmore Road from Brid a Crinn to County boundary • LP-3113 Dungooly Kilcurry • LS-7117 Kilkerry road Kilkerry • LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown • Tallanstown – Ardee road and on the Ballyoran road. Grange Road • Thomastown, and Station Road R132 at the Coachman’s Inn • Drumleck • Louth Village • Reaghstown – Knockabbey Road • Killcrouney – Corderry Road and from Redmonds – Louth Village 	<p>Patching/pot-hole repairs, treatment of soft verges</p>
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p>Gully cleaning storm lines and opening outlets works were carried out at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Dublin Road from Xerox junction to Fane Bridge • LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown • LS-7129 Little Mills Kilkerry • LS-7116 Cavanhill Knockbridge, • LS-7120 Shanmullagh Annaghvacky • LS-7121 Killyclessy 	<p>Drainage maintenance, opening outlets, cleaning gullies and drainage improvement works</p>

	<p>Hackballscross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LS-7100 White Mill Faughart • LS-7100 Faughart Upper • LP-3117 Sheelagh Road Hackballscross <p>The drainage crew were opening outlets at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tallanstown - Ardee Road Ballyoran Road • Ardee - Tallanstown and at Springhill 	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	None this month	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	None this month	
Traffic Light Repairs/ Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	None this month	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	None this month	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p>Crews replaced damaged signage at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballyoran • Coolcreedan • Williamstown <p>The crew erected lineators at Greenmount.</p> <p>They also put up new advance warning signs at the Bollies and on the Maine – Annagassan Road.</p>	Installation and maintenance of temporary signage for Surface Dressing.
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<p>Illegally dumped rubbish/litter was lifted at various locations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N53 Rassan Hackballscross • N53 Newtownbalregan • LS-7128 Tankardsrock Kilkerry • LS- 7103 Carn More Kilcurry • LS-7109 Balregan Kilcurry. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seabank • The N2 	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	None this month	

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins	
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
Ardee Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Daily
Dunleer town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Tuesday and Thursday
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)	
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
Ardee town - River Dee	
Salterstown	
Port Beach	
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil
Maintenance and cleaning of Fairgreen and Dunleer parks and playgrounds complete with	

daily checks of the playground and exercise equipment at both locations.

Daily disinfecting of the playgrounds against Covid-19 with the fogging/spraying machines.

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabannon Road LP 1212-36 • Corstown LS 6223-0 • Corstown LS 6222-0 • Verdonstown LP 2223-29 • Braganstown LP 2214-0 • Irishtown LS 5211-0 • Knockacurley LP 1210-41 • Riverstown LP 1212-0 • Dunleer LS 6238-0 • School Lane Beechwood Drive • Jumping Church Road LS 5256-0 • R170 Ardee Dunleer Road • Kaigs Cross to Dromin School • Knockcurley LP 1210-41
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p>Repairs to gullies took place at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee on the Link Road between the N33 and the R170 • Manhole cover on N2 Hunterstown • LP1233 Churchtown Ardee • LP2223 Corstown Dunany • LS5262 Outlets from Anaglog to Ballapousta
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	<p>None this month</p>

Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Street, Ardee 	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá		
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre		
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<p>New Speed signs were installed at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LP1233 Townspark Ardee LS6219 Salterstown New Directional Signage at Salterstown Pier Erecting of new barriers in Ardee town 	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach		
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí		



**Speed sign erected in Townspaks
Ardee on the LP1233**



**Speed sign erected in Salterstown on
the LS6129 Salterstown**



Directional signs installed at Salterstown on the LS6129



Surface Dressing on the R168 Collon to Tullyallen Road



Surface Dressing on the LS613 Sheepgrange Road

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead - 5 Daily (incl weekends and Bank Hols)• Clogherhead Beach - 8 Daily (incl weekends and Bank Hols)• Port Beach - 5 Daily (incl weekends and Bank Hols)• Termonfeckin - 5 Daily (incl weekends and Bank Hols)• Baltray - 3 Daily (incl weekends and Bank Hols)• Seapoint Carpark - 3 Daily (incl weekends and Bank Hols)• Drogheda Town Area Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses allow and green areas. Hotspots on Monday - decided by Supervisor following inspection. <p>Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared daily during working week. Also all Bring Banks in Drogheda urban are checked and cleared Saturday p.m.</p> <p>Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week.</p>
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings. New bin installed top of Peter Street. 1 Bin relocated at Laurence's street to facilitate Café

beside Fishmonger

- About 250 litter bin are emptied weekly in town.
- Dominic's Park and Mell River Walk emptied daily.
- Approach roads in Drogheda town are emptied twice a week.
- Bin upgrade and maintenance ongoing and street furniture.
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal district rural area's public Litter Bins are emptied twice a week or daily when needed especially at beaches, Port Oriel, Seapoint, Termonfeckin and Baltray

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre

Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

- Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly
- Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow.
- Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area.
- Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Teromenfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen and Tinure.
- Drogheda town Boyne river walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
- Town centre weeds removal – spraying progressing

Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra

Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála **Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain**

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

Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne **Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil**

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

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre		
Drogheda Rural area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LS-6281-Barnhill Termofeckin • LP-2299 Timullen Monasterboice • R168 Collon to Drogheda Road • LS-6217 Sheepgrange • LS-6277 Black hall cross to Kellystown • R167 Queensborough to Drogheda • Pot Hole repairs on the R166 • Aftercare of Surface Dressed roads 	<p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Surface Dressing completed</p> <p>Road resurfacing program 2021 and repair to pot holes</p>
DroghedaTown area	Road resurfacing works program 2021 -- roads resurfaced this month:	

- R152 Platin road patches, including junction with R108 Beamore Road,
- Beamore Road across from St. Mary's school,
- L-91010 Old Corn Market Hill, plus 2 No. ramps along
- L-91082 Priest Lane
- L-77001 Rosevale Housing estate in County Louth's area.
- L-1672 Cord Road between junction with Sandyford Terrace and Hand Street, including installation of road gullies.
- R-167 North Strand Road (Baltray road), including junction with R-899 Usher's corner
- R-150 Marsh Road patches between Boyne fishermen and river rescue and Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- R150 Marsh Road

Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Accessibility and Roads' speed Ramps project progressing

- Pedestrian crossing/ speed ramps installed at Sundays Gate.
- Dropped kerbs with Tactile paving at Hardeman's Gardens, Rathmullen / Ballsgrove Housing estates, Ashfield Housing estate's junctions with the North road and Trinity street.

	<p>LCC's crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle racks installation in Drogheda District – urban and rural areas. • L-91084 Clinton Lane road patching. • R167 North Quay – flexible bollards removal • Housing estate road patching at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - L-91661 College Rise - L-16627 Ballypark Housing estate - L-91002 Oaklawns Housing / Georgian Close Housing estates - L-77014 Fountain Hill Housing estate – replaced road sign. - R166 – Termonfeckin Road – road patching • Filling Sandbags • Roads' Sign Maintenance. 	
<p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p>	<p>Drainage works at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LT62481 Killalely Lane (Drainage outlets) • L-15211- Hinche's Lane • Manholes along Marsh road, Donore road, Marlye Lane, Rathmullen road, levelled, raised and with flexible material to ensure smooth drive onto same. • Flaxmill lane and Glen – Storm drain clearing / grid 	<p>Survey in preparation of repairs to eliminate flooding</p>
<p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p>		

Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán		
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01/8/21 – Termonfeckin Bridge • 5/8/21 – Dublin Road at Scotch Hall and Mary’s Street • 17/8/21 – Pedestrian Crossing, Dublin Road at Flo-gas • Collon Pedestrian Crossing • 20/8/21 – Rathmullen Road – Pedestrian Crossing • Marsh Road at Scotch Hall • 27/8/21 Collon – Pedestrian Crossing 	<p>Lights out – power failure</p> <p>Controller Door open.</p> <p>Vehicle phase lamp fail – GREEN</p> <p>Pedestrian phase lamp fail – GREEN</p> <p>Pedestrian phase lamp fail RED</p> <p>Pedestrian phase lamp fail RED</p> <p>Pedestrian Phase lamp fail GREEN</p>
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing throughout town 	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing throughout district • L-77014 Fountain Hill Housing estate – replaced road sign. • Installation and removal of Surface Dressing Signage from the 6 No Surface dressed roads in rural area 	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bessexwell Street • Marleys Lane • Mell Car Park(Trinity Street) • Scarlet Crescent • Francis Street • Marsh Road • Rowan Heights 	<p>This is an ongoing issue where Supervisors and Litter Wardens check on daily basis; arrange for inspecting illegal waste disposal for evidence and issuing fines and clearance of area.</p> <p>Public complaints are also checked and followed up as above.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collon Road • Greenlanes • Bolton Street • Boicecourt • Rathmullen Park • Greenhills • Bryanstown Cross Route • IDA Road • Cash for Cars signs reoccurrence again this month • Pallets are starting to reappear in preparation for Halloween 	<p>Illegal waste tonnage disposed and removed by LCC for August circa 400kg in addition to removal of pallets</p>
<p>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</p>		<p>Updated survey of Graffiti in town completed. Removal of same on public buildings is being progressed - quotations being sought. Graffiti on private properties to be followed up. Dominic's Park - Graffiti off furniture</p>



Platin Road Resurfacing



Platin Road/Beamore Road Junction Resurfaced



Road Resurfacing Works Drogheda

Waste Management and Environment Report

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement

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

Three Waste Management checkpoints were conducted in Louth with the Louth Road Policing Division during August.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 19 fines were issued in the month of August. Of these fines, 0 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 13 in Drogheda urban area and 6 in the remaining County wide area. There were 0 fines issued for dog fouling in August.

There have been 1404 investigations in the year to date with 153 carried out in the month of August. There have been 293 fines issued in the year to date, 3 of which were for Dog Fouling

Diesel Laundering Waste

A total of 10 IBC's of Diesel Sludge were recovered in Aug 2021. The approximate cost of clean-up and disposal of the material is €12,483.27. So far in 2021 a total of 94 IBC's at a cost of €117,342.74 approx.

MyWaste

163 Reminders letters have been issued to householders in the 3 urban areas of Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda. Further reminders letters will be sent to householders who did not respond to the initial letters.

Area	Ardee	Dundalk	Drogheda	Total
No of Estates surveyed	8	196	49	253
Total No of Houses	539	5031	4223	9793
No of houses not presenting a bin	108	1866	1432	3406

% of Houses not presenting a bin	20	37	34	35
No of Letters sent out to date	108	921	544	1573
No of reminders letter sent out	53	138	254	445
No. of Replies	22	62	65	149

can access the press release and the report at the following links: <https://www.epa.ie/news-releases/news-releases-2021/fixing-septic-tanks-that-fail-inspection-is-a-priority-says-epa.php>

RMCEI (Recommended Criteria for Environmental Inspections)

The RMCEI Inspection Plan for County Louth for planned routine inspections and non routine inspections for the period January to December 2021 and statistical data for inspections carried out for period January to December 2020 has been submitted to the EPA within the required timeframe. Information from this will feed into a national report which will be compiled by the EPA before the end of the year.

Water Framework/River Basin Management Plans

The Local Authority catchment assessments being carried out by the Lawpro inspection teams are ongoing in the Castletown catchment. Initial studies have commenced in the Glyde catchment.

Public Consultations on the draft River Basin Management Plan 2022 to 2027 has been extended up to the 7th of August 2021. Consultation can be made online and by emailing to rbmp@housing.gov.ie or responses can be made in writing to:

SWMI Consultation, Water Advisory Unit, Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1, D01 W6X0

The new Code of Practice for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent ≤ 10) was published on 24th March 2021 and has come into effect since 7th June 2021. Link to code of practice is at - <https://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/water/wastewater/code%20of%20practice%20for%20single%20houses/>

Closed Landfills

Annual environmental reports, landfill gas surveys and EPR reports for the period January to December 2020 for the three licensed landfills at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver have been submitted to the EPA. Standard reports on ozone depleting substances and fluorinated gases have also been submitted for the three sites.

Air / Water / Noise Pollution

There were three water pollution complaints received in August with two open and one closed. One Air Pollution case and six Noise Pollution complaints were received during August 2021.

Air Monitor for Drogheda

The EPA in cooperation with Louth County Council have installed a permanent air quality monitor in Drogheda. The station became operational in the week starting 25th April and data is available to view at: <https://airquality.ie/station/EPA-84>

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The EPA released the 2020 annual report on Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems inspections on Wednesday 30th June 2021. You

Climate Action

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024

We continue to work with the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) to work towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 to 2024 Action. Two graduates have recently joined the section to work specifically in the area of Climate Action. The two graduates position are part of the National Graduate recruitment initiative where graduates secure a 3 year employment term with a Local Authority for gain expertise in a specific area of work.

Work has commenced on compiling the progress report for Louth County Council on the above strategy for the CARO office which is due to be submitted in early October. This will be the second progress report for the strategy.

Work is also progressing on the Dundalk Decarbonising Zone project, with a view to developing a carbon emissions baseline, to inform our implementation plan.

Electrical Vehicles Charging Points – FASTER Project

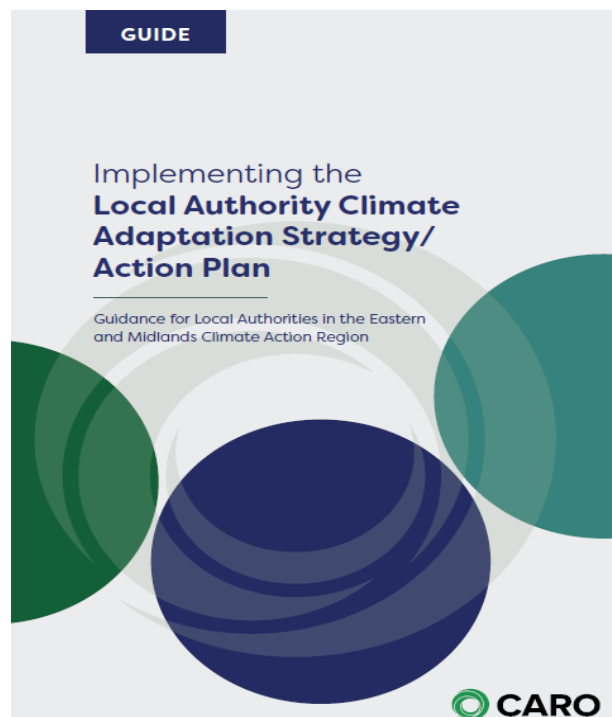
The launch of an Interreg funded project “FASTER” is on the 9th September 2021.

Additional funding was secured for additional Electrical Charging points in County Louth through SEAI

Climate Action Bill

The Climate Action and Low Carbon amendment Bill 2021 has been signed into law by President Higgins. This new legislation will provide a roadmap for Climate action (both adaptation and mitigation) for Ireland so that we as a nation will be carbon neutral by 2050.

The Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) in collaboration with the local authorities of the mid-east climate action sub-region i.e. Louth, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow, have developed a support material to assist all local authorities in the region to mobilise towards the effective implementation of their climate change adaptation strategies/action plans. This supporting guide and toolkit seeks to help develop and strengthen the approach of local authorities on the implementation of their climate change adaptation strategy/action plans.



Veterinary Services / Seirbhísí Tréidliachta

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

As of 31st August 2021, Louth County Council Veterinary Section, under a Service Level Agreement with the FSAI, enforces food safety standards on two abattoirs and fourteen meat processing plants under its supervision in the County.

Amhail ar an 31ú Lúnasa 2021, cuireann Rannóg Tréidliachta Chomhairle Contae Lú caighdeán sábháilteachta bia i bhfeidhm, faoi Chomhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse leis an USBÉ, ar dhá sheamlas agus ar ceithre cinn déag de mhonarchana próiseála feola atá faoi mhaoirseacht aige sa chontae.

Control of Dogs / Rialú Madraí

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

Dogs impounded August 2021 / Madraí curtha i bpóna, Lúnasa 2021	
Total dogs impounded / Líon madraí curtha i bpóna	11
Strays / Ar seachrán	4
Surrendered by owners / Tugtha suas ag úinéirí	7
No dogs reclaimed by owners / Líon madraí tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	2
No of dogs rehomed direct / Líon madraí a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh go díreach	2
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups / Líon madraí a aistríodh go grúpaí leasa ainmhithe	4
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2021 / Líon madraí faoi chúram sa phóna 31/08/2021	2

Dog Licences August 2021 / Ceadúnais Madraí, Lúnasa 2021	
No of Licences sold / Líon ceadúnas díolta	484
Licence Checks / Ceadúnais scrúdaithe:	
House calls / Seiceálacha baile	267
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) / Fógraí Alt 16 eisithe (iarratas ar ceadúnas a thaispeáint roimh deich lá)	67
Fixed Penalty Notices / Fógraí Pionós Socraithe	37

Control of Horses / Rialú Capall

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

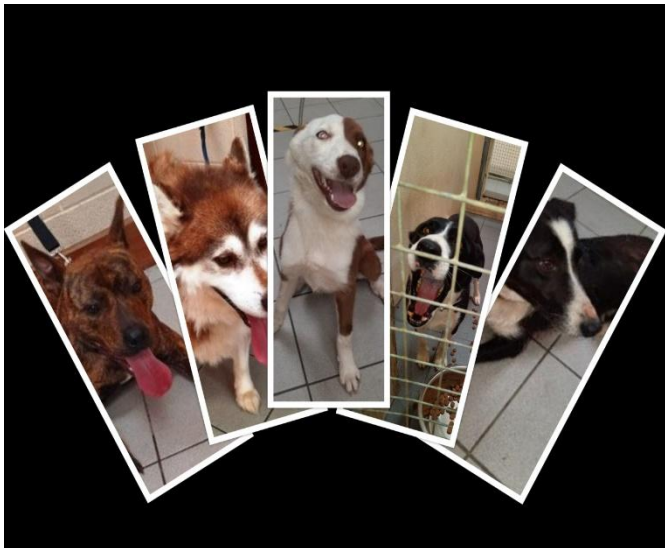
Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003 / Fodhlíthe um Rialú Capall, 2003

Horses impounded August / Capaill curtha i bpóna, Lúnasa 2021	
Horses seized / Capaill gafa	0
Reason for seizure: / Cúis na gabhála	
Horses reclaimed by owner / Líon capaill tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	0
Horses rehomed / Líon capaill a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh	0
Horses disposed of / Capaill curtha de láimh	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/08/2021 / Líon capaill faoi chúram sa phóna, 31/08/21	0

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

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

Dog Breeding Establishments August 2021 / Bunachais pórucháin madraí, Lúnasa 2021	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 31/08/2021 / Líon BPM i gContae Lú, 31/08/2021	6
Hunt / Conchróite Seilge	2
Boarding Kennels / Conchróite Cinneála	2
Training Kennels / Conchróite Oiliúna	1
Welfare / Leas Ainmhithe	1



Corporate and Emergency Services

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Éigeandála

This Directorate has two key areas of responsibility:

- **Corporate Services** – the maintenance and development of systems which facilitate the effective running of our Council, including Human Resources, and Information and Communications Technology.
- **Emergency Services** – including the Fire Service, Civil Defence, Water Safety, and the planning and implementation of strategies which help to keep our citizens safe.
- Other responsibilities include Sustainable Energy.

Tá dhá eochairfhreagrachta ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

- **Seirbhísí Corparáideacha** – ag cothabháil agus forbairt chórais atá baint leis an reáchtáil éifeachtach na Comhairle, agus Acmhainní Daonna, agus Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide san áireamh
- **Seirbhísí Éigeandála** – Seirbhís Dóiteáin, Cosaint Shibhialta, Sábháilteacht Uisce san áireamh, agus ag pleanáil agus ag cur i bhfeidhm straitéisí chun chabhrú le muintir Chontae Lú a bheith slán sábháilte
- Freagracht eile ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo ná Fuinneamh Inbhunaithe.

Joe McGuinness
Director / Stiúrthóir



Corporate and Emergency Services

Climate Change Adaption Strategy

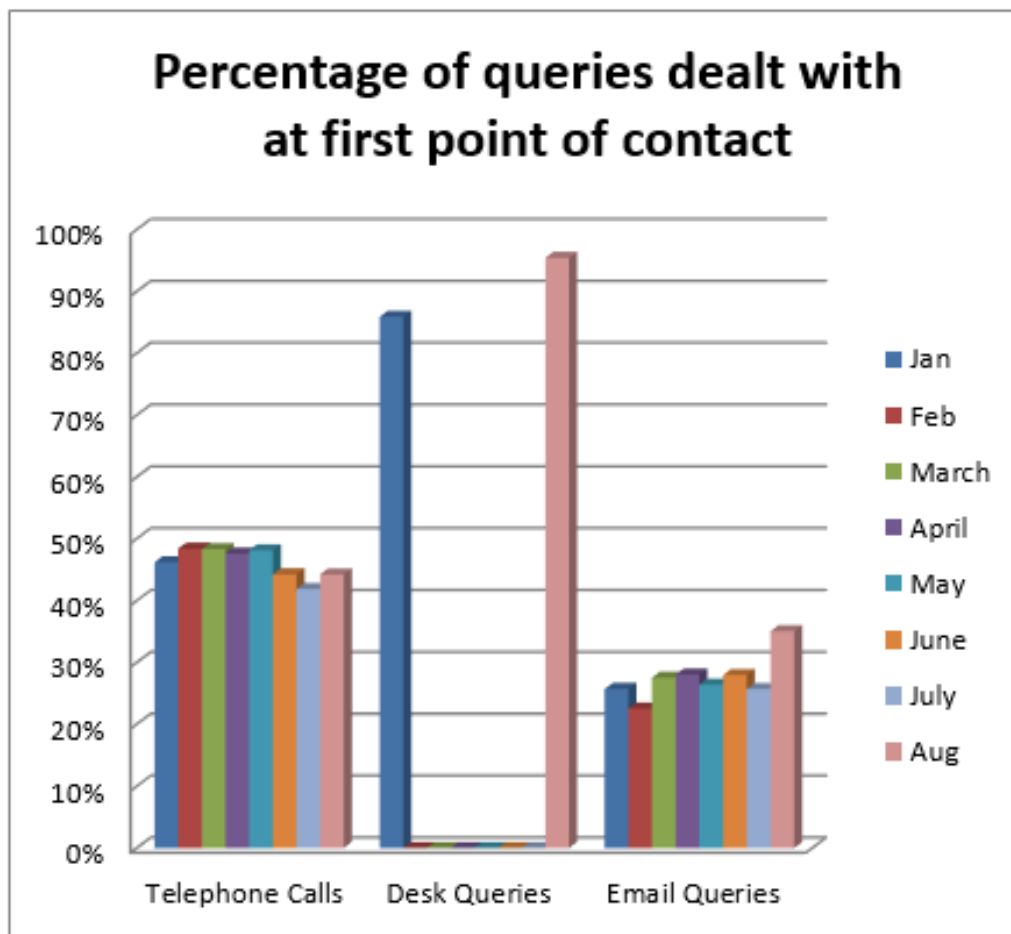
As part of the Council's Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2019-24, the following mitigations were undertaken in the last month in this Directorate

- Our ICT Section moved our UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) facility to within the County Hall Building thus allowing us to switch off an outside unit and associated Air Con facilities. This will deliver further energy savings moving forward
- ECO friendly driver training is currently being scheduled for firefighter drivers

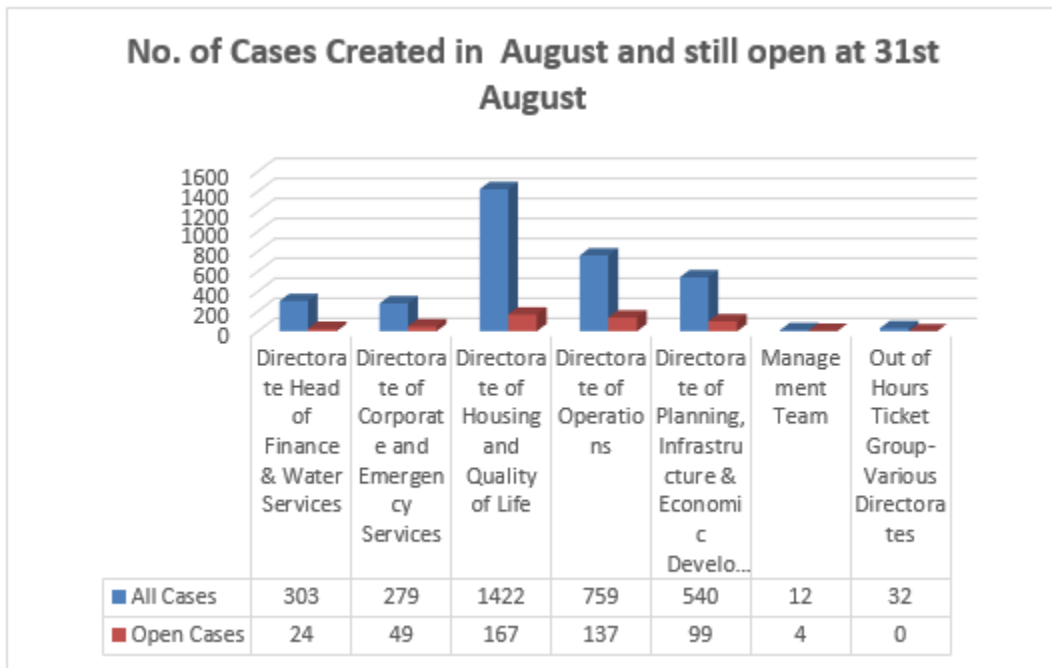
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Customer Services

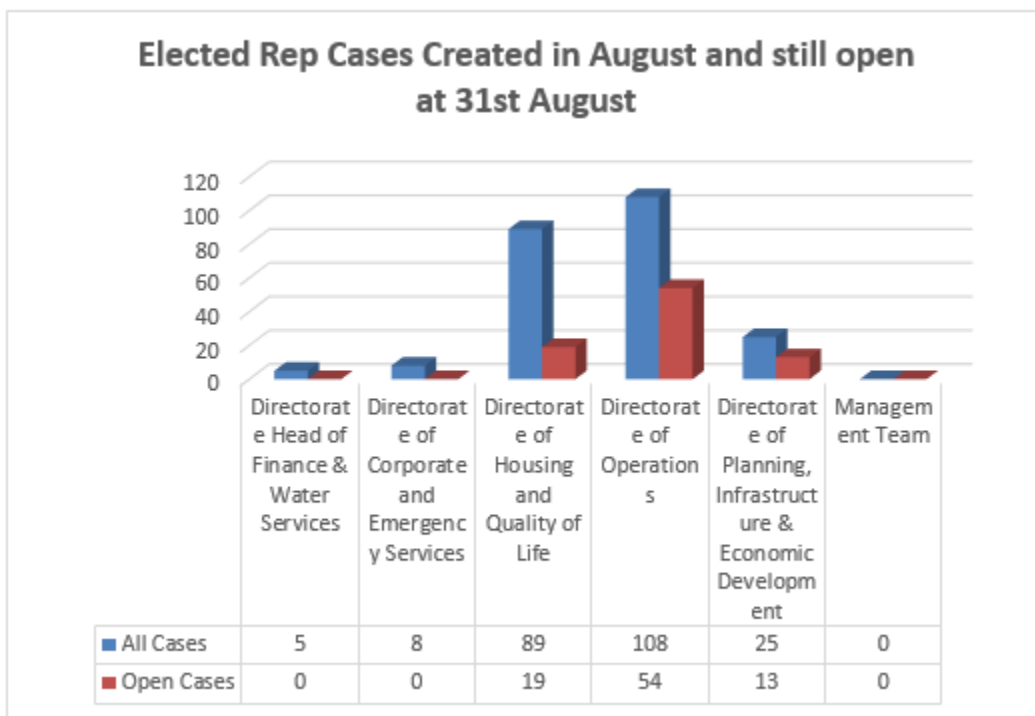
During the month of August Customer Services dealt with 9,882 queries – 6,618 calls, 1,144 e-mails and 2,120 counter queries. The public counters reopened on the 3rd of August.



There were 3,347 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during August of which 480 (14%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:



During August 235 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 86 (37%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

	Same period 2020	2021 Total	Aug 2021
Freedom of Information	66	71	6
Data Protection	7	2	0
Access to Information on Environment	3	4	1
Ombudsman	5	7	0
Complaints Policy	10	20	7

Electoral Register

Work continues on the preparation of the draft register for 2022-2023. Field officers are calling to homes where electoral statistics show a low percentage of eircodes and dates of birth.

This is an important validation process. Eircodes and Dates of Birth are used to cross check for duplicate entries and to ensure that electors are assigned to the correct Polling District & Polling Place. Over 91% of electors are now assigned an Eircode which is a significant achievement.

The online facility is available on our website for those persons who want to be considered for inclusion in the next draft, which is available for entry until the autumn.

Elected members are again encouraged to ask their electorate to submit their details, forms can be picked up from customer services desks in local Council offices or can be posted on request. The register contact details are 1890 202303 / register@louthcoco.ie

Sustainable Energy

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

The Council's energy efficiency has improved to 47.36% (end of 2020) as reported by SEAI.

Energy Management System

The Council's Energy Management System is certified as compliant with ISO 50,001; 2018 for another 3-year registration cycle, from 2020 - 2023. A 1 day Surveillance Audit will be undertaken later in 2021 to confirm ongoing compliance.

Better Energy Communities Grant 2021

The Council has partnered with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for their grant

application for funding for energy projects in 2021. That application resulted in an offer of funding for Council energy projects of €78,282, for a total maximum expenditure cost of €260,939.

Council staff are working with Dunleer SEC, to progress those energy projects. The works must be completed and paid-for no later than end of September 2021 to enable the grant offered, to be claimed.

Sustainable Energy Communities

The Council has agreed an Energy Policy as part of the Energy Management System (EnMS). It is planned to present that policy to the next meeting of the Climate Change and Energy Strategic Policy Committee.

In addition, the Council will be developing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council, and SEAI to support Sustainable Energy Communities. That MOU was developed by the Mid-West Region and has already been signed by a small number of Local Authorities there. It is planned to bring that also to the attention of the Climate and Energy SPC.

GenComm Interreg Energy Storage Project

Members are encouraged to review the project website for an up-date on progress and in particular for more detail from the project on the potential for hydrogen use as a Sustainable Energy source. The project partners consider how hydrogen offers the opportunity to make energy production a primary driver of the economy rather than responding to the needs of the economy as at present.

It is planned to invite the Gencomm Project Team to present on that project at the December meeting of the Climate Change and Energy SPC.

Fire and Emergency Services

Fire Service

The Fire Service have scaled back some Covid restrictions during August. Further reductions will be considered when Covid levels reduce.

During August, an Aerial Ladder Platform course was delivered in Dundalk and Emergency First Responder refresher courses commenced. A driving instruction company has been continuing to provide Class C driving instruction for fire service personnel so as to ensure adequate driver numbers for fire appliances.

Following receipt of approval to proceed with the design of a new fire station for Dunleer, a Quantity Surveyor has been engaged to complete a summary cost plan and a design brief is also being completed for the Department of Planning, Local Government and Heritage. The next step will be procurement of a design team.

The development of a fire service health and safety management system to satisfy ISO 45001 requirements is continuing. A benchmark audit of the system will be carried out in September by a Health and Safety Consultant to assess progress on compliance with ISO requirements.

Further to the Cooley wildland fire prevention group meeting, progress is being made towards commencement of gorse removal at high risk sites. Environmental assessments are being carried out on the proposed gorse removal at three sites.

The Fire Prevention Section has continued with fire safety inspections in respect of existing fire risk buildings and new developments. Works have been completed on a number of apartment buildings and fire safety notices have been withdrawn.

Major Emergency Management

Regional Major Emergency Steering and Working Group meetings in relation to Covid have continued by tele-conference during August. These meetings have included personnel from the three Principal Response Agencies, i.e. the Councils, HSE and AGS.

Civil Defence

Activities during July included:

- Three days assistance to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service
- Three recruit induction nights held
- Rope rescue training
- Water awareness training

The Civil Defence HQ is being assessed for safe occupancy during Covid to allow limited training to recommence by September.

Water Safety

Beach Lifeguard activity continued on a 7 day week basis at our three blue flag beaches. This reverts to weekend only for the month of September.

Housing and Quality of Life Tithíocht agus Cáilíocht na Beatha

This Directorate has two key responsibilities:

- Housing, which encompasses all initiatives which aim to match need and available resources in a sustainable way throughout our county
- Quality of Life, a wide range of initiatives and programmes designed to make living in Louth a stimulating, safe and rewarding experience, including the arts, heritage, and our libraries

Tá dhá eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

- Tithíocht, a chuimsíonn gach tionscnamh agus de chuspóir acu ná na riachtanais agus na haicmhainní ar fad atá ar fail a chur le chéile go hinbhuanaithe ar fud ár gcontae
- Cáilíocht na Beatha, réimse leathan tionscnaimh agus cláir atá deartha chun saol spreagúil, sásúil, sábháilte a chur ar fail i gContae Lú, na healaíona, an oidhreacht, agus ár leabharlanna san áireamh

Paddy Donnelly
Director / Stiúrthóir



Housing

Pillar 1: Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the North East Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the North East Homelessness Strategy 2018-2020. The preparation for a new three year strategy has commenced. The work done within Louth can be summarised as follows:

Presentations August 2021	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	01	184	137	322
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	01	165	124	290
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	00	10	07	17
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	00	07	01	08
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	00	02	05	07

The tables below reflect monthly returns submitted to the Department with regard to Homeless numbers in the NORTH EAST REGION between 23rd-29th August 2021. This anonymous and aggregated return of all individuals accessing emergency accommodation is returned to the Department of Housing on a monthly basis.

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	76
Female	27
Total	103

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	07
25-44	61
45-64	28
65+	07
Total	103

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	16
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	58
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	29
Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)	00
Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	00
Total unique individuals	103

Table 4: County

County	Total
County Louth	96
County Monaghan	05
County Cavan	02
Total	103

Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	05	05	11
Total	06	05	12
Couples with dependent children	02	04	06
Total	02	04	06

Housing First

	Louth	Monaghan	Cavan	Total
Number of tenancies established	20	2	5	27
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	18	2	5	25

Homeless Services and Covid 19

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

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

The Hostels and family Hub continue to operate with reduced capacity, which reflects government

guidelines in respect of social and physical distancing.

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

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

Inspections of Private Emergency Accommodation

Since December 2017 the Homeless Office has carried out random and unannounced inspections on all B&BS, Hotels and Hostels providing Private Emergency Accommodation on behalf of Louth County Council. This will continue on a monthly basis subject to Covid 19 permissions.

Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3284

Ardee Municipal District	Dundalk Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Total
331	1731	1222	3284

Pillar 2: Accelerate Social Housing

Over the period 2018 to 2021, a target has been set for the provision of 1074 units. This target will include delivery of units from Part V provision, Acquisitions, Mortgage to Rents, Long Term Leases, Repair and Lease and Buy & Renew Acquisitions. The 2020 - 2023 pipeline delivery progress report is in tables below.

**2021 Housing Allocations up to
31st August 2021**

Numbers Allocated	Allocations - Social	Allocations - Voluntary	Refusals - Social	Refusals - Voluntary
Ardee MD	27	26	06	03
Dundalk MD	113	77	18	15
Drogheda BD	60	28	22	07
Total Allocations	200	131	46	25

Social housing transfers facilitated up to 31st August 2021

Year	Ardee	Dundalk	Drogheda
2021	00	10	09

Housing List (excluding HAP Transfers)

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
August	364	684	649	1697

Transfer List from HAP

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda BD	Total
August	331	1731	1222	3284

There are a total of 266 applicants on the approved list for transfer (**Non-HAP**) within

Social Housing including **25** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies
Pillar 3: Build More Homes

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

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

Rent Management

The number of tenants who pay rent by Household Budget is now **1002**

Current Rents Arrears as at 31st August 2021	Number of Account	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	170	€55,400.00
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	127	€78,696.00
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	786	€2,757,682.00
TOTAL	1083	€2,891,778.00

Pillar 4: Improve the Rented Sector

	August	Total
No. of properties inspected August 2021	62	64
No. of advisory notes issued to Landlord	00	03
No. of improvement notices Issued	01	77
No. of prohibition notices Issued	00	02
No. of Rent Book Notices Issued	00	00
Inspections (HAP)	21	21
Improvement Notices (HAP)	00	76

Virtual Inspections Issued	00	55
Private Inspections Complaints	00	00
HAP Complaints	07	09
RAS Complaints	00	00
Re Inspections HAP	31	31
Re Inspections Hap Compliance	00	17
Re Inspections RAS	00	00
Re Inspections RAS Compliance	00	00
AHB Inspection	01	01
Long Term Leases	00	75

Pillar 5: Utilise Existing Housing

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

Maintenance	Total (YTD)	This month
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	2710	377
No. of Maintenance Completed	1815	255

Vacant Properties

Currently 27 No. social units have been used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need during Covid 19 and are not included in the next table.

Vacant Properties	Total	
Ardee Municipal District	08	
Dundalk Municipal District	28	
Drogheda Borough District	32	
Total Re Lets		68
Vacant Properties CPO Units not yet ready for occupation (all county)		07
Total No. of CPO Properties (Relets & CPO's)		75

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

The private grant process is continuing with some changes to procedure to reflect social distancing guidelines.

The following grants are available

- Housing Adaption Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time care in the home
- Housing for Older People – Priority 1 to works that will preserve the integrity of the dwelling
- Mobility Aids Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time, care in the home.
- The Dept have notified Louth County Council that the allocation for 2021 is €1,889,980, of which €377,996 is to be provided from the authority's own revenue resource.
- Additional funding of €962,500 has been allocated from the Dept of which €192,500 is to be provided from the authority's own revenue resource.

Private House Grants

Status	HOP	HAG	MAG	Total
Applications Completed 2020	131	60	36	227
Applications rolling into 2021	101	310	70	481
New Applications	189	97	69	355

Estate Management

	DBD & AMD	DMD	TOTAL
Tenancy Inspections	04	04	08
Pre tenancy Training	08	15	23

Tenancy Investigations Visits	30	35	65
Tenancy Investigations Remote	11	14	25

Anti Social Behaviour

ASB Cases	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
ASB Ongoing	04	03	06	13
ASB Completed	03	00	06	09
Total	07	07	12	22

	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
Verbal Warning	02	00	01	03
Written Warning	00	00	00	00
Tenancy Notification	00	00	00	00

Climate Action

The newly revised **2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme** is the first year of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the PfG retrofit commitment. The new programme sees a significant upscaling (from 'shallow' to 'deep retrofit') on what has been completed by local authorities to date and will target **2,400** social homes for upgrade works in 2021.

For 2021 Louth County Council were successful in obtaining an allocation of €1.4 million with a requirement to retrofit a minimum of 52 properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

The distribution works on Energy Retrofitting in each municipal district is as follows:

Municipal District/ Borough District	Number of Retrofitting Houses
Drogheda BD	20
Ardee MD	15
Dundalk MD	17
Total	5

Delivery Stream	Rebuilding Ireland Projected Delivery 2018-2021				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
SHIP CONSTRUCTION	00	00	00	17	17
SHIP CONSTRUCTION RAPID	00	00	00	00	00
REGENERATION	00	00	00	00	00
CAS CONSTRUCTION	01	00	00	01	02
CONSTRUCTION BUT & RENEW SHIP CONSTRUCTION SINGLE STAGE	23	26	07	05	61
SHIP CONSTRUCTION SINGLE STAGE	00	00	00	02	02
SHIP CONSTRUCTION TURNKEY	00	05	131	28	159
SHIP Competitive Dialogue	00	00	00	00	00
CAS CONSTRUCTION TURNKEY & CAS SINGLE STAGE	00	00	00	12	12
PPP	00	00	80	00	80
AHB CALF Construction	10	15	02	00	27
AHB CALF Turnkey	119	188	54	207	568
CALF Part V	14	115	05	11	145
LA Part V	04	00	06	07	17
CAS Part V	00	00	00	00	00
Voids (capped)	02	05	00	00	07

DEFINITIONS

AHB = Approved Housing Body

CAS = Capital Assistance Scheme which provides 100% funding to AHBs to build or acquire units for disabled or homeless applicants with a non-repayment mortgage in favour of the Housing Authority to ensure that the Housing Authority has both nomination rights and security over the asset created by public funds.

CALF = Capital Advance Loan Fund which provides Department funding for up to 30% funding to AHBs to provide units for general use on the basis that they enter into a Payment and Availability agreement with the Housing Authority who will provide all the tenant nominations.

CPO = Compulsory Purchase Scheme allows the local authority to land or property without the consent of the owner by means of a compulsory purchase order (CPO).

This is being used to acquire vacant or derelict houses which are being returned to use as social housing units.

IPS = Incremental Purchase Scheme

Voids = new addition to the report requested by Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

SHCEP = Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme supports the delivery of social housing by providing financial support to local authorities and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) for the long term leasing of houses and apartments from private owners and developers.

SHIP = Social Housing Investment Programme

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Units Expected	Approved Housing Body / Louth County Council	Project Status	Date	Breakdown of Units
CPO All bundles 2019 - Q3 Delivery	3/3	6	Louth County Council	Onsite	30/09/2019	
CPO All bundles 2019 - Q4 Delivery	4/4	7	Louth County Council	Onsite	31/12/2019	
Tierney Street, Ardee	1/1	7	Oaklee Housing Trust	Stage 3 Approved	31/03/2022	1x 3 bed, and 1x 4 bed house to 7 x 1 bed
CPO All bundles 2020 Delivery Q1	1/4	5	Louth County Council	Onsite	20/05/2020	
St. John's Home, Peter's Hill, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	4	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Stage 3 Approved	30/06/2022	4 x 1 bed
CPO All bundles 2020 Delivery Q2	2/4	5	Louth County Council	Onsite	30/06/2020	
Barrack Street, Dundalk	1/1	21	Simon Community : Dundalk Simon	Revised Stage 2 Site investigation works to commence	01/03/2022	19 x 1bed 2 x 2 bed
Wadman Park, Haynestown, Dundalk	3/3	29	Louth County Council	Completed	Oct 2020	
5 Slieveroe Crescent, Dundalk	1/1	1	Cluid Housing Association	Stage 4 Approved	31/12/2021	1 x 3 bed
Clonmore Close, Ardee, Co Louth	1/4	12	Cluid Housing Association	Completed	March 2021	2 x 4 beds, 2 x3 bed and 8x 1 beds in this phase
Gort Bui, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	3/5	10	Louth County Council	Completed	01/03/2021	6x 3 bed, 4 x 4 bed
Gort Bui, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	4/5	9	Louth County Council	Completed	16/04/2021	5 x 3 bed , 4 x 4 bed

Gort Bui, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	5/5	8	Louth County Council	Completed	20/05/2021	2 x 3 bed 6 x 4 bed
Castletown Road Dundalk	1/1	6	Louth County Council	Funding Approved Turnkey	30/06/2022	1 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed
CPO All bundles 2019 - Q4 Delivery	4/4	12	Louth County Council	Onsite	31/12/2020	
CPO All bundles 2020 Delivery Q3	3/4	1	Louth County Council	Onsite	31/12/2020	
CPO All bundles 2020 Delivery Q4	4/4	9	Louth County Council	Onsite	31/12/2020	
Father Finn Park (Phase 2)	1/1	17	Louth County Council	Completed	08/04/2021	7 x 2 bed & 10 x 3 bed
Clonmore Close, Ardee, Co Louth	2/4	15	Cluid Housing Association	Completed	July 2021	2 x 4 bed, 12 x 3 bed and 1 x2 bed units in this phase
Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	1/5	16	Túath Housing Association	Completed	March 2021	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all phases
Lismullen Grove, Dundalk, Co Louth	3/3	8	Túath Housing Association	Completed	March 2021	8 x 3 bed units in this phase
Harbour View, Coulter Place, Dundalk	1/2	12	Cluid Housing Association	Completed	July 2021	12 x 1 bed and 12 x 2 bed apartments across both phases
Four Winds, Mullacapple, Collon	1/1	1	St. John of God Housing Association Ltd	Stage 2 Approved	31/03/2022	1 unit, 4 beds
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/4	45	Clanmil	Funding Approved	30/06/2022	9 x 2 bed apartments, 34 3 bed units and 24 x 4 bed units
Harbour View, Coulter Place, Dundalk	2/2	12	Cluid Housing Association	Completed	July 2021	12 x 1 bed and 12 x 2 bed apartments across both phases
Newtown View Marsh Road Drogheda	1/4	17	Respond	Onsite	31/10/2021	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Newtown View Marsh Road Drogheda	2/4	23	Respond	Onsite	31/03/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed

						houses across all 4 phases
Hallidays Mill Quay St Dundalk	1/1	85	Co Operative Housing	Onsite	30/09/2021	15 x 3 bed apartments, 58 x 2 bed apartments and 12 x 1 bed apartments
Clonmore Close, Ardee, Co Louth	3/4	15	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	30/11/2021	8 x 3 bed and 7 x2 bed units in this phase
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2/4	22	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	30/09/2021	4 x 4 bed houses, 36 x 3 bed houses and 6 x 2 bed apartments across all phases
Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	2/5	10	Túath Housing Association	Completed	31/05/2021	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
Clonmore Close, Ardee, Co Louth	4/4	13	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	31/06/2022	10 x 3 bed and 3 x 2 bed units in this phase
Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	3/5	16	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	30/09/2021	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	4/5	11	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	15/02/2022	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
Cox's Demesne Phase 2B	1/1	22	Louth County Council	Onsite	31/03/2022	2 x 2 bed, 4 x 3 bed, 2 x 4 bed , 6x .1 bed Apt & 8 x 2 bed apt
Newfoundwell Road Drogheda	1/2	55	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	31/03//2022	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2

						bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	5/5	12	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	31/03/2022	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all schemes
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3/4	6	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	30/06/2022	4 x 4 bed houses, 36 x 3 bed houses and 6 x 2 bed apartments across all phases
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4/4	7	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	30/09/2022	4 x 4 bed houses, 36 x 3 bed houses and 6 x 2 bed apartments across all phases
Newtown View Marsh Road Drogheda	3/4	47	Respond	Onsite	30/09/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Dúiche Roden (formerly Kitchen Garden), Demesne Road, Dundalk	1/2	65	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	31/03/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Dúiche Roden (formerly Kitchen Garden), Demesne Road, Dundalk	2/2	65	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	30/04/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Newtown View Marsh Road Drogheda	4/4	47	Respond	Onsite	31/07/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed

						houses across all 4 phases
Moneymore, Drogheda - Infill	1/1	1	Louth County Council	Funding Approved Single Stage	01/10//2022	1 x 2 bed
Gort Uaine, Clogherhead - Infill	1/1	1	Louth County Council	Funding Approved Single Stage	01/10/2022	1 x 4 bed
School Lane, Dunleer - Infill	1/1	1	Louth County Council	Funding Approved Single Stage	01/10//2022	1 x 3 bed
Newfoundwell Road	2/2	39	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	31/03/2023	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Boice Court (Phase 2/4)	1/1	72	Louth County Council	Stage 2 Approved	14/10/2023	27 x 3 bed, 4 x 4 bed, 8 x 1 bed apt , 8 x 2 bed apt , 8 x 3 bed apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/1	93	Louth County Council	Stage 2 Approved	14/09/2023	29 x 2 bed, 23 x 3 bed, 9 x 4 bed, 10 x 1 bed apt, 6 x 2 bed apt, 16 x 3 bed apt
Muirhevnamor, Dundalk Phase 1- Infill	1/1	11	Louth County Council	Stage 2 Approved	30/06//2023	3x 2 bed & 8 x 3 bed
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda - Infill	1/1	4	Louth County Council	Funding Approved Single Stage	31/12/2022	2 x 2 bed 2 x 3 bed
Donore Road, Drogheda	1/1	66	Cluid Housing Association	Funding Approved	30/11/2022	8 x 3 bed apartments, 54 x 2 bed apartments and 4 x 1 be apartments
Castle Court , Castlebellingham	1/1	1	Cluid Housing Association	Completed	June 2021	1 x 2 bed unit

Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk	1/1	2	Túath Housing Association	Onsite	30/09/2021	2 x 3 bed units
Dublin Road, Dundalk	1/1	65	Respond	Onsite	31/05/2022	5 x 3 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed duplexes, 2 x 3 bed apartments, 16 x 2 bed duplexes, 4 x 2 bed apartments, 4 x 1 bed houses and 27 x 1 bed apartments
Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/1	04	Cluid Housing Association	WITHDRAWN		2 x 3 bed houses and 2 x 2 bed houses
Doire Beag, Collon, Co Louth Infill	1/1	06		Funding Approved Single Stage	31/12/2022	6 x 3 bed
Glyde View Tallanstown	1/1	02		Completed	10/05/2021	2x 3 bed
Termon River Termonfeckin	1/2	02		Completed	17/12/2020	2 x 4 bed
Termon River Termonfeckin	2/2	01		On Site	30/09/2021	1 x 4 bed
Highfield Dundalk	1/1	12	Women's Aid	Stage 1 Approved	30/06/2023	5 x 1 bed 7 x 2 bed
10-16 The Alleys Drogheda	1/1	14	Peter McVerry	Stage 1 approved	28/02/2023	14 Studio Apts
Riverwell Close Dundalk	1/1	1		Revised stage ½ to be submitted	31/03/2022	1 x 4bed

Coulter Place	1/1	7		Stage 2 approved Planning Granted	31/12/2022	5 x 2 bed 1 x 4 bed
Linenfield Ballymakenny	1/1	06		On Site	31/12/2021	6 x 2 bed
Ellwood Ballymakenny Rd Drogheda	1/3	17	Funding Approved Turnkey	07/02/2022	TBC	
Ellwood Ballymakenny Rd Drogheda	2/3	15	Funding Approved Turnkey	30/05/2022	TBC	
Ellwood Ballymakenny Rd Drogheda	3/3	13	Funding Approved Turnkey	05/09/2022	TBC	
Castletown Rd Dundalk	1/1	06	Funding Approved Turnkey		3/06/2022	1 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed
Tullybrook, Slane Rd, Drogheda	1/1	85	Cluid Housing Association	Onsite	31/03/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 22 x 3 bed terraced, 24 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 2 bed terraced, 7 x 2 bed duplexes and 8 x 2 bed apartments
Oriel Heights	1/1	13	North & East Housing	Funding Approved	30/09/2022	4 x 3 bed units and 9 x 2 bed units

Community and Sports

GAA Inclusive Cul Camp 2021

GAA Inclusive Cul Camp for children with additional needs took place in Darver recently. It ran over 3 days with 22 campers. It was organised by Louth GAA with support of Louth Sports Partnership.



Louth School Girls League

Dundalk Credit Union announced their new Community Partnership with Louth School Girls League. This three year sponsorship will see Dundalk Credit Union support an ambitious and aspiring group of girls, their coaches and families, to see it and be it.



HER Outdoors Week

A series of events from the 9th of Aug to 15th of Aug, including Greenway Walk, Sea kayaking in Clogherhead and Blackrock, Windsurfing & Sea Swimming in Carlingford, Beach Yoga in

Clogherhead, Orienteering in Dundalk and Bootcamps in Dundalk - over 18 events were hosted around the county with over 100 ladies taking part.



Bike Week 2021

As part of Bike week from the 12th to 18th of Sept we are looking to create a series of events and programmes working in conjunction with our local stake holders and cycling clubs.

We are compiling a series of events from Family BBQ's to Coffee Social Cycles, we are also working with local cycling clubs and groups. Keep an eye on social media for the full line up!

LEADER

The LCDC/LAG at its meeting in July approved funding support, in the amount of €20,074.16 for two LEADER projects, under the Transitional LEADER Programme, 2021-2022.

Locations of the projects approved for support are Dundalk and Ardee.

Recently, Louth County Council paid out funding to beneficiaries under the LEADER 2014-2020 Programme:-

Promoter	Amount
Louth LEADER Partnership – Innovating Communities Ref. 112977	€8,329.23
Carlingford Heritage CLG – Enterprise Remote Working Hub Ref. 113526	€8,694.51
St John of Gods Community	€10,614.12

Services – Biodiversity Project Ref:110561 (Phase 1)	
John Mitchells GFC Ref: 114297 (Phase 3)	€42,136.87
Total	€69,774.73

Due to the pandemic it was not possible go ahead last year. The format this year has had to be slightly adapted to fit in with the current public health restrictions.

Two inspections have already taken place with the 3rd inspection planned to be being carried out by community support staff in the last week of August. Participating groups have been advised of their first and second round results. The final judging results will be withheld until the awards night and prizes will be given out at the Louth Tidy Towns Together “Louth Looking Good “Awards night later in the year.

The awards will be made to the three entrants from each category who receive the highest marks. There will be overall winners in each of the three categories. Each entry will also be grouped into the following three classification- Gold, Silver and Bronze.

We wish all the participants the Best of Luck and thank them for all the tireless work that they do within each of their communities.

Local Authority Prevention Network

LAPN is a cooperative programme between the Environmental Protection Agency and local authorities in Ireland.

The LAPN funding call for 2021 was announced in July with a closing date by the 11th August. A collaborative project between Louth/Cavan and Monaghan County Councils, was submitted for consideration.

This proposed collaborative project will involve “Preventing/Stopping Food Waste” demonstration videos and promotion of stopping food waste throughout the three counties, targeting the following groups, Primary School students, second and third level students and the general public. It also includes a social media and competition element. This will assist in reinforcing the message on “Stopping food waste” is maximised and replicated across the north eastern region.

Pride of Place 2021

Preparations are underway for the” In Person judging” for this year’s Pride of place competition. The judging season commenced on the 23rd

Gum Litter Awareness

The Gum Litter awareness campaign was launched by Cathaoirleach Pío Smith and Director of services Paddy Donnelly on Friday 13th August.

This year’s campaign was different in that it had a local social media presence through our twitter platform, in order to reach a wider and younger audience. This was part of a wider national campaign rolled out by the Gum Litter Taskforce. The message being to “BIN YOUR GUM WHEN YOU’RE DONE”

A schools education programme aimed at first year secondary school students called “Bin It!” will follow in the autumn. This includes an actor-led workshop tour which is supported by materials and tools for teachers to download and integrate into lesson plans. In the case that COVID restrictions are still in place, an alternative offering in the form of an adaptable teaching resource will be created for teachers to deliver to students during class time that replaces the “Bin It” roadshow.

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) is an environmental initiative that was set up to develop and implement an awareness campaign to reduce gum litter in the most sustainable way.



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pío Smith officially launching the GLT 2021

The Litter League

We are delighted that the Litter League 2021 among Tidy Towns groups who entered into the national Tidy Towns competition, is now under way.

August. It is envisaged that “In Person judging” will take place during the second week in October, nominees will present their project/areas to the judging panel, in person while maintaining Government/Public Health Covid-19 guidelines. Two projects were nominated to go forward to represent Louth County Council in the “Pride of Place” annual competition, this year. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in November.

Louth in Bloom 2021



There was a marvellous response to the “Louth in Bloom 2021” competition this year, with a great spread of entries coming from right across the county. This was helped by the new on line portal application process which made the process easier for participants to apply. Entries through email and post were also accepted.

The entries submitted are currently been processed and will go before a Judging Panel in late August, with winners announced through a Virtual ceremony planned for September. Adjudication will be carried out by an independent panel, who will have the difficult job in choosing winners in each category.

Tidy Towns Project Scheme 2021

Tidy Town groups throughout the county are continuing to work on their projects under the Tidy Towns project scheme, with the support of the community team. It is hoped that these small scale projects will assist groups gaining additional marks in the National Tidy Town competition.



Dundalk TT project before and after photographs

Amenity Grants Scheme 2021

The approved Amenity Grants awards to groups continue to be processed. The list of late applications received is currently being compiled and with agreement it is hoped to go forward to the next council meeting.

Supplies to Community Groups

Community groups continue to be facilitated with Supplies of litter pickers, gloves and Bio-degradable bags, to assist them in cleaning up their local areas.

A COVID-19 compliance form is signed by all groups when collecting supplies. Groups have been advised to contact the operations section to arrange pick up of any waste collected.

Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2021

The Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2021 Fund was announced recently by Minister Heather Humphreys. Under the measure, funding of €260,000 has been awarded to Louth County Council.

Eligible works include the painting of shopfronts/buildings, illumination of buildings, shopfront replacement and green enhancement of entrances.

Expressions of Interest were sought from the following towns and villages:

- Ardee
- Blackrock
- Carlingford
- Dunleer

Confirmation of the funding allocations to be approved must be made to the Department by Tuesday 21st September.

Clár

Clár funding was announced on 30th August by Minister Heather Humphreys. Louth received funding for the following two projects:

Measure 1 – Support for Schools/Community Safety

- €50,000 for upgrading of the public toilets at Omeath

Measure 2 – Outdoor Community Recreation Facilities

- €30,000 for the further construction of public footpaths at Jenkinstown

Quality of Life Service

Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2019-2024

Library

With funding received from Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Louth Library service procured outdoor furniture that is maintenance free and is made of 100% recycled material for the small outdoor space in Ardee Library.

Archives

With a combination of SEAI grant and Capital funding, Operations are preparing for energy upgrades to the Archives building. The upgrades will include a Heat Pump, low energy lighting and windows and doors improvements to reduce the energy use.

Louth Library Service

Louth Libraries are complying strictly to public health rules and relevant SOG

Our branches have been busy with members of the public delighted to have the opportunity to browse and chat to staff. Since reopening on May 10th our staff has dealt with the public during 22,500 visits to our libraries.

Housebound Service

The Housebound Delivery Service continues for elderly or vulnerable people who are cocooning or in isolation.

Deliveries are being coordinated from all of our branches serving both urban and rural areas in Louth. During the month of August there were 81 deliveries to borrowers spread throughout the county. New members have registered to use the service in addition to those who were already availing of it.

eServices



The wide range of eServices that is available to library members, include free eBooks, eAudiobooks through Borrow Box. So far this year Louth Library users have borrowed over 25,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks from Borrow Box.

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

To date this year Louth Libraries have recorded over 3,300 Press Reader Sessions.

Lastly there is a host of online courses with Universal Class and Transparent Language online.

For more information on these services click [here](#)

Online eServices tutorials



While our libraries have now reopened for quick browsing, our online facilities remain an important part of the service. We continue to promote our eServices using video tutorials, which provide an easy-to-follow, step-by-step guide to the various services and facilities that are available to use at home.

To date, we have published videos on the following, with over 400 views on Facebook.

- Episode 1: Joining the library online
- Episode 2: Using the Louth Library Service App
- Episode 3: Signing up for our new newsletter
- Episode 4: Accessing the housebound service

Access the videos here:

<https://www.facebook.com/584110738287675/videos/3847322165366733>

Dormant Accounts funding 2021, Library Supports for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Communities

Library staff has commenced planning for the 6 projects approved under DRCD's Dormant Accounts Funding Initiative.

The successful projects are:

- Ukulele workshops for older people and adults with additional needs
- 3 R's, Right Book, Right Child, Right Time – Secondary School literacy project
- Virtual English Classes – aimed at new Irish and residents of direct provision centres
- Community Coding Clubs – aimed at DEIS Schools and early school leavers
- Young Entrepreneur Club – aimed at Youth Reach students
- The Shona Project – a survival kit for young people aimed at local secondary school students across the county

Creative Ireland - Library led multi-agency project

Under Creative Ireland's Excellence Grants, funding of €22,000 has been approved for a multi-agency project led by Louth Library Service. This will target vulnerable teenagers and will take place from Autumn 2021 to Spring 2022.

Louth Library Service is delighted to have this opportunity to work with The Fighting Words Project who will develop creative workshops to include elements of creative writing, illustration, music. Participants will have the opportunity to record in DkIT and visit An Táin and Droichead Arts Centres for workshops with other young artists. A publication of their work will be produced at the end of the project. The initial workshops will target teenagers in the Drogheda area.

Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021

The Historian in Residence led series of talks continued in August with Dr Thomas Tormey moderating a talk with Dr Fionnuala Walsh of UCD School of History, on Irish Women and the Great War.

Over 50 attended on the night from all parts of the country. There was a great interest from America and the UK also.

Comments sent via the chat about the event included.

"Thank you Fionnuala for such an interesting lecture - an eye-opener! Great that women's experience and contribution is being recognised"

"Thank you Fionnuala great insight into a little known subject"
"Thanks Fionnuala so fascinating and so much unknown here before, what a huge contribution Irish women made in WW1 made in"
"A very interesting talk, thank you"

A recording of the talk is available on Louth Library Service YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPopOB_U7-S

“Teaching the Nation’s Past: Irish history in Secondary Schools, 1922-69”

The September lecture via Crowdcast is with actor and historian Colm MacGearailt on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 8pm.

This will be a bilingual lecture and appeal to teachers and students alike.

To register click [here](#) and an email will be sent to you prior to the event.

Library Newsletter

The September edition contains the latest news, events, services, and recommendations from our libraries. In order to increase accessibility and

engagement, the newsletter contains hyperlinks to relevant sites and documents, a full list of the month’s events, and even a píosa beag Gaeilge. Anyone interested in receiving this monthly newsletter to their inbox can sign up here:

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

Click here to read this month’s newsletter:

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



Healthy Ireland at your Library

DRCD Healthy Ireland at your Library

Louth Library Service have been granted €5499 under the DRCD Healthy Ireland at your Library funding to purchase sanitising equipment and outdoor furniture made of 100% recycled material.

Ardee Library has a small outdoor area which we will utilise as an event space for all ages. This outdoor library space will provide safe, external seating areas for activities, meetings and project work, as well as reading and contemplation. It will mitigate against the risk posed in any type of group work due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

This is extremely important as it allows us to build on previous funded investment and the work done to support marginalized, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities and will ensure all investment is maximized.

Shelf Life

A blog from Louth Library Service continues with its regular features, linking in with #KeepWell campaign with features on exercise, self care, and healthy eating.

<https://shelflifethelouthlibraryserviceblog.wordpress.com/>

Right to Read Initiative: a national initiative to support and enhance literacy work in our community.



Summer Stars 2021

Summer Stars wrapped up on 28th of August 2021 with a dedicated congratulatory video for all participants.

<https://fb.watch/7loRAYcVGw/>

All children can receive their certificate of completion from their local branch. Over 720 children registered for this summer's programme.



Holly & Jasmine Keys in Dunleer Library receiving their certificates. Well Done Girls!

Let's Get Reading-Books, Facts, Crafts!

The Let's Get Reading initiative continues this month for all of our young readers and their parents. Each month different books, facts and crafts are explored. The Baby Book Club is also part of this initiative.



Schools Service

Starting School

Louth Library Service would like to wish everyone starting Big School this month the best of luck! We know it can be a scary time – for parents and children alike – so to help, we have invested in some new books which are now available from our branch libraries. These beautiful books are a fun and sensitive way of addressing any feelings your child might be having about this new stage in their lives, as well as letting them know what they can expect in their new school life!





invited entries from 2nd - 5th class pupils on the theme of 'How we cycle, walk or scoot to school safely' as part of the 'Safe Routes to School' Programme.

There were over 75 entries into the libraries, and the quality was exceptional. It's fair to say the judges had a very difficult task on their hands. There are great prizes lined up for the winners in each category, including the opportunity to see their design as a bookmark in our library branches!



Primary Schools Service

The Primary Schools team is ready and excited for the next school year. The summer months consisted of lots of planning and some really fun virtual summer camp visits – which mean that we're well prepared for the new term.

This month, each school will be sent a virtual library pack, containing details of the facilities and services that they can avail of, as well as some fun library-based activities to use in the classroom! While in-person library tours are not possible under current restrictions, our virtual school visits will be offered again, and we have invested new class sets also.

Other News

National Bike Week

National Bike Week takes place from September 13 to 19, which means that it's almost time to unveil the winners of the Louth. Bike Week Art competition!

Earlier this year, Louth Library Service, Louth Sports Partnership and our Road Safety Officer

Táimid go léir ag tnúth go mór le Oíche Chultúir, a mbeidh ag tarlú ar an 17 Meán Fómhair. Bí linn i Leabharlann Dhún Dealgan, nó ar line, ag 4:30pm le haghaidh Scéalaíocht do Theaghligh le Seosamh Ó Maolalaí.

For Culture Night 2021, taking place on September 17. Dundalk Library is hosting a story-telling session with Seosamh Ó Maolalaí at 4:30pm.

This event is bilingual and is suitable for fluent Gaeilgeoiri, foghlaimoiri/learners, tosaitheoirí/beginners, or for people completely new to Irish!





In collaboration with Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda Library will feature visual artist Conor McMahon. His work will be exhibited in the window of Drogheda Library. This exhibition will consist of short quirky film pieces.

This exhibition will be on show in Drogheda Library from the 17th -25th of September.

Louth Science Festival 2021

Louth Library Service have been successful in securing funding of €8000 from SFI (Science Foundation Ireland) towards the 2021 Louth Science Festival. This year's festival will run from November 7th-20th.

The Louth Science Festival's programme plays a key role in 'bringing science to life', and through its core objectives, the Science Festival activity will contribute to improving diversity and inclusion in science, through its aims to broaden participation both geographically and amongst less represented voices in science.

One of the most important aspects of the Louth Science Festival is collaboration. Louth Science Festival 2021 will feature many points of entry for scientists and engineers to get involved directly in public outreach. This year's programme will target primary and secondary schools across the county; family events; events for nursing home residents and older people.

Due to ongoing restrictions due to the pandemic, this year's festival will be mainly virtual with events online across a number of different platforms, but allowing for interaction between facilitators and audiences.

Louth County Archives



National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

Work is continuing on the draft revisions both for Community and for Library. The revision for Transport & Infrastructure has been approved and issued out. The draft revisions for Economic Development, Corporate Services and Environment are being finalised for approval and adoption. To date, Health & Safety, Planning & Development, Housing, Procurement, Finance, HR and Water have been completed, approved and issued out to local authorities. The Co Archivist assists staff on an ongoing basis with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre. Water Services and Operations are being assisted with drawing up a Classification Scheme for their records.

Heritage Week 2021

Louth County Archives took part in Heritage Week in collaboration with the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society by having an archival display on the Society's Drogheda Merchant Ledgers Conservation project. This project has been funded by The Heritage Council. Further information is available [here](#):



Decade of Centenaries 2021

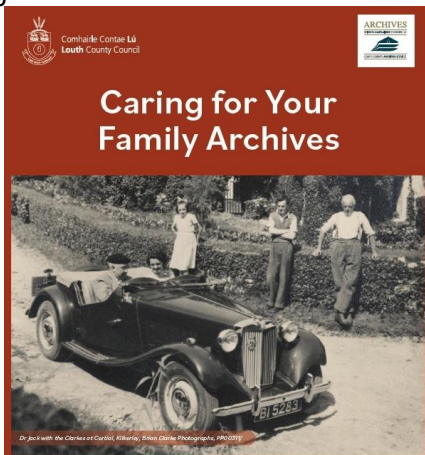
Two projects are at present receiving the kind assistance of funding from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. In one project, Valuation Books from the early 1920s period have received conservation treatment and are now being digitised and will be made available online later in the year. In another project, work is progressing on producing a short-film and accompanying booklet on Dundalk Gaol during the Civil War period. This project will produce a definitive account of the events in the gaol and local area at the time and will be made available online in October 2021.



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

Caring for Your Family Archives

This booklet is available on our [website](#). It gives advice on where and how to store your family or personal papers with Dos and Don'ts tips and advice on preparing community archives for donation. This publication has been funded under Healthy Ireland/Sláintecare Community Resilience Fund as part of the KeepWell campaign.



Historic Structures Fund

Work is progressing on appointing a contractor for conservation repair works to the south gable wall of the Co Archives building by staff in Housing Technical. It is hoped that work will begin very soon.

Donating Archives

Louth County Archives is interested in acquiring archives and records that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth. Such archives may be from community groups, societies, individuals, local organisations, national schools, solicitors or other businesses. These collections make available unique and valuable research sources for the study of Louth's heritage. If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, or know of someone who would, please contact the County Archivist by email at archive@louthcoco.ie or by telephone at 042-9324358.

Droichead Arts Centre

Coming up in September CreateLouths Taisce Lú exhibition launches on Saturday 4th September and runs until Saturday 18th. This is a fantastic opportunity to see some of Louth County Councils Art Collection which has been commissioned, purchased or donated over the years. The exhibition is curated by Claire Halpin who will be in Droichead Arts Centre on Friday 17th for Culture night to discuss some of the pieces. Booking is advised and you can contact Droichead Box Office on 041 9833946

On 2nd September there is the much-anticipated new Music Network collaboration featuring vocalist Iarla Ó Lionáird, harpist and sound artist Úna Monaghan, and cellist Kevin Murphy. Music Network has commissioned the trio to write a new work collectively which will be premiered in Droichead as part of the concert programme. With limited seating capacity this concert is sold out already but you can contact the Droichead box office to join the waiting list on 041 9833946

Coming up on 9th September and presented by LIVE Network: Booker Prize Winner Douglas Stuart talks about Shuggie Bain, his debut novel with Irish author Elaine Feeney. The LIVE Network is a literary network in Ireland that supports writers, publishers and literary producers to share work. Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.droichead.com/show/873625875>

An Táin Arts Centre

Despite the change in the weather An Táin Arts Centres “Sherlock Homes and the Anaverna Adventure” was a huge success in August with all shows selling out and fantastic feedback.

An Táin Arts Centre also hosted several online concerts from Zoe Conway, S.O.N.G, Ensemble Táin and Jim O’Donohue Martin and the basement gallery was host to the ‘Sweeneys Descent’ exhibition.

In the Basement Gallery there will be a month long exhibition from their current Artist in Residence, Suzanne Carroll running from 9th September to 2nd October.

Highlanes Gallery

Highlanes Gallery are currently hosting the CITY-Saturday, Exhibition. Running since the 14th August 2021 the exhibition can be seen until Saturday, 2nd October 2021. The exhibition aims to look at how city dwellers and society have engaged with their built-up surroundings and, will hopefully prompt conversations about towns and cities of the future. The exhibition brings together a diverse range of work and media, and considers some relevant topical issues. The film works are all from the UK’s Arts Council Collection, at the Southbank Centre, which is the largest loan collection of modern and contemporary British art, with works from the Drogheda Municipal Art Collection, as well as from artists living and working in Ireland and the UK.

<https://highlanes.ie/whats-on/exhibitions/city/>

Congratulations also go to the Management and Staff of Highlanes following the announcement that it is to receive a special accolade under the prestigious Museum Standards Programmes for Ireland, co-ordinated by The Heritage Council. On awarding the museum, the assessors noted the resilience of staff in the face of the Covid-19 crisis saying they “responded quickly and creatively, ensuring that the gallery has a strong presence in the local community.” Congratulations to Aoife Ruane and all the staff on their achievement.

Festivals

Boyne Music Festival ran from 31st July to 28th August with a variety of online events. This will now continue for the month of September with their online family concert: Enchanted Forest. Join clarinetist and presenter Jessie Grimes as she takes you through an interactive programme in an Enchanted Forest. There will be music by Bolcom, Schubert, Gershwin and others with performances by all of the 2021 BMF Artists.

Drogheda Arts Festival resumed its festivities with a sculptural exhibition along the river Boyne from 10th to 14th August. Big Telly were in housing estates around the town having great fun engaging with residents! And the podcast series by 33-45 in association with Droichead Arts Centre continued online closing on Sunday 14th with 4 shows of outdoor opera on the wall of Nevada Jacks on Stockwell St.



The final element of Drogheda Arts Festival 2021, Justice: Never enough is an exhibition which will open in Highlanes Gallery on 3 Sept.

SEEK Festival

The annual SEEK Urban Art Festival returned in August with 3 new murals being created in town bringing colour and vibrancy back to our streets. Proudly supported by Creative Ireland Louth, the new murals of St. Oliver Plunkett, Francis Leopold McClintock and one featuring our Railway Heritage were created over the course of the week with all walking tours selling out. A

further 2 more murals are to be done in the coming weeks.



Culture Night

This years Culture Night will be on Friday 17th September. There are a range of events taking part in Louth across our cultural centres including An Táin Arts Centre, Droichead Arts Centre, Highlanes Gallery, Louth Libraries and Millmount Craft Quarter. We also have some fantastic arts activities in St Helena's Park with AEEEX and Creative Spark. You can check out all the relevant details here, including booking details where applicable. All events are free of charge.

<https://culturenight.ie/events/louth/>

Local Live Performance Scheme

Funded by the Department of Tourism, Arts, The Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and supported by Louth County Council, several Live Events are taking place across the county in September. We have live music events in Listoke Gardens in Drogheda, Ardee Church, Carlingford Brewery & Oriel Gaol in Dundalk, as well as live poetry in Highlanes Gallery. There will be performances from SJ McArdle, AEMAK, The Mary Wallopers, Just Mustard, Function Creep and The Cacks. Watch out for all details of dates and booking information in the local media, social platforms and on An Táin Arts Centre and Droichead Arts Centre websites.

County Museum

The Museum re-opened its doors to the public last month. The exhibition celebrating the life and achievement of Peter Rice is still running and will remain in place until early September.

Over the course of the past two months the Museum chronicled and charted the blossoming of the Coulter Poppy, as well as highlighting various elements of bio-diversity in the Museum courtyard (featuring other plants associated with Thomas Coulter).

From this



To this





This chronicle has proven to be particularly popular with our Facebook audience with one visitor commenting that this series of images was the highpoint of her day.



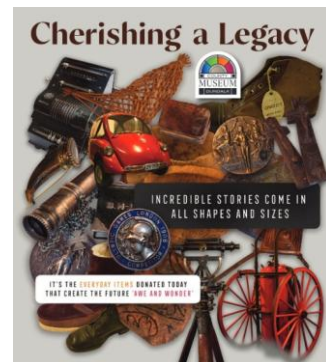
More recently with the conclusion of the Seek Festival the Museum has highlighted elements of its collection with respect to those individuals and organisations that have featured on the murals. To date features have included St. Brigid, Sir Francis Leopold McClintock, Peter Rice and the GNR.



Heritage Week



The focus of Heritage Week 2021 is 'to open the door to heritage'. In accordance with this initiative the Museum has added a new set of panels at Reception. Entitled *Cherishing a Legacy – Safeguarding our Stories* the new addition pays tribute to the societies and individuals who have saved and/or donated artefacts to the Museum. Indeed this honours the vision of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society. Those members stored what was left of the original museum at Cuchulainn's Castle after the attack on it in 1921 up to the opening of this Museum nearly 75 years later.



Heritage Office



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



Twenty-one projects were registered for Heritage Week 2021 in Louth, the second to occur during the COVID-19 pandemic

All events were outdoors in accordance with public health guidelines.

There was an enhanced emphasis on 'projects', such as films, rather than events bringing people together in person.

The Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust ran or supported eight events.

Ardee Library supported an exhibition of drawings by MonArt

The County Archive put conserved record books of Drogheda Port on display.

The Highlands Gallery had two exhibitions or events.

Stabannon and Dromiskin Tidy Towns took part.

Trees were planted in Greenore by Crann. There was also a heritage walk in Greenore and the railway museum was open to the public. Meanwhile the Cooley Peninsula Community Alert and the Peninsula Marine Litter Project held events on the strand and offshore.

'Warrior Walks' visited sweathouses on the Cooley peninsula and Cooley Connect Well had a walk along the old road in Glenmore.

Dundalk Tourist Office had a guided tours of art work created as part of the 'SEEK' festival.

The Louth Volunteer Centre had an online seminar on heritage volunteering.

A number of events not listed in the national listings took place in the community:

The Gary Kelly Centre fundraising walk in the Cooley Mountains

Millmount Museum Drogheda open day.

Historical walk from the Hill of Faughart.

A guided walk from Forkill (County Armagh) across the border to Urney graveyard, County Louth.

Funded projects

Conservation assessments funded by Heritage Council and LCC will be progressed for

- Cappocksgate in Ardee, Saint Mary's Abbey (Louth) and Darver graveyard boundary wall
- The development of a Conservation and Management Plan for the Council's Millmount Complex in Drogheda will be developed.

Community Monuments Fund

The Heritage office received confirmation that conservation work on a section of the town wall that runs alongside Featherbed Lane, close to Laurence's Gate, will take place in September.

The CMF is also funding studies on two tower houses in the county, following successful applications on behalf of their owners by the Heritage Office.

The Little Tern Wardening Project

This project, which is co-funded by National Biodiversity Action Plan fund had a successful summer season with a large number of baby birds joining the population of this threatened seabird species.

The heritage office encountered a blockage to spending additional awarded funds due to the lack of capacity environmental companies are experiencing.



Photograph of little tern chick taken in Norfolk, UK by Lyn Ibbitson Elks