



Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

**Chief Executive's
Monthly Management Report
in relation to functions performed in the
preceding month**

Dated 7th July 2019

Prepared under Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001,
as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government (Reform) Act, 2014

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – 30th June 2019

Contents

<u>Finance & Water Services</u>	3
Financial Reports	
Water Services	
<u>Economic, Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure</u>	7
Economic Development	
Local Enterprise Office	
European Relations	
Planning	
Development Management	
Planning Enforcement	
Forward Planning	
Infrastructure	
<u>Operations & Waste Management</u>	17
Operations	
Waste Management	
Air, Water and Noise Pollution	
Environment	
Veterinary Services	
<u>Corporate and Fire & Emergency Services</u>	24
Corporate Services	
Sustainable Energy	
Fire & Emergency Services	
Civil Defence	
<u>Housing, Communities, Quality of Life</u>	27
Housing	
Communities	
Quality of Life	
Libraries	
Archives	
Museum	
Heritage	
Arts	

FINANCE & WATER SERVICES

Contents

Financial Reports

Water Services

Expenditure to 30th June 2019

Section	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TO 30/6/19	BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2019	% SPENT TO 30/6/19
Housing	10,706,772	25,536,532	42%
Road Transportation & Safety	10,871,285	20,105,291	54%
Water Services	3,052,958	7,101,147	43%
Development Management	5,446,971	16,187,478	34%
Environmental Services	7,212,445	16,721,687	43%
Recreation and Amenity	3,909,274	8,500,884	46%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	639,745	1,341,711	48%
Miscellaneous	3,547,133	10,620,209	33%
	45,386,583	106,114,939	43%

Income to 30th June 2019

Section	ACTUAL INCOME TO 30/6/19	BUDGET INCOME 2019	% INVOICED TO 30/6/19
Housing	10,279,801	27,451,267	37%
Road Transportation & Safety	3,570,231	10,996,282	32%
Water Services	2,522,723	6,994,342	36%
Development Management	2,714,755	9,534,304	28%
Environmental Services	792,037	1,863,240	43%
Recreation and Amenity	554,728	859,691	65%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	181,653	430,643	42%
Miscellaneous	1,339,709	5,529,938	24%
Rates	32,800,980	32,589,034	100%
General Purpose Grant (LGF)	4,933,098	9,866,198	50%
	59,689,715	106,114,939	56%

The above is the current position as at the 30th June 2019. 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 2019 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as at 30th June 2019 are as follows:

Debtors as at 30th June 2019

	Opening Balance	Invoices	Receipts	Write Offs	Closing Balance
Government Debtors	5,751,779	30,072,072	(30,686,824)	0	5,137,027
Other Local Authorities	105,124	97,143	(102,185)	0	100,082
Rates	9,538,720	32,800,980	(16,832,384)	(943,934)	24,563,382
Rents	3,806,090	5,588,567	(5,991,399)	(2,802)	3,400,456
Loans	361,833	663,502	(660,198)	3	365,140
Development Levies	13,238,237	2,007,263	(1,553,491)	(398,779)	13,293,230
Fire Charges	1,578,403	264,815	(115,178)	(13)	1,728,027
Miscellaneous	2,094,576	3,607,387	(3,815,769)	(2,180)	1,884,014
TOTAL DEBTORS	36,474,762	75,101,729	(59,757,428)	(1,347,705)	50,471,358

Above is the debtor balances as at the 30th June 2019. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Vets, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

Budget 2020 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

The budget process for 2020 begins with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation on Tuesday 9th July 2019. The deadline for submissions is Friday 23rd of August 2019 and all submissions will be included in the report to Council in September when the members will decide on the LPT effective rate for 2020.

Water Services

Water Quality

An EU investment of €35M to improve water quality in Carlingford Lough and Lough Foyle was announced on 25th June.

The Shared Waters Enhancement & Loughs Legacy (SWELL) project, funded under the EU's INTERREG VA Programme is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body, will see the construction of new wastewater treatment works as well as upgrades to sewerage networks on both sides of the border to address wastewater pollution in Carlingford Lough and Lough Foyle.

Wastewater is currently discharged untreated to Carlingford Lough from Omeath. A new wastewater treatment plant is currently being developed by IW, separate to the SWELL Project, in order to treat this wastewater.

In County Louth the SWELL Project will focus on the need to upgrade the sewer network at Omeath to improve how sewerage is transported to the treatment plant and reducing the amount of untreated wastewater discharging from storm water overflows in the future. The Project is at the design phase and it is expected that construction will start towards the end of 2020 with works complete by the end of 2021.

Water Conservation

Water conservation activity continues throughout the County.

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, contract documents, planning and procurement,
Gate 3 - Construction stage,
Gate 4 - Snagging, sign off.

Water Major Infrastructure Projects

Drogheda Water Main Rehabilitation

Works are now complete.

Staleen Drogheda Water Supply Scheme WTP

Gate 3 Construction Stage is still ongoing, with civil works to be completed, by Design Build Operator (DBO).

Cavanhill Dundalk Water Supply Scheme WTP

Gate 3 Construction Stage is still ongoing, with Civil Works to be completed, by Design Build Operator (DBO).

Waste Water Major Infrastructure Projects

Ardee Sewage Scheme Upgrade WWTP

This is still at Gate 3 stage with completion still expected by end of Q3 2019.

Local Network Reinforcing - Dundalk

This is at Gate 2 stage. Contract signing is anticipated for Q2 2020.

Local Network Reinforcing - Drogheda

Review of the model is still progressing.

Drainage Area Plan

Modelling to be completed Q3 2020 with Coe's Road long term solution (short solution in advance stage).

Omeath Sewage Scheme WWTP

This contract is still at Gate 2 stage, Planning Permission - further information lodged in June. Decision due by end of July 2019.

Capital Programmes – Minor Projects

Bay Estate

Works are now complete.

Tinure WWTP

Civil works now completed and mechanical works are ongoing.

Water Networks

Water Networks Programme

Rehabilitation Programme

Watermain replacement currently ongoing in Muirhevnamore, Dundalk, approximately 60% completed (1750m/2860m) and is now scheduled to finish by the end of August 2019.

Campbell's Park, Ardee, all works are completed on public side.

Dublin Road, approximately 30% completed (250m/800m).

Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV)

PRV's all commissioned and operational.

Lead replacement / Back Yard Services

No lead replaced this month. Four backyard services were replaced in June (4 in Francis Street, Drogheda).

First Fix

12 first fix repairs undertaken by Irish Water contractors in June.

Find & Fix

8 find & fix type repairs undertaken in Drogheda by Irish Water contractors in June, 2 in Dublin Road, 2 in Moneymore, 1 in Newfoundwell and 3 in Wheaton Hall DMA.

Metering

The Network Section is providing ongoing support to Irish Water's Contractor for the reinstallation of Non Domestic Meters installed under the Water Rehabilitation Programme.

Water Scouring Programme 2018 / 2019

Scouring of water network during June was at the following locations:

Clogherhead, Termonfeckin, Main Street Ardee, Rathmullan, St Finians Park & Ballsgrove, Drogheda.

Works will move next to Tallanstown, Louth Village and Knockbridge, this is planned to be undertaken from the 8th – 26th July 2019.

Network Maintenance

63 water repairs carried out in June.

Major Outages

Planned outages by DBOs are advised by Irish Water. Unplanned outages arising from bursts are dealt with as they arise and continue to be notified to the members.

Rural Water Programme

We are awaiting notification of allocation from the Department for Housing, Planning and Local Government for application made for funding under a planned three year Multi Annual Rural Water Programme of works on existing or proposed group water schemes.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE

Contents

Economic Development
Local Enterprise Office
European Relations

Planning
Development Management
Planning Enforcement
Forward Planning
Infrastructure

Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

The next meeting of the Louth Economic Forum is to take place on Wednesday 17th July, 2019.

Age Friendly Business Initiative Pilot Scheme – Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk

On Wednesday 26th June, 2019 the Erasmus+ Age Friendly Economy Project Multiplier Event took place in An Táin Arts Centre, Dundalk, this event was hosted by the Local Enterprise Office Louth.

At this event the Age Friendly Business Initiative Pilot Scheme for Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk was promoted and was very successful with 15 Traders wishing to take part in this initiative.

Tourism

Fáilte Ireland, Louth County Council and Meath County Council together with Curated Place held PÚCA Festival Workshops on Thursday 20th June, 2019 in the Westcourt Hotel, West Street, Drogheda. Approximately 60 local stakeholders from the Arts & Culture, Tourism, Food, Community and Educational organisations attended these consultation workshops to learn more about the festival and to help shape the wider programme.

Summer of Seafood in Louth

The Summer of Seafood in Louth Brochure has now been finalised. Altogether, 26 restaurants in Co. Louth took part in this initiative. The aim of this brochure is to celebrate locally sourced ingredients and to highlight and guide visitors to restaurants throughout Co. Louth which serve good quality seafood dishes. This initiative will

run from June to August 2019. The brochure is also available on visitlouth.ie and Drogheda.ie websites.

Seafood Trail

Work is currently ongoing by BAM Media who have been selected to develop the branding for the Seafood Trail and on designing the branding logo and name.

A request for tenders has been issued to Photographers for food styling and landscape images and also for a promotional video.

Fáilte Ireland – Ireland’s Ancient East Visitor Experience Development Plan

On Tuesday 25th June, 2019 Fáilte Ireland held a workshop as part of the final development of the Ireland’s Ancient East Visitor Experience Development Plan (VEDP) in the D Hotel, Scotch Hall, Drogheda. The VEDP will be a 5 year plan and represents the roadmap for all tourism stakeholders.

This workshop was a follow up to the first industry conference and shared research findings and the emerging strategic development priorities for the plan based on the consultation phase and gave the participants an opportunity to input their ideas and share any new experience development that is being planned.

LEO Louth

Brexit Clinics for Business

In preparation for Brexit, LEO Louth held 7 Brexit Clinics in the county during June where small business owner/managers can meet a specialist mentor on a one to one basis for specific advice in relation to how Brexit may impact their

business. Further clinics are planned during the summer months.

A full range of Brexit supports to help small business is offered by LEO, detailed at: www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Start-or-Grow-your-Business/Brexit-Information-Centre/

Customs Imports & Exports

A further two Customs Imports & Exports Workshops are planned, these are aimed at supporting clients and businesses on customs imports and export procedures. The workshops will address the customs implications of trading with a “Third Country” (non-EU) in advance of the United Kingdom’s exit from the Single Market and Customs Union.

Details of the workshops are as follows:

- Creative Spark, Dundalk on the 3rd September 2019
- The Mill, Drogheda on the 9th September 2019

These workshops are free and can be booked on the LEO Louth website at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) 2019

Two Louth county winners in the Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur Competition (IBYE) have progressed through the Regional Finals (Cavan, Louth, Meath & Monaghan) and will now compete in the IBYE National Final in Google Headquarters in September. Dr. Conor Kerley from Setanta Nutrition Science will represent the region in the Best Idea Category and Ms. Orla Stafford from Izmoov will be competing in the Best Start Up.

This is the fifth year of the IBYE competition and also the fifth year where Louth have had at least one representative in the National Finals.



Business Advice Clinics

27 business advice appointments were provided to entrepreneurs in Dundalk (Town Hall) and Drogheda (The Mill Enterprise Hub) through the LEO during June.

Business Training

In June, the following business workshops were delivered to 35 participants:

- Creating an Online Business
- Prepare Your Business for Customs
- Start Your Own Business Programme

An extensive business training schedule for Autumn/Winter 2019 is being compiled, including 3 Start Your Own Business Programmes, Export Sales, Preparing Your Business for Customs, all training will be delivered throughout the county from September to December.

Trading Online Vouchers

LEO Louth has received 15 applications for financial assistance under the Trading Online Voucher Scheme with 8 applications approved.

LEO continues to promote and provide vouchers to local small businesses for financial assistance up to a maximum of €2,500.

Alongside the voucher scheme businesses attend a training workshop which covers topics such as the fundamentals of selling online, practicalities, market places and GDPR for Online Trading.

Age Friendly Economy (EU Project)

Mentoring has continued with the 18 businesses who participated in the Innovation Bootcamp to encourage them to develop new products and services for the silver economy. LEO Louth ran their Project Showcase on the 26th June in An

Táin Theatre where the audience learned about the project outcomes and heard from guest speakers who operate in the silver economy. LEO Louth is working in conjunction with Economic Development, Mary Deery and the Louth Age Friendly Business Alliance and Dundalk BIDS to encourage businesses to consider this market.

Co-Innovate Programme

63 Louth businesses are now engaged on the programme and continue to work with LEO Louth on their innovation agenda. It is envisaged that during 2019 a number of LEO clients will be able to avail of the cross Border Innovate Accelerate Programme after exiting this programme.

Innovate Accelerate

A new innovation and export programme for LEO clients who cannot progress through 'Co-Innovate' but who plan to innovate and increase their capacity to export is now available to client businesses. The aim is to support up to 7 businesses in 2019 to participate on the programme and help address Brexit concerns, and will include tailored intensive mentoring and export support.

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.

European Relations

Memorandum of Understanding

The last meeting of the MOU Committee took place on the 20th February 2019.

INTERREG VA

Carlingford Lough Greenway

In conjunction with SEUPB and research partners, the Steering Committee have started to examine the projects Sustainable Transport Baseline Data and Performance Measurements.

Detailed progress reports and financial claims continue to be submitted to the SEUPB.

The Project Steering Committee continues to hold monthly meetings.

Peace IV Programme



Implementation is progressing satisfactorily on the live projects commenced and a positive impact is being evidenced, particularly in relation to youth projects.

Some outputs to date include:

Cross Border Youth Council Networking Project

The Cross Border Youth Council Networking Project is bringing young people together from both sides of the border to open dialogue around common issues and to develop initiatives to raise awareness, influence policy and to bring young people's unique perspective to decision making. This project is unique, as it will develop a network between Youth Councils in Louth, Cavan, Monaghan, Dungannon, Armagh and Newry and Mourne.

The project was officially launched by Dundalk Youth Centre on the 20th June with representatives of the youth groups in attendance.



Official launch of the Peace IV Funded **Cross Border Youth Council Networking Project**

Creative Interventions

The development and co-ordination of a targeted project – Creative Interventions.

The project continues the Diverse Leaders' Project (2012-14) and the Peace of Art Project (2012-14). The plan is to continue to work with specific target groups, children and young people, new communities, minority faith groups: Muslim Community and Church of Ireland, disadvantaged young people in Muirhevnamor and ex-political prisoners.

The project will be officially launched by LMETB on the 11th July and representatives of the participant groups will be in attendance.



Young musicians enjoying themselves

Small Grants Programme

The tender for the management of the Small Grants Programme is currently advertised on the Official Journal of the European Union website. The closing date for receipt of tenders is the 11th July, 2019.

Infrastructure

Roads Projects

Clanbrassil Street/St. Nicholas Quarter

John Cradock Ltd. appointed. Works commenced on the 7th January 2019. Works are progressing satisfactorily. There are regular meetings between the Contractor, the Council and the affected businesses.



Clanbrassil Street

Narrow Water Bridge CPO

Submissions accepted by Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning NI for pre-commencement compliance. Culvert works carried out adjacent to A2 Roundabout, Warrenpoint.

N53 - Dundalk to Castleblaney Road Phase 4. HBX to Rassan

Atkins have been appointed as Consultants for the environmental studies required on the route options developed by Westmeath National Roads Office.

Public Consultation took place on the 16th April at Naomh Malachi Hall, Sheelagh from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm on the route options. Representatives of Louth County Council, Westmeath National Roads Office and Atkins were in attendance. Submissions are being compiled and environmental studies are ongoing. Public Consultation will take place in Q3 on the emerging preferred route.

N2 Ardee to Castleblaney

Collaborating with Monaghan County Council (as Lead Authority) in progressing Scheme. Public Consultation on the study area were held at the Nuremore Hotel on the 26th June and at the Ardee Parish Centre on the 27th June. Interim measures in County Louth are now being developed.

N52 Ardee Bypass

Tender documents completed and currently being reviewed for main contract. Report prepared for Mullanstown - Coole Group on Cul-de-Sacs. Contractor appointed for land fencing and site clearance to start on the 8th July.

N2 Annaglog & Hunterstown, N52/N33 Roundabouts Pavement Resurfacing

Works are now substantially completed.

Ardee Town Pavement Renewal (North)

- Site Investigation now complete. Pavement Assessment Report approved by TII. Contract documents being prepared.
- Phase I works carried out from Filling Station to N33 Roundabout.
- N52 – N33 Roundabout, resurfacing works completed.

HD 15 Safety Works: Tullyallen, N51

Tullyallen – Lands have been acquired for staggered junction at King Williams Glen. Consultant's appointed and design works ongoing. Tender sought for ground investigation.

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

The project partners are continuing to meet on a monthly basis to review and assess the various aspects of the project with progress and financial reports being submitted to the Special EU Programmes Body (*SEUPB*), on a quarterly basis.

Discussions with landowners are ongoing and progress is being made with finalising design details along the route.

Additional ecological surveys are currently being advanced and progress is being made to finalise the Part 8 Planning submissions as well as the planning application in Northern Ireland.



LIHAF Mount Avenue Improvement

Land take map now finalised. Engaging with Department, Developer and landowners. Landowner engagement is ongoing. Atkins Consultants have been appointed to complete the detailed design and prepare contract documents.

LIHAF Access Road at Newtown, Drogheda

Engaging with Department and Developer. Consultant progressing the design and preparing contract documents for appointing the Works Contractor. Site investigation now completed. Archaeological investigation ongoing.

Park and Share/Park and Ride Pilot Scheme

Feasibility Report completed. Discussions ongoing with the NTA. Engagement with Landowners ongoing. Consultant has been appointed. Topographic survey completed. Archaeological investigation commenced.

Port Access Northern Cross Route

Land Acquisition ongoing. Fencing completed at R132. Application lodged under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund was not successful, appeal lodged against this decision, still awaiting a response from the Dept. concerning this appeal. Fill material being stockpiled, for embankment use. Existing ESB 38kv line has been diverted.

Recreation & Amenity Projects

Obelisk Bridge

Funding approval received. Tender for Consultants has been advertised with a return date of the 26th July.

St Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda

Funding approval received. Tender for Consultants has been advertised with a return date of the 26th July.

Safety Improvement Works

2019 funding allocation received. Design works commenced for the following locations:

- Monasterboice Traffic Calming.
- Avenue Road, Dundalk.
- Drumgoolans Cross, Nursery Cross and the "S" bends on the Southside of the junction.
- Knockbridge Village.
- Knockbrack Downs & Close, Drogheda.
- Bellurgan Straight from the junction of Deer Park Road to the service station opposite Bellurgan Football Club.
- Annagassan Village.
- Leonards Cross, Drogheda.
- Kilsaran Village.
- Tullydonnell School.
- Martins Cross.

Town & Village Renewal

Kilcurry Footpaths

Design continuing for Construction in 2019.

Blackrock Footpaths

Phase I Letter of Acceptance being issued to successful Contractor.

Phase II design to commence.

Dromiskin Footpaths

Works completed on Commons Road.

Letter of Intent issued for Footpath construction for Phase II (Opposite St. Joseph's GFC.)



Commons Road, Dromiskin

Corporate Projects

Ardee Castle

Letter of Intent issued for Enabling Works contract.

Ministerial consent for the works has been received. Ardee Castle has received €2,147,000.00 in funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to be spent over the next two years.



Ardee Castle

Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda

Design team appointed and detailed design work has commenced. Specialist surveys being carried out. Total cost estimate €12m. Revised Part 8 approved by Borough Municipal Meeting in November.

South Louth Depot

Scoping works commenced to identify and inform. Brief to be issued for procurement of Consultants. Further works required to establish site suitability.

Flooding General

Catchment based Flood Risk Assessment & Management Study (CFRAM)

On completion of a national screening exercise in 2011, the OPW identified 300 areas of potential significant flood risk, referred to as Areas for Further Assessment, or AFAs, which are the focus of the CFRAM Programme. There are 8 AFAs, within County Louth as listed below, 6 in the Neagh Bann CFRAM Study Area and 2 in the Eastern CFRAM Study Area.

Neagh Bann CFRAM - Annagassan, Ardee, Carlingford Dundalk & Blackrock South, Greenore & Termonfeckin.
Eastern CFRAM - Baltray & Drogheda.

CFRAM Flood Risk Management Plans were launched by the Minister on the 3rd May 2018 and have now been issued to Louth County Council to adopt. Funding has been approved for 4 Schemes in Co. Louth; Carlingford/Greenore, Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee. Baltray is also approved and is to be commenced later in the CFRAM implementation programme. OPW developing design briefs. Approval received for Staff for the project.

Tender documents being prepared for the appointment of Consultants.

Dunleer Flood Risk Management Plan

Flood Risk Management Plan final report completed.

Marine Projects

Coastal Erosion Study

Study completed and final report issued. Further application for OPW funding will be made.

Coastal Erosion (Other locations)

Funding received for Salterstown and Seabank Coastal Erosion works. Design works

commenced together with preparation of applications for Environmental and Foreshore Consents.

Surface water pipe at Balmers Bog

OPW has approved funding of €668,571 for these works to be undertaken in advance of the Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme.

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. Marys
Site acquired. Dept. of Education to submit a planning application.

Ardee E.T.N.S.

Land Acquisition from HSE is progressing. Stage 2B Design nearing completion. Bill of Quantities being prepared. PV panels being incorporated into roof design. Advanced Works contracts for ESB and Bord Gáis being prepared.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn & Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

Handover to LMETB took place on the 21st December 2018.

Park equipment installed and currently being inspected by RoSPA Play Safety. Public Lighting being installed. Park Planting being completed.



Planning

Development Management

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of May 2019 are given below in tabular form.

There were 94 planning applications received during the month of May of which **85** were valid. In addition there were 29 responses received during the month to requests for further information. 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	(B) Housing Developments	(C) Individual Houses	(D) Other applications- not requiring EIA	(E) Other applications- requiring EIA	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Number of applications determined	4	11	56	3	74
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information	3	5	21	1	30
(iii) Percentage of applications refused	0% (0)	18.18% (2)	3.57% (2)	0% (0)	5.4% (4)
(iv) Number of appeals determined	1	0	6	0	7
(v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0% (0)	0% (0)	16.67% (1)	0% (0)	14.29% (1)

Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

Description	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	May 2019	Year to Date	May 2018	Year to Date
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	31	93	26	97
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up	0	0	0	0
Number of cases closed/resolved through negotiation	20	78	31	101
Number of Warning letters issued	15	51	19	58
Number of Enforcement Notices issued	3	13	4	8
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	1	7	2	4
Number of Injunctions	0	2	0	0
Number of Prosecutions	0	2	0	3

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures

The Planning indicators listed below are in relation to Notices Issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period April – June, 2019.

Description	Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures	
	April – June 2019	Year to Date
Number of Dangerous Structures Files opened	12	21
Number of Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing Owner to carry out work	8	16
Number of Section 3(2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place	0	0

Number of cases closed	2	9
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	2	2
Number of Prosecutions	0	0

Forward Planning

Westgate Vision			
1	June 2019	Residential Land Survey Dundalk & Drogheda	Ongoing
2	June 2019	Westgate Phase 2 Implementation	Ongoing
3	June 2019	Variation No.1 Louth County Development Plan 2015 - 2021	Adopted 20 th May 2019
4	June 2019	Progressing population of Vacant Site Register	Ongoing

OPERATIONS & WASTE MANAGEMENT

Contents

Operations
Waste Management
Air, Water and Noise Pollution

Environment
Veterinary Services

Operations

Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk Area



Resurfacing at Thomas Street

In Dundalk, the 2019 Road Works Programme is underway with resurfacing works substantially completed on Thomas Street, Haynestown, Manydown and Park Avenue. Works continue in Willow Grove with Mill Road, McEntee Avenue and Bellewsbridge Road to start shortly.



Resurfacing at Haynestown

Minor repairs to roads, footpaths, signage, manhole covers and gullies is carried out as required. Repairs continue on Bollards, Barriers, Signs and Traffic Lights damaged by vehicular collisions.

Traffic Light upgrade works have been completed on the Castletown/Bellewsbridge Road junction.

Road Markings have been refreshed at a number of locations.

Customer Services queries are replied to as required and subsequent works carried out.

Maintenance continues on the Public Parks, Borders, Flower Beds and Planters. Grass cutting is ongoing, as required.

Litter picking, emptying bins & street sweeping continues on a daily basis. Removal & disposal of dumped household and similar rubbish from public areas continues.



*Litter dumped at O'Hanlon Park
(Before & After)*

Maintenance of the public foul and storm sewerage network continues with blockages and flooding being cleared as required.

Maintenance continues on the Ramparts and Blackwater Rivers.

A number of Fuel and Oil spills have been cleaned up in the Town Centre and on the approach Roads to Dundalk.

Blackrock & Faughart Area

Works carried out in the past month primarily involved continuation of preparation of roads for surface dressing and then culminated in the actual surface dressing operation being carried out at the end of June on the following roads:

- LS7105 Lurgankeel (R177 to Dungooly Cross),
- LS 7128 Donaghmore to Kilkerley,
- LS7124 Edenagrena to Kilconnor,
- LS7096 Monascriebe to county boundary, LS7099 Faughart Shrine to county boundary,
- LS7108 Marmion's Cross to Connaughtman's Corner,
- LS7100 Junction 18 to Faughart Shrine, and
- LS7093 Aghnaskeagh.

Street cleaning and emptying of litter bins is ongoing with bins emptied in Blackrock every Friday and Monday. Illegally dumped waste was collected from various locations.

Cooley Area

In Cooley, general maintenance of roads, footpaths, signage, gullies, drains, verges, etc continues.

Resurfacing works have been completed on the Rooskey Road as part of the 2019 Road Works Programme



Resurfacing South Commons, Carlingford.

Preparation works on the proposed surface dressing roads is well under way, including patching, verge clearance, drainage works, structural repairs, etc. The Surface Dressing is programmed to start on the 1st July 2019.

Pothole patching has also continued as required.

Verge cutting continues as required in the Cooley Area.

Street Cleaning and Bin Collection continues in Carlingford, Omeath, Greenore, Gyles Quay and Templetown.

Increased amounts of Illegally dumped rubbish and tyres have been lifted at various locations.

Gardai and emergency services are requested as required.

North Mid-Louth Area

Works carried out in the past month primarily involved continuation of preparation of roads for surface dressing and then culminated in the actual surface dressing operation being carried out in the third week of June on the following roads:

- LP2215-26 Bolies to M1 Overbridge,
- LS5191 Milltown to Newrath,
- LS5190 Newrath (Five Crossroads) to Dromiskin,

- LS5176 Tallanstown to Corderry,
- LP1210-18 Pepperstown X to N2,
- LS5151 Lannat X to County Boundary, and
- LS5147 Essexford to Corcreaghy.

Refuse from public bins was collected weekly. Illegally dumped waste was collected from various locations. The playgrounds & ring buoys were checked weekly also.

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations Area

Road maintenance operations including patching and pothole repairs were carried out at various locations including:- Ballapousta, Stabannan LP-1212.

Surface Dressing preparation carried out at Dromin cross to Rathescar and Whiteriver bridge to Woodhouse.

Drainage maintenance, such as opening of drainage outlets and back-drains is continuing on an ongoing basis at various locations including: - LS-6269 Knockaleva, LS-6279 Rathescar, LP-2252 Corlisbane, LP-2254 Rathescar and LP-2253 Philiphtown towards Dunleer.

Various blackspots were attended to avoid flooding.

Concrete footpaths were repaired at Ballygassan and Annagassan.

The cleaning of gullies continued at various locations including Main Street, Collon, Dunleer and Ardee Town and verge cuts along road edges were reopened and new verge cuts opened at various locations.

Litter collection took place at various locations within the district ~ Fly Tipping clear up e.g. Salterstown Beach.

Replacement litter bins were erected in Clogherhead.

Playground inspections, lifebuoy inspections and routine graveyard maintenance are ongoing on a weekly basis throughout the area.

Other road maintenance operations such as maintaining, cleaning and replacing of road signage, the repairing of pedestrian railings, removal of vegetation around signs and traffic light maintenance was undertaken at various locations throughout the area.

Vegetation was also cut back at various crossroads to improve driver sightlines and around traffic signs at various locations.

Road markings to regulate parking and maintain traffic flows are continuing on an ongoing basis. Works are prioritised due to limited resources and carried out when the weather is suitable.

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Road maintenance operations, such as patching and pothole repairs have been carried out at various locations across the road network including:- Trinity Gardens, Cord Road, Boyne Road, Newtown Cross to Greenhills, Crushrod Avenue, Ballymakenny Road, Ascal-a-Tri and Anville Crescent.

Drainage maintenance is continuing on an ongoing basis at various locations throughout the town, including the cleaning of road gullies.

Other road maintenance operations such as maintaining and replacing road signage, traffic light maintenance was undertaken at various locations throughout the Town. Bollards were repaired, washed, painted and new reflective paint applied at various locations.

Traffic Light maintenance continued on an ongoing basis around the town. Footpath repairs were carried out at various locations around the town, including the following:- Trinity Gardens and Ballymakenny Road.

Works continued on a daily basis with the maintenance of the various green verges/areas, flower and shrub areas and parks around the Town.

Litter collection, playground and skate-park inspections and lifebuoy inspections are ongoing on a weekly basis.

The new speed limits signs were uncovered

Bollards were replaced at various locations including Bryanstown cross route, Stockwell Lane and Ballymakenny Road, “no entry” signs at Wellington Quay.

**South Louth District Area
(District of Drogheda – Rural Area)**

Road maintenance operations, such as patching and pothole repairs have been carried out at: Kellystown Road, Baltray Road from traffic lights to school, Seapoint Road, Cruisestown, Sheepgrange Road, Ballymakenny Road, New Line Monesterboice.

Other road maintenance operations such as maintaining and replacing road signage were undertaken at various locations throughout the area including: - New speed limit signs uncovered, signage on R132 at Monesterboice, Warning sign Clogherhead,

No Parking signs boat house carpark Clogherhead. Erection of temporary signage for surface dressing works.

Drainage maintenance is continuing on an ongoing basis throughout the area including opening and reopening verge cuts along various roads including: Cartown Lane, Ganderstown, Seapoint, Newline Road, Gallstown and port beach.

Winter Gritting Summary 2018-2019

The Winter Gritting season officially ran from 15th October 2018 to 30th April 2019.

Length of Routes

An additional 24 km of roads were added to the gritting route this season bringing the total salted on each run up from 407Km to 431km.

Numbers of Runs

There were a record low number of gritting runs this season with a total of 38 runs with a total of 500 grams of salt spread per sq.m of road. This compares with the previous winter 2017-18 when there was a record high of 133 runs and a total of 2,300 grams of salt spread per sq.m of road.

Our numbers of runs and total salt spread are in keeping with our neighbouring counties Meath and Monaghan which being more inland required more salt per sq.m and more runs.

County	No. of Runs	Total Grams of Salt per sq.m
Louth	38	500
Meath	35	525
Monaghan	47	870

New Weather Stations

The only weather stations are in Louth are on the M1 which is not salted by LCC. After repeated request by Louth County Council, the TII finally committed to installing two new weather stations on the N2 at Funshog and N53 at Deerpark. These are currently being installed and will be ready and commissioned for next season. This will provide more accurate forecasting of exactly when road surface temperatures on the LCC routes will reach zero. The stations include embedded road sensors which will give real time salt residual measurements and therefore a better indication of the effectiveness and lifespan of the salting operation.

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement

There were 2 Waste complaints in June 2019. There are a number of Waste Management Act related cases going through the District Court, Circuit Court (appeals and DPP case) and the High Court at present.

Inspections in relation to compliance with Producer Responsibility Initiatives and Waste Authorisations continue to be completed.

The EPA has published **Guidance on Soil and Stone as a By-Product**. This publication follows consultation on draft guidance that took place in late 2018. The purpose of the guidance is to inform economic operators how to prevent waste soil and stone by classifying it as a by-product in accordance with the legislation and the EPA’s regulatory approach to determinations on soil and stone by-products. This guidance document covers soil and stone only.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 36 fines were issued in the period 1/6/2019 to 26/06/2019. Of these fines, 1 was issued in the Dundalk urban area, 19 in Drogheda urban area and 16 in the remaining County wide area.

There was 1 fine issued for dog fouling in June.

So far in 2019 there have been 1,369 investigations with 396 fines issued.

Diesel Laundering Waste

A total of 4 IBC's of Diesel Sludge were recovered in June 2019. The approximate cost of clean-up and disposal of the material is €5,000. 3 IBCs were located at Cabbage Fields, Kilcurry and 1 barrel of Diesel Sludge waste located at Templetown on Wednesday 26th June 2019".

So far in 2019 a total of 39 IBC's at a cost of approximately €49,000 were recovered.

Air / Water / Noise Pollution

Air Pollution

Two cases under the Air Pollution Act (Sale Marketing Distribution and burning of specified fuels Regulations 2012 had been referred for legal action, Case has now been struck out. Case two is due to be heard during July 2019.

Water Pollution Enforcement

There were seven water pollution complaints received during June 2019 which were investigated with 6 closed off and one open for further investigation and enforcement. With regard to legal actions one case under Section 3 of the Local Government (Water pollution) Act 1977 as amended scheduled for hearing during June 2019 has been adjourned to July 2019 in relation to a private pumping station in Drogheda following disclosure requests. An additional case under section 3 in relation to a private pumping station in Dundalk is scheduled for first court hearing in September.

RMCEI (Recommended Criteria for Environmental Inspections)

The 2019 Inspection plan for Louth County Council along with 2018 statistical data for 2018 inspection and enforcement activities were submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency in February 2019 for their assessment.

Water Framework/River Basin Management Plans

The Local Authority waters catchment assessment team commenced the assessment of the Big River catchment on the 26th March 2019 and work is ongoing in that catchment. Preliminary site visits have commenced in the Castletown catchment.

Environment

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

A Public Consultation on Louth County Councils Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy started on the 29th May 2018 and will finish on the 28th June 2019.

The draft documents are available to view on the council's website www.louthcoco.ie and in the local offices and libraries during normal opening hours.

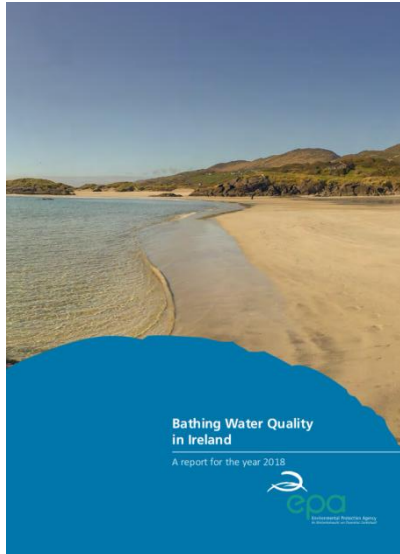
Submissions can be made either by email to

- climatechange@louthcoco.ie or
- in writing to David Hanratty, Senior Engineer, Environmental Compliance Section, Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co, Louth

Submissions must be received no later than midnight on the 28th June 2019.

Bathing Waters

The EPA report Bathing Water Quality in Ireland: A Report for the Year 2018 was released 30/05/2019



This report confirms that Louth’s 4 designated bathing waters have retained their ‘Excellent’ status. 71% of bathing water locations nationwide received an ‘Excellent’ rating. Designated Bathing waters in Louth are at Clogherhead, Port, Seapoint and Shelling Hill/ Templetown.

Clogherhead Beach

Also there is an electronic notice board due to be installed in Clogherhead beach in the next few weeks. The funding for this was obtained through interreg project called SWIM which was lead by University College Dublin. Funding was obtained for the development of bathing water prediction models and the associated electronic notice boards for a number of beaches in NI, Donegal, Sligo and Louth. The beach chosen in Louth was Clogherhead. From 2020 onwards the plan is to provide up to date information giving information to bathers on the current status of the bathing water based on a prediction model that has been developed.

Veterinary Services

Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

As of 30/06/2019, Louth County Council Veterinary Section, under a Service Level Agreement with the FSAI, enforces food safety standards on 16 meat plants under its supervision in the County.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs impounded 30/06/ 2019	
Total dogs impounded	23
Strays	17
Surrendered by owners	6
No dogs reclaimed by owners	4
No of dogs rehomed direct	7
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	11
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 30/06/2019	9

Dog Licences 30/06/2019	
No of Licences sold	509
Licence Checks:	
House calls	217
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	178
Fixed Penalty Notices	10

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses impounded 30/06/2019	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 30/06/2019	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments 30/06/2019	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 30/06/2019)	7
Hunt	2
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
DBE	1
Welfare	1



CORPORATE AND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

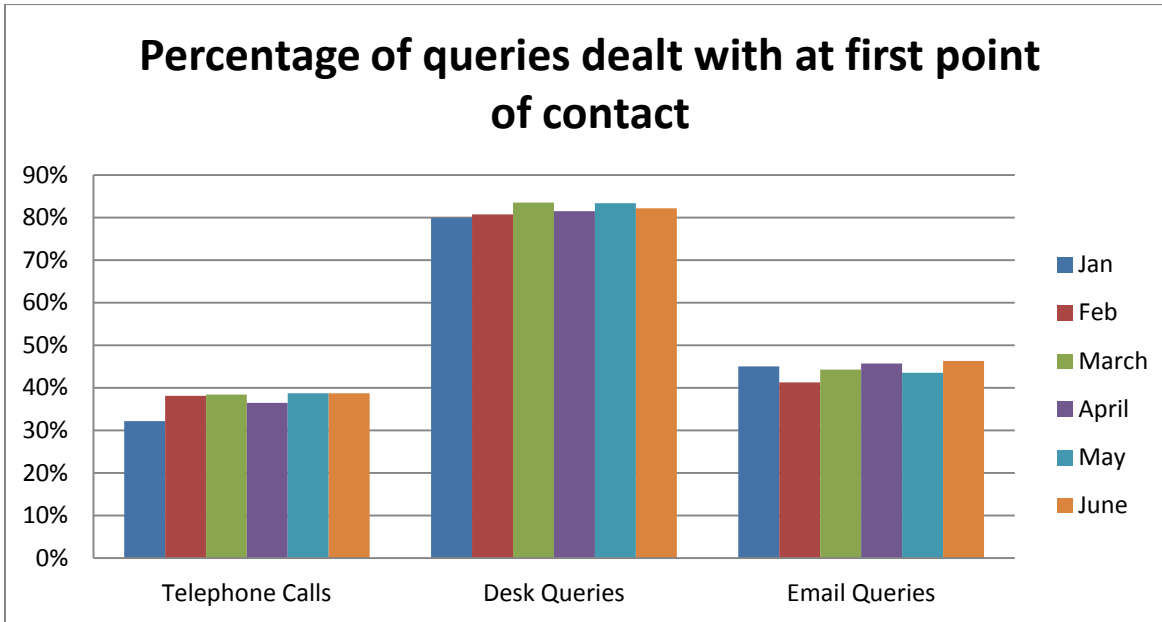
Contents

Corporate Services
Sustainable Energy

Fire & Emergency Services
Civil Defence

Corporate Services

During the month of June Customer Services dealt with 12,299 queries – 6,399 calls, 5,211 counter queries and 689 e-mails.



There were 2,251 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during June of which 464 (21%) remain unresolved.

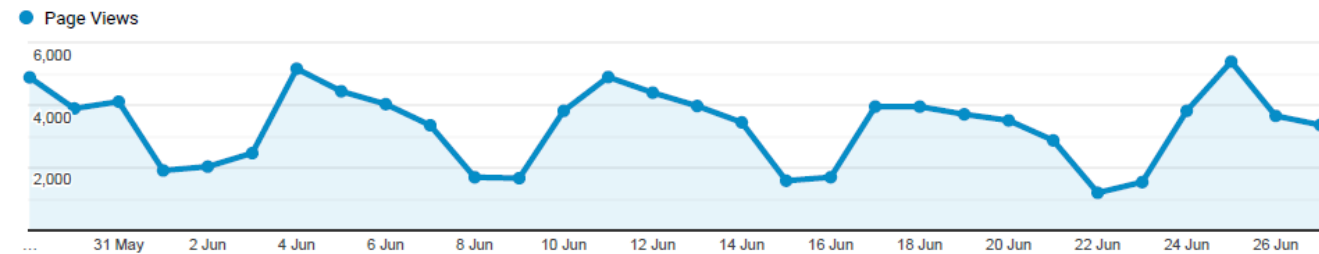
for the year. There were 0 Data Protection requests in June, a total of 5 for the year to date. 6 matters have also been referred to us by the Office of the Ombudsman this year.

Corporate Services handled 6 Freedom of Information requests in June which is a total of 62

All Users
100.00% Page Views

29 May 2019 - 27 Jun 2019

Overview



7994 followers on Twitter

GenComm Interreg Energy Storage Project

We are now in the final 18 months of the project. The project partners will be invited to make a presentation at the next relevant strategic policy committee meeting.

Water Safety

Lifeguards were put in place from 27th June rather than the 1st July due to the hot weather and the anticipated increased numbers of people on the beaches. Further health & safety training was carried out with the lifeguards on Monday 24th June and public rescue equipment is being inspected regularly throughout the county. Warning signage has been developed for Dundalk Port which should be in place shortly.

Preparations are continuing for Water Safety Week which will be held in Gyles Quay on the week commencing 15th July.

Fire Service and Emergency Services

Louth Fire Service attended a number of arson incidents in Drogheda during June 2019. These included two simultaneous attacks on properties in Moneymore, Drogheda, on 20th June 2019. One of these completely destroyed a dwelling (which was unoccupied) and partially spread to two adjoining dwellings.

The following Louth Fire Service training took place during June 2019:

- ESDS Emergency Service Driving courses by Louth instructors
- Breathing Apparatus Refresher courses in Dundalk Training Centre
- Compartment Fire Behaviour Refresher courses in Monaghan
- Attendance by a Sub Officer on a Breathing Apparatus Instructor Course, bringing the total number of BA instructors to 8.
- Attendance by Louth officers at Hydra Decision Making course in Clonmel

Sustainable Energy and Property

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

The Council has submitted to SEAI its energy data for 2018. The preliminary scorecard from SEAI's review of our energy use for 2018 indicates that it was 59.24% of its baseline energy (i.e. that the Council has reduced its energy consumption by 40.76% compared to the baseline).

Better Energy Communities Grant 2018 and 2017

All works for the grant funding offer from 2018 are complete and claims submitted. While most of the outstanding grant monies have been paid, we are following up with SEAI to seek outstanding grant payments for three beneficiaries.

One outstanding grant claim remains from the BEC project in 2017 and we are following up with SEAI to seek payment.

2019 – Communities Energy Grant Application

Louth County Council has now been offered a maximum grant of €129,902.08 for eligible works to a maximum cost of €361,462.30, for a community energy project 'Green Communities Better Future 2019'. The project involves energy works for 4 beneficiaries and partners involving 7 energy efficiency projects around Co. Louth. The terms of the grant require completion and payment for the works and submission of grant claims by 12 October 2019.

Interreg EV Infrastructure bid for Sustainable Transport - Electric Vehicles Rapid Chargers

East Border Region has led and submitted an application for EU funding for Sustainable Transport - Electric Vehicles Rapid Chargers for the region. The Council has been included in the application as an *Associate Partner* for the project and could therefore avail of some funding if the application is successful. The result of this application has not been received yet.

- Attendance by CFO, SACFO and ACFO at a Fire Engineering course in Limerick

In preparation for retirements of fulltime personnel, interviews for fulltime fire fighter positions took place during June 2019. Three successful candidates from the panel are attending a 14 week fulltime recruit's course in Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre.

Preparations are continuing for Fleadh Cheoil 2019 and inspections of Fleadh Cheoil venues are nearing completion. A statutory inter-agency meeting took place on 5th June 2019 and a Fleadh exercise is scheduled for 8th July 2019. Planning applications have made to Louth County Council in respect of campsites for the event and these are currently being assessed.

The Fire Prevention Section has been involved in event safety meetings for the Convoy to Cooley festival, which takes place on 13th to 14th July and the Carlingford Oyster Festival, which takes place on 8th to 12th August.

Major Emergency Management

An inter-agency major emergency exercise took place in the Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, on 19th June 2019. This exercise was organized by AGS, Fire Service and HSE personnel and was attended by approximately 100 staff from these agencies, including Louth County Council and Irish Water staff.

There will be a follow-up exercise during October 2019.

Civil Defence

The Civil Defence Board has issued a draft national discussion document titled 'Towards 2030'. A meeting has taken place between the Minister and Civil Defence representatives in relation to the proposals.

A number of meetings have taken place between the Dept of Defence and the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) to decide how new PHECC requirements for Civil Defence Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics may be complied with. The Civil Defence medical cover for Fleadh Cheoil 2019 will be unaffected by this.

The following Louth Civil Defence activities took place during June 2019:

- Drone crews spent 2 days gathering aerial footage for the Major Emergency exercise in the Nuremore Hotel.
- First aid cover provided for Blackrock Raft Race.
- Weekly drone training
- Weekly radio training
- First Aid Responder course ongoing.

HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Contents

Housing Communities

Quality of Life

Libraries
Archives
Museum
Heritage
Arts

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 Action Plan, 2013-17. The work done within Louth can be summarised as follows:

Presentations of June 19	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	0	39	20	59
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	0	17	09	26
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	16	05	21
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	1	5	6
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	5	1	6

The tables below reflect monthly returns submitted to the Department with regard to Homeless numbers in the NORTH EAST REGION

This anonymous and aggregated return of all individuals accessing emergency accommodation is returned to the Department of Housing on a monthly basis. The following information has been

returned relating to the timeframe, 1st June -30th June 2019 last.

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	115
Female	61
Total	176

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	24
25-44	99
45-64	39
65+	14
Total	176

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	104
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	71
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	1
Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)	0

Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	0
Total unique individuals	176

Table 4: County

County	Total
County Louth	162
County Monaghan	3
County Cavan	11
Total	176

Table 5 - Families with dependent children breakdown

	No. families with dependent children	No. Individual Adults	No. Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	10	10	27
Couples with dependent children	5	10 couples 20 adults	9
Total	15	20	36

Housing First

The North East Region with Louth as the lead Authority and working in partnership with the HSE submitted a 3 year proposal in March 19 to role out Housing First in the North East Region.

The Housing First target for the North East Region under Rebuilding Ireland is for the creation of 35 new tenancies over the next 3 years, with 23 of these earmarked for Louth, 9 for Cavan and 3 for Monaghan. (See Table 1).

Tendering for the project will commence June 2019 and the project is expected to commence September 2019.

Table 1 – Housing First Commitments

Year	Louth	Cavan	Monaghan
2019	7	3	1
2020	8	3	1
2021	8	3	1
Total	23	9	3

Inspections of Private Emergency Accommodation

Since December 2017 the Homeless Office have 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

Housing Assistance Payment

Work continues on promoting the Housing Assistance Payment model of Social Housing Support. Louth County Council is one of the Phase One Implementation sites and data on this support is now reported in monthly municipal district housing reports.

The total number of applications in HAP is 2889.

Ardee Municipal District	Dundalk Municipal District	Drogheda Municipal District	Total
285	1548	1056	2889

Pillar 2 Accelerate Social Housing

Over the period 2018 to 2021, a target has been set for the provision of 1074 units with an annual target of 520 units in 2019. These targets will include matters such as Part V provision, Acquisitions, Mortgage to Rents, Long Term Leases, Repair and Lease and Buy & Renew Acquisitions. The 2019 delivery pipeline progress is detailed at the end of this Section.

Castleguard, Ardee, County Louth

Tuath has delivered the final phase of this development at the end of April 2019 and nominations have been put forward by Louth County Council.

Dundoogan, Haynestown, Co. Louth

Tuath Housing Association has received CALF approval for 112 homes in this development. 25 new homes were delivered in April 2019 and nominations were made by Louth County Council's Allocation Section.

Dunleer PPP Housing Scheme, Co. Louth

Works are ongoing on the construction of 80 units in Dunleer. It is anticipated that all 80 units will be delivered by Q2 – 2020

Housing Allocations

Numbers Allocated	Allocations - Social	Allocations - Voluntary	Refusals - Social	Refusals - Voluntary
Ardee MD	8	25	1	1
Dundalk MD	24	68	5	7
Drogheda MD	15	21	3	3
Total Allocation	42	114	9	11

Transfers Approved within Social Housing

Year	Ardee	Dundalk	Drogheda
2019	1	6	2

Housing List (excluding HAP Transfers)

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
-------	----------	------------	-------------	-------

Jan 19	407	545	863	1815
Feb	410	545	862	1817
March	402	564	859	1825
April	394	559	856	1809
May	380	511	848	1739
June	380	490	824	1694

Transfer List from HAP

Month	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Jan 19	252	1433	996	2681
Feb 19	262	1469	1021	2752
Mar 19	262	1483	1047	2792
April 19	271	1499	1056	2826
May 19	284	1533	1067	2884
June 19	285	1548	1056	2889

There are a total of 218 applicants on the list for transfer (**Non-HAP**) within Social Housing including **18** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Rent Management

The number of tenants who pay rent by Household Budget is now **1099**

Current Rents Arrears as at 28 th February 2019	Number of Account	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	197	€66,519
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	141	€90,893
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	981	€3,526,768
TOTAL	1319	€3,684,180

Pillar 3 Build More Homes

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

Location	Average
Mullavalley, Louth Village	8.82
Kilkerley	11.59
Ballymakenny	16.53
Mount Avenue	7.64
Point Road	5.2
Various Individual Sites	0

Pillar 4 Improve the Rented Sector

No. of properties inspected (year to date)	389
No. of advisory notes issued to landlord	244
No. of improvement notices issued	22
No. of prohibition notices issued	6
No. of Rent Book Notices issued	0
Inspections (HAP)	365
Improvement Notices (HAP)	19

Current Prohibitions are also listed on the website.

Pillar 5 Utilise Existing Housing

Vacant Home Initiatives 2019

	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
RLS (In Progress)	0	2	0	2
RLS (Tenanted)	0	0	0	0
CPO (In Progress)	11	22	7	39
CPO (Tenanted)	2	3	4	9

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

Maintenance	Total (YTD)	This month
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	2153	252
No. of Requests Outstanding-	533	45

Vacant Properties	Total
Vacant Properties (re-lets)	76
Total Vacant Properties	76

Vacant Properties (new properties which have not been previously tenanted)	3
Vacant Properties (CPO units not yet ready for occupation)	22

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

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 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.

Our annual allocation for Disabled Persons Grants for 2019 is € 1,706,802; of which €341,360 is to be provided from Louth County Councils own revenue resources. €268,169 has been spent on Disabled Persons Grants to date.

Estate Management

	Drogheda MD Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Total	
Pre Tenancy Training	01	4	05	
Tenancy Inspections	14	15	29	
Total	15	19	34	
ASB CASES				
ASB ongoing	6	3	11	20
ASB completed	6	2	05	13
Total ASB Investigation Cases	12	5	16	33

ACTION TAKEN	DBD	AMD	DMD	TOTAL
No further action required	1	0	3	4
No Further action	5	2	3	10
Verbal Warning	1	1	0	2
Tenancy Notification	0	0	0	0
Tenancy Warning	0	0	0	0
Notice to Quit Served	0	0	0	0
Exclusion Order Sought	0	0	0	0
Do not proceed	1	0	1	2
Total Action Taken	8	3	7	18
TENANCY OUTCOME	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Eviction following	0	0	0	0
Exclusion Order in Place	0	0	0	0

Delivery Stream	Rebuilding Ireland Projected Delivery 2018-2021				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
SHIP CONSTRUCTION	0	0	86	75	161
SHIP CONSTRUCTION RAPID	0	0	0	0	0
REGENERATION	0	0	22	0	22
CAS CONSTRUCTION	1	7	45	6	59
SHIP CONSTRUCTION SINGLE STAGE and Buy & Renew	23	6	0	0	29
SHIP CONSTRUCTION TURNKEY	0	0	0	0	0
SHIP Dialog	0	0	0	0	0
CAS CONSTRUCTION TURNKEY	0	0	0	0	0
PPP	0	0	0	80	80
AHB CALF Construction	10	17	0	0	27
AHB CALF Turnkey	119	199	32	0	350
CALF Part V	14	77	37	0	128
LA Part V	4	0	0	0	4
CAS Part V	0	0	0	0	0

Performance Against Target 2018 - 2021	
2018 - 2021 Pipeline (excluding Voids)	860
2018 - 2021 Target (including capped voids)	720
% of Target in Pipeline	120%
Shortfall/Over	140

Scheme	Project Name	Total Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date
CAS CONSTRUCTION	5 Slieveroe Crescent, Dundalk	1	Cluid Housing Association	Stage 2 Approved	01/11/2019
CAS CONSTRUCTION	36 Strand Hill, Clogherhead	4	St. John of God Housing Association Ltd		30/09/2019

CAS CONSTRUCTION	Four Winds, Mullacapple, Collon	1	St. John of God Housing Association Ltd	Stage 1 Approved	01/11/2019
CAS CONSTRUCTION	Tierney Street, Ardee	7	Oaklee Housing Trust	Stage 3 Approved	01/02/2020
CAS CONSTRUCTION	Saltown, Dundalk	7	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Stage 3 Approved	01/02/2020
SHIP CONSTRUCTION	Father Finn Park (Phase 2)	17		Stage 3 Approved	01/03/2020
SHIP CONSTRUCTION	Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)	68		Stage 1 Approved	31/03/2020
CAS CONSTRUCTION	Barrack Street, Dundalk	27	Simon Community : Dundalk Simon	Stage 2 Approved	01/11/2020
REGENERATION	Cox's Demesne Phase 2b	22		Stage 3 Approved	01/06/2020
CAS CONSTRUCTION	St. John's Home, Peter's Hill, Drogheda, Co. Louth	4	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Stage 1 Approved	30/06/2020
CAS CONSTRUCTION	Coulter Park	6	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Stage 1 Approved	01/02/2021
SHIP CONSTRUCTION	Mount Avenue, Dundalk	75		Stage 1 Approved	01/12/2021
CAS CONSTRUCTION	Carntown, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	1	SJOG	Stage 1 Approved	15/12/2019
SHIP Construction Buy and Renew	CPO All bundles 2019 - Q1 Delivery	9		Completed	31/03/2019
SHIP Construction Buy and Renew	CPO All bundles 2019 - Q2 Delivery	4		Completed	30/06/2019

SHIP Construction Buy and Renew		CPO bundles - Q3 Delivery	All 2019	8			Onsite	30/09/2019
SHIP Construction Buy and Renew		CPO bundles - Q4 Delivery	All 2019	11			Onsite	31/12/2019
SHIP Construction Buy and Renew		CPO bundles Delivery	All 2020	8			Onsite	31/12/2020
PPP		Ravel Road, Dunleer	Ardee	80	Oaklee Housing Trust		Funding Approved PPP	01/05/2020
AHB Turnkey	CALF	2 units Rian, Termonfeckin Rd., Drogheda, Co. Louth	An	North East Housing Association Ltd	&	Onsite	Onsite	31/03/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	7 units Termon River, Baltray Road, Termonfeckin, Drogheda, Co.Louth		North East Housing Association Ltd	&	Onsite	Onsite	30/06/2019
AHB Construction	CALF	Bishops Court, Dundalk, Louth	Co	Túath Housing Association Ltd		Onsite	Onsite	31/12/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Castleguard, Ardee, Louth	Co.	Túath Housing Association Ltd		Onsite	Onsite	31/03/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Cois Upper Road, Dundalk, Louth	Cuain, Point Co.	Túath Housing Association Ltd		Onsite	Onsite	31/01/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Dowdallshill, Dundalk, Louth	Co.	North East Housing Association Ltd	&	Onsite	Onsite	30/09/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Glenview Dublin Road, Dundalk		Respond		Completed	Completed	31/07/2019

AHB Turnkey	CALF	Glenview Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Respond	Onsite	Onsite	31/07/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Dundoogan, Haynestown, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/03/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Dundoogan, Haynestown, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/06/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Dundoogan, Haynestown, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/09/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Dundoogan, Haynestown, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/09/2019
AHB Construction	CALF	Fire Station Site, Scarlett St, Drogheda	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/09/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/07/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/07/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/08/2019

AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/12/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth (Tuath)	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/06/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth (Tuath)	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/09/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Revised - 43 Units at Mount Hamilton, Dundalk, Co Louth	Cluid Housing	Onsite	Onsite	31/08/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Revised - 43 Units at Mount Hamilton, Dundalk, Co Louth	Cluid Housing	Onsite	Onsite	31/10/2019
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Dundoogan, Haynestown, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/03/2020
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth (Tuath)	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/03/2020
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Harbour Grove, Dundalk, Co. Louth	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	31/03/2020
AHB Turnkey	CALF	The Loakers, Blackrock, Co. Louth	Cluid Housing	Onsite	Onsite	30/06/2019

AHB Turnkey	CALF	Harbour Grove, Dundalk, Louth Co.	North & East Housing Association Ltd	Onsite	Onsite	30/04/2020
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Rathmullen Road, Drogheda, Louth Co.	Túath Housing Association Ltd	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Louth Co.	Oaklee Housing	On-Hold	On-Hold	
AHB Turnkey	CALF	Mount Hamilton, Dundalk, Louth Co.	Cluid Housing	Onsite	Onsite	31/05/2020

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 SHCEP 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.

SICAP = Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme addresses high and persistent levels of deprivation through targeted and innovative, locally-led approaches. It supports disadvantaged communities and individuals including unemployed people, people living in deprived areas, people with disabilities, single parent families, people on a low income, members of the Traveller and Roma community and other disadvantaged groups.

SHIP = Social Housing Investment Programme. Dept. provides 100% funding for LA and AHB construction projects. All capital projects under SHIP are required to be managed within strict budgetary and cost control parameters and completed in a timely manner.

Communities

Launch of Drugs Peer Education Programme



Dundalk Credit Union, Louth GAA and Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) announced the launch of the Louth Peer Education Programme on Tuesday June 18th at the Centre of Excellence, Darver. The Louth Peer Education Programme will deliver a comprehensive peer-to-peer substance use education programme to young people in all secondary schools in Co. Louth, commencing in October 2019. The Louth Peer Education Programme will empower young people to be more informed about the harmful effects of substance use and will enhance their ability to make informed and healthy choices. The Programme will be delivered by IE Programmes, on behalf of the North Eastern Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

LEADER

The LCDC/LAG at its meeting in June approved funding support in the amount of €242,444.50 for nine LEADER projects. Locations of the projects approved for support include Dundalk, Darver, Kilanny, Drogheda and Ardee.

PPN

Louth PPN Secretariat met on 13th June 2019 and welcomed 11 new PPN Representatives as a result of the elections held at the plenary meeting in May. Representatives were assigned to

Secretariat Sub Committees with various projects/programmes set to be planned and implemented in the second half of 2019.



The Projects Sub Committee started with a bang with the launch of the PPN Community & Voluntary Awards on Wednesday 25th June and the nomination process is now open. The closing date for receipt of nominations is 14th August. Nomination forms are available in local newspapers throughout the County and are also available via the PPN website www.louthppn.ie. The award ceremony will take place on 25th September in Bellingham Castle.

The Louth PPN Resource Worker took part in a very productive workshop with several other statutory agencies, hosted by Dunleer Community Development Board, working alongside DeeHub. The focus of the workshop was to enable the development of an action plan for the young people of Mid-Louth in response to a need for a more integrated approach in supporting young people in Mid-Louth.

Dundalk Sports Centre

Primary School Basketball Blitz –A Primary School Basketball Blitz was held at Dundalk Sports Centre with 12 teams and over 120 children taking part. The final was held on 21st June 2019.



Summer Camps – the summer camp programme has commenced with Sport Leader with the following over the summer months:

- Inclusibility Camps (Adults & Kids)
- Multi Sport Camps
- Junior & Senior Basketball Camps
- Wheelchair Basketball Camps

Further details are available on the Dundalk Sport Centre website.

Louth Sports Partnership

Louth Chalk Free Play – Every primary school child in County Louth received a Chalk Free Play Resource funded by Healthy Ireland and managed by Louth Sports Partnership & Louth CYPSC. 17,662 tubes were delivered by hand to every school for distribution, please check out the Partnership's Youtube channel or Facebook page for videos of the launch of the programme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UNYALf4yIA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKzKxN8tGDY&frags=wn>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zARegJ5t3BU>



Louth School Girls League – Set up in conjunction with FAI in December 2018 and commenced in March 2019 (U7, U9, & U12). There are currently 10 clubs involved, 25 teams across all ages groups with approx 250 girls taking part.



Small Club Grants - Our annual small club grants is now launched with a closing date of 19th July at 4pm. All details on www.louthlsp.com

To be added to the mailing list please e-mail louthlsp@louthcoco.ie

Sports Leadership Award – 35 local students aged 13 – 17 were trained in April 2019 for a Sports Leadership Qualification and a further 17 trained in June. The next course is to be held in Drogheda in August.

Child Safeguarding Training – July – December 2019 courses continue for level 1, 2 & 3. Please see our website for upcoming dates and venues.

Muirhevnamor Community Physical Activity and Sports Hub

Outdoor Bootcamp – A 10 week physical activity intervention aimed at getting sedentary people active costing €40.00 (works out at €2.00 per class) commenced on 1st July at Dundalk Sports Centre. The idea behind this bootcamp is to get people active in a safe and instructed environment. Contact the Louth Sports Partnership for more information.

Blue Flag and Green Coast Beaches

Lifeguards are currently on duty at our three Blue Flag Beaches at Clogherhead, Port and Templetown for the 2019 season. Seapoint Beach in Termonfeckin is also a Green Coast Beach for 2019. Presentation of the Green Coast Beach by An Taisce took place on Seapoint Beach on 6th June, which was attended by local groups and schools.

The water quality continues to be tested at all four of our Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches.

Pride of Place 2019

Judging of the Pride of Place 2019 competition will take place in August:

Thursday 22nd (am) Drogheda & District Support 4 Older People
Thursday 22nd (pm) Carlingford
Friday 23rd (am) Louth Village

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Louth County Council has submitted 12 proposals for funding support to the Department of Rural and Community Development by the 28th June 2019 deadline. Selection of the projects by the Department will be by means of a national competitive process. Twenty two Expressions of Interest were received; however the scheme only allows each Council to select up to 12 proposals.

Location	Details
Ballapousta	Extension of footpaths
Baltray	Repairs to lay by at Queensborough
Blackrock	Phase 2: Footpath provision – Rock Road
Carlingford	Public toilets upgrade & cemetery wall Repair
Clogherhead	Upgrade to toilets at harbour & Port beach & dune protective fencing & addition of charge points
Darver	Upgrade to existing Community Centre
Dunleer	Upgrade to entrance to the Lannleire Pavilion
Greenore	Construction of footpaths & charge point
Gyles Quay	Upgrade to public toilets and car park
Stabannon	Extension of footpaths
Templetown	Upgrade of public toilets & drainage works
Termonfeckin	Provision of footpaths

Libraries

Right to Read Initiative: a national initiative to support and enhance literacy work in local authorities.

Parent & Toddler groups meet weekly in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee libraries with monthly baby book clubs in the 3 branches.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure is an annual programme which promotes children's literacy and reading development during the summer months. It launched on Tuesday, June 18th, with storytelling for invited school groups in all Louth branches. A huge response has been reported from all branches so far with great numbers joining up to partake. Lots of events are taking place throughout the summer in the various branches as part of this programme.

Summer Stars Events Highlights

Storytelling Dundalk Library :

Wednesday, July 10th & Wednesday, July 24th at 3pm

Wednesday, August 7th & Wednesday, August 21st at 3pm

Storytelling Drogheda Library:

Saturday, July 6th & Saturday, July 13th at 11.30 a.m.

Thursday, August 1st & Friday, August 9th at 11.30 a.m.

Summer Stars Bookclub, Dundalk Library, for 8 to 11 year olds, will meet every fortnight throughout the summer commencing on Friday, June 28th, 3pm and fortnightly thereafter.

Sign up Saturday

Games and storytelling to celebrate participation in the Summer Stars Reading Adventure, Dundalk Library, Saturday, July 13th, 11am

Bookland Buddies

Celebrating Books & Reading. Drop-in to our special "Bookland" space for fun book-related activities, quizzes, art etc anytime from 10 am to 5 pm. Tuesday, July 18th.

Summer Stars Activity Station

Drogheda library, July - August with fun colouring, crafts etc for children, including Fleadh - themed activities.

Other Upcoming Children's Events

Understanding Dogs : Workshops with DogsTrust to improve children's confidence around dogs :

Ardee Library, Tuesday, July 9th at 11am

Drogheda Library, Wednesday, July 24th at 3 pm.

Dundalk Library, Thursday, July 25th at 3pm

Clayotic Workshops : clay modelling sessions for children will take place as follows:

Drogheda Library Wednesday July 31st at 3 pm.

Ardee Library Friday August 2nd at 3 pm

Author Visit

Author Alma Jordan of Agrikids gave excellent talks on farm safety at Ardee, Drogheda & Dundalk libraries in June which were attended by pupils from local primary schools.

Alma Jordan at Drogheda Library



Cruinniú na nÓg Louth

Louth Libraries had an information stand at Mellifont Abbey on Saturday, June 15th. Library services were highlighted and children got the opportunity to sign up for Summer Stars at Cruinniú.

At Mellifont Abbey for Cruinniú na nÓg...



Work Matters

The Work Matters service aims to support job seekers and budding entrepreneurs. A

dedicated Work Matters hot desk space is available in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee Libraries. Resources include a dedicated seating and table area, Free WiFi, a designated PC or Laptop, printing and photocopying, books, newspapers, information, and a jobs board .Work Matters is delivered in collaboration with LMETB, Intreo, Louth Volunteer Centre, LEO and the Mill Enterprise Hub in Drogheda.

LMETB hold regular adult education guidance & information session in Ardee, Drogheda & Dundalk libraries.

Computer Classes

Regular computer classes are held in Ardee, Drogheda & Dundalk libraries. All classes are free, open to everyone, and demand is extremely high.

Ardee library is currently taking names for a new Digitise the Nation computer class.

STEAM Programme

Virtual Reality Workshops for Older Adults These took place in Dundalk Library recently. Participants got hands on experience using a virtual reality headset with Mark Larkin, a Master student from Maynooth University. The workshops were enjoyed by all who attended.

Virtual Reality Workshop



E- services Demonstrations

Dundalk Library 1st Wednesday of the month from 3pm to 5pm

Drogheda Library 1st Wednesday of the month 11.30 am -12.30 pm

Ardee Library 1st Friday of the month 11am -12 noon.

Exhibitions

Hands Across The Border Patchwork Quilt Exhibition Dundalk Library, Tuesday, July 2nd to Saturday, July 13th.

“Are You A Human Being?” Joint art exhibition with local artists James Muckian and Sean Hamill. Dundalk Library, Tuesday, July 16th to Saturday, July 27th.

Memories of Drogheda Fleadh 2018 Drogheda Library July 18th – end of August. An exhibition by members of Drogheda Photo Club featuring images which capture Fleadh 2018.

Other Upcoming Events:

Dundalk Library Summer Movie Mornings will take place every Friday morning at 11am during July and August.

Water Safety Talk with Aura. Dundalk Library, Thursday, July 11th, 2:30pm

Fleadh Cheoil

Drogheda Library will be the venue for lectures & symposium for Seachtain na hÉigse during the Fleadh in August.

My Open Library

My Open Library service has opened in Ardee library. Library members who have signed up for the new initiative have access to the library from 8 am to 10 pm 7 days per week. Currently there are **95** members of MOL, of these **54** are new members of the library. Feedback from MOL members has been extremely positive.

Archives



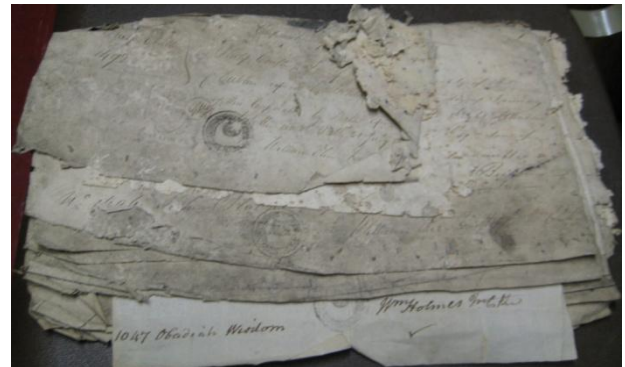
National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group (Co Archivist a member): The Group is currently working on the schedule for Environment and the archivist is consulting with staff from the Environment section. The Group is also commencing on Transport and Infrastructure. The 2nd Working Group is discussing amendments to the HR retention schedule and will move on to Corporate after HR.

Records Management: The Co Archivist regularly works with staff on the preparation of records both for disposal and for transfer to the Records Centre and is currently working with staff in Finance, Motor Tax and Environment. Prior to destroying records, a Destruction List has to be prepared for records to be checked by the Co Archivist and a Destruction Certificate signed by the Certifying Officer and the Co Archivist. Only when the section has this Destruction Cert, may records then be destroyed. If sections wish to transfer records to the Records Centre or any other storage, they must first notify the Co Archivist and prepare a Transfer List.

Seeking Election Literature: County Archives is seeking any election pamphlets (local, European, referendum) such as flyers, booklets, calling cards, printed state information, from the recent election. Please place in an envelope and drop into any of the civic offices marked for the attention of the County Archives.

Drogheda Archives Conservation Project: Work has commenced on the

conservation of a number of Drogheda archives that are currently in poor condition. This project is receiving funding from the Heritage Council.



Decade of Centenaries Exhibition: Louth County Archives Service's 1918 Centenary exhibition called 'It is resolved that ...' is currently on display in the Local Reference section of Dundalk Library. The exhibition focuses on the critical period between the 1916 Rising and the General Election of December 1918. The exhibition received funding from the Commemorations Unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, Creative Ireland and Louth County Council.

St Patrick's Cemetery Project: This is a joint project with the Old Dundalk Society and DKIT's Department of Computing Science and Mathematics to develop a grave locator app and website for the cemetery. Work on the second phase of the project involving the transcription of the burial records by volunteers is progressing well with the first two books completed. Work has commenced on books 3 and 4.

Access Policy for Local Authority Archive Services: Members of the Local Government Archivists and Records Managers (LGARM) have finalised a new standard access policy in light of the changes in Data Protection with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. A copy will be sent to the ARA,I, the National Archives and the DP Office.

Other activities included assisting researchers with research enquiries and

assisting staff with records management and record retention queries in addition to the ongoing work of accessioning, preserving and processing archive collections.

Arts

Supported by the Creative Ireland Grant Programme in Louth, Dundalk's first Contemporary Urban Arts Festival, **SEEK**, took place on 15th – 22nd June. SEEK is a festival aimed at attracting some of the world's best outdoor muralists and urban artists to Dundalk. In addition to the artwork there was a creative workshop for youth and also free guided walking tours daily. The festival received widespread local and national media coverage.

Another Creative Ireland grant supported project that took place in June was the unveiling of a **Community Tapestry** in Creative Spark. This embroidered tapestry has taken hundreds of hours to complete by a group of 30 local stitchers following facilitated storytelling sessions to capture stories of particular relevance to County Louth and the people who live here. Please take time to visit Creative Spark to see this unique and permanent artefact for Dundalk and County Louth.

Supported by CreateLouth, Louth Contemporary Music Society hosted **Stations of the Sun** Music Festival on Fri 21st- Sat 22nd June in Dundalk which featured composers and musicians from around the world. Featuring the premiere performances of new works, Stations of the Sun followed the solar cycle in a sequence of five concerts. This annual festival attracts audiences from all over Ireland, England & Europe. BBC Radio 3 recorded two of the performances for broadcast at a later date.

Cruinniú na nÓg took place in Old Mellifont Abbey on Saturday 15th June from 1pm – 5pm, an annual day of creativity for children and young people, funded by the Creative Ireland Programme. Activities included storytelling, animation, drawing, archery, screen-printing, pop-up theatre, musical

performances, theatrical magic, traditional games, scavenger hunt, heritage trail.

Upcoming Festival: Supported by CreateLouth, An Chúirt Chruitreachta **International Festival for Irish Harp** takes place in An Grianán Termonfeckin, from 30th June - 5th July. Alongside a series of workshops for harpers is the very popular public concert series that features a roll call of Irish and international leading harpers including Maeve Gilchrist, Cormac De Barra, Siobhán Armstrong, Janet Harbison, Oisín Morrison, Paul Dooley, Séamas Ó Flaithearta, Triona Marshall and many others. Rising harp stars will be showcased at the Festival lunchtime harp series at The Tholsel in Drogheda. Full programme at: www.cairdenacruite.com/festival.



Cruinniú na nÓg

Museum

June at the Museum

In addition to the provision of walking tours around the town the Museum has hosted a number of visiting groups of dignitaries over the past month. This included:

- The Swiss Ambassador, Louis-José Touron
- Members of the German-Irish Parliamentary Friendship Group who were participating in a Brexit fact-finding mission
- His Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja II – the ruler (Ooni) of the Yoruba kingdom in Nigeria

- Minister Damien English TD at the launch of the CTCHC report for Dundalk



The Museum also hosted a comparative conference on the nature of retail in Ireland and the Netherlands.

The Museum in association with the Dundalk Tidy Towns has developed a banner display highlighting Dundalk's industrial past. The banners are on display on Park Street.

Exhibitions



The Peter Rice exhibition *When An Engineer Imagines* continues to the end of the year.

'The Sinking of the SS Dundalk' which opened on October 12th last continues its run. The exhibition features items associated with the Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company, the ship itself as well as the fundraising efforts in the aftermath of the tragedy. This exhibition will end in early July.

Other

The museum continues to collect items and artifacts from the public, as well as organizing guided tours of the collection.

In addition to the recently acquired carved stone head last month the Museum has also come into the possession of a bullaun stone. As is the case with the stone head we plan to incorporate it into our permanent exhibition on the First Floor Gallery.

Heritage

Heritage Office activities in June 2019

The heritage office's main project in June 2019 has been working with various partners to prepare for the launch of the Collaborative Town Centre Health Check Report (led by the Heritage Council) for Dundalk on Friday 28th June, and the visit by a study group from the Netherlands associated with it.

The Heritage Officer also worked with the Dundalk Business Improvement District on the murals created as part of the SEEK festival. These murals place images highlighting important aspects of Dundalk's history on prominent walls around the town.

The heritage officer will be helping open Laurence's Gate for three days during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (15th to 17th August). The last day coincides with the beginning of Heritage Week.

Four funding applications were developed and submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for biodiversity projects. No word has yet been received.

The funding application submitted to the Department of Foreign Affairs' 'Co-operation with Northern Ireland' programme was unsuccessful. It was to produce heritage guides to Louth's border with Counties Down (Carlingford Lough) and Armagh.

The heritage officer attended a training session for heritage officers from around the country, organised by the Heritage Council, in County Mayo.

Heritage Officers meet with the Heritage Council in Mayo

