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

Dated 7th September 2019

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<td>15,400,023</td>
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Income to 31st August 2019

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<td>Road Transportation &amp; Safety</td>
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<td>General Purpose Grant (LGF)</td>
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<td><strong>71,102,976</strong></td>
<td><strong>106,114,939</strong></td>
<td>67%</td>
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The above is the current position as at the 31st August 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 31st August 2019 are as follows:

Debtors as at 31st August 2019

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<td>Government Debtors</td>
<td>5,751,779</td>
<td>42,556,564</td>
<td>(38,971,609)</td>
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<td>9,336,734</td>
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<td>Other Local Authorities</td>
<td>105,124</td>
<td>130,484</td>
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<td>Rates</td>
<td>9,538,720</td>
<td>32,800,980</td>
<td>(22,239,975)</td>
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<td>Rents</td>
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<td>(8,113,730)</td>
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<td>Loans</td>
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<td>908,497</td>
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<td>1,613,694</td>
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<td>(13,832)</td>
<td>1,638,779</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL DEBTORS</strong></td>
<td><strong>36,474,762</strong></td>
<td><strong>90,506,114</strong></td>
<td><strong>(77,330,662)</strong></td>
<td><strong>(1,722,852)</strong></td>
<td><strong>47,927,362</strong></td>
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Above is the debtor balances as at the 31st August 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 began with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation on Tuesday 9th August 2019. The deadline for submissions was Friday 23rd of August 2019 and no submissions were received. The LPT report will be on the council agenda for this month’s Council meeting when the members will decide on the effective rate of LPT for 2020. The Revenue Commissioners must be informed of the Council’s decision regarding the LPT rates for 2020 by the 30th of September 2019.

Budget 2020 Meeting

The Department of Housing Planning and Local Government Circular, Fin 07/2019, sets out the Prescribed Periods for the 2020 Budget as follows:

All Local Authorities 1st November 2019 to 30th November 2019

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

14th October 2019 to 15th November 2019

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

Water Conservation

Water conservation activity is ongoing 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

Dundalk Water Main Rehabilitation
As advised previously this contract was certified for completion on 8th June 2018.

Drogheda Water Main Rehabilitation
Works recommenced in January 2019 and snags and reinstatement works are substantially 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 DBO.

Waste Water Major Infrastructure Projects

Ardee Sewage Scheme Upgrade WWTP
This is still at Gate 3 stage with completion expected Q3 2019. It is expected to move to 1 year operation phase in November 2019.

Local Network Reinforcing - Dundalk
This is still at Gate 2 stage. Contract signing is anticipated for Q2 2020.

Local Network Reinforcing - Drogheda
Review of the model is being progressed.

Drainage Area Plan
Modelling is to be complete Q3 2020 with the Coes Rd long term solution (short solution in advance).

Omeath Sewage Scheme WWTP
This contract is still at Gate 2 stage, Planning Permission Decision to grant was issued 4th July, full planning received and closed.

Currently at tender stage with an expectation to progress to site in Q1 2020.

Capital Programmes – Minor Projects

Tinure WWTP
- The inlet sewer upstream of the inlet works has been relayed.
- Amendments have been made to the inlet works to accommodate the new inlet screen.
- Wet commissioning of the inlet screen and storm tanks to be undertaken.
- Snagging in progress.

Blackrock WWTP (advanced works to accommodate additional capacity)

The Contractor is currently preparing the design. Expected to be on site week 1 in October with estimated programme of 4 weeks (weather permitting).

Water Networks

Water Networks Programme

- Rehabilitation Programme
  Water main replacement is currently ongoing in Muirhevnamore, Dundalk, this is approximately 93% completed (2660m/2860m) and scheduled to finish by the middle of October, 2019.

Dublin Road, this is now 100% completed.

- Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV)
  PRV’s are all commissioned and optimised.

- Lead replacement / Back Yard Services
  No lead replaced this month.
  No Backyard services replaced in August.

- First Fix
  No first fix repairs were undertaken by Irish Water contractors in August.

- Find & Fix
  The Find and Fix programme is now completed in the 5 DMA’s assigned to the Irish Water Contractor.
**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 2019**

Scouring of the water network during August was concentrated around Mullacrew, Tallastown, Louth Village, Knockbridge and Greenmount.

Flushing will be continuing in September then moving to Ardee towards the end of the month.

**Network Maintenance**

22 water repairs were carried out in August. Numbers are down on last month because crews were undertaking repair of the rising main in Ardee

**Planning & Water Connections**

The Networks Section processed 34 Planning Applications in August.

**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.

**Boil Water Notice Tallanstown**

The Boil Water Notice (BWN) currently in place for the Tallanstown Public Water Supply since 30th July, 2019 remains in place.

Irish Water’s drinking water and operational experts, in partnership with Louth County Council, are continuing to work closely with the Health Services Executive and the Environmental Protection Agency to lift this BWN as quickly and as safely as possible.

**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 Development

#### Louth Economic Forum

The next meeting of the Louth Economic Forum is to take place on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019.

#### Age Friendly Business Initiative Pilot Scheme – Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk

Expressions of Interest Forms and Customer Surveys have been circulated to the Traders interested in taking part in the Age Friendly Business Initiative Pilot Scheme for Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.

To date 13 Expression of Interest Forms have been received.

#### Drogheda BIDS

The Drogheda BIDS process has proceeded to Ratepayer Plebiscite. A total of 1,563 ballot papers have been posted to the Drogheda Ratepayers on the 26th August, 2019.

The closing date for the receipt of the returned ballot papers is 12.00pm (noon) on Thursday, 19th September, 2019.

The documents are also on public display in the Council Offices in County Hall and Drogheda Civic Offices from 27th August, 2019 – 19th September, 2019 (12 noon).

### Tourism

#### Púca Festival

A number of musical and cultural events will take place in Drogheda as part of the festival, with light installations at some locations in the town, which includes St. Laurence’s Gate. To purchase tickets or for more details on the festival please check the website [www.pucafestival.com](http://www.pucafestival.com).

#### Seafood Trail

Request for tenders were sent out for photographers for food styling and landscape images; and a videographer for a promotional video for the Louth Seafood Trail.

The successful photographers and videographers have been appointed.

#### Tholsel, Drogheda – Visitors Experience

The Stage 2 application has been submitted to Fáilte Ireland for funding to develop the visitors experience at the Tholsel, Drogheda.

A decision on this application is due in October 2019.

### LEO Louth

#### Brexit Clinics for Business

With less than 60 days to go to Brexit, LEO Louth continues to host Brexit Clinics for businesses in the county. Small business owner/managers in all sectors can meet a specialist mentor on a one to one basis for specific advice in relation to how Brexit may impact their business.

With over 12 clinics already booked for September business owners are being encouraged to contact the LEO to secure an appointment. Further Brexit Clinics are planned for October.
Brexit Scorecards

The Brexit SME Scorecard is an important first step to help small businesses assess how Brexit will impact them.

Up to end of July, 68 small businesses (non-Enterprise Ireland) from County Louth had engaged the Brexit Scorecard, the highest level outside County Dublin and County Galway.

Dept. of Business, Enterprise & Innovation - Brexit Information Session

Minister Heather Humphreys with the Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation and LEO Louth will host a Brexit Information Session for small businesses. The event will take place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth on Monday, 23rd September 2019, between 8:00am and 10:30am.

Topics that will be covered include:
- The range of Government supports for businesses, including cashflow management
- Import and export controls, including customs
- Supply chain management including accreditation and product certification

State bodies and agencies will be available to provide information and support on the day including: Local Enterprise Office Louth, Enterprise Ireland, InterTradeIreland, National Standards Authority of Ireland, Health and Safety Authority, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland, Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

To book your place:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brexit-the-practical-steps-you-need-to-take-now-tickets-68438502403

Brexit Preparedness Checklist

The Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation (DBEI) has published a checklist to help businesses with their Brexit preparations. It lists a range of actions that businesses can take to ensure that they will still be able to trade with the UK after it leaves the EU. The actions identified address topics such as Customs, Supply Chain, Product Certification as well as Government financial supports to help manage cashflow and currency management. The checklist also provides contact details for the various Government Departments and Agencies, including the LEOs that provide support and advice for businesses. This has been circulated to LEO Louth clients.

LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review pre-Brexit

In advance of Brexit, LEO Louth commenced a portfolio review and key client engagement project in June/July, involving up to 40 of its portfolio clients. The project is ongoing and will conclude in November. It aims to support and progress key portfolio clients to develop their growth potential in the market and scale their business. A key aspect of the project is working with client businesses most at risk from Brexit and to ensure maximum uptake of the LEO Brexit supports.

Preparing Your Business for Customs - Imports & Exports Workshop
A further two Customs Imports & Exports Workshops will take place in September and October, with the aim of helping small 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 UK’s exit from the Single Market and Customs Union.

Details of the Customs Workshops are as follows:
- Creative Spark, Dundalk on 3rd September
- The Mill, Drogheda on 9th October

These workshops are free to attend and can be booked on the LEO Louth website at:

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

A full range of Brexit supports to help small business is offered by LEO Louth, all information can be found at:

https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Brexit/

Business Training

LEO Louth’s extensive business training schedule for Autumn/Winter 2019 has been launched, training will commence on the 3rd September with Preparing Your Business for Customs. Other training will include 3 Start Your Own Business Programmes, Export Sales, Filing Your Income Tax Returns, Accessing Finance, Creating an Online Business and many more. All training will be delivered throughout the county from September to December.

Further details are available at https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/

Trading Online Vouchers

LEO Louth has received 21 applications for financial assistance under the Trading Online Voucher Scheme with 18 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.

Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) 2019

Two young Louth entrepreneurs will compete in Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur National Final in Google Headquarters on Sunday, 15th September. Dr. Conor Kerley from Setanta Nutrition Science will represent the region in the Best Idea Category and Orla Stafford from Izmoo will be competing in the Best Start Up.

This is the 5th year of the IBYE competition and also the 5th year where Louth have had at least one representative in the National Finals.
Business Advice Clinics

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

National Women’s Enterprise Day

Local Enterprise Offices Louth and Meath will jointly host National Women’s Enterprise Day 2019 (NWED) which will take place on Thursday, 17th October in City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co. Meath. Two Louth Entrepreneurs Evelyn Garland, Simply Fit Foods and Sarah Daly, Creative Spark will feature at this event. Online bookings will be available shortly.

EI’s REDF

LEO Louth is involved in assisting a number of potential applications under the recently launched Regional Enterprise Development Fund. The closing date for this Fund is 25th September.

German Bundestag Visit

A group of 41 CSU members of the Bundestag (German Parliament) along with party officials visited Co. Louth on the 11th July to inform themselves of the potential impact of Brexit on Ireland and the border region.

The Cathaoirleach along with LEO Louth, An Garda Síochána and the East Border Regional Authority made presentations to the group covering the topics:
1. Economy / Business
2. Border Security
3. Civic initiatives and cross-border relations

Building a Craft and Design Programme

Five Louth craft and design businesses are continuing to take part in a regional Building a Craft and Design Programme with the Design and Craft Council of Ireland and the LEO’s in Cavan, Louth, Meath and Monaghan. This is a management development programme for the craft and design sector that’s running from May to November 2019.

Age Friendly Economy (EU Project)

The project is coming to a close and the LEO Office is engaged in completing the final project reports. As a result of the success of the Innovation Bootcamp to create new products or services for the 50+ market, the North East LEO network of Cavan, Louth, Meath, and Monaghan are currently in the process of applying for funding through the LEO Competitive Fund to run a smaller programme throughout the region to capitalise on the learning achieved through the project. LEO Louth will lead on this new project.

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.

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.

**EU Bloggers Roadtrip / ERDF funding**

On Friday, 30th August a group of 7 EU visiting bloggers traveled through Co. Louth as part of an EU-wide ‘road-trip’. They visited one of our clients, Listoke Distillery (who received ERDF grant aid) and learned about the business and how to distill!

**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:

**From Oriel to Brexit**

The project was launched on the 2nd August in the Oriel Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Diversity Challenges has received funding from Co. Louth Peace and Reconciliation Partnership, under the EU Peace IV Programme, to deliver ‘From Oriel to Brexit’ project – a cross-border project using the arts - music, poetry/prose, and theatre.

The outputs from the project will take the form of: concerts; a book of poetry/prose plus filmed readings from the publication by the participants; and a play performed in five venues.

The project will run until the end of August 2020.

**Procurement Update**

The tender for the management of the Small Grants Programme has closed on the Official Journal of the European Union website.

Tenders have been advertised on eTenders for four further Peace IV projects namely:

1. Community Capacity Building Project
2. Adapting Aftermath Archives
3. Leading the Way
4. Good Relations Initiative

The assessment committee have met and made recommendations which will now go forward to the LCDC for final approval on the 16th September.
Infrastructure

Roads Projects:

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

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
Collaboration with Monaghan County Council (as Lead Authority) continues to progress the scheme. Public Consultation on the study area were held at the Nuremore Hotel, 26th June, and at the Ardee Parish Centre, 27th June. The findings from submissions as part of this consultation process are currently being collated and reviewed. Safety Interim measures in County Louth are now being developed. Tenders being sought for right turn lane at Edmondstown.

N52 Ardee Bypass
TII met with LCC and in recognition of the issues raised by local residents both with TII and Louth County Council, TII have requested that the tender process is put on hold at present to allow a technical review of the scheme and junction arrangements. This is to allow the project team time to fully consider the issues and ensure that the best scheme is ultimately delivered for the people of Ardee and the taxpayer. LCC will meet with our consultants and thereafter TII to establish the quantum of this review. Louth County Council & TII remain fully committed to progressing the delivery of the N52 Ardee bypass as identified in the National Development Plan. The Contractor is on site for advanced fencing contract and site clearance and these works will continue.

N2 Annaglog & Hunterstown, N52/N33 Roundabouts Pavement Resurfacing
Works are now substantially 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. Ground Site investigation Contract is currently underway.
Ardee Town Pavement Renewal (North)

- Site Investigation now complete. Pavement Assessment Report approved by TII. Contract advertised, and Tenders received and are being appraised.
- Phase I works carried out from Filling Station to N33 Roundabout.
- N52 – N33 Roundabout, resurfacing works completed.

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

The project design and planning applications are progressing. It is intended to proceed with the Planning Applications in the Republic in the third quarter of 2019 once all the reports are finalised. It is intended to submit the Proposal of Application Notice for the project in Northern Ireland in the third quarter of 2019 with the planning application to follow in late 2019. Landowner discussions are ongoing and they are being kept updated on the project developments. 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.

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 surveys are completed. Archaeological investigation report being prepared.

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

Tenders for the engagement of Consultants have been received and are being assessed.

St Dominick’s Bridge, Drogheda

Tenders for the engagement of Consultants have been received and are being assessed.

Safety Improvement Works

2019 funding allocation received.

- Monasterboice Traffic Calming – Tenders due 9th August
- Avenue Road , Dundalk – Tenders being assessed
- Drumgoolans Cross, Nursery Cross and the "S" bends on the Southside of the junction.
- Knockbridge Village - Tender awarded
- Knockbrack Downs & Close, Drogheda.

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. Topographical Survey being completed. AA screening report being prepared.

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• Bellurgan Straight from the junction of Deer Park Road to the service station opposite Bellurgan Football Club.
• Annagassan Village.
• Leonards Cross, Drogheda.
• Kilsaran Village – Tender awarded.
• Tullydonnell School.
• Martins Cross.

Town & Village Renewal:

Kilcurry Footpaths
Letter of Intent issued to tenderer.

Blackrock Footpaths
Phase I, Letter of Acceptance issued to successful Contractor. To commence on site.

Phase II design to commence.

Dromiskin Footpaths
Works completed on Commons Road.

Contractor appointed, due to start mid-September. (Opposite St Josephs GFC.)

Corporate Projects:

Ardee Castle
The enabling and investigation works have begun and are progressing on site.

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.


CFRAM Flood Risk Management Plans were Launched by the Minister on the 3rd May 2018 and have now been issued to LCC 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.

Project Steering group meeting to be held in early September, with a view of having tenders documents issued soon after for the appointment of Consultants.

Dunleer Flood Risk Management Plan

Flood Risk Management Plan final Report completed.

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.

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.

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 Itas 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 Gais being prepared.

Colaiste Chu Chulainn & Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

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

Clarke's Forest Park was officially opened on the 6th August 2019.
Development Management

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

There were 103 planning applications received during the month of July of which 86 were valid. In addition there were 37 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:

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OPERATIONS & WASTE MANAGEMENT

Operations

Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk Area

The Road Works Programme is progressing with works now completed in Manydown, Willow Grove, Thomas Street, Haynestown, Park Avenue and Park View. Works have commenced on Bellewsbridge Road and starting shortly on Mill Road and McEntee Avenue.

Willow Grove

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

Newly painted Bollards Chapel St

Road Markings have been refreshed at a number of locations.

Customer Services queries are investigated and subsequent works carried out.

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

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

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

Maintenance continues on the Ramparts and Blackwater Rivers.

A Contractor is due to start cleaning sections of the Ramparts and Blackwater Rivers within the Town Centre in the coming weeks (costing circa €6k from our own resources).

The Rivers are monitored, grills cleaned, and dumped household waste removed periodically.

Blackrock & Faughart Area

Works carried out this month were mainly connected to opening outlets, cleaning gullies, tar patching and road signage repair/maintenance and replacement.

Tar patching repairing potholes with works carried on LS-7163 Chapel Road Haggardstown, LP-3125 from Hackballscross to Shortstone, LP-3113 from Shortstone to Castle Roche.

Flail mowing cutting overgrown grass verges and at road junctions plus road signage with works carried out from Skyhill to Hackballscross, Hackballscross to Knockbridge Village, Knockbridge to Martins cross, Martins Cross to Haynestown Junction, LS-098 Faughart Grave Yard road,
Emptying of litter bins ongoing with bins emptied in Blackrock on Mondays and Fridays.

Road surfacing works were carried out by appointed contractors on the Southern Link Road during first week of July and completed on the Golf Links Road last week of July.

Cooley Area

The South Commons Road has been resurfaced outside Saint Michael’s Church.

The annual Surface Dressing programme has been completed in Willville, Monksland, Alcohol Factory Road, Castletowncooley, Boher, Whitestown, Ballnamoney and Ballagan.

General maintenance of roads, footpaths, signage, gullies, drains, verges, etc continues. Pothole patching has also continued as required.

Litter Picking has been carried out at the Border near Carrickdale Hotel, Carlingford, Omeath and Greenore.

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 assisted as required.

North Mid-Louth Area

Works carried out in the past month primarily involved verge maintenance, opening outlets, drainage maintenance & improvement works, signage maintenance and patching & pothole repairs.
Patching/pothole repairs were also carried out at Channonrock and Coolcreedan, Seabank-Coopers Cross, Hoarstone, Tully, Newrath, Knockbrideg, Crowmartin, Tullykeel, Annagassan and Castlebellingham.

Refuse from public bins was collected weekly and from Annagassan Area following weekend cleanup.

The playgrounds & ring buoys were checked weekly also.

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations Area

R170 Road improvements were carried out.

Road patching took place at Beechwood Estate Dunleer, Shanlis Ardee and Dillionstown.

Surface dressing works took place at Dromin to Rathscar.

Road drainage improvement works at Marshallrath Dunleer and Richardstown.

Footpath reinstatement took place at Hale St Ardee and road gully reinstatement at N2 / Collon

Playground equipment repaired at Dunleer playground

Road works programme

“Dry recycling” of the existing pavement and surface dressing of the Bog Road Ardee.

This is the first time Louth County Council have used this more sustainable form of road reconstruction. Cold recycling is an economically efficient and environmentally friendly method for producing base layers of superior quality. Cold in-situ recycling as its name implies, involves the reuse of the existing road pavement material. It is termed a cold process as the binder used is in the form of bitumen emulsion and consequently, the aggregate does not require heating. As a result there is lower fuel demand and less carbon emissions.

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:

- Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Five Oaks, Dublin Road, Ropewalk, Annville Crescent, Marsh Road, Maple Drive, Laurence's Park, Barrack Lane, Boyne road, Moneymore, Newtown road, Fair Green

The Overlay road resurfacing works included in the 2019 Road Works Programme to commenced July
2019 – North Road resurfacing to be completed Friday 2/8/19.

North Road Drogheda

Drainage maintenance is continuing on an ongoing basis at various locations throughout the Town including the cleaning of road gullies. Gully at St. Peter’s cemetery, Gully at 79 Moneymore Estate.

Ramparts walk upgrade commenced July 2019 – proposed bituminous surface plus public lighting.

Other road maintenance operations such as maintaining and replacing road signage, traffic light and barrier maintenance was undertaken at various locations throughout the Town. John Street bollards, Laurence’s Street signs refurbished and washing of signs in town centre ready for Fleadh 2019.

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: - Wellington Quay, John Street, Bothar Brugha, Pearse Park and Ship street.

Road markings to regulate parking and maintain traffic flows are continuing on an ongoing basis throughout the Town. Works are prioritised due to limited resources. Traffic Calming road markings are also being carried out throughout the Town.

Works continued on a daily basis with the maintenance of the various green verges/areas, flower and shrub areas and parks around the Town – several hanging baskets and floral displays arranged around town centre.

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

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

Road repairs were carried on the New Line, Corrys Lane, Tinure Village, Harbour Road Clogherhead, Rinkins Road, Tinure to R169 and on Mayne to the Dales, Clogherhead.

Surface dressing was carried out in the Dunleer area and Drainage works at Carrow Road and at Timullen.

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement

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.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 38 fines were issued in the month of August. Of these fines, 14 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 13 in Drogheda urban area and 11 in the remaining County wide area.

There were 3 fines issued for dog fouling in August.

So far in 2019 there have been 1,791 investigations with 519 fines issued.

Diesel Laundering Waste

A total of 8 IBC’s of Diesel Sludge were recovered in August 2019. The approximate cost of clean-up and disposal of the material is €10,000. 3 IBCs were located in Kilterley and 5 barrels of Diesel Sludge waste located in Kilcurry.

So far in 2019 a total of 57 IBC’s at a cost of approximately €71,250 were recovered.
Air / Water / Noise Pollution

Water Pollution Enforcement

There were five water pollution complaints received during August 2019 which were investigated with 5 closed off. With regard to legal actions one case under Section 3 of the Local Government (Water pollution) Act 1977 as amended scheduled for hearing during July 2019 has been adjourned to September 2019 following disclosure requests. This case relates to a private pumping station in Drogheda. An additional case under section 3 in relation to a private pumping in Dundalk is scheduled for first court hearing in Dundalk 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. The Agency has produced a national report with individual county reports to follow.

Water Framework / River Basin Management Plans

The Local Authority waters catchment assessment of the Big River which commenced on the 26th March 2019 is on-going. Preliminary site visits have commenced in the Castletown catchment.

Environment

Final Draft of the Climate Adaptation Strategy, AA & EIA screening reports and CE report on submissions received, will be circulated to all members in advance of the September Meeting with a view to adopting the strategy.

Mattress Amnesty

In excess of 1,500 mattresses were accepted under Louth County Council’s Mattress amnesty as part of the Anti Dumping Initiative 2019.

Veterinary Services

Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

As of 31/08/2019, 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

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Dog Licences
August 2019

No of Licences sold 510

Licence Checks:

House calls 249
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) 61
Fixed Penalty Notices 19

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996
Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses seized, and reason for seizure:

Horses reclaimed by owner 0

Horses rehomed 1
Horses disposed of 0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 31.08.2019 0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments August 2019

Total no of registered DBE’s in Louth (as at 31.08.2019) 7
Hunt 2
Boarding Kennels 2
Training Kennels 1
DBE 1
Welfare 1

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

Corporate

During the month of August Customer Services dealt with 14,279 queries – 6,889 calls, 6,620 counter queries and 770 e-mails.

There were 2,636 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during August of which 630 (24%) remain unresolved.

Redress

Corporate Services received 11 Freedom of Information requests in August which is a total of 83 for the year. 1 Ombudsman request was received in August with the total received to August being 11. Four Access to Information on the Environment requests were received, bringing the total to 6 to date. There were no Data Protection requests received.

Sustainable Energy

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

As previously reported the Council the preliminary scorecard from SEAI’s review of our energy use for 2018 indicates that it was 59.24% of its baseline energy (ie that the Council has reduced it’s energy consumption by 40.76% compared to the baseline).

Better Energy Communities Grant 2018 and 2017

Work is continuing with SEAI to have all outstanding grant monies paid out to three beneficiaries for 2018 and one for 2017.

2019 – Communities Energy Grant Application

All works must be completed by 12th October under the terms of the scheme and good progress is being made in all cases.
Interreg EV Infrastructure bid for Sustainable Transport - Electric Vehicles Rapid Chargers
A decision in relation to this application should be issued in October.

GenComm Interreg Energy Storage Project
The project partners will make a presentation to the appropriate SPC as soon as possible.

Varcities H2020 Stage 2 Application
The second stage submission in relation to this project is almost ready. The project will result in the creation of an outdoor learning hub between the county library and museum.

Sustainable Garden at Blackrock Park
The Council is supporting Blackrock Park Committee in the development of a pilot sustainable energy project at Blackrock Park. That project involves the provision of a small number of public lights in part of the park, a street charging unit, an information panel and a power supply unit consisting of solar photo voltaic panels, a wind turbine and a battery. Planning permission was granted and an offer of Leader funding has been made to Blackrock Park Committee for the project. The Council is also making a funding contribution to the project to acknowledge the community energy grant funding it has received from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland over the last number of years. A contractor has now been appointed and construction work is expected to commence at the Park shortly. This pilot project seeks to put in place sustainable energy public lighting and it is hoped this could be used as a model for sustainable energy lighting in other parks or public places where such lighting is not presently available.

The following graphic illustrates the monthly website use.
Fire and Emergency Services

There is an increase in the number of calls attended by Drogheda and Dundalk Fire Brigades, compared to the same period in 2018. So far in 2019, Drogheda has attended 403 incidents and Dundalk has attended 271 incidents. Drogheda’s figure includes an increasing number of callouts to East Meath.

The following Louth County Council Fire Service training took place during June 2019:
1. Completion of Breathing Apparatus Refresher courses for 2019 in Dundalk Training Centre
2. Attendance by officers at Hydra Operational Decision Making Course in Clonmel

The Fleadh Cheoil took place from 11th to 18th August 2019 and was closely monitored by the Fire Prevention Section. Some of the busier pubs and venues had fire safety breaches and these were rectified at the time. Two objections to annual publicans licence renewals have resulted.

The management of crowd safety on the streets was satisfactory and there were no crowd safety issues noted. The event planning for the Fleadh provides a useful template for other events which are planned in Drogheda in the near future.

There was similar inter-agency planning for the Carlingford Oyster Festival, which took place from 8th to 12th August. The fire safety and event safety measures were agreed there were no problems at the event.

Major Emergency Management

Preparations are ongoing for the inter-agency major emergency follow-on exercise from the Nuremore Hotel exercise in June.

The Emergency Planning Officer is doing a review of emergency rest centres in the county with the Housing Section, so as to update information on these in the Major Emergency Plan.

Civil Defence

The following community duties were attended
1. Medical cover for All Ireland Poc Fada
2. Medical cover for the Fleadh Cheoil for 8 days
3. Medical cover for Land of Legends 8k for one day

The current Civil Defence training programme comprises First Aid Responder training.

New Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council registration rules for Civil Defence Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics have been complied with.

Incident Types in Station Areas: Quarter 2 – 2019

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**Average Mobilisation Times (H:M:S) Quarter 2 - 2019**

**Water Safety**

Lifeguard deployment was provided on a wholetime day presence at our 3 blue flag beaches up until Sept 1st. This will continue on a weekend only basis until Mid September.
HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

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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:

The tables below reflect monthly returns submitted to the Department with regard to Homeless numbers in the NORTH EAST REGION between 22nd and 28th July 2019.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Presentations of August 19</th>
<th>Ardee MD</th>
<th>Dundalk MD</th>
<th>Drogheda MD</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Person who presented as Homeless</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>62</td>
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<td>Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)</td>
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<td>Unique Total (note, clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week)</td>
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</table>
Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; &n
Leases, Repair and Lease and Buy & Renew Acquisitions. The 2019 delivery pipeline progress is detailed at the end of this Section.

**Rebuilding Ireland Projected Delivery 2018-2021**

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<td>45</td>
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<td>32</td>
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**Performance Against Target 2018 - 2021**

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<td>2018 - 2021 Pipeline (excluding Voids)</td>
<td>859</td>
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<td>2018 - 2021 Target (including capped voids)</td>
<td>720</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of Target in Pipeline</td>
<td>119%</td>
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<td>Shortfall/Over</td>
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**Castleguard, Ardee, County Louth**

Louth TD, Fergus O'Dowd and the Ardee Municipal District Cathaoirleach, Cllr Dolores Minogue welcomed colleague Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy TD, to Ardee last week to officially open the Castleguard Manor Housing Estate in the town.

**Tooting Meadows, Drogheda**

Works are almost complete on north and East Housing Association development on Scarlett Street in Drogheda. 12 out of the 15 units will be allocated to tenants with disabilities.
Dunleer PPP Housing Scheme, Co. Louth

Works are ongoing on the construction of 80 units in Dunleer. It is on programme to deliver in April 2020.

Housing Allocations as at 31st July 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Numbers Allocated</th>
<th>Allocations - Social</th>
<th>Allocations - Voluntary</th>
<th>Refusals - Social</th>
<th>Refusals - Voluntary</th>
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<td>Ardee MD</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Dundalk MD</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Drogheda MD</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Total Allocations</td>
<td>55</td>
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Transfers Approved within Social Housing at 31st May 2019

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Housing List (excluding HAP Transfers)

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<td>Jan 19</td>
<td>407</td>
<td>545</td>
<td>863</td>
<td>1815</td>
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<td>Feb</td>
<td>410</td>
<td>545</td>
<td>862</td>
<td>1817</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>402</td>
<td>564</td>
<td>859</td>
<td>1825</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>394</td>
<td>559</td>
<td>856</td>
<td>1809</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>380</td>
<td>511</td>
<td>848</td>
<td>1739</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>380</td>
<td>490</td>
<td>824</td>
<td>1694</td>
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<td>July</td>
<td>322</td>
<td>512</td>
<td>921</td>
<td>1755</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>327</td>
<td>548</td>
<td>880</td>
<td>1755</td>
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Transfer List from HAP

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<td>Jan 19</td>
<td>252</td>
<td>1433</td>
<td>996</td>
<td>2681</td>
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<td>Feb 19</td>
<td>262</td>
<td>1469</td>
<td>1021</td>
<td>2752</td>
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<td>Mar 19</td>
<td>262</td>
<td>1483</td>
<td>1047</td>
<td>2792</td>
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<td>April 19</td>
<td>271</td>
<td>1499</td>
<td>1056</td>
<td>2826</td>
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<td>July 19</td>
<td>293</td>
<td>1545</td>
<td>1047</td>
<td>2885</td>
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<td>August 19</td>
<td>299</td>
<td>1571</td>
<td>1060</td>
<td>2930</td>
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There are a total of 222 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 1318.

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<th>Current Rents Arrears as at 31st August 2019</th>
<th>Number of Account</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>Rents between 4-6 weeks old</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>€67,754</td>
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<td>Rents between 7-12 weeks old</td>
<td>167</td>
<td>€114,097</td>
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<td>Rents greater than 12 weeks old</td>
<td>917</td>
<td>€3,378,017</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>1259</td>
<td>€3,554,868</td>
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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.

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Average</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mullavalley, Louth Village</td>
<td>8.82</td>
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<td>Kilterley</td>
<td>11.59</td>
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<td>Ballymakenny</td>
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<td>Mount Avenue</td>
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<td>Point Road</td>
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<td>Various Individual Sites</td>
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Pillar 4 Improve the Rented Sector

Current Prohibitions Notices are also listed on the website.

Pillar 5 Utilise Existing Housing

Vacant Home Initiatives 2019

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<td>CPO (In Progress)</td>
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The following table summarises the level of maintenance and works activity to existing stock.

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<th>Maintenance</th>
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<td>No. of Maintenance Requests Received</td>
<td>2843</td>
<td>377</td>
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<td>No. of Requests Outstanding-</td>
<td>562</td>
<td>40</td>
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Vacant Properties on 30th August 2019

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<td>Dundalk Municipal Borough District</td>
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<td>Drogheda Municipal Borough District</td>
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<td>Total Vacant Properties (re-lets)</td>
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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 1to 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. Adaptation works are ongoing on a significant number of properties at present.

### Estate Management

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<td>Pre Tenancy Training</td>
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<td>ASB COMPLETED</td>
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| TOTAL ASB INVESTIGATION CASES | 12 | 6 | 13 | 31 |

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<td>Eviction following</td>
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Schemes currently in approval process or under construction for the above period 2018 – 2021
(This list is indicative and includes only approved projects and can change as matters are further approved or schemes withdrawn)

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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.
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**Total**                                                | **280**                 | **72**           | **453**          | **805**          |                         |
Communities

Pride of Place 2019 – 22nd and 23rd August

The Pride of Place All Ireland Competition, which is organised by Cooperation Ireland and sponsored by IPB, recognises and acknowledges exceptional community spirit. Louth was represented this year by the community of Louth Village, Carlingford Community Forum and Drogheda and District Support 4 Older People. The results will be announced at an Awards Ceremony which will be held at Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny on 30th November, 2019.

Judges meeting with Deputy Mayor Cllr. Michelle Hall and others outside the offices of Drogheda and District Support 4 Older People

Part of the huge crowd who attended at the newly refurbished Community Centre in Louth Village

Litter League 2019

Judging of the Litter League 2019 is now complete. Twenty three local Tidy Town’s centres entered the National Tidy Towns competition and are automatically entered into the Litter League. The villages/towns were judged 3 times during the summer by 3 different judges. Winners of the Litter League receive their prizes at the Louth Looking Good awards night on 7th November 2019.

North Louth: Blackrock, Carlingford, Grange, Greenore, Kilcurry, Kilterley, Knockbridge & Omeath

Mid-Louth: Annagassan, Ardee, Castlebellingham / Kilsaran, Collon, Dromiskin, Dunleer, Louth Village, Reaghstown, Stabannon & Tallanstown

South Louth: Baltray, Monasterboice, Sandpit, Termonfeckin & Tullyallen.

Cllr. John McGahon, Chairman Dundalk MD & Cllr. Erin McGreehan and the Judges meet reps from Cór Chairlinne

Funding Scheme 2019

The Department of Rural and Community Development recently announced the Clár Scheme 2019 allocations. Louth County Council submitted 9 applications to the Department and received funding for two of these projects as detailed below. One category of application has not yet been decided by the Department.

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Community Environment Action Plan 2019 (previously known as Local Agenda 21)

The Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment announced the details of Community Environment Action Fund 2019. This fund was previously known as the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund. Eligible projects should support and complement national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water, Sustainable Development etc. A wide variety of products and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years including, for example, compost schemes, rainwater and conservation schemes, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions. Application forms are available at https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/communities/community-environment-action-fund/ The closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 27th September, 2019.

Louth PPN

During July and August, the members of the Louth PPN considered the proposed SPC Scheme and have prepared a submission which sets out their views on achieving maximum citizens’ engagement and participation.

Age Friendly

Louth County Council was awarded €121,550.00 from the Interreg Fund to partner 7 other European regions in a Smart Healthy Age Friendly Environments project. Through a “learning by sharing” methodology this multidisciplinary and inter-sectoral consortium will build a quadruple helix community to engage experiences and practices to improve multilevel policy instruments.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Inclusibility Camps

During August both Adult Inclusibility and Children’s Inclusibility Summer Camps were held in the sports centre. Huge numbers took part with great enjoyment had by all.

Women’s Lap of Louth

Louth Sports Partnership ran the first ever Ladies Only Sportive in Louth with the Cuchulainn Cycling club on Sunday 18th August from Blackrock. It was a women only event cycling 55k, for beginners. 135 ladies took part on the day.

Clár 2018 finished works at Bush Post Primary School
Beach Lifeguards

The Beach Lifeguards season comes to an end with Lifeguards patrolling our Blue Flag Beaches at weekends only until 15 September.

Libraries

Science Week Funding

Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development, John Halligan TD, recently announced an investment of €476,000 through Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), to support 13 festivals and 13 events across the country as part of national Science Week. Louth Library Service are one of the funded events and are therefore programming the 2nd Louth Science Festival, taking place across all 5 branch libraries from November 11th-24th.

This year’s theme is climate action - seeking to help people understand it, how science and technology can help us create a positive climate future and the impact we as individuals can have on climate change.

The festival will feature family open days, school events and public talks across the county. The final festival programme will be available on the library webpage on www.louthcoco.ie/libraries at a later date.

Louth County Council Festival of History

As the centenary of the First Dáil approaches and the beginning of the War of Independence, Louth County Council is delighted to unveil the full programme for the 2019 Festival of History.

The festival runs from September 24th-28th, part of the communities strand of the 2019 Decade of Decentaries Commemorative Programme, funded by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. With a diverse range of speakers from the top of their fields, this Festival promises to be an exciting progression from last year. With a focus on the social and the political, the local and the national; the Festival will have something for every lover of history.

Talks will take place in every branch library in the county throughout the week and will culminate in two day-long events in Dundalk Library and Museum on Friday, September 27th and Drogheda Library on Saturday, September 28th.

Topics include County Louth in the Revolution; The Soloheadbeg Ambush; Labour in Louth in 1919; The Altnameigh Massacre; Dorothy Macardle. All talks are free but pre-booking is essential. The full programme is available on https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/festival-of-history/

IFLA World Library & Information Congress

Funded by Fáilte Ireland, County Librarian Yvonne O’Brien attended the 85th IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2019 in Athens from 23rd to 30th August to prepare for the 86th IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020 in Dublin. Yvonne is a Library Association of Ireland Council and National Committee member. This international congress of Information Professionals and Librarians, is expected to attract up to 4,500 professionals in the library and technology sectors from over 100+ countries to Dublin and the regions, including Louth from 15th – 21st August 2020.
**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 Programme** is an annual programme which promotes children’s literacy and reading development during the summer months. This year’s programme was a great success with a total of 1,377 children registering across the county. Closing ceremonies are taking place in every branch. Ancillary events for children also took place throughout the summer including weekly movie mornings, arts & crafts sessions, visits by the Dogs Trust.

**Participants in the Summer Stars programme collecting their certificates at the closing ceremony in Dundalk Library**

**Children’s Book Festival**

Children’s Book Festival takes place throughout October & to celebrate we are hosting a number of visits by renowned children’s’ authors including Cathy Cassidy, Erika McGann and Tatjana Feeney for invited classes.

**Creative Ireland Excellence Funding Project**

Louth Library Service’s funded project under the above *On the Wings of a Butterfly* focuses on the initiative, Write a Science Opera (WASO) and will begin in late September in Dundalk Library. Write a Science Opera (WASO) is a creative professional development approach to music and science education in which pupils of different ages, supported by teachers, opera artists and scientists, become the creators of an educational performance. WASO integrates science education into the original method by involving scientists who lead a creative process demonstrating common impulses shared by science and the arts. *On the Wings of a Butterfly* follows the WASO approach.

It will be facilitated by artist Daithí Kearney and scientist Bridget Kelly, assisted by students from Dundalk Institute of Technology.

Over six weeks in September and October 2019, fifth-class pupils from 3 local primary schools in Dundalk (CBS, Realt na Mara and Castletown Girls) will explore the life of a butterfly, their impact on human life and the threats of climate change and pollution. School teachers will be encouraged to link the WASO process to the school curriculum with opportunities to create links with other classroom-based activities. This project will uniquely hone in on and empower the creativity in every child. It seeks to empower local communities, artists and creative practitioners to enhance their way of life through cultural expression, to build strong connected and engaged communities.

**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**

**Drogheda Library:**
Age Action 5 week computer course started Friday, August 30th
Dundalk Library:
Age Action 5 week computer course started Wednesday, September 4th.

Ardee Library:
Digitise the Nation Computer Class, currently taking names for a new computer class to begin in the Autumn.

E-services Demonstrations

Dundalk Library, 1st Wednesday of the month, 3pm - 5pm
Drogheda Library, 1st Wednesday of the month, 11.30 am -12.30 pm
Ardee Library, 1st Friday of the month, 11am -12 noon.

20th Anniversary of the opening of Carlingford Library

Carlingford library recently held an anniversary celebration marking 20 years since it first opened its doors on Tuesday July 20th, 1999, in what was the Courthouse building. Helping celebrate with branch librarian Cecelia McParland was one of the senior patrons Mrs. Kay McKevitt who has been using the library services for the last 20 years and, at six months old, the youngest member Dylan McGrath. Over the years the library has gone from strength to strength with membership increasing year on year. 126 children registered for the 2019 Summer Stars reading adventure, demonstrating what a great asset the library service is to the Cooley Peninsula.

Fleadh Cheoil

Drogheda Library was the venue for lectures & symposium for Seachtain na hÉigse during the Fleadh in August. The programme was hugely successful with great attendances each day. Lectures included:

We were the Champions: celebrating the All-Ireland Winning Siamsa Ceili Band presented by Dr Adele Commins.

Take the Floor, Big, Little and Small: presented by Helen Brennan on the 20th anniversary of her publication The Story of Irish Dance

The Usher Family –Traditional Music and Song from Tenure Co. Louth presented by Jim McArdle.

Éigse Oirialla ,50 bliain d’aois le Eamonn Ó hUallacháin
Culture and Community:
A symposium presented in association with the Creative Arts Research Centre at Dundalk Institute of Technology.

Cúchulainn Celtic Strings
Great attendance at the stunning musical performance by this group of award winning young musicians, winners of Louth PPN Award for Arts & Culture 2018.

Heritage Week 2019
A varied programme of events took place in all 5 branch libraries from August 17th-25th. Highlights included:

- Talks for the general public by LCC horticulturist Benedicta McArdle where attendees learned how to attract bees, butterflies etc to the garden.

Genealogical workshops on tracing your family tree.
- Exhibitions including the Lawrence collection of photographs and the Soapbox Derby in Dunleer Library, a collaboration with Dunleer & District Historical Society.

Exhibitions

Ardee Library:
Art Exhibition with artist Pamela Hilliard, Tuesday September 17th-21st

Art exhibition with artist Larry Steen. October 1st-5th.

Other Upcoming Events:

Oíche Chultúir / Culture Night
Taking place the evening of Friday September 20th, Dundalk Library has a night of **Bilingual Music & Song** with local musician **Mark Corcoran**, funded by Oireachtas na Gaeilge.

Ardee Library will host a family event on Culture Night from 7.30pm featuring local musicians and dancers.

**Wee County Big Book Club**

Critically acclaimed and award-winning crime novelist Liz Nugent will be in Louth this September for an in-conversation event on her book ‘Skin Deep’ which has been chosen to anchor the **Wee County, Big Book Club 2019** series of events. This year’s programme is collaboration between Droichead Arts Centre, Louth Library Service, An Táin Arts Centre, Creative Spark and Words Ireland. Liz will visit Droichead Arts Centre on September 6th with ancillary events in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee Libraries from September 24th-26th. Copies of the book are available to borrow in all our branch libraries.

*Anne Keaveney from Drogheda Library with Yvonne O’Brien Co. Librarian, Collette*

Farrell, Droichead Arts Centre, along with author Liz Nugent and Brendan Mac Evilly from Words Ireland at the launch in Penguin Ireland.

**My Open Library**

My Open Library service is available in Ardee library. Library members must sign up for the initiative allowing them access to a host of library services from 8am to 10pm, 7 days per week. Currently there are **124** members of MOL. Feedback from MOL members have been extremely positive.

**Archives**

**National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group** (Co Archivist a member)

Work is progressing 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**

In addition to developing record retention policies, the Co Archivist works with staff on other aspects of records management such as the preparation of records both for disposal and for transfer to the Records Centre.

**Heritage Week**

The exhibition on ‘Joseph Dolan – A Distinguished Ardonian’ and some archives from Drogheda Corporation were on display to mark Heritage Week. The exhibition is still available to view in the County Archives Service.
 Mercantile, Industrial and Commercial Heritage Research Project

Work for this Project is currently in progress with research being carried out on archive collections in repositories such as the National Library and National Archives in addition to the County Archives. A narrative suitable for use in an online exhibition will be written up by the end of October. The project is funded by Creative Ireland.

Drogheda Archives Conservation Project

Conservation treatment on a number of Drogheda archives has very recently been completed and treatment reports are currently being submitted. This project is receiving funding from the Heritage 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 three books completed. Work is progressing on Book 4.

Researchers and Other Activities: The County Archivist assists researchers regularly visiting the Research Room, users with enquiries by email or telephone and staff with records management and record retention queries in addition to the ongoing work of accessioning, preserving and processing archive collections. Louth Co Archives holds a large and impressive public and private archive collection that is steadily growing year on year as public records become archives.

Arts

During Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann the Trad@Heart, a music in healthcare setting programme was delivered over 6 days to Hospital, Nursing Home and day centres in Louth. The musicians included Kern, Zoe Conway and John McIntyre, cellist Gráinne Hope, guitarist David Hope, Flautist Nuala Kennedy, Fiddle player Gerry O’Connor. They were joined for some of the visits by Music Generation Louth’s Young Traditional Ensemble, Nós Nua.

Ceol sa Bhaile

CreateLouth commissioned a set of podcasts which were published on www.fleadhcheoil.ie. Entitled Ceol sa Bhaile, musician/songwriter SJ McArdle interviewed four musicians in the intimate surrounds of their own homes. Among the interviewees Nuala Kennedy, Donal O’Connor, Aine Mc Geeney and Nicholas Carolan.

Slides

Commenced during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2018, this exhibition was officially opened on 10th August in Droichead Arts Centre and runs to the end of September. It features collaboration between award winning visual artist, Kate Nolan and Louth-based fiddler Gerry O’Connor. Musicians and singers who attended last year’s Fleadh are the subject matter, with Kate having captured the images in a purpose built studio in Droichead Arts Centre, as well as in the halls, bars and streets of Drogheda. Curated by both Kate and Gerry, the title of the exhibition is Slides, which is a reference to the much-neglected film format and also to the traditional tune type in 12/8 time, harking back to times gone by.
**The Book of the Trail**

With funding support from CreateLouth, the Arts Service of Louth County Council, The Book of the Trail was launched. In addition poetry events were held at various venues in Drogheda during Fleadh Cheoil. The title, a name inspired by local poet Susan Connolly after walking last year’s Poetry Trail, is an anthology by 33 poets from around the Drogheda area.

**Performances**

With funding through the Arts Act Grants in 2019, two of the Fleadh performances were supported by the Arts Office. ‘Airs of Old Drogheda’, a concert featuring the music by Michael Holohan took place in the Augustinian Church and the RTE Concert Orchestra with local artists Zoe Conway and John McIntyre took place in the Dome.

**National Youth Theatre**

One successful applicant from Louth, Penny Morris, received support to attend the National Youth Theatre Programme in the Abbey Theatre in August, which culminated in a performance of ‘Ask Too Much of Me’ in the Peacock Theatre from 19th – 24th August.

**Boyne Music Festival**

The Boyne Music Festival took place in various venues around the Drogheda area from 8th – 11th August, featuring classical music, poetry, exhibition and tours.

**Dundalk Museum**

The Museum continues to host visiting groups to the Museum providing guided tours both of the Museum and the town as required. The exhibition on Peter Rice, When An Engineer Imagines continues on the Museum’s 3rd Floor gallery.

**New Displays**

To coincide with Heritage Week 2019’s theme of Pastimes/Past Times, we have put on show a number of items given to the Museum by rugby player, Rob Kearney. The collection comprises boots, bag and the jersey he wore when Ireland won the Grand Slam in 2018.

**Other activities**

The Museum hosted a BIDS meeting designed to help local businesses increase their use of and presence on the internet.

The museum continues to accept, catalogue and maintain items handed in for donation.
Heritage

Heritage Week 2019 overlapped with the second year of Drogheda hosting the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. The heritage officer assisted with the opening of Laurence’s Gate on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th, while the opening on the first day of Heritage Week was led by community historian Brendan Mathews. 150 people experienced the gate on each over three days. The heritage office supplied copies of the ‘colour-in Louth heritage booklet’ as prizes for ‘Seachtain na Gaeilge’ at the Fleadh.

The heritage officer helped lead the popular ‘Upstairs-Downstairs’ bus tour of Dundalk on Saturday 17th. Our former conservation officer, Angela Dullaghan, returned to help out. Many thanks to Bus Éireann for the bus and to An Táin Arts Centre for handling the bookings. The trend of increasing numbers of events taking place in Louth for Heritage Week seems to have fallen back this year, possibly because so much effort went into organising events linked to the Fleadh.

The four funding applications developed and submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in June (for biodiversity projects) were awarded funding (though slightly less than we had asked for). The projects funded are: biodiversity training for planners and allied staff; biodiversity training for facilities management staff; training for volunteers in how to control invasive species and the wardening programme for the rare little terns which nest at Baltray.

The heritage officer responded to a request from the Oireachtas’ joint committee on Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, asking about actions being undertaken to implement the actions contained in the All-Ireland Pollinators Plan.

A visit to the council’s animal pound at Dromiskin took place towards the end of the month as it is proposed to try to enhance an area there for biodiversity.

Reports were submitted on several planning applications. Sightings of wildlife continue to be submitted to the National Biodiversity Data Centre, where Louth is currently ranking 13th of 32 counties.