



Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

**Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report in
relation to functions performed in the preceding
month / Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil ag an
bPríomhfheidhmeannach maidir le feidhmeanna
déanta i rith an mhí seo caite**

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Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st August 2022
Tuairisc Bainistíochta ag an bPríomhfheidhmeannach – 31 Lúnasa 2022

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Finance and Water Services Airgeadas agus Seirbhísí Uisce

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

Other responsibilities include Motor Tax and Water Services.

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

Ina chuid den freagrachtaí eile ná Mótarcháin agus Seirbhísí Uisce.

Bernie Woods
Director / Stiúrthóir



FINANCE

Expenditure to 31st August 2022 / Caiteachas go dtí 31 Lúnasa 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Expenditure to/Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 31/08/2022	Budget Expenditure/ Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2022	% Spent to/ % Caite go 31/08/2022
Housing/Tithíocht	€24,924,953	€47,728,898	52%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€11,908,537	€26,126,012	46%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€4,709,390	€8,379,633	56%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€10,954,856	€17,331,075	63%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€11,203,772	€19,413,023	58%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€5,688,404	€9,615,255	59%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare/Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€645,866	€1,203,454	54%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheanitheach	€5,918,081	€10,474,400	57%
	€75,953,859	€140,271,750	54%

Income to 31st August 2022 / Ioncam go 31^ú Lúnasa 2022

Section/Rannóg	Actual Income to/ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 31/08/22	Budget Income/ioncam Buiséadaithe 2022	% Invoiced to/ % Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 31/08/22
Housing/Tithíocht	€25,887,122	€48,920,854	53%
Road Transportation & Safety/Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht	€2,914,326	€16,718,183	17%
Water Services/Seirbhísí Uisce	€4,097,029	€8,110,634	51%
Development Management/Bainistíocht Forbartha	€5,360,586	€10,250,958	52%
Environmental Services/Seirbhísí Timpeallachta	€1,302,783	€2,253,742	58%
Recreation and Amenity/Áineas agus Conláiste	€721,846	€1,043,293	69%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	€236,413	€479,424	49%
Miscellaneous/Ilgheanitheach	€4,869,859	€7,097,818	69%
Rates/Rátaí	€34,487,004	€35,030,647	98%
General Purpose Grant (LPT)/Deontas Ilfheidhmeach	€6,577,464	€9,866,198	67%
Provision for Debit Balance/Soláthar faoi Iarmhéid Dochair		€500,000	0%
	€86,454,432	€140,271,750	62%

The above is the current position as of the 31st August 2022. 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 2022 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 31st August 2022 are as follows:

Debtors as of 31st August 2022/Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31^ú Lúnasa 2022

	Opening Balance /Iarmhéid Tosaigh	Invoices/ Sonraisc	Receipts/ Fáiltais	Write Offs/ Díscríobhanna	Closing Balance/ Iarmhéid Deiridh
Government Debtors/Féichiúnaithe Rialtais	€10,304,674	€40,900,739	(€40,478,064)	(€22)	€10,727,327
Other Authorities/Uadaráis Eile	€53,434	€543,293	(€467,577)	(€9,020)	€120,135
Rates/Rataí	€10,273,724	€34,487,004	(€24,964,204)	(€2,493,144)	€17,303,380
Rents/Cíosanna	€2,517,135	€8,908,132	(€9,000,635)	€200	€2,424,832
Loans/Iasachtal	€241,004	€1,255,139	(€1,201,167)	€8	€294,984
Development Levies/Tobhaigh Forbartha	€11,451,043	€4,116,564	(€2,603,110)	(€644,844)	€12,319,653
Fire Charges/Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin	€707,144	€360,773	(€291,516)	(€60,333)	€716,068
Miscellaneous/Ilgheáin	€2,513,794	€8,376,282	(€8,031,214)	(€123,310)	€2,735,552
Total Debtors / Féichiúnaithe Iomlána	€38,061,952	€98,947,931	(€87,037,487)	(€3,330,465)	€46,641,931

Above are the debtor balances as of 31st August 2022. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recouplements, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Vets, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

The write off figure for Rates includes the Quarter 1 2022 Rates Waiver of €1.1m which is funded and is the final rates waiver.

Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2023

We have received notification from the Department that our Provisional Local Property Tax allocation for 2023 will be €9,866,198 which includes €589,905 equalisation funding from Department Central Funds to ensure that we reach the same amount of funding

as 2022. This means that our income from LPT is the same amount as we received in 2014.

The actual amount raised by LPT for 2023 for Louth County Council is €9,276,293 which, despite revaluation and additional properties being added, is a reduction of €459,707 on the 2022 LPT figure.

Budget 2023 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

The budget process for 2023 has begun with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation in July. The deadline for submissions from the public was Friday 19th of August 2022.

The report will go to you, the members, at the September meeting where you can decide whether to vary the basic rate of LPT by up to 15%. If the rate is varied upwards 100% of the additional income will be available for the authority's own use.

Similarly, if the rate is varied downwards the loss of income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

For every 1% of variation implemented it will result in +/- €92,763 for the authority.

Budget 2022 Meeting

The Department circular Fin 09/2022 sets out the **Prescribed Periods for the 2022 Budget** as follows:

All Local Authorities 1st November 2022 to 30th November 2022

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

14th October 2022 to 15th November 2022

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

We will present the proposed dates for the Draft Budgetary Plan meetings at the September Monthly meetings. We will also present proposed date for the Annual Budget Meeting at the September Monthly Council Meeting for agreement.

WATER SERVICES / SEIRBHÍSÍ UISCE

Irish Water

Elected members/customers are reminded to contact Irish Water directly to log a query or any issue with water supply or quality or wastewater issues. Customers should contact the Irish Water customer care helpline, which is open 24/7, on 1800 278 278 or 1890 378 378 (For hearing impaired customers with minicom equipment) or via Twitter @IWCare or @IrishWater or go to www.water.ie.

Water Quality / Cáilíocht Uisce

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

Water Conservation / Caomhnú Uisce

Water conservation is ongoing throughout the County.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy / An Straitéis um Oiriúnú don Athrú Aeráide

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

Capital Programmes/Cláir Chaipitiúla

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

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

Tallanstown Rationalisation / Cuíchóiriú Bhaile an Tallúnaigh

Detailed Design is being progressed by Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers. LCC are liaising with Irish Water and their consultants to advance the project. Land acquisition is currently being progressed by IW. This project will include works at Mullacrew Reservoir, a new Pumping Station at Allardstown and also a new Pumping Station at Bannons Cross.

Omeath WWTW / Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Ó Méith

The Construction Phase at both the Pumping Station and Wastewater Treatment plant is currently progressing. The associated rising main is substantially complete. The Project is programmed for completion in May 2023.

Shared Waters Enhancement and Loughs Legacy (SWELL)

Re-lining works commenced December 2021 and are to be completed mid-2022. Irish Water are to consider further surface water separation. Phase 1 of SWELL Project is complete.

Regional Sewer Network Rehabilitation / Athshlánú an Líonra Séaraigh Aitiúil

Further network surveys are being progressed under the 2022 programme for Co. Louth. Works are currently progressing on the Drogheda network.

Dundalk Drainage Area Plan (DAP)/Plean Limistéar Draenála Dhún Dealgan

LCC continue to liaise with Irish Water and their Consultants on the Dundalk Drainage Area Plan (DAP). The Hydraulic Model to be completed in early Q3.

Dundalk East Strategy - In advance of completion of Dundalk DAP/ Straitéis Dhún Dealgan Thoir

Consultants are currently progressing the detail design with Irish Water, in consultation with LCC.

Coe's Road Pumping Station / Stáisiún Ceadéalacháin Bhóthair Uí Chofaigh

Operational modifications to the Pumping Station were undertaken by EPS. Options for cleaning of existing large diameter sewer are being progressed.

Dundalk LNRP / Clár um Atreisiúchan Líonra Áitiúil Dhún Dealgan

A Strategic Review is underway for Dundalk Wastewater Treatment Plant and Blackrock Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Local Network Reinforcement Project (LNRP) will progress following the completion of this review.

North Drogheda Wastewater Network Strategy/Straitéis Líonra Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha Thuaidh

Atkins Consulting Engineers are progressing the detailed design of the North Drogheda Strategic Wastewater Network. The planning and

procurement process is to progress throughout 2022.

Quay St. / St. Helena Rising Main, Dundalk/Príomhphíobán Aníos Shráid na Cé/Naomh Helena, Dún Dealgan

Construction has commenced along the Inner Relief Road and will progress into Quay Street during September with anticipated project completion in early 2023.

Greenmount WTW Upgrade/Uasghrádú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Dhroim Chatha

Irish Water are progressing the design of proposed Upgrade Works at Greenmount WTW. The Concept and Feasibility Workshop was completed in July 2022. The Detailed design is due in September 2022. LCC continue to engage with the design team on relevant data gathering and site visits.

Drogheda WWTP/Córas Cóireála Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha

Irish Water are continuing to carry out works at Drogheda wastewater treatment plant and is committed to resolving any potential odour issues arising from the wastewater plant or the network. Irish Water continues to work closely with EPS Limited who operate the plant on behalf of Irish Water.

Drogheda Drainage Area Plan (DAP)/Plean Limistéar Draenála Dhroichead Átha

Irish Water have appointed consultants to undertake the Drogheda Drainage Area Plan (DAP). The Catchment Appreciation Workshop was completed on 15th August and LCC staff are currently liaising with Irish Water and the Project Consultants.

Cockle Hill PS Upgrade / Uasghrádú Stáisiún Ceadéalacháin Chnoic na Ruachan

Contractor has been appointed to undertake Upgrade Works at Cockle Hill Pumping Station. These works are programmed to be progressed in Q3 2022.

Greenhills Sewer Replacement Project/ Tionscadal an Áthsholáthair Séarachais na nGlaschnoc

It is proposed that IW contractors will commence on site at the end of October 2022 and the project will be progressed into Q1 2023.

South Drogheda Wastewater Network Upgrade/ Uasghrádú ar Líonra Fuíolluisce Dhroichead Átha Theas

The site investigation for the South Drogheda Wastewater Network has been completed and the draft design is anticipated by the end of September. Workshop 4 and Workshop 5 are scheduled to be progressed in October.

Water Networks / Líonraí Uisce

Water Networks Programme/Clár Líonraí Uisce

Rehabilitation Programme/Clár Athshlánúcháin

- Work on the rehabilitation schemes listed below is being undertaken through this program in August
- Cast iron network replacement in Tallanstown - Phase 1 Completed, Phase 2 – 100% completed – completed including bridge crossing.
- Design development for the slip lining of the watermain through the Bridge of Peace – This project has been handed back to the Infrastructure team to be taken forward as a G&D project. – No further update

Lead replacement / Ionadú Luaidhe Back Yard Services / Seirbhísí Cúlchlóis

Irish Water's Contractors are continuing to carry out back yard service replacements.

First Fix / Chéad Shocrú

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

Find & Fix / Aimsigh agus Deisigh

Louth County Council crews undertake Find and Fix activities in Omeath, Carlingford, Newry Road Dundalk Tallanstown and Irish Rail Lands between Dundalk and the Doylesfort Road during August.

Water Scouring Programme 2022 / Clar Sciúrtha Uisce 2022

Louth County Council Crew undertook unidirectional network flushing in Muirhevna More Hoey's Lane and Avenue Road areas in August.

Network Maintenance / Cothabháil Líonra

56 essential water tasks were carried out in August including 26 arising out of our Find and Fix program

Planning & Water Connections / Pleanáil agus Ceangail Uisce

The Networks Section processed 26 new connections, 14 Pre-Connection Enquiries and 28 Planning Applications in August.

Service Maps / Léarscáileanna Seirbhíse

The Networks Section prepared 8 Service Maps in August.

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

This Directorate has three key areas of responsibility:

Planning, the way in which we organise the built environment in our county

Infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, and ports

Economic Development, including the Local Enterprise Office, and work involving partners and funding outside the state

Tá trí eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrtóireacht seo:

Is é Pleanáil an slí a eagraímid an timpeallacht thógtha i gContae Lú

Bonneagar, ár mbóithre, ár ndroichid, agus ár gcalaphoirt san áireamh

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, an Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil san áireamh, agus obair le comhpháirtithe agus foinsí maoinithe lasmuigh den Stát

Thomas McEvoy
Director / Stiúrtóir



Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

- Part of our assessment of projects currently includes their impact on the environment.

- A new support for micro and small businesses in Louth to assist them develop their green and sustainable agenda was launched in 2021. Further details are available at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/green>.

Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

The next meeting of the Louth Economic Forum is due to take place on the 22nd September, 2022.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2022

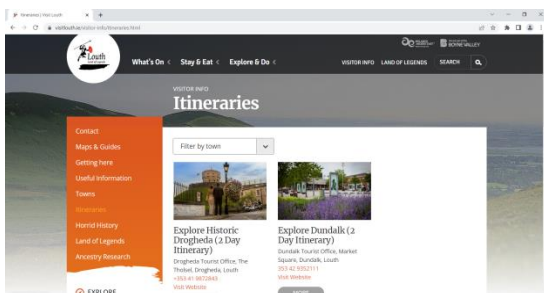
To date this year, 18 applications have been received, applications can be submitted until Friday, 30th September, 2022.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

Minister Humphreys has announced the Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022. Omeath has been selected for Co. Louth. The scheme will open for applications on Monday 5th September with a closing date of Friday 30th September, 2022 and details will be advertised on www.louthcoco.ie and in local press.

Tourism

Visit Louth



Extract from 'Visit Louth' website

Two itineraries have been published on the Visit Louth website to help visitors to Co. Louth plan their visit, please see: <https://www.visitlouth.ie/visitor-info/itineraries.html>. More itineraries to follow.

Visit Louth recently submitted articles and advertisements to be published in the 'Spirit of Ireland' magazine which is aimed at the American tourist market and 'Premier Guide' which is distributed in conjunction with Tourism Ireland.

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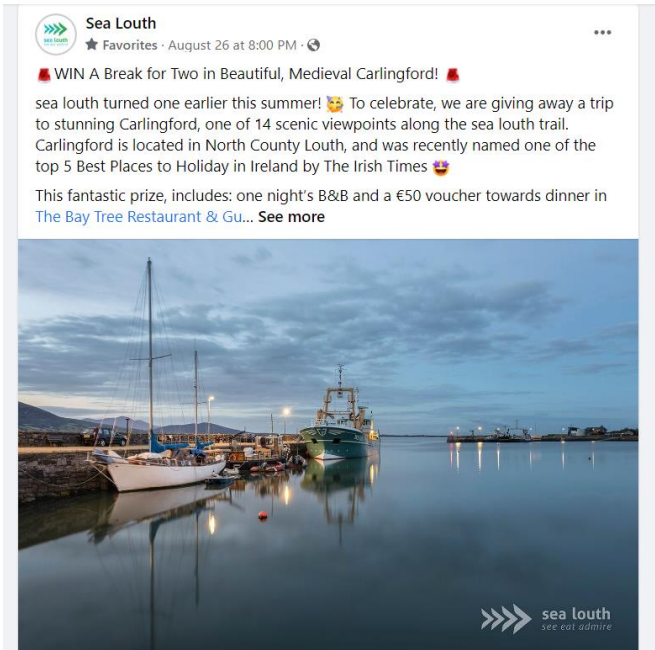


Louth County Council has been shortlisted in the nineteenth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2022 for the sea louth project in the 'Supporting Tourism' category. The 2022 Excellence in Local Government Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland.



There is currently a competition taking place across all our social media channels offering followers the chance to win a package for two in Carlingford. The prizes have been sponsored by the providers who are keen supporters of the sea louth scenic seafood trail. Competition closes on the 4th September and the prize includes:

One night bed and breakfast, a €50 voucher towards dinner in the Baytree Restaurant and Guesthouse; Lunch in the Wildwood Street Food Box; 4-hour e-bike hire with Carlingford Greenway Bike Hire and a trip on the lough with Carlingford Lough Sea Tours. More information at: <https://www.sealouth.ie/post/win-a-break-for-two-in-beautiful-medieval-carlingford>.



Extract from Facebook of sea louth Competition

sea louth together with Visit Louth will have a stand at the National Ploughing Championships in September, taking place in Ratheniska, Co. Laois. Visit us at The Dome, Block No. 2, Row 37, Stand 593. We have placed an advertisement in the event programme.

Festival Grant Funding Applications 2022

A number of festivals who received funding under the festival funding streams have successfully taken place and their post event forms have been assessed and grants are being issued.

Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme

Tender responses for the Wayfinding Manufacture and the Installation and associated Public Realm Works have been evaluated. A letter of intent will be issued shortly.

The proposed signage will be focused on streets from Magdalene Tower to Millmount and from Westgate to St. Laurence's Gate in Drogheda town centre.

Funding Opportunities

An application has been made to the Shared Island Development Fund for a cross border feasibility study incorporating the Carlingford / Cooley area together with Newry, Mourne and Down.

An application for a Night-time Economy Advisor for Drogheda has been submitted under the pilot scheme initiative. A decision is expected on same this month.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Events

We held 9 events for the month of August, including Martry Mill Open Days, Moynalty Steam Threshing, Corderry Farm Pick Your Own Fruit and Vegetable and Sunflowers at Sonairte.

Workshops

We are running a 'TikTok Workshop for Food Business' on Wednesday 14th September, 2022. This is to help our providers reach new audiences.

FAM Trip

The Food Development Officer was in Kilkenny on the 31st August for a FAM trip with a Drogheda group to see the Kilkenny Walking Foodie Tour with a view to establishing one in Drogheda later this year.

Membership

We have 3 new Boyne Valley Flavours members this month: The Crafty Mare, Marie's Cakes and Four Acre Foods.

Samhain - 5,000 years of Irish Food and Culture

Samhain preparations are going really well. We plan to launch Samhain 2022 at Sheridan's Harvest Festival.

LEO Louth

COVID-19 Business Supports



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

Businesses seeking support from LEO Louth should email: info@leo.louthcoco.ie or they can call to our office at Town Hall, Dundalk.

'Look for Local' / 'Shop Local'

LEO continues to host a Louth 'shop local' online directory available at: www.louthcoco.ie/ShopLocal.

New businesses can be included on the Louth online directory by emailing: tradingonline@leo.louthcoco.ie.

Brexit Supports

Brexit Advisory Clinic:

Brexit Advisory Clinics, involving one to one meetings to help assess the impact of Brexit on Louth businesses, continue to be offered to local businesses.

Microfinance Ireland Loan:

Microfinance Ireland is offering a Brexit Business Loan, via LEO, in order to support businesses that will be directly impacted by Brexit.

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

Green for Micro



The Green for Micro programme is a free programme which aims to help businesses identify cost savings and improve their green credentials. This is achieved by looking at the business from an environmental perspective.

Projects vary from assessing energy, water and waste costs, guidance with environmental management system, to the greening of the product or business to adapt to the changing market place.

This programme will continue to be delivered throughout 2022.

YTD 13 no. Louth businesses were approved.

LEO Louth continues to welcome new applications.

LEO Louth Client Portfolio Review / Export Adviser Programme

Under this Programme LEO has procured 3 no. consultants who have commenced engagements with our portfolio clients.

The programme provides support to LEO portfolio clients to develop their export and growth potential, working with businesses to identify and pursue export opportunities and to ensure maximum uptake of LEO supports.

The Advisers are now actively engaging with 14 no. LEO Louth portfolio clients for up to 5 days each over the course of 2022.

Business Training



August had 4 no. workshops delivered to 79 no. attendees. Workshops included Instagram for Beginners and a Start Your Own Business course.

Workshops for September include Business Blogging and Book Keeping for Small Business.

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

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



LEO continues to offer the Trading Online Voucher Scheme to assist businesses get online or enhance their online presence, under which LEO can provide 50% support up to a maximum grant of €2,500.

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

32 no. Vouchers have been approved YTD.

Business Advice Clinics

28 no. business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the County during August.

LEO Louth Mentor Programme



The Mentor Programme is designed to match up the knowledge, skills, insights and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners with small business owner / managers who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

16 no. businesses were appointed Mentors during the month of August.

COVID-19 Microfinance Ireland Business Loan



LEO Louth offers expert assistance to clients to assist the completion of Microfinance Loan Applications, Business Plans and Cashflow Projections.

During August 3 no. applications for support were received while 1 no. loan was approved.

LEO mentors are continuing to assist applicants.

Head of Enterprise is participating on the MFI Strategy Working group and MFI Board.

Microfinance Ireland – New Electric Vehicle Taxi Loan



Microfinance Ireland has a loan whereby taxi owners who wish to buy an electric vehicle can now apply for loans of up to €25,000 from Microfinance Ireland.

Loans of between €5,000 and €25,000 are available, with a 1% reduced APR if the application is made through the Local Enterprise Office. The loans will be up to 5 years.

LEO Louth is accepting applications.

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.

2 no. Louth businesses were approved for Lean in August bringing our approvals YTD to 10 no.

Craft Sector

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

Louth companies will be able to apply to engage in training programmes, an eCommerce bootcamp and an export focused programme over the next number of months.

Management Development Programmes for the Retail Sector

In July, LEO Louth launched their suite of 3 no. Retail Management Development programmes themed Retail Management in a Post Pandemic Environment and the second of the suite of three, Building your Brand and Content commenced on 23rd August with 10 no. Louth businesses taking part. The third programme “eCommerce and the Retailer in 2022” commences on 20th September.

Management Development - Financial Capability Skills Programme

Also in August, LEO Louth commenced its Financial Capability Skills Programme for owner / managers. The programme was designed to assist business owners to improve their understanding of their business’ finances and to understand how financial information can be leveraged by a business in making strategic decisions. 12 no. Louth businesses are taking part. The programme is due to conclude in October.

Junior Achievement Recognition Event 2021 / 2022

On 29th August, 2022, in conjunction with Junior Achievement Ireland, the Local Enterprise Office organised the annual Junior Achievement Recognition Event 2021 / 2022 in the Council Chamber in County Hall to recognise the staff of Louth County Council who volunteered during the last academic year.



(Back L-R) Elaine O’Brien Lynch, Junior Achievement Ireland, Joan Martin, Chief Executive Louth County Council, Volunteers Pamela Dagg and Siobhain Carroll, Louth County Council, Wayne Macken, LEO Louth (Front L-R), Riona McCoy (Acting) Head of Enterprise - LEO Louth and Susan L. Murphy, Louth County Council

European Relations

Peace IV Programme



Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

Muirehevnamór Community Centre Extension
The Chief Executive and Chair of Louth Peace IV Partnership visited the Muirhevnamór Community Centre to see the progress of the building works. The CE was impressed with the projects advancement and with the excellent work being done in the Community Centre.



Louth County Council Chief Executive Joan Martin and Muirhevnamór Community Council Director Jim O’Neill

Peter's Hill, Drogheda

The artwork contract for Peter's Hill has been awarded to Michael Disley for his design 'Inspired to Meet'. Actions to begin development of the commissioned piece have begun.



Artist mockup of 'Inspired to Meet'

Peace Plus

Louth County Council have received three submissions in response to our Request for Tender for consultancy services to assist in the drafting of the Peace Plus Action Plan.

We are currently forming an Evaluation Committee. The next Peace Plus Partnership meeting is scheduled to be held on 6th September.

Infrastructure

Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

A North South Ministerial Infrastructure Sub Group meeting was held on the 23rd June, with a further one to be held in September.

Engagement with DFI Infrastructure, Loughs Agency, NPW, etc. is ongoing in order to discharge the Conditions of Planning. Wind tunnel modelling is ongoing, both bathymetric / topographical surveys are complete.

Advanced works contract for a compensatory roost site commenced on-site, water quality monitoring for these works ongoing. Ecological Clerk of Works has been appointed for these contracts.



Mud Mats installation to allow access to the proposed works Roost Site Works

A Pin Notice was issued on eTenders and OJEU tendering portals and an Industry day with potential main contractors was held on the 24th June. Updates to the detailed design and environmental management plans, etc. are currently ongoing. It's envisaged that the Prequalification Contractors Suitability Assessment documentation will be issued to the market in early September.

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

Louth County Council received correspondence from An Bord Pleanála regarding the CPO process; the Board intends to determine the application before the 9th December, 2022. The design team are engaging with the landowners throughout the process.

N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme

The N2 Project Team has substantially completed the necessary surveys / investigations, prepared an initial design of the proposed road, and are in a position to meet potentially affected landowners to present details of the initial road design and discuss the potential impact of the scheme. Feedback received will then be considered by the N2 Project Team before a design is finalised, and a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) are prepared to be submitted as part of the planning approval process.

Jacobs will write out to landowners in early September 2022, inviting them to a meeting with the project team. Meetings are scheduled to take place over a 5 week period, starting in mid-September 2022.

More information about the format of the landowner meetings will be issued to Elected Members in early

September. Elected members will also receive a briefing in advance of general landowner meetings commencing.

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

N52 Ardee Bypass

Part 8 planning has been passed by the Ardee MD on the 7th April.

A local environmental group were granted leave in the High Court for a Judicial Review against An Bord Pleanála (ABP) and the Boards directions to Louth County Council concerning the preparations of an EIAR and NIS. There will be a further hearing on 11th October, directing the parties with regard to legal papers. The scheme is currently at a standstill until the resolution to these proceedings are overcome.

TII HD17 Schemes

A consultant recently carried out Road Safety Inspections (RSI's) on behalf of the TII on both the N2 and the N33 National Roads in Co. Louth. The consultant's reports are currently in *Draft* form and are being reviewed by the TII. The TII will notify Louth County Council in due course as to the various HD17 schemes they will want Louth County Council to pursue in 2022 / 2023.

Funshog: A Feasibility and Options report for the upgrade of the N2/LS5267-0 junction commenced in 2021. The *Draft* report is currently on hold until the TII review the results of the RSI's that were carried out recently on the N2 as outlined above.

Safety Barriers – N53 and N52

A total of 9 sites on the N52 and N53 have been identified as requiring the provision of safety barriers. Tender documents were issued and returned on the 19th August, 2022. The tenders submitted were forwarded to the consultant who will produce a tender report for the TII. The TII will then confirm what works if any can be carried out.

N2 Collon Safety Scheme

Following TII design report approval a Road Safety Audit has been commissioned. Tenders have been

received for Civil and M&E works and works are due to commence in early September.

Port Access Northern Cross Route

Hedge removal works are completed within the CPO land. These works were carried out within the permitted season such that if any ongoing discussion with the developers in case funding does become available before the hedge cutting season resumes.

Footpath and cycle path works to facilitate development on the Ballymakenny Road which is part of the PANCR scheme are completed. The purchase of land to facilitate the footpath and cycle path has commenced in line with the CPO procedure. Public lighting columns have been installed. Watermain, foul sewer and telecoms ducting are complete. Kerbing work and footpath and cycle lane is substantially complete. Public lighting is 100% complete, but awaiting ESB connection.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

The Tender documents for construction of the works were received and are currently being assessed. Ongoing consultations are taking place with stakeholders / landowners.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The project has been reactivated with Cavan County Council being the lead authority. Currently the consultants are reviewing the route using a RibGeom method of assessment. This type of assessment will identify sections of the route corridor where the greatest collision risk exists and these will form a basis of a phased improvement strategy for the route corridor.

The final report was received in July in relation to the RibGeom. The report identifies 15 Schemes between Cavan and Dundalk and prioritises 9 Schemes of which 4 are located in Co. Louth, namely:

- Scheme D2 Essexford to Radrumskeane (Co. Monaghan)
- Scheme D4: Ballykelly
- Scheme D6: Castlerring and Carrickmullan
- Scheme D7: Carrickmullan and Mullaboy

been forwarded to TII and it is currently under review.

Ardee Pedestrian Crossing

A Feasibility and Options Report for the Refurbishment of the Pedestrian Lights on Castle Street, Ardee was forwarded to the TII and approval was received in 2021 for funding of €136,258 for these works. Unfortunately, due to increased design and construction costs, the TII have instructed Louth County Council to retender for a design team to bring the project forward. *Draft* documentation was sent to TII and it is currently under review by TII for this scheme.

Specific Bridge Improvement Grants

Obelisk Bridge

A requested peer review by DTTAS is now completed and final tender documents are currently being reviewed by DTTAS prior to release to the market. Funding of €800k was allocated by DTTAS to progress the scheme.

St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda

There is currently restricted foot traffic permitted on the bridge. Resurfacing works at the junction of Father Connolly Way, Wellington Quay and Dominic Street now completed.



Night time works to resurface the junction

Works on dismantling the scaffolding system are underway and repairs to masonry wall are completed with all stone work at approaches on wing walls rebuilt. The bridge deck reinstatement has been completed and paving is ongoing. Edge beams and handrails have been installed and an archaeology licence from the Department is in place

for excavations on pavement area on north ends of bridge adjacent the quay walls.



Upstream South elevation footway paved

Public Transport

NTA Bus Shelter Installation Programme 2021 – 2022

The NTA have, through discussions with Bus Operators, their bus shelter supplier, and Louth County Council developed a revised list of 9 proposed schemes detailed below. A contractor has now commenced works in Marley's Lane and Newtown Meadows in Drogheda and in Ardee on the N2. Works will continue through until mid-November. Construction works will typically take two weeks at each location.

- Drogheda - Donore Road
- Dundalk - Red Barns Road opposite Lennonstown entrance
- Termonfeckin - Big Street at Credit Union
- Kilsaran - South of Standard Brands
- Drogheda - Rowen Heights, Marley's Lane - Southbound
- Ardee - N2 northbound opposite Monastery Church
- Clogherhead – Fr. O'Donnell Park
- Drogheda – at Newtown Meadows, Newfoundland Road (R166)
- Dundalk - Rathmount Estate, Seafield Road, Blackrock.

Corporate Projects

Ardee Castle RRDF

The Amendment Part 8 process was passed at the May Ardee MD meeting. Detailed design and production of tendering documentation is ongoing. Discussions with the national monuments service are ongoing in relation to the ministerial consent application.

Redevelopment Fair Street Offices, Drogheda

Main Contractor, Townlink Ltd. commenced work on site on 28th March, 2022. Works have commenced in Block C to strengthen the brickworks walls in order to bring structural stability to the building, once complete works will commence on dismantling the section of building which is unstable.

Materials for reuse being assessed, segregated and stored as necessary on site. Minor Ducting Contract in operations Yard on behalf of ESB / Eircom are completed.

The main piling is now completed and the piling rig has now moved off site.



Piling Rig

Archaeologist continuing to monitor excavation works to rear of Block C - Community Services Building.



Stitching works to stabilise brickwork in Block C



Stained Glass Window in Block B

Dunleer Fire Station

Tender Documents for design consultants were received on the 22nd August with only one tender received. This tender will now be assessed and on completion of same a recommendation will be made.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

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Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys are complete. Archaeological, Conservation and traffic surveys also complete. These surveys are informing the ongoing design process.

An Appropriate Assessment screening process for the proposal is ongoing and will assist with determining its approval route.

Omeath Public Realm

Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys companies have been appointed and

surveys have begun on site. A public information day took place in Omeath on 14th July with the designs being presented by lead consultant BDP and Louth County Council. Detailed design is ongoing with initial on site discussions to take place with ESB.

Ardee 2040

The detailed design and the preparation of the EIAR and AA Screening for Development consent application to ABP are progressing. Costings for implementation of the project are being prepared. The report into the Public Engagement Process has been uploaded onto the website: www.ardee2040.ie.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

Westgate Vision Project is progressing with agreed planning strategy for EIAR and AA Stage 2 reports for Development consent application to ABP based on the emerging option design. Costings for implementation of the project are being prepared. The report into the Engagement process has been uploaded to www.westgatevision.ie.

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration

The revised preliminary business case has now been submitted to the URDF for approval. Tender documents for the appointment of urban design team for Phase 1 of project which involves the enhancement of the public realm are to be finalised and uploaded to the eTenders website in early September.

Dunleer Town Masterplan

The appointment of urban design consultants to prepare the masterplan is nearly complete with the contract signing due in early September. An initial meeting with newly established community "Town Team" is to take place next week.

Active Travel Investment Program

2022 Budget Allocation

On the 24th January, 2022, The National Transport Authority (NTA) awarded Louth County Council an allocation of €6.53 million to advance a number of Active Travel Projects from preliminary design phase to construction phase.

Further to this Active Travel Programme 2022 Allocation Letter the NTA informed Louth County Council on the 8th August 2022 of an additional funding allocation of €212k for Bus Shelter Installation Programme 2021 - 2022 as reported above.

The fourteen Active Travel Projects that commenced in 2021 will continue and an additional nine new projects have been allocated funding for this year.

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

The current status of the ongoing projects are as follows:

- St. Dominick's Bridge, Drogheda: as reported above
- Drogheda (R132), Bridge of Peace to Train Station (including Marsh Road): The Design Team have concluded the Feasibility and Options Assessment Report (Gateway 2 Report) and it is expected to be submitted to the NTA in early September, seeking approval to progress to Phase 3, Preliminary Design
- Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda: works ongoing (see PANCR above)
- Drogheda 2021 Active Travel Projects A number of Active Travel Projects in Drogheda Urban Centre, namely: *Termonfeckin Road, Collon Road, Hill of Rath to Rosehall roundabouts, Rathmullan Road, Dublin Road and North Road*, are amalgamated together in order to achieve economy of scale. The Design Consultants RPS Group are progressing well with initial design and are currently surveying traffic, cyclist and pedestrian movements along the study routes. The topographic survey commenced on the 15th August and is expected to be concluded on the 9th September, 2022
- Drogheda: Boyne Business Park Link Road: as reported above

- R132 Inner Relief Road, Dundalk: Design Consultants, Barry Transportation Ltd. have concluded the Feasibility and Options Assessment Report (Gateway 2 Report) and it was submitted to the NTA on the 24th August, 2022, seeking approval to progress to Phase 3, Preliminary Design
- Dublin Road, Dundalk – Design Consultants O’Connor Sutton Cronin (OCSC) are progressing with the development of the design. A Stage F Road Safety Audit has been completed and screening for Environmental Assessment is ongoing
- Ard Easmuinn Road to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk and Bus Station to Rail Station: Louth County Council received Gateway 2 approval from the NTA on the 5th August, 2022 and we have now progressed into Phase 3 i.e. Preliminary Design. LCC intend to have concluded Gateway 3 report i.e. Preliminary design by the end of September 2022.
- Footpath Extensions / Links Package B: see Operations Report on Annagassan.
 1. Cherrybrook and Knockbridge: Cherrybrook is fully completed and Knockbridge footpath works are expected to commence on the 5th September, 2022.
- R166 Termonfeckin footpath tenders received and Louth County Council are waiting on pre-appointment checks regarding the contractors insurances / tax, etc. prior to appointment.
- Transport / Mobility Plans:
 - Drogheda and East Meath Transport Plan: Work on the Area Based Transport Assessment needs for Drogheda and East Meath is ongoing in conjunction with the NTA and Meath County Council. Traffic counts have been undertaken at key locations. The results of Stakeholder engagement and Public consultation (online survey) have been collated.

Additional Funding has been approved by NTA for the below projects to advance to Design Process and a procurement exercise is to commence in September 2022

- R132 Dublin Road, Dundalk (from the Rank Xerox junction to Greengates) - New Cycle paths (2.4km)
- R178 Carrickmacross Road, Dundalk - New cycle paths

- New Pedestrian Crossings (two) on R132 Inner Relief Road, at Táin Bridge, Dundalk
- Hoey’s Lane (from junction with Dublin Street to junction Naughton’s Close) - New cycle paths
- Mill Street, Dundalk (from Inner Relief Road junction to Castle Road junction) - New Cycle path – 440m and upgrade of junctions
- Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk - New Cycle paths
- College Heights to Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk - New Pedestrian / Cycle path link

Allocations for Works Contracts:

- Remedial works at various junctions in Dundalk Town Centre to improve accessibility, refer to Operations for progress.
- Moneymore, Drogheda – New Permeability footpaths to link to schools to residential areas.

Louth Flood Defence and Coastal Erosion Projects

Dundalk and Ardee Flood Relief Projects

Stage 1 of the Project is continuing, i.e. Options Assessment, Scheme Development. Hydrological and hydraulic modelling method statements have been approved and hydraulic modelling is now nearing completion for both Ardee and Dundalk in tandem with the processing of information from the recently completed CCTV and Topographical surveys. Preliminary Option Assessment to consider and assess a range of possible Flood Relief Measures has commenced and will continue throughout the next few months including further Public Consultation Days, notification of which shall be advertised well in advance.

Further necessary environmental, ecological, noise and landscape assessments will continue through Q3, 2022.

Monthly project briefing notes are being issued to the current relevant stakeholders. The project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at: www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

RPS has commenced works on Stage 1 of the Project, i.e. Options Assessment and Scheme Development. Topographical Surveys have been completed on site and post-processing works are currently underway. CCTV surveys required to assist preparation of the hydraulic models for the project have commenced on site and will be completed on-site in September. Preparation of Tender Documents for Project Site Investigations has also commenced. Preparation of Tender Documents is also continuing for the necessary environmental and ecological surveys on the project.

The project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at: www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie.



Extract from web page

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

OPW have commenced a data review of the Carlingford and Greenore Flood Defence Project to reappraise the Options identified in the Flood Risk Management Plan. The data review will include additional rainfall data collection and modelling. Two temporary rain gauges are now operational, installed at Carlingford Fire Station and at the rear of Carlingford Library for rainfall data collection, providing additional data to inform project design and development.

Balmers Bog Surface Water Pipe

All works are now complete with surplus flows now diverted through the pipeline from Balmers Bog. Minor M&E works are outstanding and will be completed in due course.

Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works

Applications for the 2021 OPW Minor Works funding were submitted for Coastal Protection Projects in 3 separate locations, Omeath, Bellurgan and Ballagan.

OPW have confirmed Funding Approval of €62k for Omeath and an ecologist will now be procured to prepare an AA Screening Report for this Project.

OPW have raised a number of queries with regard to the Ballagan application which have been responded to.

OPW refused the Bellurgan application but have agreed to reconsider a revised application for a reduced scope of works. This revised application has been prepared and was submitted in May.

Schools Programme Projects

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

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

Ardee E.T.N.S.

A tender assessment has been completed and a recommendation to award has been issued to the Department of Education for approval.

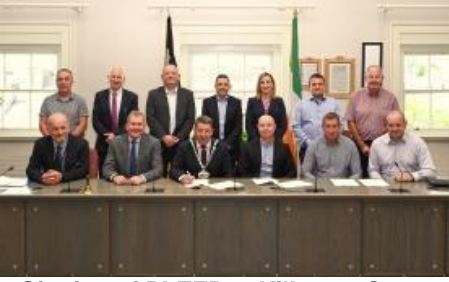
Part 8 for the proposed alterations to the SEN units was resolved at the Ardee MD members for the March meeting.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn and Park at Marshes Lower, Dundalk

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

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

A Section 85 agreement between Kilkenny County Council and Louth County Council has been agreed.



Contract Signing of PLEEP at Kilkenny County Council

The Contract has now been signed by Kilkenny County Council (as lead partner) for the Eastern Region. The PLEEP Eastern Region will upgrade approximately 73,500 public lights across 9 local authorities, Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary, Westmeath and Wicklow County Councils, as well as Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Planning

Development Management / Bainistíocht Forbartha

The Planning service indicators for Louth County Council for the month of July, 2022 are given below in tabular form. There were 81 planning applications received during the month of July of which 72 were valid. In addition there were 28 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 21 Pre-Planning Applications received.

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

(A) Description / Cur Síos	(B) Housing Developments / Forbairtí Tithíochta	(C) Individual Houses / Tithe Aonair	(D) Other applications -not requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT	(E) Other applications-requiring EIA / Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth	(F) Total for all categories of development in County Area / Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae
(i) Number of applications determined / Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	3	13	41	1	58
(ii) No. of decisions determined which required further information / Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais	0	4	17	1	22
(iii) Percentage of applications refused / Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	66.67% (2)	46.15% (6)	9.76% (4)	0% (0)	20.69% (12)
(iv) Number of appeals determined / Líon	0	1	1	0	2

na n-achomharc a cinneadh	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
(v) Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal / Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc					

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

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh		Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development / Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh	
	July 2022 / Iúil 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo	July 2021 / Iúil 2021	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	10	155	31	197
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	0	0	0
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	28	184	25	157
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	14	129	22	137
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	0	11	1	3
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	3	0	4
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0	0	3
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Short Term Lettings Enforcement

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

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Short Term Lettings	
	August 2022 / Lúnasa 2022	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated / Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh	1	8
Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which didn't require follow up / Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise	0	1
Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation / Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht	4	18
Number of cases currently under investigation / Líon na gcásanna atá á n-imscúdu faoi láthair	27	48
Number of Warning letters issued / Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh	2	20
Number of Enforcement Notices issued / Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh	0	4
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	0
Number of Injunctions / Líon na n-urghairí	0	0
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0

Operations and Waste Management

Oibríochtaí agus Bainistíocht Dramháil

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

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

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

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

Catherine Duff
Director / Stiúrthóir



Municipal District of Dundalk

Dundalk and Cooley Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Litter picks Dundalk Town wide including all approach roads, Dublin Road, Inner Relief, Ramparts, Centenary Road, Avenue Road, Hoeys Lane, Tom Bellew Avenue, Fairgreen Road, Old Newry Road, Racecourse Road, Armagh Road, Castletown Road, etc.• Cooley isolated locations including Carrickcarnan, Templetown, Rockmarshall, Gyles Quay, Shillinghill and Whitestown.
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley – Carlingford, Omeath, Gyles Quay, Templetown, Faughart, Greenore, Lordship
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley rural village sweep programming• Bellurgan Straight
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract works Dundalk• Cooley – as per bin emptying

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly by Parks Operative in Dundalk • Carried out by Water Safety Officer in Cooley
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily by Parks Operative. Repairs carried out by in house staff or contractor

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>LP305230 – New Line Omeath LS70540 – Drumullagh R173 – Bellurgan R173 – Ballymascanlon At various Black Spot locations within the area</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Ramparts Road Surface dressing Glenwood Surface dressing Oaklawns Surface dressing Slieve Foy Park</p>	<p>Road Repairs</p> <p>Road Repairs</p>
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>R173 – Bellurgan Straight LS7070 – Bush R175-41 – Greenore</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Ongoing maintenance to storm sewer network Town Wide</p>	<p>Drainage Installation and Upgrade Works</p> <p>Essential maintenance Jet Vac</p>
Fallen or Dangerous Trees /	<u>Cooley</u>	

<p>Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p>	<p>Deerpark and Castletown Cooley</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u> None this month</p>	<p>Fallen trees removed by the area crew</p>
<p>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> Vegetation was cut back along the Greenway</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u> L-17102 The Crescent R215-18 Park Street L-2000-990 Coes Road R-176-6 Jocelyn Street R171-0 Anne Street L-20015-0 John Street L-20016 Market Square</p>	<p>Repairs and edge restoration</p>
<p>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> None this month</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u> R-177-3 St Helena Castletown Road Crowne Plaza</p> <p>Weekly maintenance of all Traffic Lights replacement bulbs (replacement LEDs), vandalism repairs, etc.</p>	<p>Vehicle Collision Repair Faults</p> <p>Ongoing Essential Maintenance</p>
<p>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> None this month</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u> None this month</p>	
<p>Signage / Comharthaíocht</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u> None this month</p>	

	<p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Cleaning of signs and bollards on the approach roads Replaced large directional sign at junction of Racecourse Road and the R132 By Pass Replaced faded Yield Signs at Junction</p>	<p>Essential Maintenance</p>
<p>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>Long Woman's Grave Rubbish was collected by the public from Templetown to Gyles Quay and removed by the area crew.</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Castleross Woodlands Park Newry Road Riverside Walk Racecourse Road Ramparts and Car Parks Dublin Road Avenue Road Ardee Road Carrick Road Castletown Road Castleblayney Road Quay Street Point Road Inner Relief Road</p>	<p>Dumped Household Waste, Mattresses, Furniture, Construction and Demolition waste. All areas are checked weekly and rubbish removed Williamsons Place is an area in town that is a black spot every week Mattress and other household rubbish removed from river at Quay Street Household rubbish lifted from river at Avenue Road Trolleys lifted from river at Ramparts and Avenue Road</p>
<p>Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí</p>	<p><u>Cooley</u></p> <p>None this month</p> <p><u>Dundalk</u></p> <p>Graffiti removed from the ring buoys and bins Graffiti removed from the piers at Ice House Hill Replaced bins in town centre Power scrubbing of footpaths at Fr. Murray Park</p>	



Resurfacing at Slieve Foy Park



Litter Cleanup Ramparts / Williamsons Place

Blackrock, Faughart and North Mid-Louth Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blackrock – 6 days per week• Knockbridge – once a week• Dromiskin – once a week• Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blackrock (7 no.) checked weekly• Annagassan (11 no.) checked weekly
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kilanny, Louth Village & Castlebellingham checked weekly• Blackrock checked weekly

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	LS-7116 Ballybinaby Hackballscross R172 Blackrock LT71801 Monascrebe Faughart L-7100 Whitemaill Faughart LS-7106 Lennonstown Kilcurry Chapel Pass Blackrock LS-7120 Shanmullagh N/A N/A
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	Knockbridge Village - this includes Loughantarve, Lisroland View, Cloonana and Lisheen Park
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	Clearing fallen trees and debris
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	Footpath renewal
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráichta	R132 Junction with Old Golf Links Road (Felda junction) and Xerox Major repair works completed
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	N/A N/A Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
Signage / Comharthaíocht	All surface dressing locations Any damaged signage replaced/fixed N/A Cleansing/repair/replacement New signage

Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	Cleaning up illegal dumping from LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown Tallanstown and Louth Village	Collection of dumped waste for disposal Collection and disposal after community clean up
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	N/A	

Ardee Municipal District

South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí Ardee Town Dunleer Town Collon	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht 37 Daily 20 Tuesday and Thursday 3 Tuesday and Thursday
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála Ardee Town River Dee Salterstown Port Beach	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne Maintenance and cleaning of Fairgreen and Dunleer parks and playgrounds complete with daily checks of the playground and exercise equipment at both locations.	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	LT 12972 Everetts Lane LS 5234-0 Bog Road Ardee LP 2239-20 Mountain Road Dunleer LP 1233-0 Mullanstown LS 6222-0 Dunany LS 6220-0 Roadstown Library Lane Dunleer LP 2250-0 Dromin Grain Spill at Ballapousta Cross Oil Spill on the R170 Dromin to M1	Velocity Patcher JCB Pro
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	LP 1209-0 Glack Road Gullies and pipework at Cookstown and Gilbertstown	

Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha		
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	Sliabh Breagh footpaths Cleaning Kells Road footpath N52 Ardee	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá		
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre		
Signage / Comharthaíocht	New stop signs and Blank stops at Glack Cross junction of the L-1209 with the L-1233-7	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach		
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí		



Velocity Patcher on Everetts Lane

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair

Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí

- Steps and laneways weekly 22 steps when resources allow and green areas
- Hotspots on Monday – decided by Supervisor following inspection
- Bring Banks in Drogheda Urban are checked and cleared daily during working week. Also all Bring Banks in Drogheda Urban are checked and cleared on Saturday p.m. New signage erected at all town sites.
- Drogheda Rural Bring Banks are cleared daily during working week
- Renew of stone footpaths at Old Abbey Lane
- Power washing of paving at West Street is ongoing
- All grey bins on West Street painted
- Painting of black bins and graffiti removal on town centre streets is ongoing – Meatmarket Lane, Dyer Street and Kieran’s Corner
- Painting of St Mary’s Bridge and Delacey Bridge pedestrian railings is complete
- Graffiti removal in town centre areas such as Meatmarket Lane, Bessexwell Lane

- Power washing of street signage on approach roads – R132, Trinity Street, Ballymakenny Road, Newtown Termonfeckin Road, Baltray Road, Donore Road, Marleys Lane and Rathmullen Road

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí

Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht

Port Oriel Pier Clogherhead

7 Daily

Clogherhead Beach

8 Daily

Port Beach

6 Daily

Termonfeckin

6 Daily

Baltray

3 Daily

Seapoint Carpark

3 Daily

- Drogheda Town Centre litterbins, circa 60, emptied daily early mornings
- 234 litter bins (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town. Survey of existing litter bins in progress
- Dominics Park and Mell River Walk emptied daily
- South Louth Drogheda Municipal District rural area's public litter bins are emptied twice a week or daily when needed especially at beaches/Port Oriel/Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day
- Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week
- Bin upgrade and maintenance ongoing and street furniture

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly • Public Housing Estates swept every two months. Private Housing Estates swept every three months, when resources allow • Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by Supervisor after checking Drogheda Urban area • Villages are swept once per month, i.e. Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen and Tenure • Drogheda Town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty about 35 no. once a week, washed and disinfected
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89 ring buoys checked each week in town area (Thursday) • 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday) • Ring buoys upgraded at St Mary's Bridge and North Quay

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

- Between 4 & 5 daily. 4 playgrounds in Drogheda town, Skate park, adult exercise equipment. 3 Playgrounds in Drogheda rural area. Disinfected

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
<p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p>	<p>LP-2240 Togher to Port L-6246 Cruisetown Lavin Park Tullyallen Roads L-66324 Road repairs Waterunder Mell</p> <p>LCC's crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement repairs West Street • Signage repairs at Town Centre • St. Dominicks Park – Signage Repairs • Sundays Gate – Signage Repairs • Signage maintenance Town Centre Streets • Painting of overhead barriers at Mell, Kings Street and Donore Road carparks • Painting of public lighting on North Road and Dublin Road <p>Road Works Programme – Resurfacing works at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bothar Brugha • Dual Carriageway • St Mary's Street • Priest Lane

<p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p>	<p>L-66324 Waterunder Mell – Replaced culvert under roadway, installed gullies and access chambers</p> <p>Annual Drogheda gully cleaning programme ongoing</p> <p>Gully cleaning at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bothar Brugha • Dual Carriageway • St Marys Street • Priest Lane • Moneymore 	
<p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p>		
<p>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheaton Hall • Westcourt • Ashfield • IDA Road 	
<p>Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West Gate 2. Termonfeckin Bridge 3. North Quay Pedestrian Crossing 4. Dublin Road at Scotch Hall and Mary Street 5. Bolton Street Pedestrian Crossing 6. Hardman Gardens Pedestrian Crossing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vehicle phase lamp fail, RED 2. Lights out due to electrical fault 3. Lights out due to electrical fault 4. RTA Primary pole hit by vehicle 5. Lamp failure 6. Realign signal head
<p>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</p>	<p>Road marking survey in progress</p>	
<p>Signage / Comharthaíocht</p>		

Weed killing / Marú fiailí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowbatter • Pearse Park • Moneymore • Ballsgrove • Priest Lane • Congress Avenue • North Strand & Steps 	
Litterbin cleaning disinfecting / Díghalrú glantacháin boscaí bruscair	Dog Bin disinfecting complete on approach roads	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballsgrove Lanes • Bessexwell Lane • Riverbank Estate • Marsh Road • Dublin Road (R132) • Duleek Street • Town Centre 	<p>Dumping investigated and fixed penalty notices issued based on evidence found</p> <p>Early morning town inspections taking place. The purpose is to identify business premises' failing to comply with the Waste Presentation Act and the Litter Pollution Act</p>
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bessexwell Lane • Bachelors Lane • Constitution Hill • St Josephs Primary School • Scoil Aonghusa 	Areas identified and crews followed up by removal of graffiti



Resurfacing at Dual Carriageway



Resurfacing at Bothar Brugha



Waterunder Culvert Repair



JCB PRO Lavin Park Tullyallen

North Louth Quarterly Recycling figures

Quarter 2 2022 recycling figures from V&W Recycling Centre in Dundalk are as follows:

Paper/Cardboard	122
Plastic	54
Glass	40
Textiles	3
Batteries	2
Greenery	1282
Wood	110
Scrap Metal	92
WEEE	75
Total Tonnes	1780

South Louth Quarterly Recycling figures

Quarter 2 2022 recycling figures from V&W Recycling Centre in Drogheda are as follows:

Paper/Cardboard	140
Plastic	41
Glass	61
Textiles	4
Batteries	1
Greenery	508
Wood	121
Scrap Metal	142
WEEE	119
Total Tonnes	1137

Waste Management, Environment and Climate Action Report

Waste Management

Waste Enforcement

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

Complaint Type	August 2022	In 2022
Air & Noise	11	71
Farm	1	27
Waste/C&D	8	157
Water Quality	6	26

A total of 26 complaints were received in the month of August 2022, bringing the total number of complaints in 2022 so far to 305. 21 complaints have been resolved and 5 remain open, pending further investigations.

Waste Facility Permits & Certificate of Registration

The Waste Management Act 1996 requires that, with a few exceptions, any person carrying out the recovery or disposal of waste shall hold a waste license, a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration, depending on the nature and extent of the activity. Waste licenses are issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) while waste facility permits and certificates of registration are granted by the Local Authority for privately owned waste facilities.

Waste facility permits and certificates of registration are governed by the Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended.

Examples of activities which require a waste facility permit or a certificate of registration include land reclamation/development, car dismantling, composting centers, recycling of construction & demolition waste and the reception and storage of waste.

Two new Waste facility permits were granted in June 2022. Currently there are 27 Waste

Facility Permits and 5 Certificates of registration in operation in Louth. There are (2) review applications currently being determined during the month of August along with a transfer application in respect of a Waste Facility permit Facility.

Annual Return Validations

All Waste Facility Permit (WFP) and Certificate of Registration (CoR) holders are required to submit Annual Returns (AR) where they collected / processed waste in any given year. The National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) Eden Portal opened to Local Authorities from 1st April 2022. Waste Enforcement Officers have started working on AR validations. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies a list of waste facilities which must be prioritised for validation by Local Authorities.

There is a total of 24 WFP and 5 CoR holders in Louth that require desk-top data validation in 2022.

Producer Responsibility Initiatives

Significant Producer Responsibility Initiatives have been introduced in relation to packaging waste, end of life vehicles (ELV's), tyres, food waste, farm plastic waste and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) with inspections underway in 2022 by Louth County Council waste enforcement officers to ensure compliance with Regulations.

The Irish Farm Film Producers Group Ltd (IFFPG) is the national farm plastics recycling compliance scheme <https://www.farmplastics.ie/>.

The scheme was made available in Louth during the month of May. Bring-centre dates and locations for 2022 are available on IFFPG website.

Farm plastic inspections were conducted on a number of premises in Co. Louth in July 2022 with the assistance of IFFPG. Full compliance was noted in our inspections.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that funding is available through the WERLA's to support Local Authorities in 2022 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). The 2022 ADI aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping by identifying and delivering projects aimed at tackling illegal dumping 'black spots' throughout the County and adhere to key measures of prevention, abatement, education & awareness and enforcement. The Department continues to strongly encourage innovative projects, which recognise waste as a resource that can be repurposed for use in a Circular Economy. Projects are in the process of being finalised. Applications for 9 projects were submitted. A Grant of €80,000 was received, which is an 83% reduction from the Grant received 2 years ago and 36% reduction from the 2021 Grant. 3 projects have been approved for this year's ADI initiatives which include:

1. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Dundalk V&W civic amenity centre.
 2. Mattress & sofa amnesty event – Drogheda V&W civic amenity centre.
 3. Dundalk Summer Clean-Up project
- Both mattress & sofa amnesty events are scheduled to take place in September 2022.

Free Mattress and Couch Disposal Day

As part of the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022 there will be a Mattress and Couch Disposal Amnesty at:

V & W Civic Amenity Centre, Newry Road, Dundalk
AND
V & W Civic Amenity Centre, Mell Road, Drogheda

ONLY on Wednesday 31st August 2022
9:00am – 5:30pm



Mattress and Couch disposal costs will be covered by Louth County Council.

Recycling centre entry charge of €4 applies.
Mattresses must be clean and dry.
This is a service for householders only.
There is a maximum limit of 3 per vehicle.

Enquiries to: Operations Section, Louth County Council, County Hall, Dundalk

The summer clean up event for Dundalk took place over the weekend of 22nd-24th July 2022. It was a successful event with 317 people registering to participate in the event and 25 areas registered for clean up.



Dundalk Summer Clean Up July 2022

C&D Waste

The EPA published Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Waste Projects in 2021. Waste Enforcement Officers are required to complete both desktop and site-based inspections of construction and demolition projects in Co. Louth to ensure compliance with the relevant Regulations including enforcement actions where necessary. As part of site inspections, Waste Enforcement Officers ensure that waste is being managed appropriately and that any export or import of waste on site is collected by an authorised waste collector and destined to authorised facilities. Information in relation

to unauthorised sites or illegal collectors can be forward to info@louthcoco.ie.

Litter Enforcement

A total of 19 fines were issued in the month of August. Of these fines, 2 were issued in the Dundalk urban area, 14 in Drogheda urban area and 3 in the remaining County wide area. There were no fines issued for dog fouling in August.

There have been 1099 investigations in the year to date with 91 carried out in the month of August.

There have been 242 fines issued in the year to date, 6 of which were for Dog Fouling.

Diesel Laundering Waste

0 IBC's were located in August 2022. So far in 2022 there has been 222 IBCs located within County Louth costing approximately €277,127.04.



Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning

The Waste Management Act (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 allows farmers as a last resort, to dispose of green waste by burning i.e. untreated/uncontaminated wood, trees, tree trimmings, leaves and brush or other similar waste generated by agricultural practices. New amending Regulations have now been

introduced extending the exemptions to burn waste generated by Agricultural practices until the 1st January 2023.

From January 2022 to end of July 2022 a total of 68 Waste Disposal by Burning applications were received.

In August 2022 we received 2 applications bringing the total number of applications in 2022 so far to 70.



My Waste

When resources allow, the MyWaste campaign will be looking to move to more focused interactions with individual dwellings, to establish compliance with the Waste Presentation and Segregation Bye-Laws. Initial focus will be on dwellings which have not responded to previous requests for information and in areas where problem dumping exists.



Dumping recently reported to Louth County Council

After a number of recent reports around dumping in specific areas, letters have been sent to residents.

A total of 778 reminder letters have been issued to householders in the 3 urban areas of Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda to date. A total of 401 replies have been received to date from the reminder letters

Air / Water / Noise Pollution

There were 6 water pollution complaints received in August with none open and six closed.

Four (4) Air Pollution complaints and seven (7) Noise Pollution complaints were received during August 2022.

Bathing Water

The annual monitoring of the four designated beaches in Co Louth is continuing. So far all results for our four designated bathing waters are excellent. Results for all the beaches are available on www.beaches.ie.

The four beaches identified as designated bathing waters are Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint. The public participation for the identification of new bathing waters ended on the 9th of June 2022. Three submissions were received and are currently being assessed.

Further information on beaches and water quality can be found on the EPA hosted website – www.beaches.ie



Unightly sludge at Beaches

There were a number of reports of suspected sewage sludge at beaches in the north of the county in late July and early August, which was investigated. Following investigation and consultation with other agencies, the material has been identified at **Ectocarpus**.



Rockmarshall, Dundalk

Ectocarpus is a sea-weed which is a natural part of the sea flora and when large volumes are brought to shore by the wind and tide, it will smell as it decomposes and can be mistaken for sewage sludge.

Air Monitor for Drogheda

The EPA currently monitors air quality from two fixed monitoring stations in Dundalk and Drogheda. The data is available to view at: <https://www.airquality.ie/station/EPA-84>

Section 4 Discharge Licences

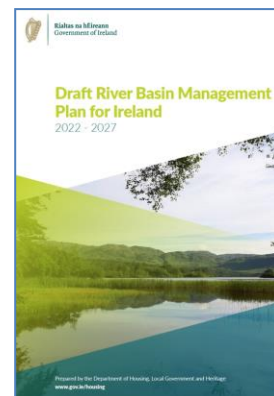
A section 4 discharge licence is a licence issued under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 as amended to premises for the discharge of treated effluent to a high standard so that it will not impact the groundwater and/or surface water receiving water body. Currently in Louth there are 34 active section 4 discharge licences. All licence holders must comply with licence conditions and submit regular monitoring results to the Council for assessment. The Council also carries out compliance monitoring on the licensed sites which includes compliance sampling and on-site inspections. Sampling and inspections of these sites is on schedule as per the 2022 inspection plan submitted to the EPA.

WATER FRAMEWORK/RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Local Authority catchment assessments being carried out by the LAWPRO inspection teams with the assistance of Louth County Council where required are on-going in the Castletown catchment which is a priority area for action. The Glyde catchment which is a priority area for action in the second cycle will be also be a priority area for action in the third cycle when the River Basin Management Plan is adopted along with other catchments including the Dee, Flurry, Termonfeckin and Whiteriver

LAWPRO works to increase public engagement. It also consults with stakeholders and communities, coordinating these activities across all 31 local authorities. Its work aims to ensure the public and stakeholders are engaged at regional and local level — to enable them to get involved with catchment-based approaches to improving water quality and the development and implementation of measures on the ground.

A key commitment in the Programme for Government, launching a new strengthened River Basin Management Plan will help Ireland protect, improve and sustainably manage our water environment to 2027. Achieving good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries and seas is essential for protecting Ireland's drinking water sources, environment and people's quality of life. The plan is produced in implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD).



Louth County Council will be co-operating with LAWPRO and Dundalk Tidy Towns, who have been awarded a grant to progress an assessment of the Ramparts River in Dundalk employing a process-based approach which aims to reset / enhance the natural habitat template of a river, to achieve options which are sustainable and require minimal long-term management.

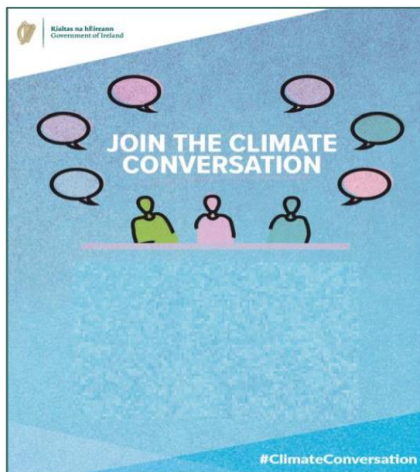
Landfills

All monitoring and inspections required by the conditions of the three landfill licences have been completed and are up to-date and on schedule as per the RMCEI inspection plan. Work is currently on-going on historic landfills in the County including surveying of site at Carlingford, preparation of planning application and revised Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessment of site in Ardee.

Climate Action

The Climate Action Team are actively encouraging people across Louth to participate in the online Climate Conversation 2022 survey that is being ran by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to express their opinions / ideas on climate change across Ireland.

A link to the survey can be found here -> <https://climateconversations.citizenspace.com/decc/climate-conversations-2022/consultation/intro/>



The Climate Action Team intend to roll out short videos / photos / information segments on Climate Action at a local level to All Staff in LCC to help promote Climate Action engagement and education across our organisation.

Preparation of a Baseline Emissions Inventory for County Louth has been ongoing. The Climate Action Team have been collecting information on how much CO₂ is emitted by all business, buildings, houses, industry, transport / travel and agriculture in the county. This information will form the base for decision making when the preparation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan for Louth commences later this year.

Members of the Climate Action Team promoted climate action as part of this year's theme for #YourCouncilDay across different sections within Louth County Council on July 1st, promoting sustainability and biodiversity across Louth County Council.



Biodiversity, County Hall, Louth County Council



Turbine at Louth County Council Dog Pound, promoting renewable energy.



Sustainable electric fleet, used at Louth County Council Dog Pound

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 & Climate Action Plan

We continue to work with the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) to work towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 to 2024 Action. A review of the current goals and objectives of the CCAS has commenced and this will form the basis for the development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Louth, to be developed over the next 18 months (timelines not yet fixed nationally). Draft Guidance documents were issued to help Local Authorities prepare for the development of Climate Action Plans which will incorporate all the relevant National Climate Action targets at a local level. Each section of the Council is now required to report as part of the Monthly Chief Executive Report on Climate Action projects and initiatives that are ongoing.

Electrical Vehicles Charging Points



Louth County Council and other associate partners have completed preliminary assessments of sites to generate an approved

site list 25 EV Rapid Chargers across the border counties.

Louth County Council has advertised a Market Soundings Exercise for the project which is live on ETenders and OJEU until 7th May 2022.

Information is available at the following outlets:

Channel	URL
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/FasterEVCharge
Twitter	https://twitter.com/FasterEVCharge
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/fasterEVCharge/
Linkedin	https://www.linkedin.com/company/faster-project
TikTok	https://www.tiktok.com/@fasterEVCharge
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0FqxddlP7WXJr9ShzUaxQ



Louth County Council is currently assessing sites for installation of 20no. EV charging points, as funded through SEAI. The goal of this funding stream is to support people who cannot easily provide their own EV charger at home, such as terraced housing or apartments. <https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/>

V&W Circular Economy Project

V&W operate Civic Amentiy Sites on behalf of Louth County Council. Part of their contract stipulates that they must carry out initiatives to foster the Circular Economy.

During the months of April and May, V&W progressed a number of Climate Action initiatives, focussed on the circular economy.

V&W continue to supply Drogheda Men's Sheds, with Organic Compost and Garden Tools for their work projects.



Men's Shed, Drogheda

V& W have officially launched **“African Bicycle Appeal”**

Members of the public can drop off old Bicycles in need of repair. V&W then supply these bicycles to the Irish Prison Service. Through the internal education programme prisoners repair these bicycles and send to Africa for reuse.



V&W Centre, Dundalk

Veterinary Services / Seirbhísí Tréidliachta

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

As of 31st August 2022, Louth County Council Veterinary Section, under a Service Level Agreement with the FSAI, enforced food safety standards on two abattoirs and fourteen meat processing plants under its supervision in the County. The number of food safety inspections carried out by Louth County Council in the year to date is sixty-nine.

Amhail ar an 31ú Lúnasa 2022, cuireann Rannóg Tréidliachta Chomhairle Contae Lú caighdeán sábháilteachta bia i bhfeidhm, faoi Chomhaontú Leibhéal Seirbhíse leis an USBÉ, ar dhá sheamlas agus ar ceithre cinn déag de mhonarchana próiseála feola atá faoi mhaoirseacht aige sa chontae. Is é líon na gcigireachtaí sábháilteachta bia a rinne Comhairle Contae Lú sa bhliain go dtí seo ná seasca a naoi.

Control of Dogs / Rialú Madraí

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

Dogs impounded August 2022 / Madraí curtha i bpóna, Lúnasa 2022

Total dogs impounded / Líon madraí curtha i bpóna	25
Seized under Section 16/ Uirghabhadh faoi Alt 16	18
Strays / Ar seachrán	5
Surrendered by owners / Tugtha suas ag úinéirí	2
No dogs reclaimed by owners / Líon madraí tógtha ar ais ag úinéir	4
No of dogs rehomed direct / Líon madraí a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh go díreach	3

No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups/Líon madraí a aistríodh go grúpaí leasa ainmhithe	5
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2022 / Líon madraí faoi chúram sa phóna 31/08/2022	17

No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/08/2022/ Líon capall faoi chúram sa phóna, 31/08/2022	0
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Dog Breeding Establishments (DBE) / Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí (BPM)

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 / An tAcht um Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí 2010

Dog Licences August 2022 / Ceadúnais Madraí, Lúnasa 2022	
No of Licences sold / Líon ceadúnas díolta	501
Licence Checks / Ceadúnais scrúdaithe:	
House calls / Seiceálacha baile	300
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days) / Fógraí Alt 16 eisithe (iarratas ar ceadúnas a thaispeáint roimh deich lá)	89
Fixed Penalty Notices / Fógraí Pionós Socraithe	27

Dog Breeding Establishments August 2022 / Bunachais pórúcháin madraí, Lúnasa 2022	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth, 31/08/2022 / Líon BPM i gContae Lú, 31/08/2022	6
Hunt / Conchróite Seilge	2
Boarding Kennels / Conchróite Cinneála	2
Training Kennels / Conchróite Oiliúna	1
Welfare / Leas Ainmhithe	1

Control of Horses / Rialú Capall

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

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

Horses impounded August 2022 / Capaill curtha i bPóna, Lúnasa 2022	
Horses seized / Capaill gafa	0
Reason for seizure: / Cúis na gabhála	
Horses reclaimed by owner / Líon capall tógtha ar ais ag úinéirí	0
Horses re-homed / Líon capall a bhfuarthas úinéirí nua dóibh	0
Horses disposed of / Capaill curtha de lámh	0



Max, enjoying a day at the beach after being successfully rehomed from the Pound as a puppy

Max, at baint taitnimh as lá ar on trá tar éis dó a bheith ar ais go rathúil ón bPóna mar coiléan.

Corporate and Emergency Services Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Éigeandála

This Directorate has two key areas of responsibility:

Corporate Services – the maintenance and development of systems which facilitate the effective running of our Council, including Human Resources, and Information and Communications Technology.

Emergency Services – including the Fire Service, Civil Defence, Water Safety, and the planning and implementation of strategies which help to keep our citizens safe.

Other responsibilities include Sustainable Energy.

Tá dhá eochairfhreagrachta ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha – ag cothabháil agus forbairt chórais atá baint leis an reáchtáil éifeachtach na Comhairle, agus Acmhainní Daonna, agus Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide san áireamh

Seirbhísí Éigeandála – Seirbhís Dóiteáin, Cosaint Shibhialta, Sábháilteacht Uisce san áireamh, agus ag pleanáil agus ag cur i bhfeidhm straitéisí chun chabhrú le muintir Chontae Lú a bheith slán sábháilte

Freagracht eile ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo ná Fuinneamh Inbhunaithe.

Joe McGuinness
Director / Stiúrthóir



CORPORATE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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.

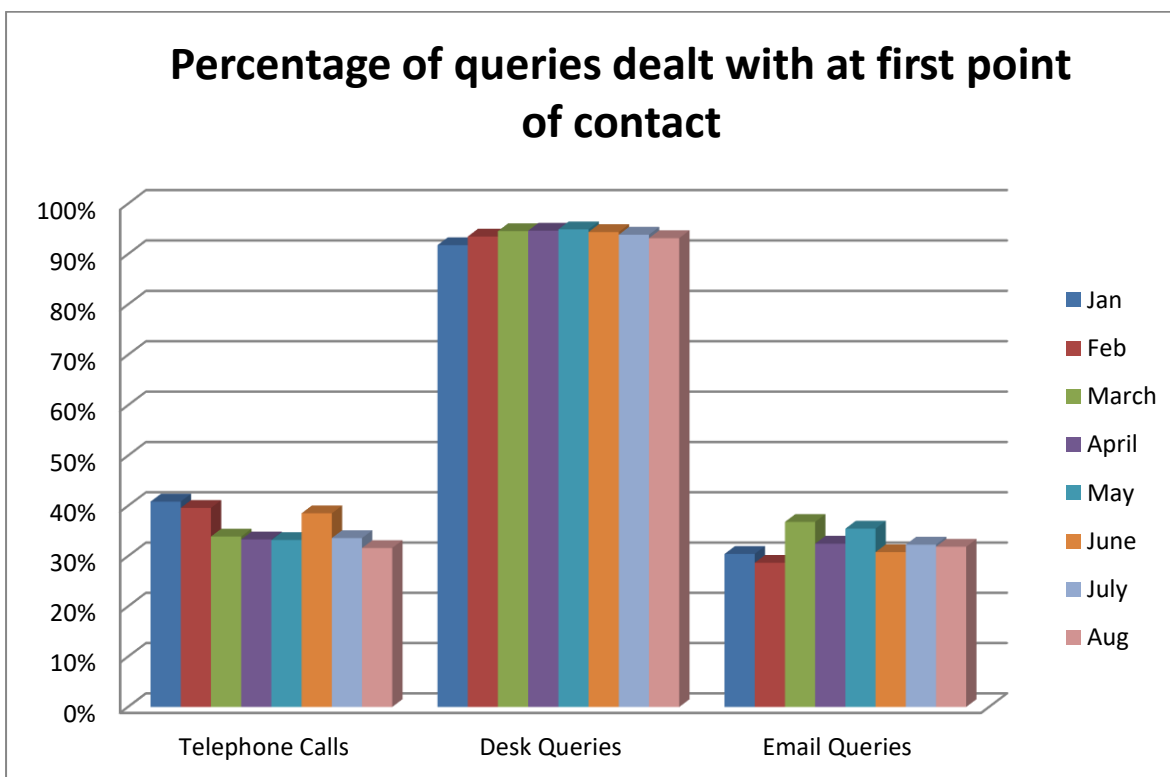
Directorate Restructuring

In recent months LCC has launched on a new Strategic Workforce Plan and, in line with this, a new directorate structure is in place as of 1st September 2022. An email has issued to Members setting out the new directorates and what functions are included in each. The staff listing provided within Decisiontime has also been updated also to reflect these changes.

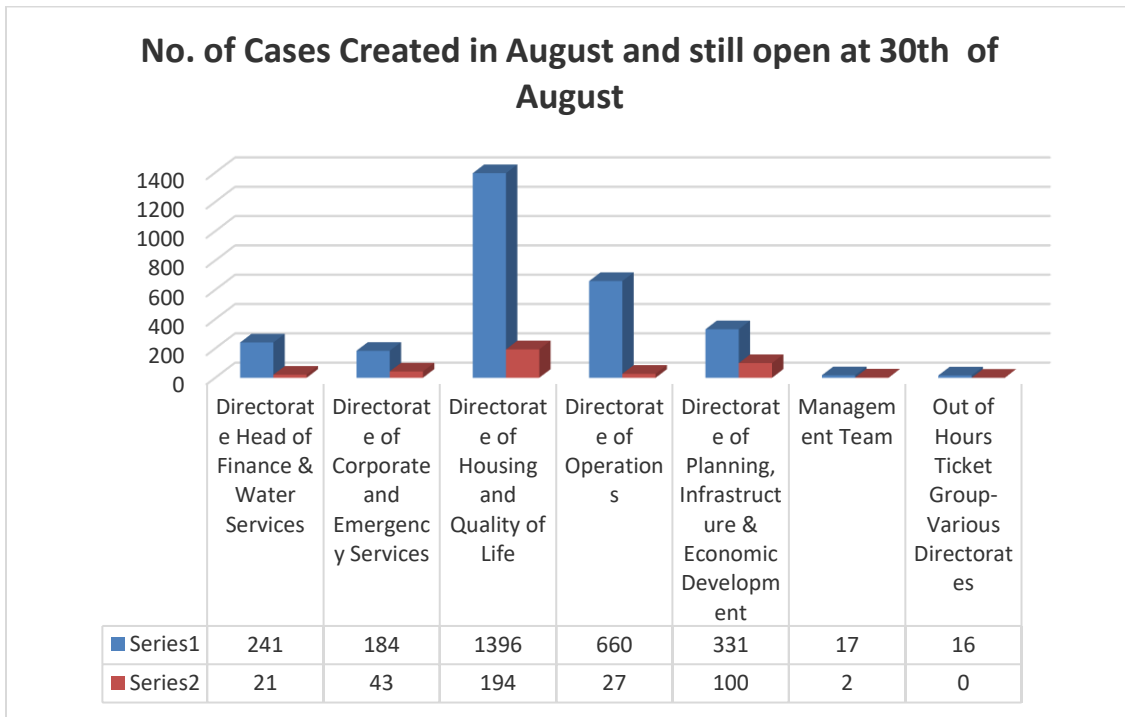
From next month onwards the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report will reflect the new structure.

August 2022

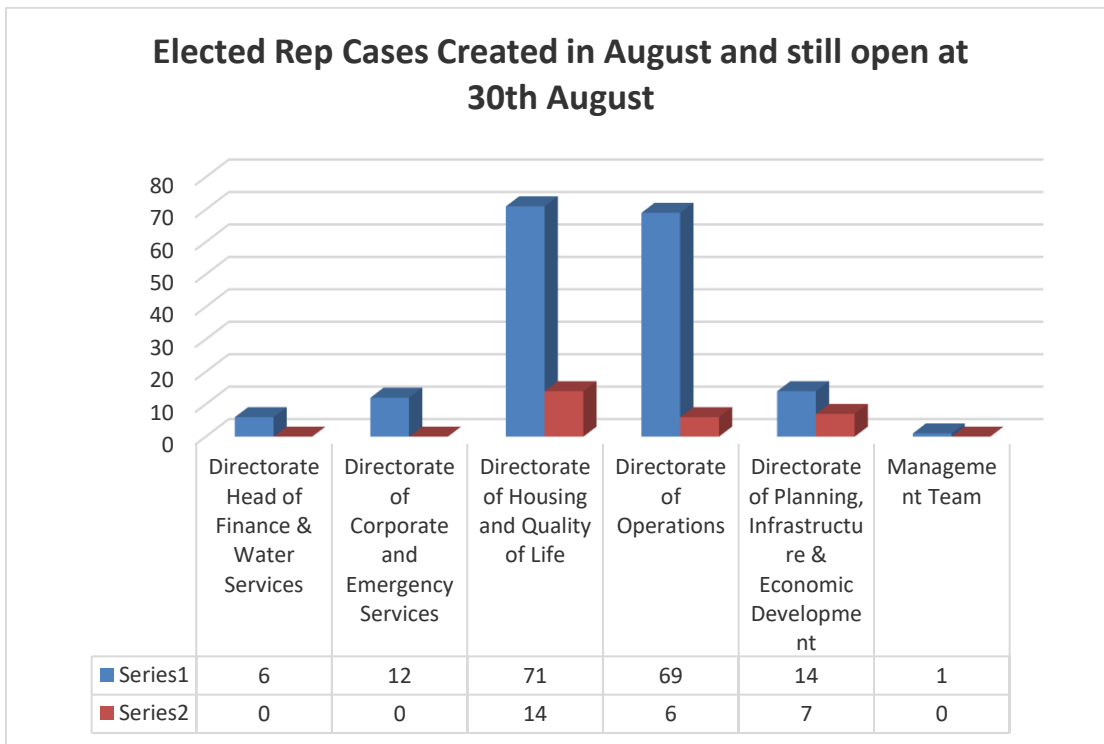
During the month of August Customer Services dealt with 10,659 queries – 6,197 calls, 1,192 e-mails and 3,270 counter queries.



There were 2,845 valid SugarCRM cases recorded during of which 387 (14%) remain unresolved, broken down by directorate as follows:



During August 173 elected reps. cases were recorded on Sugar of which 27 (16%) remain unresolved broken down by Directorate as follows:



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Requests Received	Same period 2021 (JAN to end of AUG only 2021)	2022 Total (JAN to end of AUG only 2022)	AUG 2022 (Month of AUG only)
Freedom of Information	72	83	10
Data Protection Request	1	2	0
Data Subject Access Request	10	5	1
Access to Information on Environment	4	9	2
Ombudsman Complaints	8	7	1
LCC Complaints Policy	20	22	2

Electoral Register

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 was signed into law by President Higgins on 25th July 2022.

The Act aims to increase voter engagement and participation in our democratic processes through a simplified registration process as well as providing enhanced public education and information in relation to the holding of elections and referendums.

The Act sets out the framework for the modernisation of the electoral registration process. It provides for rolling, or continuous registration, which will standardise and simplify the process. Transparent data-sharing and the use of PPSNs will enable data checks to protect and improve the integrity of the register. Local Authorities will retain their existing responsibilities for maintaining and updating the register. The Act provides for the designation of a single registration authority to manage a shared database for all local authorities to use in their registration duties.

To support greater participation, several additional features are also provided for, including the facilitation of anonymous registration for persons whose safety may be at risk if their names are published in the register; provisions to enable pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds; arrangements for those with no fixed address; and bringing better and more flexible options for people who, because of mental health difficulties, are not able to attend polling stations to vote.

Field Officers are continuing their work throughout the County.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance

The Council's energy efficiency at the end of 2021 was 47.84%, according to the latest draft report by SEAI.

Gap-To-Target Plan to 2030

Council staff are progressing energy works as part of the Council's Energy Action Plan for 2022. Staff are also developing a Gap to Target Plan to 2030 to identify suitable and sufficient multi-annual energy efficiency works to achieve 51% reduction in Carbon emissions by 2030. The improvements will focus on our highest energy users.

Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018

The Council's Energy Management System (EMS) is compliant with ISO 50,001; 2018. A 1-day surveillance energy audit scheduled for November 2022, has been deferred to 2 December 2022, to confirm compliance with that.

Better Energy Communities Grant 2022

LCC has partnered with Dunleer Sustainable Energy Community for participation in their application for grant funding for energy projects in 2022. Once the decision on that is made known, the Council will initiate the construction of its new energy projects for 2022.

Varcities H2020 Funded Project

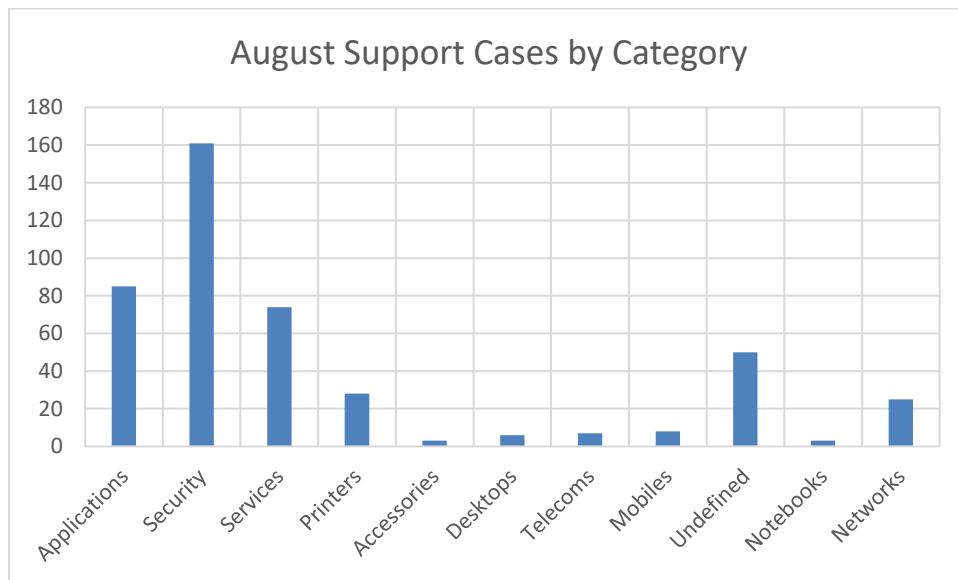
Dundalk is a pilot city for this project. 3 Visionary Solutions are proposed as part of the EU Horizon 2020 Funded varcities project at the outdoor space at the County Library and Museum, Dundalk.

The 4th Partner progress meeting for this project will be held at Malta and will take place over 2 days on 6th and 7th September.

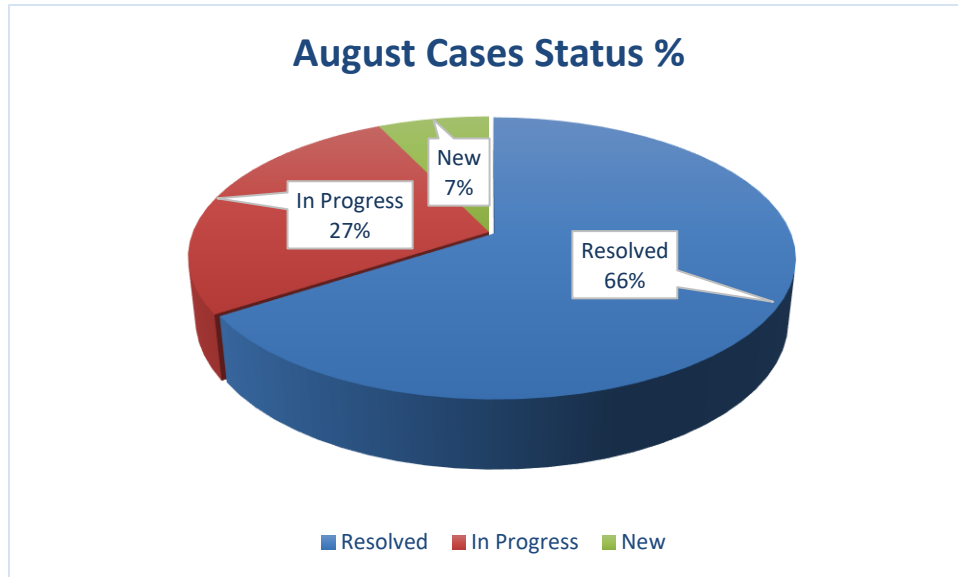
Information Communication Technology

Helpdesk

During the month of August there were 450 support calls logged in the IT support system.



The below chart indicates the status of the calls received in August.



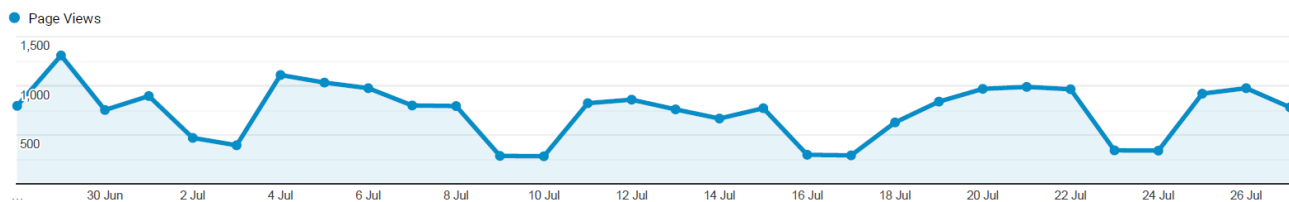
E-Mail Filtering System

LCC continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. Over 40% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.



Louth County Council Website

There was 21,471 Page Views on www.louthcoco.ie between the 28thth July and 27th August 2022.



Online Planning Maps, the Dog Pound, Vacancies and the Library were the most visited pages on the website.

Page	Page Views
	21,471 % of Total: 100.00% (21,471)
1. /en/	2,124 (9.89%)
2. /en/services/planning/online-planning-maps/	2,027 (9.44%)
3. /en/services/dog-pound/	801 (3.73%)
4. /en/louth_county_council/vacancies/	681 (3.17%)
5. /en/services/	412 (1.92%)
6. /en/home/	410 (1.91%)
7. /en/services/library/online-services/	399 (1.86%)
8. /en/services/library/	364 (1.70%)

ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provides an online Planning Register Map Viewer which can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County council website. This application is updated regularly to include all planning applications.

The Planning Map viewer received 2,074 views in August, an average of 72 views a day.

Emergency Services And Building C

Fire Service

The delivery of Louth Fire Service’s training plan is continuing:

- A refresher training course on the aerial ladder platform (ALP) was run for Dundalk personnel.
- Training courses for course assistants were run in Dundalk.

Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre is busy with Louth Fire Service and external Fire Service courses scheduled between now and the end of the year. This includes breathing apparatus courses being run by Monaghan, Meath and Donegal Fire Services.

The design brief for the major improvement works to Dundalk Regional Fire Service Training Centre is drafted. A Quantity Surveyor inspected the site with a view to completing a summary cost plan and that is awaited. DHLGH approval for the procurement of a design team will be sought once this is completed.

The Fire Service is working with the Infrastructure Section on the tender process for a design team for Dunleer Fire Station. This process is complete. The Fire Service is continuing its negotiation with the owner of the new station site with a view to acquiring it. It is hopeful that this will conclude soon.

The Fire Prevention Section has been assessing assembly buildings and office buildings for conversion to short term and long-term accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. This is in addition to buildings already converted for Ukrainian accommodation.

The Fire Prevention Section has also been inspecting bars and nightclubs for which annual dance licence applications have been made. When deficiencies are found there are usually objections to the renewal of dance licences.

Climate Adaptation Strategy

Work on the Climate Action Plan is continuing, to include Fire Service and Building Control requirements. This will take account of the contribution of Building Control to climate change.

Major Emergency Management

Regional Major Emergency Steering and Working Group meetings have continued. These meetings have included personnel from the three Principal Response Agencies, i.e. the Councils, HSE and AGS.

LCC chairs the Major Emergency Regional Steering Group and Regional Working Group, with the next scheduled meeting being in Louth on 7th September.

The regional work programme includes training and exercises later in 2022.

Civil Defence

Civil Defence provided medical cover at the following events:

- Puc Fada, Annaverna
- American Football Aviva (assisting Dublin Civil Defence)

Routine Civil Defence activities in July were as follows:

- Weekly training
- Occupational Fire Aid
- Emergency Medical Technician training
- Cardiac First Responder Advanced training
- People Handling and Manual Handling training

Building Control

All Disabled Access Certificate (DAC) applications are being processed and inspections of developments for compliance with the Building Regulations are arranged on a risk assessed basis.

The National Building Control & Market Surveillance Office accompanied Louth County Council Building Control Officer on-site inspections in mid-August to prompt a culture of compliance with the Building Regulations.

The Building Control Officer will attend a Part L Acceptable Construction Details and Thermal Modelling seminar in September.

Housing and Quality of Life Tithíocht agus Cáilíocht na Beatha

This Directorate has two key responsibilities:

Housing, which encompasses all initiatives which aim to match need and available resources in a sustainable way throughout our county

Quality of Life, a wide range of initiatives and programmes designed to make living in Louth a stimulating, safe and rewarding experience, including the arts, heritage, and our libraries

Tá dhá eochairfhreagracht ag an Stiúrthóireacht seo:

Tithíocht, a chuimsíonn gach tionscnamh agus de chuspóir acu ná na riachtanais agus na haicmhainní ar fad atá ar fail a chur le chéile go hinbhuanaithe ar fud ár gcontae

Cáilíocht na Beatha, réimse leathan tionscnaimh agus cláir atá deartha chun saol spreagúil, sásúil, sábháilte a chur ar fail i gContae Lú, na healaíona, an oidhreacht, agus ár leabharlanna san áireamh

Paddy Donnelly
Director / Stiúrthóir



Housing

Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the North East Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the North East Homelessness Strategy 2021-2024. The work done within County Louth in the period 1st August – 25th August can be summarised as follows:

Presentations of August 2022	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Number of Person who presented as Homeless	1	54	47	102
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	1	41	38	80
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	8	6	14
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	3	3	6
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	2	0	2

The tables below reflect details for Louth for the period 1st August – 25th August 2022. This figure shows the number of adults accessing emergency accommodation during the above period.

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	68
Female	28
Total	96

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	11
25-44	57
45-64	22
65+	6
Total	96

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	23
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	73
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	0
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	96

Table 4: County

County	Total
County Louth	96
County Monaghan	7
County Cavan	5
Total	108

Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with	3	4	10

dependent children in Louth			
Total	3	4	10
Couples with dependent children in Louth	8	17	17
Total	8	17	17

Housing First

	Louth	Monaghan	Cavan	Total
Number of tenancies established	28	02	07	37
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	25	01	07	33

Homeless Services and Covid 19

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

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

The Hostels and family Hub continue to operate with reduced capacity, which reflects government guidelines in respect of social and physical distancing.

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

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

Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is 3162

Ardee Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Dundalk Municipal District	Total
310	1182	1670	3162

Accelerate Social Housing

Louth County Council Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026.

A key objective of Housing for All is to increase housing delivery to an average of over 33,000 new homes per year in the period 2022-2030. The delivery of new social homes is an important element of this increased delivery. Housing for All includes a target to deliver an average of over 9,500 new build social homes per annum over the next five years and the Department has prepared social housing targets for individual local authorities.

The social housing targets figure for Louth County Council is 1357, comprising 1323 new build and 34 Long Term Leasing.

Under Housing for All, local authorities are required to publish a Housing Delivery Action Plan which will set out the detail of social housing delivery over the next five years. Louth County Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 has been published and can be accessed on the Council's website at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/housing/housing-delivery-action-plan/>. The Plan envisages delivery of 1573 new build units which will exceed the target set by over 200 units.

In addition the Department has issued a minimum target of 226 to Louth County Council for delivery of Affordable Purchase Homes.

In Q3 2022 Louth County Council will issue a call for Expressions of Interest from eligible households to establish a baseline figure to enable progression to a further call for Expression of interest from Property Owners and Developers to deliver Affordable Purchase Homes. In due course Louth County Council will adopt an Affordable Housing Scheme.

**2022 Housing Allocations up to
31st August, 2022**

District	LA Allocations	LA Refusals	Voluntary Allocations	Voluntary Refusals
Ardee	9	1	21	3
Drogheda	66	10	68	7
Dundalk	44	12	114	10
Total	119	23	203	20

Transfers

District	Number
Ardee	6
Drogheda	5
Dundalk	8
Total	19

Housing List

August 2022	Ardee MD	Drogheda BD	Dundalk MD	Total
Housing List	391	630	771	1792
HAP Transfer List	310	1182	1670	3162
Total Housing List	701	1820	2441	4962

There are a total of 280 applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including 35 applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Build More Homes

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

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

Rent Management

The number of tenants who pay rent by Household Budget is now **966**.

Current Rents Arrears as at 26th August 2022	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	201	€71,793
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	169	€102,584
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	755	€2,583,915
TOTAL	1125	€2,758,292

Improve the Rented Sector

Private Rental Inspections	Aug 2022	Year to Date
No. of properties inspected monthly	66	679
No. Of advisory notes issued to landlord	57	460
No. Of improvement notices issued	2	44
No. Of prohibition notices issued	1	4
No of Rent Book Notices issued	0	0
Inspections (HAP)	56	480
Improvement Notices (HAP)	2	55
Virtual Inspections Issued	0	0
Private Inspections from complaints	0	5
Hap From Complaints	1	22
Ras from Complaints	0	0
Re-Inspections HAP	1	49
Re-Inspections HAP achieving compliance	0	26
Re-Inspections RAS	1	2
Re-Inspections RAS achieving compliance	0	0
Approved Housing Body (AHB)	7	116

LTL (not included for payments)	0	12
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Utilise Existing Housing

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

Maintenance	1 st - 31 st August 2022	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	428	4,142
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	352	3,214
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress (August)	40	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	36	321

Vacant Properties

Currently 17 number social units being used as temporary accommodation for isolation or additional homeless need during COVID 19 and are not included in the table below.

Vacant properties on 31 st August, 2022	Total
Ardee Municipal District	13
Dundalk Municipal District	31
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	46
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	90
Vacant Properties (CPO units not yet ready for occupation) (All County)	11
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	101

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

The private grant process is continuing with some changes to procedure to reflect social distancing guidelines. These changes are reviewed in light of Government announcements.

The following grants are available

- Housing Adaption Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time care in the home
- Housing for Older People – Priority 1 to works that will preserve the integrity of the dwelling
- Mobility Aids Grants - Priority 1, which will assist those who need whole time, care in the home.

Private House Grants

Status	HOP	HAG	MAG	Total
Applications Completed 2021	174	119	39	332
Applications rolling into 2022	101	363	166	630
New Applications Up to 31.08.2022	241	129	42	412

Estate Management

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	TOTAL
Tenancy Inspections	17	4	15	36
Pre tenancy Training	1	2	0	3
Tenancy Investigations Visits	25	11	11	47
Tenancy Investigations Remote	0	0	1	1

Anti Social Behaviour

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Total
ASB Cases	19	11	45	75
ASB Ongoing	9	1	15	25
ASB Completed	10	1	30	41

	Drogheda BD	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Total
Verbal Warning	2	5	7	14
Written Warning	1	0	0	1
Tenancy Notification	0	0	0	0

Climate Action

The newly revised **Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme** is now in the second year of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. The new programme sees a significant up scaling (from 'shallow' to 'deep retrofit') on what has been completed by local authorities to date. In 2021, 57 units were completed with a carryover of 7 which were finished in Q1 2022.

In 2022 the Council received an allocation of € 3.654 million to retrofit a minimum of 105 properties.

Works have commenced on 26 units. A further 46 units have been awarded with works expected to commence shortly. A final package of 26 units is currently out to tender.

Housing Capital Projects

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Cox's Demesne Phase 2B	1/1	22	On-site	16/09/2022	2no. * 2 bed, 4no. * 3 bed, 2no. * 4 bed, 6no. * 1 bed Apt & 8no. * 2 bed Apt.
Muirhevnamore, Dundalk Phase 1	1/1	11	Stage Approved 2	16/02/2024	3no. * 2 bed & 8no. * 3 bed
Boice Court (Phase 2 - 4)	1/1	72	Stage Approved 3	08/07/2024	27no. * 3 bed, 4no. * 4 bed, 8no. * 1 bed Apt, 25no. * 2 bed Apt & 8no. * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/1	93	Stage Approved 3	31/07/2024	29no. * 2 bed, 23no. * 3 bed, 9no. * 4 bed, 10no. * 1 bed Apt, 6no. * 2 bed Apt, 16no. * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	6	Stage Approved 1	02/09/2024	2no. * 2 bed Apt, 2no. * 2 bed, 2no. * 3 bed
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	80	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved	30/06/2026	To be confirmed
Moneymore, Drogheda - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	27/10/2023	1no. * 2 bed
Gort Uaine, Clogherhead - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 4 bed
School Lane, Dunleer - Infill	1/1	1	Funding Approved Single Stage	29/09/2023	1no. * 3 bed
Doire Beag, Collon, Co. Louth - Infill	1/1	6	Funding Approved Single Stage	24/11/2023	6no. * 3 bed
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/4	11	On-site	30/11/2022	11no. * 2 bed (3no. Part V of 11)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	2/4	6	On-site	31/01/2023	3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)

Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	3/4	6	On-site	28/02/2023	3no. * 2 bed Apt, 3no. * 3 bed Apt. (1no. Part V of 6)
Ellwood Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	4/4	22	On-site	31/05/2023	11no. * 2 bed, 5no. * 2 bed Apt, 6no. * 3 bed Apt. (5no. Part V of 22)
Linenfield Ballymakenny	2/2	1	On-site	31/10/2022	1no. * 2 bed
Listoke Avenue Ballymakenny	1/1	6	On-site	30/09/2022	6no. * 3 bed
Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1/1	3	On-site	30/09/2022	1no. * 3 bed, 2no. 2 bed.
Cuirt NaGloch, Stoneylane, Ardee	1/1	14	On-site	31/12/2022	14no. * 2 bed
Park Green, Coulter Place, Dundalk	1/1	24	On-site	31/12/2022	24no. * 3 bed.
Rath Na Gloine, Dromiskin	1/1	1	On-site	31/12/2022	1no. * 3 bed
Balfeddock Manor, Termonfeckin	1/1	8	On-site	31/12/2022	1no. * 3 bed, 7no. 2 bed.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2022 CALF DELIVERY

Scheme	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
							Substantial Completion Date	
AHB CALF Turnkey	Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 3	35	12	Cluid Housing	On-site	24/10/2022	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 be duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1 bed apartments

								across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	Newfoundwell Road Drogheda Co Louth	2 OF 2	46	9	Cluid Housing	Completed	31/03/2023	17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 6	9		Tuath Housing	Completed	9/06/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 4	5	8	Tuath Housing	On-site	31/12/2022	6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	Tierney St, Ardee	1 of 2	5		Circle	Proposal	31/03/2023	3 x 3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x 3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed

								terrace houses across both phases
AHB CALF Turnkey	Tierney St, Ardee	2 of 2	6		Circle	Proposal	31/12/2023	3 x 3 bed bungalow, 2 x 2 bed bungalow, 3 x 3 bed terraced and 3 x 2 bed terrace houses across both phases

SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2023 CALF DELIVERY

Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
						Substantial Completion Date	
Donore Road, Drogheda, Co Louth	1 of 1	59	7	Cluid Housing	On-site	30/09/2023	8 x 3 bed apartments, 54 x 2 bed apartments and 4 x 1 bed apartments
Cathedral View, Dundalk, Co Louth	1 OF 5	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	30/06/2023	14 x 2 bed apartments, 9 x 2 bed houses, 14 x 3 bed duplexes, 14 x 3 bed terraced houses and 14 x 4 bed houses across all phases
Scotch Hall, Drogheda, Co Louth	1 of 1	21		Respond	Funding Approved	30/09/2023	6 x 1 bed apartments and 15 x 2 bed apartments
Dublin Road, Dundalk	1 OF 1	59	6	Respond	On-site	30/06/2023	5 x 3 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed duplexes, 2 x 3 bed apartments, 16 x 2 bed duplexes, 4 x 2 bed apartments, 4 x 1 bed houses and 27 x 1 bed
Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	2 of 3	24		Cluid Housing	On-site	30/01/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 18 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 3 bed terraced houses, 19 x 2 bed apartments, 29 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 36 x 1

								bed apartments across both phases
Duiche Roden, Dundalk, Co Louth	3 of 3	59		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023		
Newfoundwell Road Drogheda Co Louth	2 of 2	39		Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023		17 x 3 bed terraced houses, 1 x 3 bed duplexes, 25 x 2 bed terraced houses, 4 x 2 bed terraced, 4 x 2 bed duplexes, 28 x 2 bed apartments and 19 x 1 bed apartments across both phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	1 of 4	41	6	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023		2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Oriel Heights, Collon	1 of 1	2	11	North & East Housing	Funding Approved	31/03/2024		4 x 3 bed units and 9 x 2 bed units
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 4	12		Tuath Housing	On-site	30/06/2023		6 x 2 bed apartments, 32 x 3 bed terraced houses and 8 x 3 bed semi detached across all phases
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	31/12/2023		9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	31/12/2023		9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	21/10/2023		9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	2 of 4	15	2	Respond	On-site	31/03/2023		2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	3 of 4	21	2	Respond	On-site	30/09/2023		2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Newtown View, Marsh Road, Drogheda	4 of 4	43	3	Respond	On-site	30/11/2023		2 x 4 bed houses, 97 x 3 bed houses and 34 x 2 bed houses across all 4 phases
Bellewsbridge Dundalk	1 of 1	5	0	Circle	Funding Approved	31/03/2023		

Tullybrook, Slane Road, Drogheda	1 of 1	69	16	Cluid Housing	On-site	31/03/2023	2 x 4 bed houses, 22 x 3 bed terraced, 24 x 3 bed duplexes, 22 x 2 bed terraced, 7 x 2 bed duplexes and 8 x 2 bed apartments
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SUMMARY OF PROJECTED 2024 CALF DELIVERY

Scheme	Project Name	Project Phase	Non-Part V Units Expected	Part V Units Expected	Approved Housing Body	Completed	Projected	Unit breakdown
							Substantial Completion Date	
AHB CALF Turnkey	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	01/01/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	5 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	20/01/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses
AHB CALF Turnkey	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk, Co. Louth	6 of 6	38	7	Clanmil	Funding Approved	31/03/2024	9 x 2 bed apartments and 36 x3 bed houses

SUMMARY OF CAS DELIVERY

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Affordable units	Approved Housing Body	Project Status	Projected
						Substantial Completion Date
10-16 The Alleys, St Peters Place, Drogheda	01-Jan	14		Peter McVerry	Stage 2 Approved	1/30/2024
Barrack Street, Dundalk	01-Jan	21		Simon Community : Dundalk Simon	Stage 2 Approved	15/01/2025
Coulter Park, Dundalk	01-Jan	7		Túath Housing Association Ltd	Stage 3 Approved	7/31/2024
Four Winds, Mullacapple, Collon	01-Jan	1		St. John of God Housing Association Ltd	on site	08/15/2022

Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk	01-Jan	12		Womens Aid	Stage 1 Approved	02/02/2024
Riverwell Close, Dundalk, Co Louth	01-Jan	1		Respond	Stage 2 Approved	07/31/2024
St John's Home, Peters Hill	01-Jan	4		N&E	Stage 3 Approved	1/30/2024
St. Finians Park, Drogheda	01-Jan	1		SJOG	withdrawn	may proceed via CALF
Tierney Street, Ardee	01-Jan	7		Oaklee Housing Trust	Stage 3 Approved	1/30/2025
Kincora House, 1-2 Seatown	01-Feb	8		Peter McVerry Trust	Stage 1 approved	1/30/2024

Community and Sport

Louth Local Sports Partnership

HER Outdoors Week 2022

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in collaboration with stakeholders and partners across the county delivered a hugely successful programme of opportunities for females of all ages and abilities to enjoy Physical Activity and Sport in the outdoors as part of Sport Ireland's HER Outdoors week national initiative from August 8th – 14th 2022.

The aim of HER Outdoors week is to celebrate and encourage more females to get out active in the outdoors while also bringing visibility to the opportunities for females to get involved in outdoor physical activity in their local communities.

In Louth, over 400 females participated in 17 different activities across the week including; Open Water Swimming, Beach Yoga, Nordic Walking, Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Hill Walking, River Rowing, Cycling, and a Teenage Girls in Active in the Outdoors programme.



HER Outdoors week August 8th – 14th 2022

Level 1 Sport Leader Awards

Louth Local Sports Partnership successfully delivered a Level 1 Sport Leaders Award

programme to 25 young people aged 13-17 from Sports Clubs across the county from August 8th – 11th in DIFE, Drogheda.

The programme works with teenagers aged 13-17 who wish to develop their leadership skills in Sport & Physical Activity. The syllabus is designed to develop generic leadership skills that can be applied to a variety of sports and/or recreational situations as well as contributing to the personal development of the learner.

The young leaders will now use their qualification to develop and lead Sport & Physical Activity opportunities within their local clubs and communities across Co. Louth.

Our next Level 1 Sport Leaders Award will take place in Dundalk Sports Centre from November 1st – 4th.

For further information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318



Level 1 Sport Leaders Award programme, Drogheda

Volunteer & Coach Education Workshops

Louth Local Sports Partnership will be facilitating the following Volunteer & Coach Education workshops in the coming months for volunteers and sports coaches in Louth

Activity	Date & Time	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	August 25 th 6.00pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	September 8 th 6.00pm	Online
Autism in Sport	September 20 th 6.30pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	October 6 th 6.00pm	Online

Vision Sport Awareness	October 13 th 7.00pm	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	October 20 th 6.30pm	Online

For further information on volunteer and coach education workshops please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318.

Inclusive Summer Programmes

Louth Local Sports Partnership was delighted to deliver an action packed summer of activities for children and adults with disabilities across the county. Louth LSP supported the delivery of three Adult Inclusion Camps in Dundalk and Drogheda which provided a programme of activity for 63 adults with disabilities and additional needs. Activities on the camps included Orienteering, Athletics, Nordic Walking, Football, Yoga and Basketball. Across the summer Louth LSP, also facilitated the delivery of a programme of activity for 58 children with disabilities and additional needs through three Summer Camps. The activities included Athletics, Basketball, Gaelic Games, Football, Orienteering, Multi-Activity, and Yoga.

For further information on inclusive programmes developed by Louth LSP please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie or telephone Louth Local Sports Partnership 042-9324318



Louth LSP Inclusive Summer Camp

LCC Sports Facilities

On Monday the 15th of August we had our last multi-sport camp of 2022. The camp had over 35 children attending, many of which attended all three multi-sport camps of the summer. Great fun was had over the 5 days with 6 lucky campers winning the camper of the week competition. It was great to see many children making some new friends before starting secondary school in September



Multi sport camp



Louth LSP

Basketball Camps

In August the Sports Centre hosted a junior, development and senior basketball camp. The aim of these camps was to improve upon the fundamental skills of basketball, as the new season approached. Many children who started attending the DSC summer basketball sessions also attended to sharpen their skills and make new friends



Tennis Courts

Outdoor tennis was a big hit this month with many members joining the centre to enjoy the wonderful sport in the good weather. The court will continue to be used for the autumn as we have outdoor flood lighting. However for those who prefer indoor sports we also offer badminton and table tennis.



Adult Inclusion Camp

Louth LSP Adult Inclusion Camp took place in the Lourdes Stadium on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August. Unfortunately the day of sunshine previously had lead to a very wet Monday but thankfully Tuesday brought some better weather conditions. Participants enjoyed a variety of multi-sport activities, football, orienteering and athletics. Many thanks to FAI Regional Development Officer Paul Smyth (Football for All) and Drogheda United's

general manager Hubert Murphy for joining us for part of the camp.



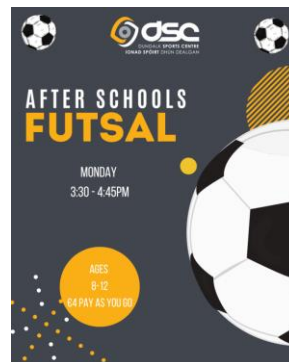
Louth LSP Adult Inclusion Camp

Upcoming Events/Programmes

After Schools Activities

The Centre will be starting an Indoor Futsal programme in September. The sessions will be for boys and girls aged 8-12. All ability levels are welcome. The sessions will be every Monday from 3:30pm – 4:45pm.

After schools basketball will be returning after the summer break. It will be every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30pm – 4:45pm. We are hoping that children who attended our summer camps for the first time will get involved in sport through the after schools programmes.



Pilates

We are delighted to announce that Pilates will be returning. The incredibly popular class will be returning on the 13th of September at 8:15 pm. The cost will be €5 per one hour session. However, pre booking will be required for the initial weeks as we have limited numbers.



LEADER

The LCDC/LAG at its meeting in July approved funding support, in the amount of €161,675.84 for 7 LEADER projects, under the Transitional LEADER Programme, 2021-2022. These projects were in Dromiskin, Dunleer, Carlingford, Knockbridge with one project having a county wide reach.

Recently, Louth County Council paid out funding to beneficiaries under the LEADER 2014-2022 Programme:-

Promoter	Amount
Glyde Rangers GFC – Upgrade Community Hall – Ref 113925	€46,047.99
Tullyallen Mens Shed – Workshop Upgrade (Phase 1) – Ref 115760	€8,482.71
Dundalk Chamber of Commerce – Cross Border Tourism Conference 2022 – Ref 115348	€3,078.00
Drogheda Tidy Towns – The Glen Biodiversity Project – Ref 111099	€22,606.87
5 th Louth Buíon Setanta Scout Group – Replace Doors in Scout Hall – Ref 115563	€5,890.65
Philipstown Centre CLG – Community Media Access Project	€17,724.74
Dundalk Tidy Towns – Pollinator Project – Ref 113198	€7,491.00
Louth Leader Partnership – Climate Change Awareness Initiative – Ref 111676	€6,435.62
Cara Cancer Support Centre – Ref 106377	€21,865.02

Tullyallen Mens Shed – Workshop Upgrade (Phase 2) – Ref 115760	€6,562.50
Glass Design Global MGH Ltd – Equipment & Printer Upgrade – Ref 117040	€15,093.00
Total	€161,278.10

SICAP Programme 2018-2023

Louth has received an additional budget allocation of €139,634.00 for SICAP to assist with local responses to the Ukrainian crisis. Each LDC/LCDC operating in areas where Ukrainian people have settled were allocated baseline funding of €20,000 with the remaining funding distributed proportionally based on the most recent data re arrivals

Community Support

Pride of Place Judging Day

On 18th July, Louth County Council hosted the Pride of Place judges in Drogheda and Dundalk and welcomed them to the county to judge their nominated entrants.

“The Reddoor Project” Drogheda has been entered in the “Community Wellbeing” category while “Creative Spark” Dundalk has been entered into the “Creative Place Initiative” category.

The judging took place in the both premises with the two nominee groups, presenting on their areas of interest, followed by a question and answer session by the judges.

Results of the competition will be announced in January 2023. Best of luck to both groups.



Reddoor Project



Creative Spark

Louth Litter League

The Louth Litter League is currently underway with our volunteer judges visiting the participating towns and assessing the level of litter over three different visits. The final results and overall league leader will be announced towards the end of Autumn.

Louth In Bloom

Louth in Bloom is also underway with our judges visiting nominated areas. When the final results have been received, they will be compiled and an overall winner will be announced.

EU_SHAFE Report



We have now entered Phase II of the EU_SHAFE project which will run from August 2022 to July 2023. Phase II involves the implementation of our Action Plan to influence policy change in relation to Smart Healthy Age Friendly Environments based on the experiences and learning from Phase I. Our focus is influencing the Local Economic and Community Plan to take action on the issue of ageism in County Louth.

We are currently working on a survey which we hope will be the basis of our submission to the LECP consultation. Over the next couple of months, we hope to issue the survey to individuals across sectors such as Local Authority, media outlets, Health Service and Financial Services.

Further updates on our progress will follow.

Age Friendly

The Super Connectors Project has been shortlisted for the 2022 National Age Friendly Awards.

The project was rolled out during the pandemic and the initial concept involved providing and gifting/re-gifting smart devices to older family members, friends or neighbours as Christmas gifts and showing them how to use them.

This developed into a transferable model of assistance, facilitating older people to use online tools for personal, health and social reasons.

The initiative eventually grew to assist residents of nursing homes, day care service users, informal carers, Men's Sheds active retirement groups, older farmers and new migrant residents to connect with loved ones during the pandemic.

Judging will take place during September 2022.

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Training:

- 6-Week Charities Compliance training run every 2nd week from Sept 14th to Nov 23rd with one-to-one follow-up sessions post-training
- Community Radio Training run by Dundalk FM run in September and October
- Writing Funding Applications on Sept 19th
- Annual Report Writing on October 4th
- Canva Training on October 10th

Meetings:

- Dundalk Municipal District Meeting on September 15th
- Drogheda Municipal District Meeting on September 20th
- Ardee Municipal District Meeting on September 27th
- Plenary Meeting in Dundalk on October 18th

Events:

- Increasing Participation of Women and Diversity in Local Government on September 27th

Autumn Medley of Creativity

27th September 2022 Age Friendly Louth are holding a day of inspiring free creative engagement activities for older people.

The event will take place in Ardee Parish centre from 11.00am – 2.00pm and is open to all older people in Co Louth.

This event will include workshops, performances and exhibitions.

The Knockbridge Choir and Castlebellingham Ukulele Club will perform on the day.

The event is free and men's sheds, community groups, active retirement groups and all older people are invited to attend.

More details are available on our website www.louthcoco.ie

Quality of Life Service Climate Change Adaption Strategy 2019-2024

Archives

The Co Archives supports Corporate Climate Action Goals. Operations are currently implementing energy upgrades to the Archives building including an air to water heat pump, 5 improvements to doors and several windows and low energy lighting to reduce energy use.

Louth Library Services



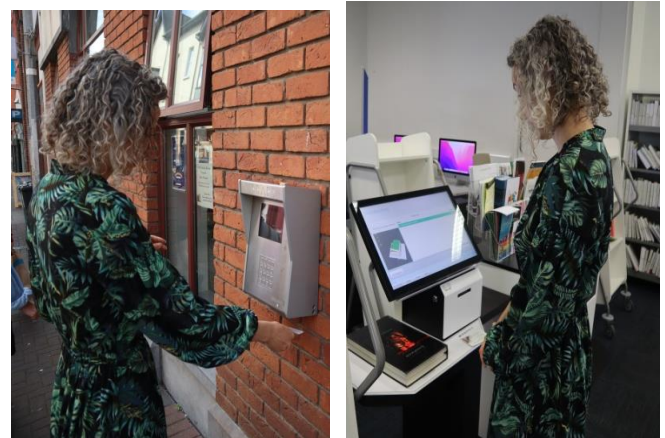
My Open Library Service Ardee & Drogheda Library

My Open Library service has re-launched in Ardee & Drogheda Library and welcomes new members to this service. Borrowers can access the library during unstaffed hours and use library facilities such as the self service checkout to borrow or return books, PC's and printing, and study areas. Access is provided from 8 am to 10 pm seven days a week 365 days of the year. To avail of this service and register as a My Open Library Member you will need to pop into

Drogheda or Ardee Library for an induction led by staff. For more information please contact Ardee Library at 041 685 9023 or Drogheda Library at 041 9876162.



Helen Clinton inducting a borrower to the My Open Library service in Ardee Library.



Inducting a borrower to the My Open Library service in Drogheda Library.

Dormant Account Funding

Louth Library Service has received funding under the DRCD 2022 Dormant Accounts Fund to provide library supports to marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities.

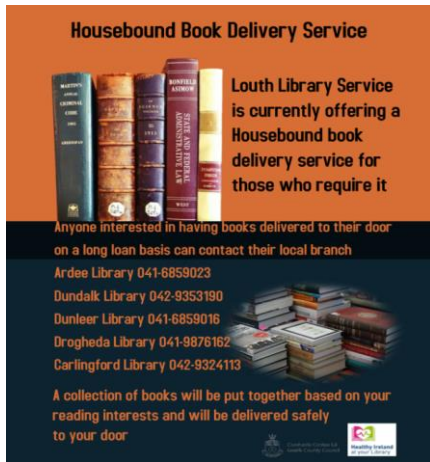
Louth Library Service has identified a need for a Family Resilience Programme of events tailored to support families from disadvantaged areas as well as new residents in County Louth.

Events taking place in September include "Mindfully Me" Programme with Louise Shanagher a Virtual Zoom Workshop and Family Storytime and

Puppetry with Story Gate. Booking details via the following link: <https://bit.ly/3KteZ1m>

Library Housebound Service

The Library service continues to offer the Housebound delivery service to our elderly customers with over 376 deliveries made since January 2022.



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

Lastly there is a host of online courses with Universal Class and Transparent Language online. For more information on these services click [here](#)

The eServices demonstrations continue throughout the month of September in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee libraries.

If you need any help with the range of eServices Louth Library Service provides, like Borrow Box, Libby, LOTE, Transparent Languages or Universal Class pop into Dundalk, Drogheda or Ardee libraries on these dates:

Dundalk Library: 30th September 11am-12noon
Drogheda Library: 29th September 2.30pm-3.30pm
Ardee Library: 30th September 10.30am-11.30am

For more information contact
Dundalk Library 042-9353190
Drogheda Library 041-9876162
Ardee Library 041-6859023

eServices



There is a wide range of eServices available to library members, including free eBooks & eAudiobooks through Borrow Box. Louth Library service have seen an increase of 28% more users since March 2020.



A new beginner English course for Ukrainian speakers is now available on Transparent Languages.

The course has over 100+ hours of content and 187 basic vocabulary lessons covering everything from doctor's visits to grocery shopping.

You can access the class here: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/online-services/>

Contact your local library branch or email Libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie if you need any assistance.

Library Newsletter



The September edition contains the latest news, events, services, and recommendations from our libraries.

Anyone interested in receiving this monthly newsletter to their inbox can sign up here:

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

Click here to read this month's newsletter

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

A Welcome for Ukraine



Dundalk Library continues to host weekly information sessions for Ukrainians and their host families every Thursday from 4pm-6pm. This informal gathering is an opportunity for Ukrainians of all ages and host families to meet others in the same position.

A welcome brochure, in Ukrainian, is now available in all of our branches and on our website. The brochure can be accessed here:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/library/library-membership/welcome-brochure-ukrainian.pdf>

Digital Learning Space

Work is continuing on the installation of the new digital learning space in all Louth Library branches with new PCs now in use for library customers. Customers can look forward to new PCs, iMacs, HP Sprouts and gaming zones, along with a programme of STEAM events.



Students using the Digital Space in Ardee Library



Summer Stars 2022

Summer Stars is a National Right To Read programme, which encourages children to read for enjoyment during their summer holidays.

Throughout the summer months, Louth Library Service provided a fully in-person programme for the first time since 2019 with over 2,500 attendees visited Drogheda, Dundalk, Ardee, Dunleer & Carlingford libraries.

Louth Library service welcomed over 950 children to their local library branch to pick up a reading card and Summer Stars bag.

Louth Library Service hosted a closing ceremony whereby all the children who took part in the Summer Stars reading adventure collected a Reading Certificate of Achievement.



Children receiving their Summer Stars Certificates in Ardee Library



Children receiving their Summer Stars Certificates in Drogheda Library



Children receiving their Summer Stars Certificates in Dundalk Library

Parent & Toddler Mornings



Toddler Morning in Ardee Library

- Every Thursday 10am-12pm in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries
- Every Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm in Ardee Library

Baby Book Club

Explore the benefits of reading to your baby from an early age during Baby Book Club, first Wednesday of each month in Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries.



Baby Book Club in Drogheda Library



Baby Book Club in Dundalk Library

Ciorcal Cómhrá / Irish Conversation first Tuesday of every month at 4pm in Dundalk

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó a chleachtadh? Tá an Ciorcal Cómhrá i leabharlann Dhún Dealgan ar ais! Beidh sé ar siúl ar an gcéad Máirt chuile mhí ag 4 sa leabharlann. Tá sé dírithe ar dhaoine fásta ar mhaith leo an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim nó a úsáid.

Would you like to use or practice your Irish skills? The group is aimed at adults who would like to learn or practice Irish.

For more information, contact Dundalk Library on 042 935 3190.



**Ciorcal Cómhrá
Irish Conversation**

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó a chleachtadh?

Would you like to use or practice your Irish skills?

Beidh ciorcal cómhrá ar siúl ar an gcéad Máirt chuile mhí ag 4 i Leabharlann Dhún Dealgan.

The Irish conversation group meets at 4pm on the first Tuesday of every month in Dundalk Library.

For more information, contact Dundalk Library on 042 935 3190.

Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

with Dr Ciara Stewart and Anna Keenan of the Ardee Active Retirement Association.

The event was well attended both in-house and on the crowdcast platform and included members of the Retirement Association.

Anna and Ciara discussed the research conducted by the Association on the Ardee Battalion of Cumann na mBan. This was a fascinating discussion that revealed insightful information on the backgrounds of these inspiring women, as well as some personal stories. Anna also offered very valuable advice and insights into how to approach local historical research as a beginner.

There is also a display in Dundalk library featuring a range of books on Irish women's history, including copies of the Needlework group's publication on the Ardee Cumann na mBan which can be read in the reference room.

This event is available to watch back on the crowdcast platform:

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/heritage-week-->



Dr Ciara Stewart and Anna Keenan

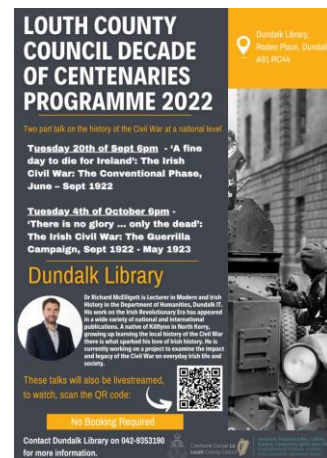
Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022



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

Researches into Cumann na mBan in Dundalk Library

As part of the LCC Decade of Centenaries Programme, Dundalk Library hosted an event for Heritage Week "Researches into Cumann na mBan"



LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL DECADE OF CENTENARIES PROGRAMME 2022

Two part talk on the history of the Civil War at a national level

Tuesday 20th of Sept 6pm - 'A fine day to die for Ireland': The Irish Civil War: The Conventional Phase, June - Sept 1922

Tuesday 4th of October 9pm - 'There is no glory ... only the dead': The Irish Civil War: The Guerrilla Campaign, Sept 1922 - May 1923

Dundalk Library

Dr Robert MacIntyre is Lecturer in Modern and Irish History in the Department of Humanities, Dundalk IT. He works on the Irish Revolution and the Irish Civil War. He is a member of Cumann na mBan and is currently working on a project to examine the impact and legacy of the Civil War on everyday Irish life and society.

These talks will also be livestreamed, to watch, scan the QR code:

No Booking Required

Contact Dundalk Library on 042-9353190 for more information.

‘A fine day to die for Ireland’: The Irish Civil War: The Conventional Phase, June – Sept 1922
‘There is no glory ... only the dead’: The Irish Civil War: The Guerrilla Campaign, Sept 1922 - May 1923

Dr. Richard McElligott will provide a two part talk on the history of the Civil War at a national level in Dundalk Library on Tuesday 20th of September & Tuesday 4th of October at 6pm.

Decade of Centenaries Book Project.



Creative Spark will facilitate seven workshops will take place throughout September in Ardee, Carlingford, Drogheda and Dundalk libraries for a variety of groups that use the library space, such as school groups, book clubs and writing groups. The groups will create their own pieces, learning book binding and book folding techniques. The finished pieces will be included in a touring exhibition around the libraries along with the series of artist's books resulting from Creative Sparks' open call to artists.

Upcoming Children’s Events

Family Storytime and Puppetry with Story Gate



Dundalk Library:

- Saturday 17th September at 10.30am and 12 noon

Ardee Library:

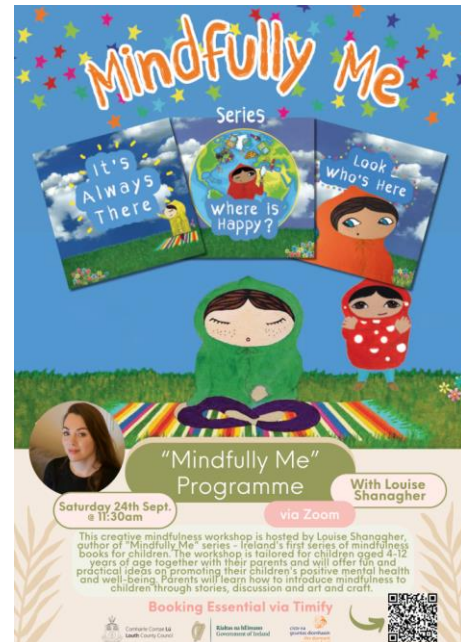
- 17th September & 24th September at 3.30
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Drogheda Library:

- Saturday 24th of September at 10.30am and 12noon

Booking via Timify
<https://book.timify.com/?accountId=5f9a9eb964916511fcceae5f&hideCloseButton=true>

“Mindfully Me” Programme with Louise Shanagher



This creative mindfulness workshop hosted by the author of Mindfully Me series Louise Shanagher will be a delivered online via Zoom on Saturday 24th September at 11.30am.

Suitable for children aged 4-12pm.

To book a space click on the following link
<https://book.timify.com/?accountId=5f9a9eb964916511fcceae5f&hideCloseButton=true>

Upcoming Adult Events

Seminars in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries for parents of 5th & 6th Year Secondary School Students

Dundalk & Drogheda Libraries are delighted to announce **free seminars** for parents of 5th & 6th year secondary school students.

This seminar will be delivered by Anne Mangan a Career Development practitioner, Coach and Mentor, helping teenagers and young people gain clarity and confidence in making career and course decisions

Drogheda Library - 13th of September
6pm - 7:30pm

Dundalk Library - 20th of September
6pm - 7:30pm

To book a space contact
Drogheda Library on: 041 987 6162
& Dundalk Library on: 042 935 3190
Or Scan the QR code on the right for online booking

ANNE MANGAN
TEEN CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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Drogheda Library - 13th September from 6pm-7.30pm

Dundalk Library - 20th September from 6pm - 7.30pm

Booking via Timify:

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Anne Mangan will also host information sessions every Wednesday in September from 4.30pm-6.30pm in Drogheda Library. This "Drop In" Service will give the students using the study space in Drogheda library the opportunity to approach a Teen Career Development Coach for free to talk about their opportunities after school, be it researching CAO applications or focusing on exam work.

Creative Writing Course

Mastering Fact & Fiction - Friday 16th September at 2:30pm in Dundalk Library

MASTERING FACT & FICTION
WITH MAEVE A. DEVOY

FRIDAY 16TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 2:30PM
DUNDALK LIBRARY

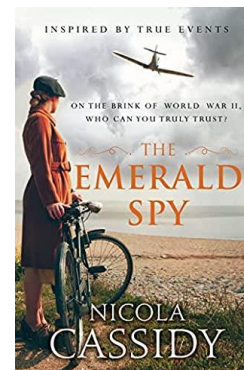
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Nicola Cassidy Workshop



Local author Nicola Cassidy launches her third book in September called The Emerald Spy.

Nicola will attend Drogheda library's Book Club and Writers Group for a 40 minute workshop on the 29th of September from 3pm – 4pm. The workshop will outline Nicola's research & writing process, a discussion about the story, how it was inspired by true events and the summer of 1939.

Other Events

Louth County Childcare Drop-In Clinics



Louth County Childcare Committee will host drop-in clinics in Dundalk Library on 07th and 15th September and in Drogheda Library on 08th September. The Drop In Clinic provides advice on Childcare, The National Childcare Scheme and AIM supports for parents or guardians.

English Language Learning in Ardee Library

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES FOR MIGRANTS

Ardee Public Library
(A92 XH22)
Tuesdays:
18:00 - 20:00

START
SEPTEMBER
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Contact: Paul Harding
communityworker@cultur.ie
0892487364

Conversational English classes for migrants and refugees will start in Ardee Library on Tuesday 8th September and will continue every Tuesday between 6pm and 8pm - this class is lead by volunteer tutors. The classes are ideal for migrants who want to practice and learn more English. Classes are organised by Cultúr Migrants Centre. Please contact Angel at angel@cultur.ie or 0873315169 for further information.

Migrant Women's Group Meetings in Ardee Library

A Women's group for migrant and refugee women will meet every Tuesday morning from 11am to 1pm in Ardee Library. This is a safe space for migrant and refugee women and mothers, who want to meet other people, establish social interactions and share common issues and concerns. Group facilitated by Cultúr Migrants Centre. If you are interested, please contact Viktoriia or Angel at angel@cultur.ie or 0873315169. All welcome. The Women's group will be holding a CV and Career Progression Workshop on the morning of Thursday 15th September between 11am and 1pm.



Adult Literacy Group

Malta Access will meet in Drogheda Library for a 12 week workshop from 11:20 – 2:30pm every Friday. This workshop will develop reading and writing skills and begins the 16th of September hosted by Drogheda LMETB.

Culture Night



Storytelling with Niall de Búrca Dundalk Library Friday 23rd September at 4pm



Storyteller Niall de Búrca

Join Dundalk Library, Louth County Council Arts Office and County Museum, Dundalk as we open after-hours for a combined Culture Night celebration. World-renowned storyteller Niall de Búrca will provide a hilarious and memorable storytime for families at 4pm. This will be followed by an evening of traditional music and songs with our library musicians and guests. The event is free and open to all, but booking is required at the following link for Niall de Búrca's Storytime:

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Storytelling with Dónal Mullen
Drogheda Library Friday 23rd September at 4pm



Storyteller Dónal Mullen

Local storyteller Dónal Mullen, will lead a fun storytime in Drogheda Library for all the family, featuring tales of pots of gold, salty seas and immortality. Booking is not required.

Drogheda Women's Refuge Outreach Service Information Session

Drogheda Library Wednesday 28th September from 10.30am-1pm

A representative from Drogheda Women's Refuge Outreach Service will hold an information session in Drogheda Library on Wednesday 28th September from 10.30am-1pm. The service offers practical and emotional support and options to those experiencing domestic violence.

Age Action Computer Classes



This five week course with Age Action will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in Dundalk Library during September. The course offers free one-to-one tuition for people over the age of 55 who have little or no computer experience.

To book email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Primary Schools Service

Our Schools Team would like to wish a warm welcome back to all pupils, teachers and staff in schools across county Louth. As always, the Schools Team will be on hand to offer a helping hand in any way we can, through virtual or in-person visits, curriculum support, support for school libraries and library stock. Starting from August 29th, teachers can book a visit to the HQ Store in Dundalk from 3:30pm – 5pm Tuesday – Friday to view our full schools collection. We're also delighted to announce that our schools van will be back on the road this term. For more information on our schools service, and how we can support your school, please contact aoife.carberry@louthcoco.ie or orla.muckian@louthcoco.ie.

Other News

Library Outreach

Staff from Ardee library will be attending Friends of Ardee Bog's Bog Café on Friday 23rd September between 10am and 2pm at Parish Centre, Church, Ardee. Come along and say hello.

The library will also be attending the Regional Creative Initiatives for Older People event at Ardee Parish Centre, Ardee on Tuesday 27th September between 11 am and 2 pm.

Sensory Library Service

Magic Table

Available in Ardee, Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries this facility is ideal for those with sensory difficulties, for Autistic people or people on the Autism Spectrum, and for people with Dementia.

Family/Group bookings to use the Magic Table can be made by emailing libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie or contacting your local branch.

Quiet Time Dundalk & Drogheda libraries every Monday 6pm-7pm
Ardee library every Saturday 10am-11am



Dundalk, Drogheda, and Ardee Libraries, are providing a peaceful hour for those who may ordinarily find the library to be an overwhelming environment.

Phones will be turned down, lights dimmed, and sensory equipment and toys will be laid out. For more information, contact your local branch library.



Sensory area with dimmed lights

Louth County Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The draft revisions for Community, IT, and Library are in progress, while Environment is close to being finalised. To date, Health & Safety, Planning & Development, Housing, Procurement, Finance, HR, Water, Corporate and Enterprise & Economic Development have been completed, approved and issued out to local authorities.

The Co Archivist assists staff on an ongoing basis with queries on the management of records and advises on the preparation of records both for destruction and for transfer to the Records Centre and the Co Archives. Much work is currently taking place in reviewing and appraising records for archives or destruction.

Historic Structures Fund 2022

The Co Archives has been successful in receiving a provisional grant offer from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage via the Conservation Section for conservation repair works to the interior of the south gable wall of the Co

Archives building. Exterior repair works to address damp issues were carried out with a HSF grant in 2021. Tendering for the works has been completed and costs are being reviewed.

LGMA Library Unit Digitisation Project

A section of an archive collection, the Joseph Dolan Papers, has been selected for digitisation under the Library Unit's Decade of Centenaries digitisation project. An external digitisation company is currently carrying out the scanning work on the relevant documents in the collection.

Decade of Centenaries

As part of the Louth County Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022, a quantity of Rural District Council and Board of Guardian minute books that support the 1921-1923 period are being digitised. A smaller quantity of the volumes received conservation treatment at the outset of the project. Once the work is completed, a public access copy to the volumes will be placed on the County Archives website. This will improve the democratisation of access to records through the provision of free online public access to original archival sources. The Decade of Centenaries Programme is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



Members of the Russell and Humphries family at the donation of the Compendium of Margaret (Cissie) Russell (nee Meade) during the summer

Donating Archives

The Service welcomes donations of archives and records from the public that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth including material from community groups, clubs and societies, national schools, individuals, local organizations and local businesses. These collections make available unique and valuable research sources for the study of Louth's heritage. If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, or know of someone who would, please contact the County Archivist by email at archive@louthcoco.ie or by telephone at 042-9324358.

Research Enquiries

The Archivist continues to assist researchers with various enquiries including those from private individuals, academics, professionals and state agencies.

Climate Action

The Co Archives supports corporate Climate Action Goals. Environmental conditions in the Co Archives building are being monitored and reviewed by Facilities staff.

Arts Service

Local Live Performance Scheme



Phase 4 of the Local Live Performance Scheme began at the end of August with the Emergence Showcase sessions each Saturday in the Spirit Store. These performances showcase the young musicians of the area, many who are members of the local youth centres.

The latest phase of funding closed for applications on 4th August and all successful applicants were

notified by 12th August. Upcoming productions in September and October will include a fusion of Opera and African music in Carlingford Heritage Centre, an Autumnal festival of fire and delight at Millmount, there will be some great performers lined up for the Oriel Gaol venue and we will have a special Halloween spooktacular event in Annaverna house.

An Táin Arts Centre

Robyn Hood: Princess of Thieves – the annual outdoor theatre event from An Táin Arts Centre & Quintessence Theatre took place on a sun-filled week in early August. The bandit girl Robyn with her trusty sidekicks foiled the Sherriff of Bottingham and all his evil plots. As always this was a fantastic event and children and adults alike were entertained and delighted on the grounds of the beautiful Anaverna House in Ravendale.

Louth Culture Quest – Walking tours continued in August with tours of the Drogheda zone with curator Joe Rooney. Louth Culture Quest is a futuristic app-based treasure hunt that takes you around the county of Louth to explore fantastic heritage and cultural sites while getting to see newly commissioned temporary pieces of art in each location. For more details on how you can download the app and take part see [here](#)

Basement Gallery – Awash with Colour AAEX & MOPSOGS exhibition took pride of place in the basement gallery for the month of August. This exhibition consisted of works which were a result of a collaborative process via zoom during lockdown between AAEX (Art as Exchange) and MOPSOGS (Monaghan Poets and Songwriters Group). Members of the two groups exchanged artistic pieces which resulted in 90 new pieces of work being produced as a direct result of the inspirational exchange.

Droichead Arts Centre

Boyne Valley International Film Festival – Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Boyne Valley this inaugural film festival took place on 12th & 13th August. Curated by filmmaker Frank W. Kelly and Collette Farrell, Director of Droichead Arts Centre, the two day event featured short films from around

the country with a special focus on films made in the Boyne Valley region.



Droichead Arts Centre Director Collette Farrell along with Drogheda Mayor Cllr Michelle Hall and Film Maker Frank W.Kelly at the launch of the inaugural Boyne Valley International Film Festival

There were Q & A sessions and workshops held along with the screening of over 15 short films. Funded by Louth County Council, Meath County Council, Droichead Arts Centre and Love Drogheda BIIDS the festival was a great success and we look forward to many more to come.

In Your Own Time – this programme of monthly filmed theatre performances began in August with the brilliant 'Money' by Peter Daly. The 'In Your Own Time' initiative comes from Red Bear Productions in association with Droichead Arts Centre allowing the audiences to enjoy the theatre performances from their own homes and in their own time!

National Heritage Week – Touching Time was a free lunchtime talk with renowned archaeologists Mathew and Geraldine Stout and landowner John McCullen that took place on Sat 20th August as part of National Heritage week. The talk was led by artist John Sunderland and featured art of his that was inspired by the archaeological project, The Beaubec Project.

Highlanes Gallery

Highlanes had a wonderful range of events taking place during the month of August including workshops with renowned artist Breda Marron and a children's workshops exploring the connection between looking, touching and drawing. One of the

highlight programmes was the Dialogues with Musicians event that took place with musicians.



Audience members enjoying the Dialogues with Music session in Highlanes with musicians Grainne Hope and Liam Merriman. Photo credit – Andy Spearman

Grainne Hope and Liam Merriman whose music sessions were specifically tailored for those living with Alzheimer's and dementia and their carers. The session proved extremely successful with lovely coverage in the Drogheda Life and a gorgeous photo captured by Andy Spearman. They finished off the month with an Open Evening and talk from artist Eithne Jordan for the launch of her new exhibition of work. The exhibition 'Mise En Scene' will run until 1st October.

Shared Music Sessions; Festival in a Van

We were delighted to partner with Festival in a Van to deliver 2 Shared Music Sessions with Ukrainian Refugees in the Louth region. The idea for the Shared Sessions series initially started during Covid and is now heading on a national tour to provide a vital cultural link for Ukrainian Refugees. The recent pilot events in Louth were held at the Crowne Plaza in Dundalk and St. Peter's Church in Drogheda.



The Rozumovsky Salon Ensemble. Photograph: Tom Honan

The sessions featured the Rozumovsky Salon Ensemble who are made up of husband and wife Valery & Olena Supruniuk and their son Vadym from Ukraine and Irish musicians Conal McIntyre and Paul Campbell. Plans are now underway for more sessions to be held in Louth in the Autumn thanks to funding from the Creative Ireland team in the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

County Museum

Living with Pride Exhibition



Living with Pride Exhibition at the County Museum, Dundalk

To coincide with Dundalk Pride the Museum hosted the Living with Pride exhibition. This photographic exhibition highlighted the history of the Dublin Pride Parade and is based on a collection of images taken by Christopher Robson. The exhibition completed its run in mid-August.



Living with Pride Exhibition at the County Museum, Dundalk

Heritage Week



To mark Heritage Week the Museum organised a series of workshops advising children how to take care of their own collections. The workshops highlighted the way in which the Museum cares for, cleans, stores and displays its own collection.

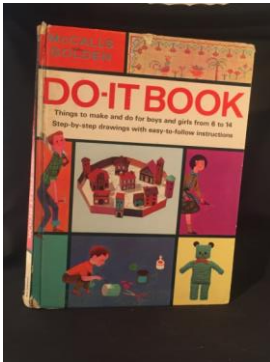
Decade of Centenaries Lecture



Old Barrack Gate

On Wednesday, August 17th the Museum hosted a talk entitled 'The Attack on Dundalk Military Barracks'. Presented by Lt. Padraic Agnew and Sgt. Riccardo Luchessi the evening covered the planning aspects of Aiken's attack and the aftermath as well as highlighting some of the weaponry used at the time.

Recent acquisitions



Children's craft book from the 1970s.

The Museum recently acquired a collection of children's books as well as number of girls' bonnets and hand warmer. Dating from the 1970s the items are a particularly good way of highlighting the importance of popular cultural items which will be of historic and cultural interest in the future but could be easily lost through casual disposal.



Girl's winter bonnet

Heritage Office

Community Monuments Fund – tenders were received to oversee conservation works at Glaspistol towerhouse castle and to carry out a condition survey of Drogheda's town walls. The Heritage Council also provided funding towards this project, as well as the development of a new Heritage Plan for County Louth.

The Heritage Officer led a guided walk around the circuit of Drogheda's town walls for Heritage Week 2022. A wide range of other events took place across the county.



Greenore during Heritage Week

No responses were received to an advertisement on eTenders for quotations for a Heritage-led Regeneration study of the west end of Drogheda's Fair Street, funded by the Heritage Council's Historic Towns Initiative. Alternative approaches to getting this work done are now being explored. This study, if completed, should pave the way for more substantial funding for works in future years.

Tenders were also invited for the production of a Sustainable Access Plan for the sand dunes at Seapoint, near Termonfeckin and for management of public access in relation to the need for cattle grazing on the Council's nature reserve at Clogherhead. These projects are funded by the Local Biodiversity Action Plan fund. Other applications to a second round of funding under the fund were largely successful. These included making and erecting nesting boxes for swifts and, writing of a management plan for the Council's land at Clogher Head and for the production of a video about Ardee Bog.

Projects supported under the first round of LBAP funding came to an end as both the swifts which nest in our towns and villages and the little terns which nest on the strand at Baltray have left for their winter holidays in Africa. We hope to see them back next year when we will be even better prepared to support them, thanks to this year's work by the Louth Nature Trust, BirdWatch Ireland and a large number of local volunteers.