



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

MAY 2025

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Bealtaine 2025

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st May 2025

A Chara,

I am including the abovenamed report for your statutory consideration, which will be placed on the June Monthly Agenda of Louth County Council. This report has also been prepared under Section 136 & 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001, advising you of the performance of executive functions in the past month and planned works. Below are some of the key highlights from May's activities.

1. **Financial Overview:**

- Housing expenditure reached €26.6M (36% of budget), while Road Transportation & Safety expenditure was €10.7M (37% of budget).
- Total income to date is €79.1M (43% invoiced)

2. **Housing & Homelessness:**

- 206 individuals presented as homeless; 176 adults and 47 families are in emergency accommodation.
- 18 housing allocations were made, and 41 relet/void properties are available.
- An affordable housing scheme at Seven Winds, Drogheda opened on 26th May.
- 13 new social housing units completed at Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda.
- 1,359 social housing units approved under SHIP, CALF, and CAS programs.

3. **Economic Development:**

- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) conducted 59 business advice appointments and assigned mentors to 24 businesses.
- Drogheda Night-Time Economy survey received 1,238 responses, highlighting demand for late-night cafés and non-alcoholic social options.
- Four late-night cafés launched under the Night Moves program.
- Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme open; 15 applications received.

4. **Tourism & Culture:**

- Public consultation for County Louth Tourism Strategy held; Visit Louth website attracted over 28,000 viewers since its launch in February.
- Drogheda Arts Festival and Bealtaine Festival celebrated creativity and community engagement.
- Libraries hosted memory cafés, physiotherapy talks, and outreach programmes like "My Little Library Book Bag."

5. **Environmental Initiatives:**

- 17 waste complaints investigated in May; diesel laundering cleanup cost €34,946 YTD.
- Biodiversity projects funded (€114,000) include pollinator-friendly practices and habitat conservation.
- "No Mow May" initiative supports pollinator habitats.

6. **Infrastructure & Active Travel:**

- Narrow Water Bridge construction progressing; steel bridge fabrication underway.
- Active Travel projects include Safe Routes to Schools and improvements to roads in Drogheda and Dundalk.

7. **Community & Social Development:**

- Ukraine Humanitarian Response: 85 properties offered, 38 occupied, benefiting 130 individuals.
- Green Schools Flag Awards presented to 22 schools.
- Louth Juvenile Relay Championships and Bike Week 2025 promoted physical activity.
- Advocacy and community funding training provided through Public Participation Network.

8. Capital Projects:

- Urban regeneration projects in Dundalk (St. Nicholas Quarter) and Drogheda (West Gate Vision) progressing, with a formal application submitted for funding towards the renovation and extension of Westgate House, Drogheda.
- Ardee Castle restoration tender process completed.
- Vacant Homes Officer logged 20 properties for review in 2025.
- Dundalk Fire Station upgrades ongoing; solar PV installations planned.

This report highlights Louth County Council's commitment to housing, economic growth, environmental sustainability, infrastructure projects and community well-being.

I would like to especially thank all the executive and staff of LCC for their work and commitment, which is outlined above and in more detail in the attached report.

Is mise le meas.



Thomas McEvoy
Deputy Chief Executive

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An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

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

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

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director



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Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports

Caiteachas go dtí 30ú Bealtaine 2025 / Expenditure to 30st May 2025

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/05/2025 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/05/2025	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Expenditure 2025	% Caite go 30/05/2025 / % Spent to 30/05/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€26,576,632	€73,683,142	36%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€10,704,790	€28,591,697	37%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€2,641,451	€7,538,273	35%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€7,438,918	€25,940,360	29%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€9,013,042	€24,948,899	36%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€4,192,791	€12,548,436	33%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€374,488	€1,431,271	26%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€4,564,793	€9,312,306	49%
	€65,506,905	€183,994,384	36%

Ioncam go 30ú Bealtaine 2025 / Income to 30th May 2025

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/05/2025 / Actual Income to 30/05/2025	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Income 2025	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/05/2025 / % Invoiced to 30/05/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€27,593,819	€73,685,224	37%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€2,667,908	€16,613,589	16%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€1,769,551	€6,557,586	27%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€4,067,382	€15,522,127	26%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€987,519	€4,474,236	22%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€833,154	€1,947,561	43%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€148,393	€469,209	32%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€960,467	€17,760,538	5%
Rátaí / Rates	€36,332,429	€35,598,115	102%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€3,788,733	€11,366,198	33%
	€79,149,355	€183,994,383	43%

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The above is the current position as of the 30th May 2025. 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 2025 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 30th May 2025 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30ú Bealtaine 2025 / Debtors as of 30th May 2025

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€26,232,975	€51,215,549	(€60,029,555)	(€)	€17,418,969
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€106,006	€583,124	(€521,528)	(€)	€167,602
Rataí / Rates	€5,466,111	€36,332,429	(€20,108,245)	(€992,628)	€20,697,667
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,098,524	€7,274,550	(€6,934,297)	€1156	€3,439,933
Iasachtal / Loans	€300,764	€746,048	(€933,151)	(€)	€113,661
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€10,912,245	€1,567,880	(€3,700,066)	(€474,229)	€8,305,831
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€851,125	€316,682	(€283,055)	(€10,129)	€874,623
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,746,807	€4,744,399	(€2,810,902)	(€5,045)	€4,675,259
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€49,714,557	€102,780,661	(€95,320,799)	(€1,480,875)	€55,693,545

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of May 2025. 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.

Budget 2026 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

As this year is a Revaluation year for LPT the decision regarding whether or not to change the base rate by +/- 15% has to be decided and notified to the Revenue by end of August 2025. The minister has a bill before the Dail which they hope will be dealt with before the summer recess. As the council

do not meet in August the report will have to go to council in July.

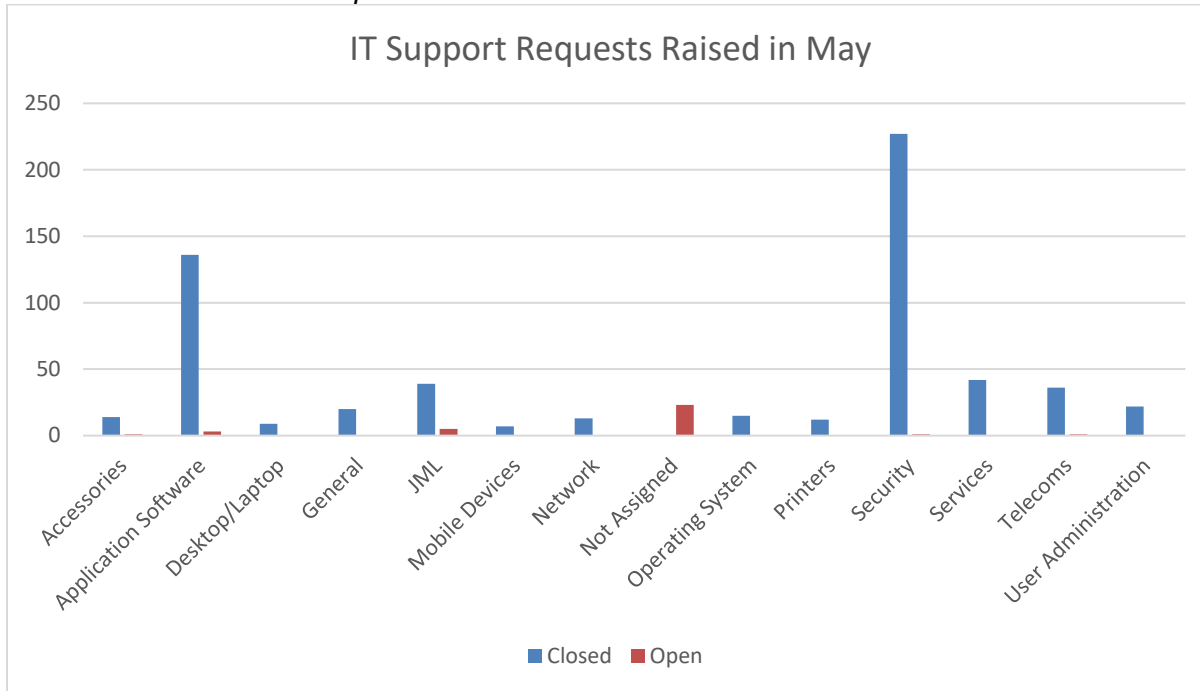
Therefore, we have issued the advertisement of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation now to allow for the full four week public consultation period. The deadline for submissions from the public is Friday 27th of June 2025.

The report will go to you, the members, at the July 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.

Technolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/05/2025 and the 29/05/2025 there were 631 support calls logged in the IT support system. 95% of these calls have been completed.



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

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. From 01/05/2025 – 29/05/2025 34% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
153,331	153,331	0
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
5,348	18,920	27,351
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
283	33.9%	0

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Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

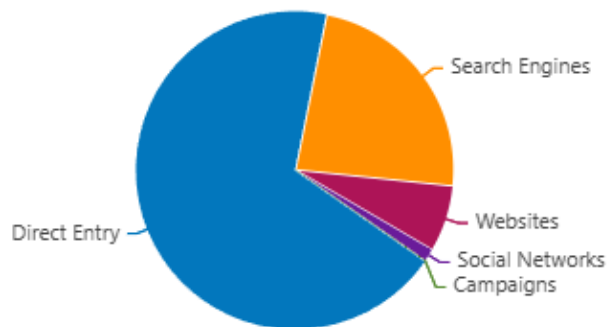
There were 17,535 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 29th May 2025. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in May.

PAGE URL	PAGEVIEWS
/en/	4,347
/en/services/planning/online-planning-and-maps/	879
/en/home/	718
/en/services/	609
/en/services/housing/affordable-purchase-scheme/	734
/en/services/planning/	643
/en/services/library/	525
/en/louth_county_council/interview-results/	788
/en/services/dog-pound/	425
/en/services/planning/online-planning-and-maps/e-planning.html	358
/en/services/housing/	334

The chart below presents the various channel types through which visitors accessed www.louthcoco.ie during the month of May.

Channel Types

 — Visits



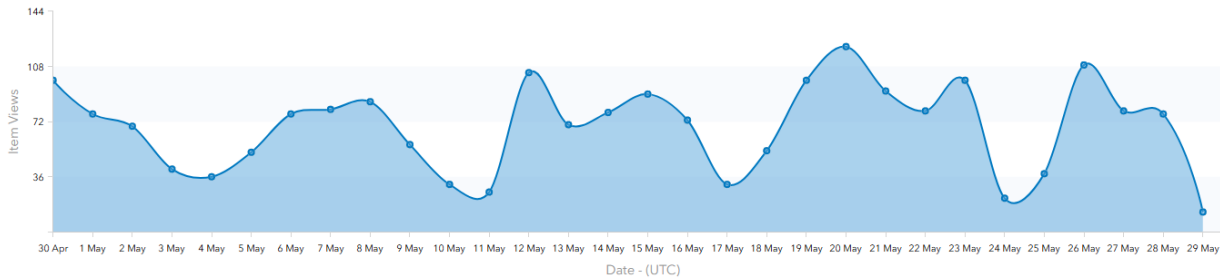
ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provide 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. There were 2,057 views between 01/05/2025 and 29/05/2025, an average of 73 views a day.

Item Views
2,057

Average item views per day
73.46

Usage Time Series



Cyber Security

The ICT Department provide regular cyber security training to all staff with the organisation. The theme of the training in May was around physical security. Staff were presented with a training video, quiz and information around security practices with Louth County Council.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as clár oibre eacnamaíoch na heagraíochta a sheachadadh, lena n-áirítear turasóireacht, Fiontair Áitiúla agus Pleanáil, lena n-áirítear oidhreacht thógtha.

This directorate is responsible for the delivery of the organisation's economic agenda, including Tourism, Local Enterprise and Planning, including Built Heritage.

Colette Moss
Stiúrthóir gníomhach/ Acting Director



Forbairt Eacnamaíoch Straitéiseach / Strategic Economic Development

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Details at www.localenterprise.ie/green and www.localenterprise.ie/louth.

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC will take place on Tuesday 17th June in Ardee.

Age-Friendly Business

After completing an Age-Friendly Business workshop and implementing in-house changes, Digiweb Ireland received their 'Age Friendly Business' Charter on 22nd May 2025.



Olivia Purton, Artur Klimkowski & Gillian Reel of Digiweb Ireland receiving their Age-Friendly Business Charter

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2025

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is open to applications, from non-domestic commercial properties in County Louth, with a scheme closing date of Friday 26th September 2025.

Fifteen applications have been received year-to-date.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth



Since launching the Visit Louth website in February, we have had over 28,000 viewers and over 200 engagements via our contact us, listings form and subscribe.

If anyone wishes to submit an event or attraction to be listed on the Visit Louth website, they can do so via this [link](#). In particular, the [what's on](#) section aims to inform and attract tourists to the county.

County Louth Tourism Strategy

A public consultation workshop took place in Drogheda on 12th May. There were 42 attendees at the workshop.

Balmoral Show

Visit Louth / sea louth had a tourism information stand at the 2025 Balmoral Show which took place from the 14th to 17th May. There were 112 entries to the competition over the course of the show.



Yvonne & Mary from Carlingford Tourist Office, Clodagh of Anam Tours, Alex from the Hot Box Sauna with Noeleen from the Tourism Office on the Visit Louth / sea louth stand at the Balmoral Show

Festivals Supported 2025

All information on festivals and events happening across the county are available at: <https://www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/>.

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley launched its 'Meet the Cheesemaker' series at the beginning of May.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Zoma has been appointed to undertake the development of the new Boyne Valley Flavours website. This new website will offer a much better

visitor experience and enhance our offering to our members.

Geilleagar Oíche Droichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Drogheda by Night 2025 – Public Consultation Concludes



The public consultation on Drogheda’s night-time economy closed on 9th May after a four-week run, receiving an exceptional 1,238 responses – making it one of the most successful Night-Time Economy surveys in Ireland.

73% of respondents expressed a desire for late-night cafés. Four late opening cafes are shortly to open as part of the Night Moves programme with Droichead Arts Centre.

86.4% of respondents supported more non-alcoholic social options, indicating strong demand for a more diverse, inclusive nightlife offering.

Most requested outdoor options included:

- Festivals (904)
- Street food (879)
- Street music (833)
- Night markets (731)

Most requested live music genres: Pop (631 mentions) and Trad/Folk (638). Genres like Metal, while less requested (186 mentions), continue to perform well in venues — highlighting the importance of nurturing loyal niche audiences.

Key concerns flagged:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (1,002 responses)
- Women’s Safety (755 responses)

29.1% of respondents cited Dublin as their main night-time destination — highlighting Drogheda’s commuter-town dynamic and an opportunity to retain and grow the local Drogheda audience.

Priority behaviours identified for an upcoming *Drogheda Rules* campaign include aggression/fighting, drunkenness, sexual harassment, and mistreatment of staff.

Next Steps:

- Full results published in June.
- A follow-up community safety “deep dive” survey will launch shortly in response to key concerns.

Upcoming initiatives:

Four cafes opening as part of Night Moves programme.

- Bystander training for young people and safeguarding training for venue staff to be launched June 2025.
- Development of the *Drogheda Rules* campaign to support safer, more respectful behaviour in public spaces — based on international best practice and shaped by local feedback.
- The Drogheda Purple Flag group to launch a charter to encourage safety and safeguarding standards in venues.

Four Late-Night Cafés to Launch This Month Under *Night Moves*

Four Drogheda cafés — The Coffee Box, Il Forno, Loaf’d, and The Bare Food Café — will open late on Friday, 30th May and Friday, 20th June as part of *Night Moves*, a new cultural programme curated by Droichead Arts Centre. Each venue will host a free evening of live music, spoken word, and relaxed entertainment.

This follows the success of smaller late-night café trials during *Culture Night 2024* and aligns strongly with the findings of the *Drogheda by Night 2025* consultation, where 73% of respondents supported late-opening cafés and over 86% asked for more non-alcoholic social spaces.

Produced by Droichead and curated by singer-songwriter SJ McArdle in partnership with the Night-Time Economy Adviser, this initiative is supported by the local Purple Flag group and funded through the national Night-Time Economy pilot.

The model has already attracted national and local media attention, with recent coverage by RTÉ and the Drogheda Independent highlighting public interest in a more inclusive and creative night-time offer.

Visit www.droichead.com/whats-on for further information on taking part. Further *Night Moves* events are planned for summer. The programme is helping position Drogheda at the forefront of Ireland's night-time economy innovations.

All Right, All Night – Train the Trainer Date Confirmed at Drogheda United



Following a strong response to the recent call for expressions of interest, the All Right, All Night *Train the Trainer* programme will take place at 6.00pm on 23rd June at Drogheda United's Sullivan and Lambe Park.

This free session will equip participants to deliver bystander intervention training to young people aged 16–24, empowering them to recognise and safely challenge harmful behaviour on nights out.

The initiative is part of a national campaign supported by the Department of Arts, Communication, Culture, Media and Sport, which is working to roll out this training across Ireland. Drogheda is proud to act as a host and early adopter, supporting national aims while reinforcing its local leadership in creating safer, more respectful night-time spaces.

The session is open to both professionals and volunteers who work with young people across the North East region, helping build a wider network of trainers and change-makers. This regional approach enhances Drogheda's reputation as a centre of excellence and cultural innovation in the night-time economy.

In a further show of partnership, Drogheda United have also committed to hosting a youth-focused training session on 24th June – the first of its kind in the North East. This landmark commitment highlights the club's role as a proactive community partner in the Drogheda Purple Flag initiative.

Interested participants are invited to email mark.davies@louthcoco.ie to register.

This is more than a training session – it's about supporting a shift in culture, where young people look out for each other and help create safer, more inclusive nights out.

Cabaret Night a Sparkling Success at McHugh's

A brand new cabaret night, *All That Glitters Burlesque & Cabaret*, launched on 10th May at McHugh's with support from the Night-Time Economy Adviser for Drogheda and the Festival Grant Initiative 2025.

The event was sold out with over 100 tickets snapped up – a fantastic result for a first-time show and a clear sign that Drogheda audiences are ready to embrace diverse and vibrant new night-time experiences.

Eight acts from Drogheda and across Ireland delivered a high-energy, glamorous evening of performance, while the event also supported the local creative economy by employing three backstage crew.

The initiative is a brilliant example of how targeted support and partnership can help new promoters bring fresh energy to the town's night-time offering, with McHugh's proving once again to be a flexible and dynamic venue.

Two more shows are planned for later in the year, with a long-term ambition to make this a sustainable, regular feature of Drogheda's cultural calendar.

For updates and future show announcements, follow: [instagram.com/allthatglitters_cabaret](https://www.instagram.com/allthatglitters_cabaret)

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Business Advice Clinics

Thirty-two business advice appointments were provided by telephone and video conference to entrepreneurs throughout the county during May together with two Financial Business Advice Clinics.

Business Training



The Schedule for training for 2025 is available to view and book online: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>.

Five training courses were held in May, two Start Your Own Business courses, Digital Marketing, Canva for Beginners and Tik Tok for Business.

LEO Louth Mentor Programme



Mentors were appointed to eighteen businesses in May to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

Student Enterprise National Final – 8th May 2025

On 8th May the national final of the Student Enterprise Programme was held in Mullingar.

Representing Louth was Oran Cassidy of OEC Darts from St Joseph's Secondary School, Drogheda. Oran won the overall sales and marketing award in the Intermediate category.

Louth was also represented in the Junior Category by Darragh Grimes of Darragh Grimes Drones from Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer and in the Senior Category by Riley Finegan of Squeak Shield from Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer.



Oran Cassidy with Kieran Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise Office Network and Teri Smith of Enterprise Ireland

Finnish Embassy Visit to Louth – 14th May 2025

Saara Heinola, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Finland visited the Town Hall on Wednesday 14th May to meet members of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce together with Cathaoirleach Cllr. Kevin Callan and the Head of Enterprise to discuss opportunities for Louth based businesses to make links and trade with Finland.



Hanna McDonnell, Nikki Campbell, Counsellor Saara Heinola and Cathaoirleach Cllr. Kevin Callan

National Enterprise Awards – 22nd May 2025

The National Enterprise Awards were held in the Mansion House Dublin on 22nd May highlighting some of the best LEO companies across the country. Representing Louth, Mark Coan of Money Sherpa won the overall Innovation Award which was presented to him by Minister Alan Dillon.



National Enterprise Awards

Network Louth Awards – 23rd May 2025

On 23rd May LEO Louth staff attended the county final of the Network Ireland Louth Branch Businesswoman of the year awards in the Fairways Hotel. LEO Louth is a sponsor of the Network Louth branch and Sarah Mallon from the LEO and Fionnuala Rogers of the Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub were both judges for this year's competition. Winners from the Louth awards will go forward to represent the county at the national finals in October.



Network Louth Awards

Drogheda Digital Hub Contract– 26th May 2025

The contract to commence refurbishment of the Drogheda Digital Hub building was signed on Monday 26th May. Funded through Enterprise Ireland's Border Enterprise Development Fund, which is funded under the EU's Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR), with co-funding from the Council, the project will see the complete refurbishment and fit-out of a formerly derelict building into a bespoke, modern, co-working and innovation space.



David Conway, Chief Executive, signs the contract with Gavin Duffy of Doohamlet Construction

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of April 2025 are given below in tabular form. There were 80 planning applications received during the month of April of which 72 were valid. In addition, there were 37 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 33 Pre-Planning Requests received.

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

(A) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developments	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other applications- not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications- requiring EIA	(F) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	2	12	49	0	63
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	2	7	12	0	21
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	0.00% (0)	25.00% (3)	10.20% (5)	0.00% (0)	12.70% (8)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	1	1	3	0	5
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	33.33% (1)	0.00% (0)	20.00% (1)

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Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraithe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

Cur Síos / Description	Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	Aibreán 2025 / April 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Aibreán 2024 / April 2024	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	22	98	28	99
Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise / Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which did not require follow up	0	0	0	0
Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht / Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation	13	75	34	81
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	29	87	29	87
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	0	0	2	4
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	0	0	1
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Stiúirtheacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúirtheacht seo freagrach as gníomhaíocht oibríochtúil, lena n-áirítear cothabháil na heagraíochta ar gach maoin chorparáideach, bóithre, spásanna poiblí, soilsiú poiblí agus cur chun feidhme ár bplean gníomhaíochta ar son na haeráide, bainistiú flíteanna, bainistiú dramhaíola agus seirbhísí dóiteáin, lena n-áirítear rialú foirgneamh.

This Directorate is responsible for operational activity, including the organisation's maintenance of all corporate property, roads, public spaces, public lighting and implementation of our climate action plan, fleet management, waste management and fire services, including building control.

David Hanratty
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



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Seirbhísí Bóithre agus Áitiúla / Roads and Local Services

Ceantar Dhún Dealgan & Cuailgne /Dundalk & Cooley Areas

Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking:

Dundalk

River Walk to Tain Bridge
Inner Relief Rd to Racecourse Rd
Old Newry Rd, Lennon Melia, Riverside Crescent, Fairgreen Rd
By Pass at St Helena's, Quay St, Point Rd,
Old Coes Rd.
Barrack St.
Centenery Rd
Ramparts
York St.
Patrick St.
John St.
Phillip St.
Castletown Rd
Castleross
Seatown Place
St. Brigids Terrace
Castle Rd
Fairgreen Rd
Avenue Rd
Tom Bellew Rd
Mary St. South
Williamsons Place
Mooreland Rd

Cooley

Carlingford
Omeath
Gyles Quay
Templetown

Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins

Dundalk

Carried out by contractor Declan McArdle

Cooley

Emptying of 80 bins weekly in Carlingford, Omeath, Greenore, Templetown car park, Gyles Quay area.

Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping

Dundalk

All Locations on Declan McArdles route &
Centre Islands & Bollards - Inner Relief Rd / St. Helenas Park to Xerox Crossroads
Racecourse Rd after clean up with digger & loose chippings after patching road crossing after drainage job.

Loose chippings Waterville Crescent, Ecco Rd, Blakely Close Junction, Marian Park, Mulliharlin, Meadow View & McEntee Avenue, Mountain View.
Glass on Mount Avenue Rd
Glass on McSwiney Street

Weed killer application:

St. Patricks Cemetery
Newry Rd Cul de sac

Cooley

Belurgan straight kerb line
Orchard Village
Gyles Quay
Greenore

Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra / Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles

Dundalk

Installing new dog bin Wrightsons Lane & bag dispenser Clanbrassil St.

Cooley

As per Bin Management

Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála / Ring Buoy Checking

Locations checked weekly:

Toberona x 4
Maxwells Row x 2
Newry Rd Bridge x 2
Fairgreen Row x 1
St. Helenas Park x 4
Tain Bridge x 2
Navy Bank x 5
Riverside Walk x 2
Ice House Hill x 3
Ramparts River/Road x 2

Cooley

By Safety Officer

**Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne / Checking of Playground and
Dundalk**

Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil / Number of sites checked daily

6 and 8 on Fridays as Parks Caretaker checks the play areas in Kilcurry, Blackrock and Stephenstown

Lordship, Cooley, Carlingford, Omeath

Checked by Outdoor Staff.

	Suíomh / Location	Nótaí / Notes
Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs	<p>Dundalk Riverwalk R177 / Lios Dubh Racecourse Rd R172 Blakely Close Junction Ecco Rd McEntee Avenue Marian Park Chapel Rd Crowe St. Mulliharlin at Apartments. St. Nicholas Avenue Lisdoo Junction Stapelton Place</p> <p>Cooley Ongoing patching of local roads</p> <p>Ongoing program for surface dressing as per the roads works program.</p>	
Feabhasúchán Draenála / Drainage Remediation	<p>Dundalk Racecourse Rd</p> <p>Mountain View</p> <p>Priorland</p> <p>Island Church, The Long Walk</p>	<p>Installed:</p> <p>Installed twin wall pipes to relieve flooded area. Cleaned Back drains.</p> <p>Installed twin wall pipes & road crossing to relieve flooded area.</p> <p>Installed new pipes, deepened drain and filled with 3inch clean stone.</p> <p>Installed twin wall pipes and new Gully to relieve flooded area.</p>
Deisiú Soilse Tráichta / Traffic Light Repairs	<p>Dundalk Dublin Rd / junction at St. Vincents Hoeys lane Pedestrian Crossing Lights at the Gateway Hotel Church St. / The Laurels Junction St. Helenas Park Crossroads Beside LCC County Hall / Inner relief Rd</p>	
Cothabháil Cosán / Footpath Maintenance	<p>Dundalk Pearse Park / Fairy Garden Castle Road St.Alphonsus Rd</p>	

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Comharthaíocht / Signage & Bollards	<p>Dundalk New Bollards installed in Dundalk Town Hall Car Park</p> <p>Cooley Ongoing maintenance of advance warning signs at all junctions</p>
Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping	<p>Dundalk Williamsons Place Hoeyes Lane Saltown Racecourse Rd Woodview Ecco Rd R178</p> <p>Cooley None currently</p>
Glanadh Graifítí / Graffiti Removal	None currently

Na Creagacha Dubha, Fochaird, agus Ceantar Tuaiscirt Lár-Lú / Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	<p>Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock – 6 days/week • Knockbridge – once a week • Dromiskin – once a week • Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	<p>Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain / Number checked weekly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock (7No.) checked weekly • Annagassan (11No.) checked weekly
Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne	<p>Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil / Number of sites checked daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly • Blackrock – checked weekly

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Deisiú Bóithre Road Repairs	Tar patching on LS-7129, Thomastown Cross R178 to Donaghmore, LS-7128 from Donaghmore to Kilkerry Chapel, LS-3113-0 from Drumbilla Skyhill to County Boundary, LS-7106 Lennonstown Kilcurry, LS-7105-14 from Dungooly to County Boundary, LS-7121-0 Killyclessy	<p>Road repairs and patching & cleaning up</p> <p>Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming</p> <p>Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)</p>
Feabhasúchán Draenála /	Carrickaneena	Drainage maintenance –

Drainage Remediation		cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.
Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha Fallen or Dangerous Trees		Clearing fallen trees & debris.
Cothabháil Cosán Footpath Maintenance		Footpath renewal
Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá Traffic Light Repairs	Xerox junction, Haynestown, Kilkcurry, Faughart	Major repair works completed
Marcáil Bóithre Road Markings	N/A	Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
Comharthaíocht Signage		Cleansing/repair/replacement New signage
Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach Illegal Dumping	N53, Dundalk Castleblayney Road, Rices bridge R178, LS-7103 Carn More Kilcurry.	Collection of dumped waste for disposal. Collection & disposal after community clean up

Ceanntar Buirge Dhroichead Átha / Borough District of Drogheda

Ceanntar Baile Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Town Area

Piocadh Bruscair Litter Picking	<p>Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí / Location and metres per month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses 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 Saturday p.m. • Drogheda Rural Bring banks are cleared daily during working week.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove dumping at Dummies Lane, Green area at Moneymore, St Laurence's Pk & back alleys at Rathmullen Pk. • Clean up of alleyways & Green spaces at Moneymore & Rathmullen Housing Estate. • Litter picking at Dominics Pk, St Dominics Bridge, Lourdes Sq., Fr Connolly Way, Abbey car park, Patrickwells lane, Kings St & Mell. • Spring Clean – collection of bags at Hawthorn Close, Boyne Hall, Newfoundwell Rd, Aston Villages, Dale, Forest Grange and Brookville. • Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk and Town Centre (Bins & signage)
<p>Folmhú Araidí Poiblí Emptying of Public Bins</p>	<p>Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drogheda town centre Litterbins emptied daily circa 60 early mornings. • 234 litter bin (including 10 no. Solar bins) are emptied weekly in town. • Dominic's Park & 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/Portoriel/Seapoint/Termonfeckin/Baltray – at least 40 bins per day. • Approach roads in Drogheda town emptied twice a week.
<p>Scuabadh Bóithre Road Sweeping</p>	<p>Bealaí sa tseachtain / Routes per week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town centre daily. Approach roads fortnightly. • Public Housing Estates, swept every 2 months. Private Housing estates swept every 3 months. When resources allow. • Hotspots weekly on Monday after weekend – decided daily by supervisor after checking Drogheda urban area. • Villages are swept once per month – i.e., Teromenfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure. • Drogheda town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday). • Particular attention to road sweeping / Graffiti Removal / Weed Control for Drogheda Darkness into light Route, Rathmullen Rd, ramparts walk and St Dominics Pk. • Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days. • Road sweeping town centre on daily basis. • A study of road sweeping housing estates is under review to intention to issue recommendation by end of month.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Hog 1, Pedestrian Road sweeper at town centre, Dominics Pk, Mell carpark, Donore Rd, Kings St, Bolton Square & Meatmarket Lane. Multi-Hog 2, Pedestrian Road sweeper outside town centre, Fairgreen, Trinity Gardens, O Reillys carpark, Patrick St, Park view, John Paul Court & Windmill Rd. Pedestrian Green machine on town centre streets each day. Clean up of Bessexwell Lane, Bachelors Lane on daily basis. Power washing and Disinfectant of Highlane steps, Rosemary Lane, West St from St Dominics St to Shop St. Bottle banks cleaned underneath at Bolton St and Kings St.
Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles	Líon sa tseachtain / Number per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.
Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála Ring Buoy Checking	Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain / Number checked weekly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday) 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)
Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment	Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil / Number of sites checked daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Drainage Works <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gully Cleaning Contract phase 2 has now commenced on minor roads and housing estates within Drogheda Town. Road gully repairs at Bridge of Peace & Dublin Rd – on going. LCC's crew <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pothole repairs at Rathmullen Rd, IDA Road, Dublin Rd, Cement Rd, Wheaton Hall, Ballsgrove, Oaklawns, Slane Rd, Termonfeckin Rd, Georges St, John St, Matthews Lane, Cement Rd, Dublin Rd, Regent Place, Donore Rd, Ballsgrove & Oaklawns Road resurfacing at Donore Rd and IDA Rd. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, under Bridge of Peace & Barrow House & Meatmarket Lane. 6. Removal of main gate to Newtown – Termonfeckin graveyard – to allow reinstatement of block Pier following RTA. 7. Preparation for Drogheda Darkness into Light Route – pothole repairs on route, road sweeping, graffiti removal – Route Rathmullen Rd, Ramparts, St Dominics Pk. 8. Cut back vegetation at traffic light junctions to improve sight lines. 9. Footpath / pothole repairs at Regent Place, Scarlet St. 10. Preparation for Ras Tailteann – Potholes / Iron Works on West St, Shop St, Dyer St, Haymarket Bridge, Donore Rd – Placing of pedestrian barriers outside St Peters St on West St. 11. Completion of Quarry Walk Signage. 12. Removal of public bench at West St. 13. Remove public lighting on Haymarket Bridge & replace with bollards. 14. Reinstate overhead barriers at Mell Carpark. <p>Road Works Program – Resurfacing works 2025 Tenders have now been accessed, and Letter of Acceptance has been issued to Contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crosslanes • Rathmullen Pk • Cord Rd • College Rise • Broadmeadows • Bothar Brugha • R132 / Crosslanes / Cement Rd Junction • Collon Rd. • Trinity Gardens. <p>CIS Lanes 2025 Letter of Acceptance issued to contractor with intention to commence works at Carstown in July.</p>
<p>Feabhasúchán Draenála Drainage Remediation</p>	<p>Annual Drogheda Gully cleaning program ongoing</p> <p>Gully Cleaning Contract phase 2 has now commenced on minor roads and housing estates within Drogheda Town.</p>
<p>Cothabháil Cosán</p> <p>Footpath Maintenance</p>	<p>We are in the process of complying a list of footpaths for reinstatement, with the intention to commence in May.</p> <p>Meet with IWA in March to discuss works carried out in 2024 and planned works for 2025 (dropped kerb access to include tactile paving)</p>

	<p>LCC have now put out to tender for consultant for 23 sites based on priority list of locations provided by LCC.</p> <p>Tenders have now been accessed and Tender Report complete.</p>
<p>Deisiú Trác Traffic Repairs</p> <p>Soilse Light</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR06 R132 @ Westgate - Fair St Jct lights out. • DR04, R132 @ Bull Ring/North Quay/South Quay Jct check all PBU. • DR04, R132 @ Bull Ring/North Quay/South Quay Jct Red lamp out • DR14, Duleek Rd - Platin Rd Ped, lights out. • DR52 Pedestrian Crossing Ardee Red light out • DR07 – R132 @ Cement Rd / Crosslane traffic light head twisted.
<p>Comharthaíocht Signage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace parking sign at Fair Street. • Reinstate flexi bollards on Narrow West St. • Removal of bollards at outside St Peters Church in preparation for “Big Sleep Out”. • Maintenance of Bollards and directional signage on R132.
<p>Litterbin cleaning disinfecting</p>	<p>On-going on weekly basis.</p>
<p>Glanadh Graffiti Graffiti Removal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of graffiti on Street furniture on Drogheda DIL route at Ramparts Walk and St Dominics pk.
<p>Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach Illegal Dumping / Environmental issues</p>	<p>Monitoring & removal of dumping – operations / environment team – Bessexwell Lane, Bachelors Lane & West St and Bring bank site on approach roads to Drogheda.</p>

Ceantar Baile Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Town Area

Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins	Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency
Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead	7 Daily
Clogherhead Beach	8 Daily
Port Beach	6 Daily
Termonfeckin	6 Daily
Baltray	3 Daily
Seapoint Carpark	3 Daily

	Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L-2308-0 Cockleroad L-6315 Melifont N51 Slane Road L-6393 Timullen 	Surface Dressing Prep Surface Dressing Prep
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N51 	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of Dolphin from Annagassan strand 	

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Átha Fhirdhia / Ardee Municipal District

Gnó Deiscirt Lú (Ceantar Tuaithe) South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking

All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)
 Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins

Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins

Ardee Town
 Dunleer town
 Collon
 Erecting of bin at Riverside walk
 Erecting of bin at Link road

Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency

37 Daily
 20 Tuesday and Thursday
 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre

All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)

Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála

Ardee town River Dee
 Salterstown
 Port Beach

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, & exercise equipment at both locations.

	Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Deisiú Bóithre Road Repairs	L-5257-0 Millockstown Ardee L-2253-47 Philipstown Ardee L-1264-12 Ballapousta L-1233-7 Artnalivery R132 Dunleer L-6737-1 Coneyburrow Dunleer L-6737-1 Hurlestone	Surface Dressing prep works
Feabhasúchán Draenála Drainage Remediation	R170 Dromin Village	
Cothabháil Cosán Footpath Maintenance	Papal Drive Collon	

Bainistíocht Dramháil, Gníomh Comhshaoil 7 Aeráide / Waste Management, Environment & Climate Action

Waste Enforcement Summary of Complaints

A total of 17 complaints were received and investigated by the Waste Enforcement team in May 2025, some of which remain open pending further investigations.

Complaint Type	Received in May 2025	Total Received in 2025
Waste/ C&D	17	115

Waste Facility Permits/ Certificates of Registration

One new waste facility permit application, and one review application has been received in May 2025.

Diesel Laundering Waste

There were five 25L drums removed by the Council to date in May 2025. The total cost for clean-up and removal and disposal of diesel laundering waste to date in 2025 is approximately €34,946.

Waste Enforcement

Inspections completed to the end of May 2025 and the enforcement actions taken are as follows:

Inspection Type	No.
Non-Construction & Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	93
Number relating to Household Waste/waste presentation inspections arising from complaints	36
Construction and Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	23
Inspections of Waste Permitted Facilities	3
Hazardous waste sectoral inspections	2
Inspections in relation to Construction & Demolition waste at construction/development sites	7
Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	5
Inspections under the Packaging Regulations – Suspected Major Producers	8
Inspections under the Plastic Bag Levy	1
Inspections under ELVs Regulations	1
Enforcement Action	
Waste Warning Letters	103
Section 55 Notice under Waste Management Act	2

Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act	1
Fixed Payment notice under the Waste Collection Permit Regulations	4
Presentation of Waste Byelaws Fixed Payment notices	2

Anti-dumping Initiative Applications submitted for 2025

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications announced that funding is available through the WERLA's to support Local Authorities in 2025 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). The 2025 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. A total of 6 project applications were submitted for approval under the ADI 2025 totalling €112,583.60.

The Department approved funding of **€100,783.60** for the completion of 5 projects including:

- Mattress and Sofa Amnesty Event – V&W Dundalk
- Mattress and Sofa Amnesty Event – V&W Drogheda
- Mattress and Soda Amnesty Collection Point – Ardee
- Moneymore Lanes clean-up
- Solar Powered CCTV system at Williamsons Place, Dundalk.

Dates are yet to be confirmed for project completion.

Validation of waste data submitted by Waste Facility and Waste Collection Permit Holders

All Waste Facility Permit, Certificate of Registration and Waste Collection Permit holders were required to submit their Annual Returns (AR), detailing waste movements, by the end of February. Data has now been provided to local authorities to validate the information submitted. This project involves:

- Following up with any permit holder who has not completed a return – Fixed Payments Notices can be issued for not submitting a return.
- Analysing data submitted
- Querying data
- Desktop reviews and

- Onsite audits.

Validation is due to be completed by end of July for priority sites and end of September for all other sites. Louth County Council is required to complete validations on 66 Waste Collection Permit Holders and 31 Waste Facility Permit Holders.

Household Presentation of Waste Project

The Waste Enforcement team have commenced a Household Presentation of Waste Project. This project will consist of 2 main elements.

- Developing a register of all household not availing of a kerbside waste collection, and
- Targeted engagement with households identified as not availing of a kerbside waste collection

Under the Louth County Council (Segregation, Storage, and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws 2019 householder are required to comply using one of the following options:

1. Registration with one of the local waste collectors for the provision of bins to allow for kerbside collection of your household waste or
2. Bring your segregated household waste to a Transfer Station/Civic Amenity Site as required. All receipts as proof of this are required to be submitted.

Householders that fail to provide evidence of one of the above options will be subject to a €75 Fixed Payment Notice.

Litter Enforcement & Investigations

In May, Litter Wardens completed 104 investigations in response to dumping reported by members of the public. 40 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in May where evidence was found under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.



Photos: Illegal dumping in the Togher area removed by Louth County council Litter Wardens

Dog Fouling Awareness

Louth County Council Litter Wardens carried out a foot patrol in Ardee/ Collon area in May to raise awareness of dog litter and illegal dumping.



Photo: Litter Warden Foot Patrol and awareness of Dog Fouling in Ardee/ Collon area.

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and Complaints

7 water pollution complaints were received in May 2025. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases.

Two agricultural complaints were received in relation to agricultural odours. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

9 air pollution complaints were received this month. All complaints were investigated and related to backyard burning, dust and sewage smell and agricultural odours.

12 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Farm Survey Inspections

So far during the month of May, Louth County Council carried out 8 planned farm survey inspections and 3 re-inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations 2022 (GAP).

River Water sampling and Water framework directive

Routine surveillance and operational monitoring of all the catchments in Louth for the water framework directive is in progress and on schedule.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 17 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in May for Section 4 Discharge Licences.

Licensed landfills

Annual and quarterly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in May at Dundalk landfill, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfill.

Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver as required by EPA licences for the sites. Quarterly gas balancing carried out at Dundalk and Drogheda landfills. Monthly gas balancing carried out at Whiteriver landfill. EPA carried out site audit at Dundalk and Whiteriver landfill in May.

Two incidents were uploaded to EPA EDEN system. They related to flare downtime at Dundalk and Drogheda landfills. Corrective actions have been carried out and incidents closed off.

Septic Tanks

5 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants.

Planning

29 planning reports were completed for May 2025. These reports related to agricultural, commercial and once off dwelling planning permissions.

Solid Fuel Regulations

A number of warning letters were sent to retailers and coal suppliers in Drogheda under the Solid Fuel Regulations 2022.

Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

€13,125.00 was paid to applicants in May for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Animal Control and Welfare

There were 68 valid Sugar CRM cases assigned to Animal Control and Welfare during May 2025, with four still in progress.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound May 2025	
Total dogs through the pound	30
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	8
Surrendered by owners	22
No dogs reclaimed by owners	3
No of dogs rehomed direct	6
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	20

No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/05/2025	2
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Dog Licences May 2025	
No of Licences sold	501
Licence Checks:	
House calls	485
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	189
Fixed Penalty Notices	29

Control of Horses

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

Horses through the pound May 2025	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No. of horses on hand in Pound on 31/05/2025	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments May 2025	
Total no of registered DBEs in Louth (as at 31/05/2025)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



Photo: Buzz, who was successfully rehomed from the Pound earlier this year.

Climate Action

EU Mission, Adaptation to Climate Change

Rory Sheehan was invited to present on Climate Risk and Planning in Louth at the 4th EU Mission Forum in Wrocław, Poland.



Photo: Rory Sheehan, LCC Climate Action Co-ordinator, taking part in a cocreation workshop of Climate Adaptation Professionals at the 4th Forum of the EU Mission, adaptation to Climate Change

Town Scientist Launch

Louth County Council Climate team attended the official launch of the Town Scientist Niamh Shaw in Dundalk on Thursday 15th May. The event was attended by representatives from Research Ireland, Dundalk Credit Union, Louth ABC, Louth County Council and community groups from the town.



Photo: Rory Sheehan, LCC climate Action Co-ordinator presented at the event as one of the founding project funding partners.

More information on Niamh Shaw and the town scientist programme can be found at: <https://niamhshaw.ie/>

Community Climate Action Fund

It is expected that the second phase of the Community Climate Action Fund will launch in the coming months. The Community Climate Action Officer will be hosting a number of online events, in person drop-in clinics and meeting with community groups who may be interested in submitting a project under this second round of funding.

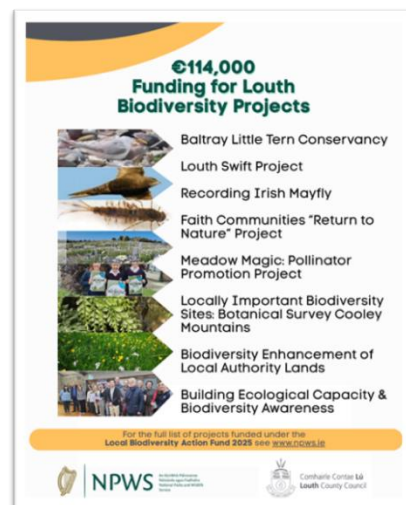
A number of projects are ongoing and are in the process of completion under the Community Climate Action Fund.

A full list of all approved projects can be found on Louth County Council's website at <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

If you would like to know further information on the Community Climate Action Fund please email climateaction@louthcoco.ie

Biodiversity Action

The National Parks and Wildlife Service, has awarded Louth County Council funding through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) to support eight biodiversity projects across County Louth. Funding of €114,000 (85% from NPWS, 15% from Louth County Council) aims to enhance biodiversity conservation by advancing knowledge, raising public awareness, and improving habitat and species management and protection. The projects will contribute to the implementation of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan, supporting its key objectives at a local level.



The 8 projects proposed for Louth will allow for:

1. Continued support for the Little Tern Conservancy at Baltray

2. The Louth Swift Project conservation efforts to expand
3. The National Mayfly Survey to advance
4. Louth faith communities to unite in "Return to Nature" biodiversity project
5. A Cooley based "Meadow Magic" community led film project to spotlight pollinator friendly practices
6. A study to support the identification of Locally Important Biodiversity Sites in the Cooley Mountains
7. Support for biodiversity enhancement of Local Authority lands
8. Funding to build ecological capacity and raise biodiversity awareness for council staff and communities.

National Biodiversity Week

National Biodiversity Week was held from Friday 16th to Sunday 25th May. Coordinated by the Irish Environmental Network (IEN) and supported by Louth County Council's Biodiversity Officer a small programme of events was hosted, celebrating our rich natural heritage. From guided walks to hands-on workshops and online webinars Biodiversity Week 2025 had something for everyone.

No Mow May



Louth County Council is a proud signatory to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. As part of our commitment to supporting pollinators and increasing opportunities for biodiversity enhancement and awareness through our work we have been working hard to lead by example, reducing the frequency of grass cutting in more areas of council owned and managed green space. This May we are putting away the lawnmower and celebrating the benefits of reduced mowing for pollinators, letting native wildflowers emerge naturally.

Facilities

Dundalk Fire Station Upgrades

Fabric, space heating and domestic hot water works are continuing to progress as part of the 2024 Energy Project Charters, at Dundalk Fire Station. Current updates includes:

- Installation of panel heaters, and removal of old blow heaters in the appliance bays
- Further pipework installation and connection in the boiler room

There were some delays due to ongoing training at Dundalk Fire Station, however, works should be finalised by the end of June 2025.

Drogheda Machinery Yard Security Upgrade

Works have commenced at Drogheda fair Street Machinery Yard, in relation to the security upgrades. Thus far, majority of the CCTV has been completed, and works with the access control are continuing. Later this week, civil works will be starting for the ducting, and once the gates are manufactured, the old ones will be removed, new boxes cut and connected, whereby the new gates will go into place. The works should be completed by early June 2025.



Photo: New CCTV at Machinery Yard Drogheda Fair Street Francis Johnson Building Upgrades 2025

The Closing Date for Tenders for Upgrade Works for the Council's Francis Johnson Building at Fair Street Drogheda was 9th May 2025. The Council received 6 tenders for that work. Tenders are now being evaluated, and a contractor will be appointed or those works as soon as possible. It is hoped to have the contractor in place in June, and the works are expected to be completed before end 2025.

Meanwhile arrangements are being put in place to temporarily relocate staff from the older part of the

building to the recently improved part for the duration of the works.

Bush Yard Security Upgrade

The Council has now engaged the services of Van Dijk Architects to manage the upgrade of the Bush Yard. This first part of that work includes Site Surveys, consideration of archaeology and planning requirements such as Appropriate Assessment.

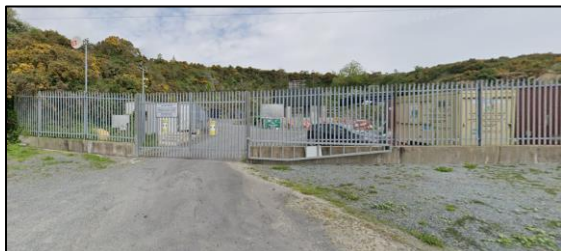


Photo: The Bush Yard at Ballaverty Carlingford

Millmount Wall Repair

A contractor has been engaged and Ministerial Licence condition approved to commence repair works to walls at Millmount. The cost of the work is €114,020.31. The works involve repairs to damaged and collapsed sections of walls adjacent to the public road and at the access pathway leading to the tower. Works are expected to commence on site 3 June and are expected to take 6 – 8 weeks to complete.



Photos: Millmount, Drogheda and locations where wall repairs are proposed

Sustainable Energy

SEAI Monitoring & Reporting 2030

Louth County Council has fulfilled its legal obligations to upload energy data onto SEAI's Monitoring and Reporting System Portal for 2024, in accordance with the deadline of 16th May 2025. The data which provided was as follows:

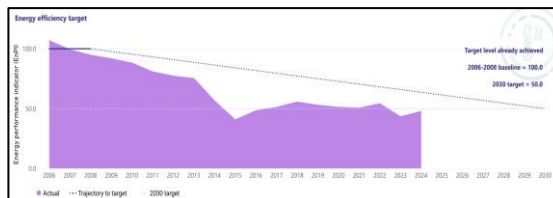
- MPRNs & GPRNs ✓
- Energy Types ✓
- Energy Usage ✓
- Activity Metric Values ✓
- Energy Projects ✓
- Building Register
- Vehicle Inventory & Procurement ✓
- Business Travel ✓
- Energy Management ✓



Graphic: Extract from SEAI's Portal showing Completion of Louth County Council's Energy Data Upload

The salient points of Louth County Council's provisional scorecard are as follows:

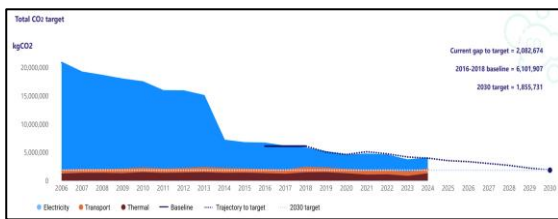
- Energy efficiency at the end of 2024 is reported as **52.5%**, ahead of the 2030 target of 50%.



Graphic: Louth County Council's Progress towards 2030 Energy Efficiency Target

- Total CO2 emissions are reported as reduced by **35.5%** compared to the baseline (Average 2016 – 2018). SEAI's Glidepath graph shows

the Council is on target to achieve the 2030 target for emissions.



Graphic: Louth County Council's Progress towards the Total Energy Emissions (CO2) 2030 Target

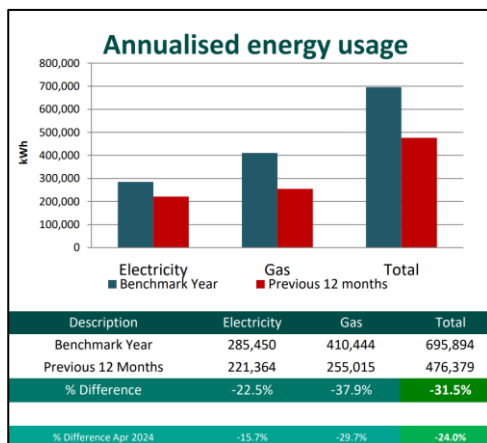
Gap to Target

Louth County Council is committed to achieving the 2030 Energy Targets - we remain focused on reducing our energy emissions by our Gap to Target of 1000t (CO2 savings) required by 2030. This will be achieved from the implementation of various energy projects identified through approved Energy Audits. Works will involve energy saving measures to our buildings and Leisure Centres such as fabric improvements, lighting replacements, heat pumps, windows improvements.

Optimising Power @ Work Programme Behaviour Change Programme for Staff

County Hall

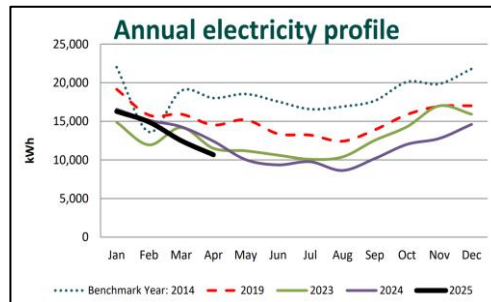
Total energy consumption in this building has reduced by **32%** since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2016. The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 695,894 kWh to 476,379 kWh. Electricity consumption on site has reduced by 22%. The number of units of electricity has decreased from 285,450 kWh to 221,364 kWh. Gas consumption on site has reduced by 38%. The number of units of gas has decreased from 410,444 kWh to 255,015 kWh.



Graphic: County Hall's Annualised Energy Usage from OPW's monthly report for April 2025

Town Hall

Compared to the baseline year of 2014, the annual electricity consumption has been reduced by **38%**. The total annual unit consumption of electricity has decreased from 221,634 kWh to 141 kWh. Monthly comparison data shows that April 2025 electricity consumption is 41% lower than April 2014.



Graphic: Dundalk Town Hall's Annualised Electricity Profile April 2025

OPW Staff Awareness

The Council's Energy Team continue our staff awareness Programme. Free energy 1:1 advice clinics with a Professional Energy advisor for all staff were held on the 16th May 2025. Topics discussed include getting to understand home and work utility bills, heating controls, home renewables and available energy grants and much more.



1 on 1 Free Online Energy Clinics

To promote energy conservation, the energy team conducted an after-hours inspection to place 'Switch me off' stickers on light switches. This initiative serves as a visual reminder for staff to turn off lights when not in use—especially for those who are the last to leave the office.



Photo: Switch Me Off Sticker



Photo: Dundalk's Pilot Site for the Varcities Project: The Still

H2020 VARCITIES Project

To celebrate EU Green Week 2025, the Varcities Project is hosting an event in Brussels entitled 'VARCITIES FINAL EVENT – Shaping Greener, Healthier Cities!'. It will take place at 55 Rue de l'Ermitage 1050 Brussels, Belgium on the afternoon of Thursday 5th June. It is a public event, and the project extends the invitation to 'Join us as we wrap up VARCITIES and look ahead to the future of sustainable urban living!'.

A representative from the Council's Varcities Project Team will be present in Brussels to showcase our work on creating Greener, Healthier Cities for our project site The Still, located at the County Library and County Museum, Dundalk. This international platform offers an opportunity to promote the Council's innovative urban initiatives, share best practices with global partners, and highlight the Council's success achieved through the project.

The event will focus on:

- 🌱 Insights from 7 Pilot Cities and our 29 Visionary Solutions
- 📁 Discover VARCITIES' Replication Toolkit
- 🧠 Live Demos: [Health & Well-Being Platform](#) & [GoNature VR Game](#)
- 🏛️ Policy Focus: Aligning with the EU's Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities agenda
- 👤 Louth County Council will participate in the international Q&A panel discussion: **"What's Next for Greener, Healthier, More Inclusive Urban Spaces,"** showcasing the success of the project and contributing to the global dialogue on sustainable urban development.

Seirbhísí Dóiteáin agus Éigeandála / Fire & Emergency Services

Fire Service

CFO Eamon Woulfe retired after 42 years' service, serving 23 years in Louth as CFO.

SO Vincent McGuinness also retired after 33 years' service working in both Dundalk and Drogheda stations.

Louth Fire Service took delivery of new battery-powered road traffic accident tools with total cost of approximately €340,000.

This includes cutters, spreaders, rams, and door entry tools and will be installed on frontline appliances and Emergency Tenders in all Fire Brigades in Louth. These tools will replace the older hydraulic powered tools and will be quicker and easier to deploy at road traffic accidents than the current units while having the same or improved level of performance.

These tools are now currently being integrated within the asset management system, with training beginning of personnel beginning in June.

Further meetings with the Design Team for the upgrade of Dundalk Training Centre took place during March, and the Stage 1 Report was completed and submitted to the DHLGH. Approval will be sought to proceed to Stage 2, the Detailed Design and Part 8 Planning stage.

This is a major upgrade of the Training Centre, which includes a large two-storey extension of the training building. This includes a second training room, canteen and breathing apparatus briefing room.

The breathing apparatus training building will be upgraded and repaired, and consideration is being given to a change to gas-fired combustion. This option is being assessed at present.

Fire Service Training courses during May were as follows:

- X3 Recruits passed their Initial Recruit course in Ennis. One recruit will shortly start in Carlingford, while two more recruits will start in Drogheda.
- Mod 3 Officer Development course in Tipperary.
- One Senior Officer was trained in HYDRA training facilitators course in Tipperary allowing them to instruct the national Effective Decision and Tactical Decision makers courses .
- Louth Fire BA Refreshes

The Recruitment advertisement program for new retained fire fighters continued in its implementation across social media, radio and paper media during May. Nearly 20 potential recruit applications have been received and will undergo suitability testing and interviews shortly.

Louth Fire Service has recent received confirmation of funding approval for proposed procurement of a new high reach Turntable ladder. The funding value is for €900,000 and will replace the current Drogheda aerial platform. It will be of great benefit to Louth Fire & Rescue Service maintaining the operational efficiency and public safety standards within the county of Louth and surrounding areas into the future.

Major Emergency Management

The North-East Regional Major Emergency Working Group meeting took place remotely on 14th March. It was chaired by An Garda Síochána. Training requirements for 2025 were discussed. Meath CoCo and FRS undertook a Seveso Exercise in Tara Mies on the 19/5/2025

Storm Éowyn de-brief

A debrief of the response to Storm Éowyn, which affected County Louth on January 24, 2025 is summarised below:

- **Incident Overview:** Storm Éowyn prompted a nationwide red weather warning in Ireland, leading to the activation of emergency protocols by Louth County Council. The storm was characterized by severe winds, causing significant disruption and damage.
- **Preparation Measures:** The Severe Weather Assessment Team convened prior to the storm to ensure readiness, and

communications were effectively disseminated to the public and local agencies at the earliest opportunity.

- **Response Actions:** On the day of the storm, all educational facilities closed, and non-essential services ceased. The emergency response focused on life-threatening incidents, with crews mobilized as needed in line with the Council's weather safety protocol.
- **Incident Management Successes:** No injuries were attributed to the preparedness measures in place.
- **Areas for Improvement:** Challenges included delays in communication to the public, issues with phone systems, and insufficient resources for tree removal. Future planning should address these gaps.
- **Recommended Actions:** Further training and exercises, improving communication protocols, and ensuring that utility providers are included in emergency frameworks.
 - Severe Weather Briefing for Outdoor Crews
 - Table-top Exercise Scenario to simulate the response to a severe weather event.
 - Seek the inclusion of key utility providers, such as ESB Networks and Uisce Éireann, in the MEM Framework
 - The Communications team will review the communications plan to maintain effective communications in future scenarios, managing both internal and external messaging.
 - Training to be provided for media liaison to ensure effective communication during emergencies.
 - The Facilities team will review alternative power supply arrangements in all facilities to ensure they are prepared for power outages.

These planned actions aim to improve preparedness, response, and communication during severe weather events.

Climate Adaptation Strategy

The Dundalk Training Centre extension project will include a range of features to limit carbon emissions. The Climate Action Plan includes Fire Service and Building Control requirements.

Civil Defence

The new Assistant Civil Defence Officer, Shane O Hanlon, recently started his role and has commenced defined duties to assist the Civil Defence Officer in his role. This appointment will ensure a continuous delivery of service, taking account of leave and absences, and will also facilitate an increase in the number of volunteers.

The following training was provided during May:

- Weekly Training each Thursday
- Training with Road Safety Authority
- First Aid Responder Training
- Drone Training with Ardee/Dunleer Fire Stations
- Drone & All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Training

The following duties were attended and medical cover provided:

- 5K Fun Run, Dunleer
- Apple Blossom Walk, Corderry
- Louth GAA Homecoming – Drogheda, Ardee, Dundalk
- Ulster GAA Final, Clones. Assistance to Monaghan Civil Defence
- Cross Cooley Challenge, Ravensdale to Carlingford
- Naomh Martin 4mile Run, Dunleer
- Macra walk the Length of Louth, Drogheda to Carlingford

Deployments

2 days x Drone assistance to Louth Fire Service.
Gorse Fire behind Carrickdale Hotel
11 x Community First Response Callouts

Building Control

The main workload of the Building Control Section is processing Disabled Access Certificate applications and Certificates of Compliance on Completion and the backlog of these resulting from the significant increase in applications during 2024.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

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

This directorate is responsible for the organisational core areas of HR including H&S, Corporate Services, Communication and Community Activities.

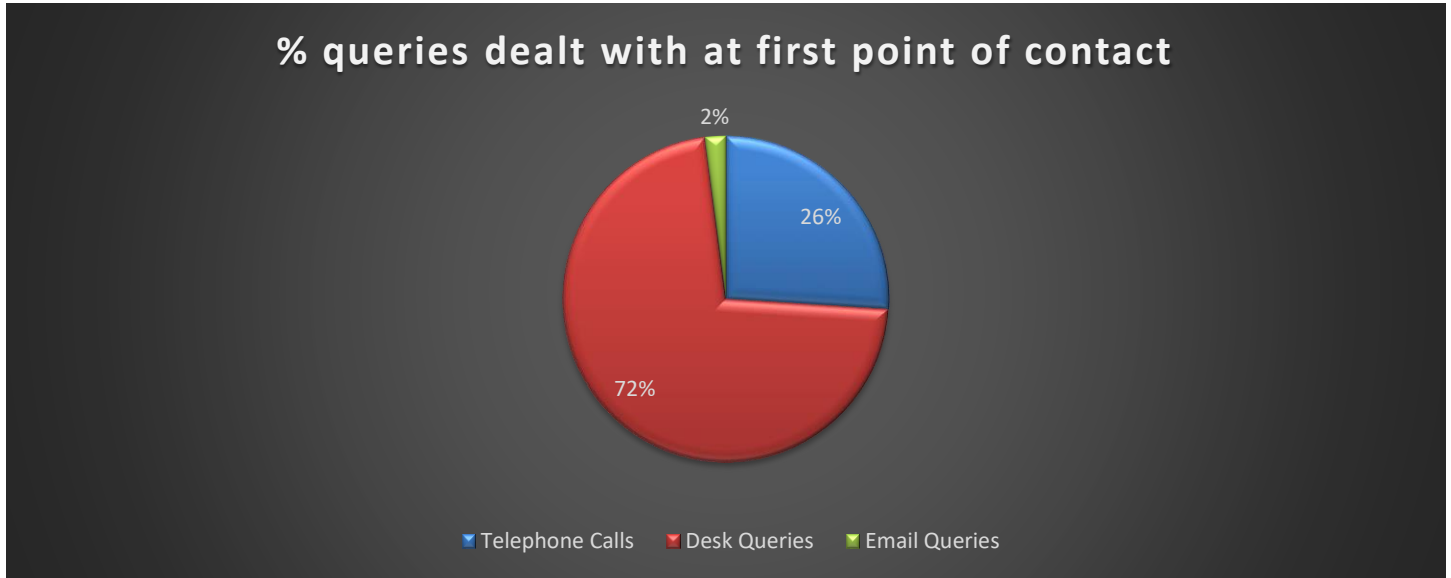
Joanna Kelly
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



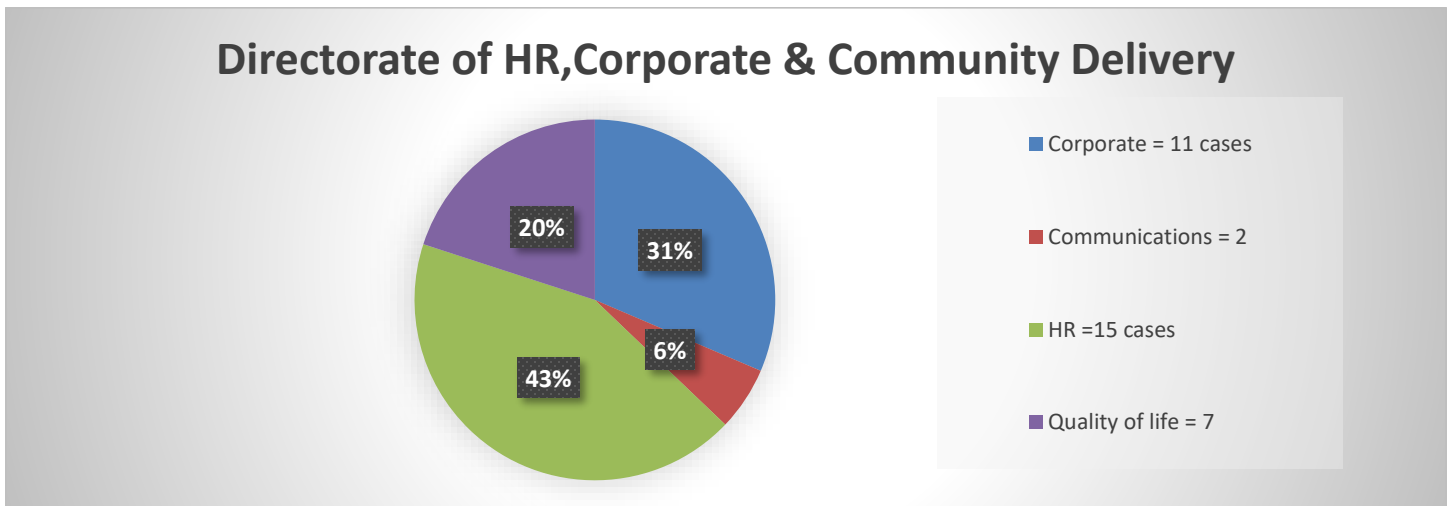
Seirbhísí Corporáideacha / Corporate Services

Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

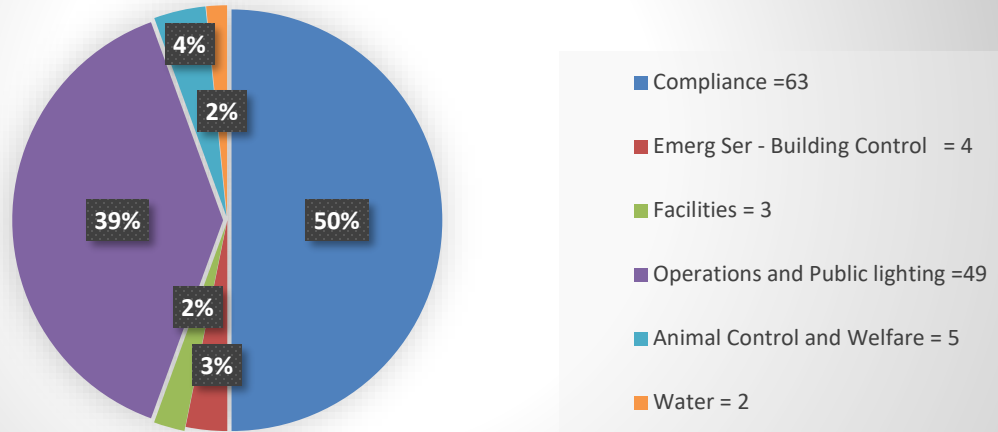
During the month of May 2025 Customer Services dealt with 18,551 queries inclusive of 8,164 calls, 1,216 e-mails and 9,171 counter queries. 12,031 (64%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:



There were 3335 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during May 2025 of which 325 were received from Elected Members. A total of 482 (14.4%) cases remained unresolved by end May, broken down by directorate as follows:



Directorate of Operations & Environment Delivery



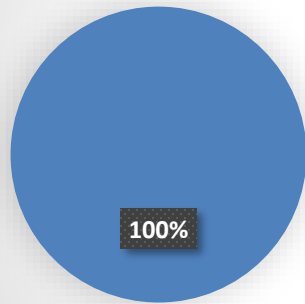
Directorate of Housing & Culture Delivery



Directorate of Economic Delivery

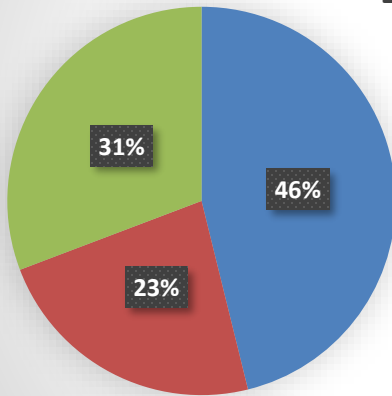


Directorate of Finance and System Support



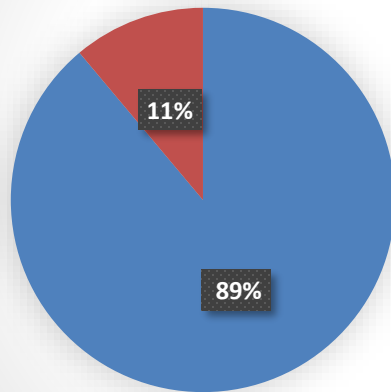
■ Finance - Traffic = 2

Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



■ Infrastructure Roads and Marine = 6
■ Public Realm = 3
■ Flood Risk = 4

Management Team



■ Directors = 8
■ Chief Executives Office

The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Request Received	2024 Total Jan- May	2025 Total Jan – May	2025 May only
FOI REQUEST	67	68	14
DSAR	8	12	7
DATA PROTECTION REQUEST (AIE) INFORMATION	8	23	1
OMBUDSMAN REQUEST	6	6	1
COMPLAINTS	7	15	3
	26	10	2

Clár Toghthóirí / Electoral Register

Electoral figures as at 28th May 2025 are as follows:

Total Elector	Total Elector at e with DOB	Total Elector at e with Eircode	Total Elector at e with email address	Total Elector at e with contact number	Total Elector at e with DOB & Eircode	Total Elector at e with PPSN
100187	98598	100158	20560	17833	98570	21651

Presidential Voters	92,177
Dáil Voters	1,130
European Voters	744
Local Voters	3,243
Potential European Voters	2,890
Dáil/European Voters	3
Total No. of Voters	100,187

Local Electoral Areas	No. of Electors
Ardee	19,692
Drogheda Rural	14,503
Drogheda Urban	19,758
Dundalk Carlingford	20,056
Dundalk South	26,178
Total	100,187



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Check that your details on the
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Tacaíocht Pobail / Community Support

Community Support

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Advocacy Training

On Wednesday 14th May Louth PPN hosted their second Advocacy training workshop in the Monasterboice Inn. This training provided attendees with the practical skills on how to develop their own advocacy plan including how to engage the relevant policy and decision-makers, how to campaign for their service's priorities, how to best communicate the issue / message to the most important contacts / connections, etc. This workshop was very well attended with over 50 people registered to participate.

Community Funding Training

Louth PPN offered their members the opportunity to participate in Community Funding training on Tuesday 27th May online from 7-9pm which covered the following topics:

- The basic tools of fundraising
- Crafting your fundraising ask
- Breaking away from bucket collections and looking at the wide variety of fundraising methods available
- The role of the whole organisation in fundraising

This course was at capacity with 20 people registered to participate.

LGBTQ+ Training

Louth PPN attended LGBTQ+ training in Outcomers, Dundalk on 12th May. This training was an information session on understanding and supporting the LGBTQ+ community and provided the skills and knowledge on how to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all individuals.

Healthy Louth

Healthy Ireland Fund (2023-2025)

The Healthy Ireland Fund (2023–2025) Local Strategy for Louth has now entered its third and final year. 2025 funding has been allocated to our project delivery partners, enabling them to continue delivering targeted, evidence-informed initiatives that support health and wellbeing across the county.

This final year will focus on consolidating progress, sustaining impact and capturing learning from the wide range of projects funded under the strategy, including

community engagement, mental health promotion, physical activity initiatives and campaigns such as Not Around Us and We're Breastfeeding Friendly Louth.

Ongoing collaboration with our local stakeholders and delivery partners remains key to ensuring these projects contribute meaningfully to the overall goals of the Healthy Ireland Framework, supporting a healthier, more connected County Louth.

CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath Champion Training – May 2025

Two successful training days were held for CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath Champions – Day 1 at St Kevin's Community Centre, Philipstown and Day 2 at Deerpark Community Hub, Carlanstown. Activities included yoga, mindfulness, practical wellbeing techniques and presentations from key partners such as the HSE, Mental Health Ireland, local library services and PPN. Champions explored the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support community mental health and wellbeing across Louth and Meath. We now have 16 CommUnity Connect Champions from a wide range of community groups right across the county.



CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath Champions alongside members of the Project Steering Group

ACT Parent Event, Marcy Hotel Drogheda

Healthy Louth hosted a stand at the ACT Parent Event in the Marcy Hotel, Drogheda, led by Louth Local Development Company. It was a great opportunity to engage with local families, share resources, and promote the importance of community support and wellbeing.



Ms. Paula Keenan, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator for Louth at the ACT Parent Event in Drogheda

Green Schools Flag Awards Ceremony 2024-2025

Dundalk proudly hosted the awards ceremony, where An Taisce presented Green Flags to 22 schools from across County Louth, along with schools from Meath, Monaghan and Fingal, as part of the Green Schools programme.



Pupils from Scoil Naomh Lorcan, Omeath receiving their Green Flag with Ms. Paula Gribben, Community and Ms. Joanne Scott, An Taisce

International Blue Flag Awards and National Green Coast Awards 2025

Blue Flags have been awarded for Clogherhead, Port and Templetown beaches, along with a Green Coast Award for Seapoint for the 2025 season.



Mayor of Borough District of Drogheda Cllr Paddy McQuillan and Chief Executive Mr. David Conway raising the Blue Flag at Clogherhead Beach

Louth In Bloom 2025 competition

The Community Support team launched its annual environmental competition "Louth in Bloom 2025" on 21st May. Entries and nominations are now being sought in the following categories - Best Garden, Best Estate, Best Business/Hospitality Premises and Best Biodiversity Project.

Full details of this year's competition are available on our website or by emailing louthinbloom@louthcoco.ie for further information. The closing date is Friday 4th July 2025.



Pupils from Realt Na Mara joined Cathaoirleach Cllr Kevin Callan, Chief Executive Mr. David Conway, Director of Services Ms. Joanna Kelly & Senior Executive Officer Mr. Finbar Gethins at the Launch of the Louth in Bloom 2025 competition

Street Feasts 2025

A celebration of community spirit took place over the weekend of 24-25 May, as 28 groups registered to take part in this year's Street Feast across Louth. The event encourages neighbours to come together to share food, conversation and connection in a relaxed, festive atmosphere.



Residents from Belfry, Dundalk at Street Feasts 2025

SLÍ GHLAS AN LÚ 2025

The Community Support team introduced a new Green Sustainable Competition for Tidy Towns groups, replacing the previous Litter League. This competition, which opened for entries on 13th May, aims to recognise the outstanding work carried out by Tidy Towns groups in transforming their areas into sustainable and thriving communities. The closing date for entries is Friday, 13th June 2025.

PEACEPLUS



PEACEPLUS Action Plan

Tenders for PEACEPLUS Action plan projects for 'Shared Narratives', 'Sports Engagement' and 'Youth Leadership and Mentoring' were posted on the eTenders website.

Louth County Council / Newry Mourne and Down Strategic Alliance

A workshop was held in the Ballymascanlon Hotel, Co. Louth on the 22nd May to formulate a revised action plan for the Louth County Council/ Newry Mourne and Down District Council Strategic Alliance.



Attendees at the Louth County Council/Newry Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance Workshop

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as at 23/05/2025

Properties offered in May	1
Families moved into properties in May	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in May	10
Property offers recorded to date	85
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	38
Beneficiaries currently assigned	130
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	0
Properties assessed as suitable to date	44
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	19
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team

The LAIT received iReport training from INAR, hosted by the Asylum Support Network. The iReport system allows people, communities and organisations to confidentially report racism in Ireland from any online device.

A very successful Community Information Fair was held in Drogheda on April 30th. The event was attended by residents living in accommodation centres in the town and surrounding areas. More than 15 service providers had stands on the day including Intreo, Louth Local Development Company and LMETB amongst others. A similar event will be held in Dundalk in September.



Community Information Fair in Drogheda

In May, the sub-committees focusing on Accommodation, Children & Young People, Health, Social & Cultural, SICAP and Education & Training met to discuss issues facing our clients. The meetings focused on solutions to improve the lives of residents in the centres.

Sport

Outdoor Bowls Event

Our first Outdoor Bowls event this year took place on the 14th of May. 24 members from the local area and local bowls clubs took part. A great day was had by all, as they tried to navigate their way into the final. All participants are looking forward to the next competition on the 18th June.



Louth Juvenile Relay Championships

The Lourdes Stadium hosted the annual Louth Juvenile Relay Championships on the 22nd of May. All the athletics clubs throughout Louth were proudly represented by their teams of juvenile athletes who gave it their all to try to secure a place on the podium.



Louth Juvenile Relay Championships at the Lourdes Stadium, Drogheda

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2025

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach and volunteer education programmes in May 2025.

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	9 th May	Online
Safeguarding Level 2	16 th May	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	22 nd May	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	29 th May	Online

Bike Week a Huge Success in Louth!

Bike Week 2025, which took place from 10-18 May, was a huge success in Louth, with hundreds of people of all ages and abilities taking part in events across the county. Coordinated by Louth Local Sports Partnership on behalf of the County Council, the week-long celebration of cycling saw schools, community groups, and families embrace cycling within their local community.

Highlights included inclusive cycling events with Louth Disability Cycling Club, school cycle skills workshops, family fun cycles, and community bike maintenance demos.

The week not only promoted the physical and mental health benefits of cycling but also encouraged greener travel habits and showcased the excellent cycling infrastructure developing across the county.

A big thank you to all the clubs, schools, community groups, and volunteers who made Bike Week such a success in Louth.



Bike Week Participants at Geraldines GAA Grounds

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

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

Ger Murphy
Stiúrthóir / Director



Titíocht / Housing

Ag Déileáil le hEaspa Dídine / Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the Northeast Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the Northeast Homelessness Strategy 2024-2026. The following work done within County Louth in the period April 18 – May 17, 2025, can be summarised as follows:

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

April 18 to May 17, 2025	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	7	107	69	183
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	13	10	23
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	0	0	0
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	7	120	79	206

Tables 2 - 4 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on May 17, 2025. Also included at Table 5 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 2: Inscne / Table 2: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	94
Female	82
Total	176

Tábla 3: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 3: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	34
25-44	96
45-64	38
65+	8
Total	176

Tábla 4: Saghas Loistín / Table 4: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	80
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	96
Total unique individuals	176

Tábla 5: Teaghlaigh le paistí cleithiúnaí / Table 5 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	39	47	68
Couples with dependent children	8	18	26
Total	47	65	94

Tábla 6: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 6 - Housing First

Number of tenancies established	50
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	34

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta suas go dtí Bealtaine 19, 2025 / Housing Allocations up to May 19, 2025

District	LA	LA Refusal	AHB	AHB Refusal
Ardee	1	0	1	0
Drogheda	11	1	0	2
Dundalk	6	1	6	4
Total	18	2	7	6

Aistrithe / Transfers

District	Number
Ardee	0
Dundalk	1
Drogheda	0
Total	1

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

May 19, 2025	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	364	770	1187	2321
HAP Transfer List	295	824	1573	2692
Total Housing List	659	1594	2760	5013

There are **332** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including 66 applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Íocaíocht Cúnaimh Tithíochta / Housing Assistance Payment

The total number of applications in HAP is **2692**

Ardee Municipal District	Drogheda Borough District	Dundalk Municipal District	Total
295	824	1573	2692

Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears at May 21, 2025	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	188	€79,945

Rents between 7-12 weeks old	169	€131,983
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1031	€3,764,516
TOTAL	1388	€3,976,444

Rent arrears are monitored on an ongoing basis and letters are issued to customers within two weeks of their falling into arrears. Failure to address these arrears will result in a second letter being issued and if necessary, a third and final reminder. Failure to respond at that point will result in the escalation to tenancy warning. The following correspondence was issued in May 2025.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	May 2025	100
2 nd Reminder	May 2025	43
Final Reminder	May 2025	34
Total issued		177

The total rental income received in 2025, to date, is **€6,553,386**. The total number currently paying rent by Household Budget is **927**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **66** new payment plans commenced in May 2025 (up to and including May 22, 2025).

Airíonna Re Lig & Neamhni / Relet and Void Properties

Relet / Void Properties on May 21, 2025	Total
Ardee Municipal District	4
Dundalk Municipal District	13
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	22
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	39
CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)	2
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	41

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

Cuairteanna Chothabhála / Maintenance Calls

Maintenance	April 22- May 21, 2025	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	883	5,255
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	745	4,067
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	91	898
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	47	290

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

The 2025 EERP allocation for Louth, has been confirmed by the DHLGH as 140. Two units submitted over our allocation in 2024 will be taken out of this total. Two Units in Hillview are accounted for under the 2024 figures so the total for 2025 shall be shown as 138.

Municipal District	Number of Commenced/ Completed Units
Ardee MD:	-
Dundalk MD: Ladywell Dundalk	17
Drogheda BD: St Finians Marian Park	31

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha atá ar fáil ar cíos / Private Rental Inspections

For April 23–May 21	May	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	184	900
Advisory letters issued	170	922

Improvement notices issued	2	18
Prohibition notices issued	0	1
Private Inspections	0	0
HAP First Inspections	97	415
RAS First Inspections	0	1
AHB First Inspections	50	255
Private Re-inspections	0	3
HAP Re-inspections	35	153
RAS Re-inspections	0	0
AHB Re-inspections	0	69
Inspections from Complaints	2	4
Properties Made Compliant	17	72

Before and after pictures of works undertaken at Woodlands Halting site on 14/05/2025.



Rubbish at Woodlands Halting site



Remedial works undertaken at Woodlands Halting site to prevent future dumping

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta / Tenancy Engagement

April 18 to May 16, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	11	5	11	27	92
Post-tenancy inspections	2	13	0	15	68
Tenancy Investigation Visits	11	25	0	36	160

Estate Management staff participated in a 'Plant and Learn' community event on May 12, 2025, in Geraldine's GAA. There were guest speakers, plant pot decorating for children and the group shared their planting experiences. Everybody left with plenty of supplies for future planting. This very successful and fun event was organized by the Haggardstown Interagency Group and assists with the integration of residents in the new estates in Haggardstown, Greengates, Dundoogan and Wadman Park, Dundalk.



L-R- Roisin Manley and Amanda McDonnell Tuath Housing, Aine Shevlin Louth County Council, Diarmuid Mongey Louth Growers Collective, Dara Mac Gabhann Louth Local Development, Marie Larney and Roisin Cotter Louth Growers Collective

Iompraíocht Fhrithshóisialta / Anti-Social Behaviour

April 18 to May 16, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	11	6	10	27	99
ASB cases Ongoing	10	4	10	24	-
ASB cases complete	7	6	3	16	63

Case = a unique incident of anti-social behaviour, not the number of complaint forms received



Participants enjoying the 'Plant and Learn' event

Fógraí a D'eisigh le haghaidh Sáru Tionóntachta / Notifications Issued for Tenancy Breaches

April 18 to May 16, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	2	2	1	5	20
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	0	1	0	5
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	0	0	0	0

Tithíocht Inacmhainne / Affordable Housing

The application process for Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda is now complete with 7 units sold under the Affordable Housing scheme. The application portal for the next Affordable scheme at Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda will open on Monday May 26 at 10.00am with 8 units in total for sale.



Ballymakenny Park – Affordable Housing Scheme

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

Active MTR Applications Total	32
AHB MTR Applications Active	16
AHB MTR completed 2025	02
Private MTR Applications Active	15
Private MTR completed 2025	1
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	1

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	287
Approved:	200
Rejected:	18
Withdrawn	35
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	34
Funding Issued to Applicant	66
Principal Private Residence	214
Rental Applications	73

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2025 Budget Allocation	€6,610,000
LAHL Approvals at 22/05/2025	€1,594,642
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at May 22, 2025	
Total Number of Applications at 22/05/2025	17
LAHL carried over from 2024	9
Invalid/Returned	8
Approved	11
Declined	3
For Review	0
Outstanding – waiting on further information	4

Gnóthaithee/Acquisitions

In April the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) issued a circular 11/2025 regarding the Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions programme 2025. Louth County Council have been allocated €12m in 2025.

The circular sets out criteria for the purchase of second-hand homes for tenant in situ, disability and homeless.

In May, the Council did not purchase any property, however €2.3m has been spent from the allocated funding.

The Council is actively working with tenants and landlords in relation to the Tenant in Situ scheme where tenants had been given a notice to quit, some

of whom may be in receipt of HAP. The Council has also identified several properties for applicants who are homeless and or have a disability.

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

The acceptance of grant applications is currently paused while the Grants Section continues to prioritise existing applications received. Currently, the only new applications that can be considered are where a 'priority 1' medical need exists.

The Council was notified in May of the 2025 Allocation of €3,174,338 inclusive of a contribution of €476,151 by the Council. It is important that applicants who have already received grant approval ensure that the works are completed within the stated timeframe and to submit their complete certificate to the Grants Section as soon as possible.



Ramp completed in May in Drogheda, with funding provided with a HAG

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 21/05/2025	97	13	274	-	384
Grants Approved 16/04/2025 – 21/05/2025	13	5	9	27	110

Oiriúnuithe ar Thithíocht Chomhairle do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas. / Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability.

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to render them more suitable for the accommodation of a tenant with a disability. The Council is waiting on notification of its 2025 Budget allocation. The funding application included 6

extensions, which are subject to site suitability and funding availability.

32 minor adaptations works (bathrooms, ramps, railings etc.) have been commissioned. Of these, 6 are on site/completed

Application Status	Monthly	YTD
Applications received 16/04/2025 - 20/05/2025	7	28

Seachadadh Caipitil Tithíochta / Capital Housing Delivery

Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda

The Council completed 13 new high quality social housing units on the Boice Court Phase 2 development at Mell, Drogheda. The units are the first of 72 new social houses to be delivered on the project which is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The 13 new units comprise a mix of five 2-bed apartments, six 3-bed houses and two 4-bed houses.



Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda – delivery of 13 new housing units



Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda – delivery of 13 new housing units

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units	
SHIP	754
CALF	572
CAS	33
TOTAL	1359

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Housing for All Social Housing Build Delivery				
Year	Target	Actual	Projected	Total
2022	660	227	-	227
2023	156	365	-	365

2024	160	438	-	438
2025	172	33	412	445
2026	175	0	493	493
Total	1,323	1,063	905	1,968

Seachadadh SHIP / SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Muirhevnamor, (Infill) Dundalk	1/2	6	On Site	30/04/2025	2 * 2 bed & 4 * 3 bed
Muirhevnamor, (Infill) Dundalk	2/2	5	On Site	31/05/2025	1 * 2 bed & 4 * 3 bed
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	1/2	13	On Site	30/04/2025	6 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed & 5 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/2	59	On Site	30/09/2025	21 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 20 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	45	On Site	30/11/2025	14 * 2 bed, 16 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	48	On Site	31/03/2026	9 * 2 bed, 13 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Stage 3 Approved	25/12/2026	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	31/08/2027 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/12/2026	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed
Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	On-Site	31/12/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed

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Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/08/2027	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved	30/06/2028	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	2/3	4	On-site	30/06/2025	4 * 3 bed
Mullagh Close, Clogherhead	3/3	4	On-site	30/11/2025	4 * 3 bed
Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock, Dundalk	1/1	12	On-site	30/11/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt.
Quarry Court, John St. / Stoneylane, Ardee, Co. Louth	1/1	9	Completed	17/04/2025	3 * 3 bed Apt, 6 * 2 bed Apt.
Derryveigh House, Hoeyes Lane, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/09/2025	1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Clontygora, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/11/2025	2 * 4 bed
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	1	On-site	30/06/2025	1 * 2 bed
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	5	On-site	30/09/2026	5 * 3 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	1/5	4	On-site	30/06/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	2/5	4	On-site	30/09/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	3/5	4	On-site	31/03/2026	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/03/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/06/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex

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Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2	1/2	12	On-site	30/06/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2	2/2	6	On-site	30/06/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	1/2	6	Completed	16/04/2025	4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	2/2	2	On-site	30/06/2025	2 * 2 bed Apt
Ellwood Park, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	1/1	3	On-site	30/09/2025	3 * 3 bed
Listoke Pines Ballymakenny, Drogheda	1/3	1	On-Site	30/06/2025	1 * 3 bed
Listoke Pines Ballymakenny, Drogheda	2/3	3	On-Site	30/09/2025	2 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Listoke Pines Ballymakenny, Drogheda	3/3	4	Funding Approved	30/06/2026	2 * 2bed Apt, 2 * 3 bed duplex

Seachadadh CAS / CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	15/09/2026	Twenty one * 1 Bed apartments
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	Women's Aid Dundalk	12	Stage 2 approved	02/09/2026	Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments

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Seachadadh CALF / CALF Delivery

Project Name		Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part V/ Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Newtown View with Respond	3/3	56		Completed	<u>April 2025</u>	*40 Three bed Houses *16 Two bed Houses
Flaxmill Lane with North & East	1/1	17		Completed	<u>May 2025</u>	*7 one Bed Apt *7 two bed Apt *3 Three bed Apt
MacNeill View, Ecco Road with Cluid	1/1	45		Completed	<u>April 2025</u>	*5 one bed Apt *31 two bed Apt *9 three bed Duplex
Dublin Road Dundalk with Respond	3/3	16		Completed	<u>May 2025</u>	*6 one bed Apt *2 Three Bed Apt *1 Two Bed Duplex *7 Three Bed Duplex
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	1/3	18		On Site	30/05/2025	*18 Three bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	2/3	8		On Site	30/06/2025	*8 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	12/7	On Site	30/08/2025	*10 Three Bed Houses *9 Two Bed Houses
Connollys Field Dundalk Fold Housing	1/1	70	59/11	On- Site	01/06/2025	*51 One bed apt *19 Two bed apt
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing	1/1	142	128/14	On Site	31/01/2026	*48 One bed Apt *70 Two bed Apt *24 Three Bed Apt

Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	30/01/2026	*18 One Bed Apt *32 Two Bed Apt
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	1/2	20	15/5	On Site	31/05/2025	*20 Two Bed apt/ Duplex
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	2/2	33		On Site	30/08/2025	*8 One Bed Apt *16 Two Bed Apt *2 Two Bed House *7 Three Bed House
Bayview Gardens, Drogheda Co. Louth	1/1	58	52/6	On Site	01/07/2025	*23 One Bed Apt/Duplex *32 Two Bed Apt/Duplex *3 Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	1/2	10	9/1	On Site	30/06/2025	*1 One Bed Apt/Duplex *4 Two Bed Apt/Duplex *3 Three Bed Apt/Duplex *2 Two Bed House

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

National Retention Policy Records Management Working Group

The County Archivist is assisting the LGMA-led Working Group in revising the record retention schedules of the National Retention Policy. The schedule for Fire Services is undergoing revision.

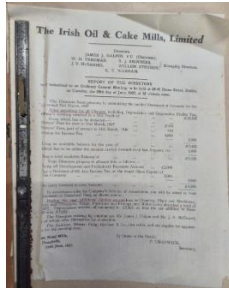
Digitisation Project

The digitisation of the historical minute books of Drogheda Corporation from 1649–1898 has been completed and it is hoped that they will be placed online soon. This project is kindly being funded by the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society.

Recent Acquisitions

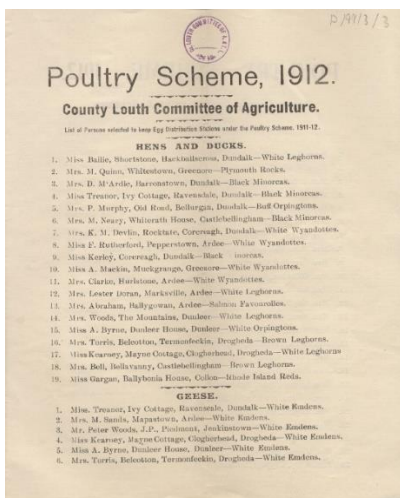
A small collection of business archives relating to the Irish Oil and Cake Mills in Drogheda was recently donated. It consists of three files concerning accounts, meetings, and business developments, from the start of the company in 1934 until 1948. The

factory employed 120 people at its height. It continued until 1984. Business archives are of great interest to economic as well as local historians.

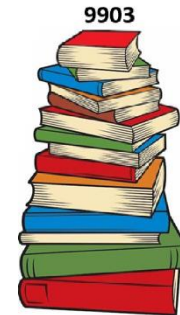
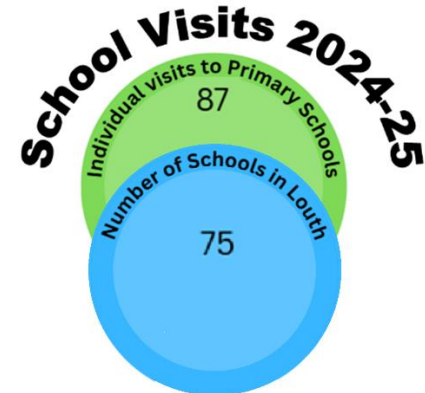


Statement of Accounts of the Irish Oil and Cake Mills, 1937

Research Enquiries



County of Louth Committee of Agriculture poultry scheme, 1912, recently used for research



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My Little Library Book Bag

To help children navigate starting school, Libraries Ireland have put together a **free** bag of books and resources that can be collected from library branches in Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Dunleer & Carlingford.

The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Library Schools Service 2024-25.

Library visits to primary schools for the school year 2024/2025 began on September 5 and is complete as of May 22, 2025. Statistics for the year are indicated below.



First 5 'Little Library' membership cardholder

'My Little Library Book Bag' is available for every child starting school in 2025 to help them to prepare for this big step. Children and their parents or guardians can collect the bags at any Louth Library branch.



Collecting My Little Library Book Bag at the display celebrating Evie, a new baby sister for 'Peppa Pig'

Social-Ability award

Dundalk Library won The Social-Ability social media competition with a winning entry for a post which celebrated a Magic Table sensory storytime session with a class from Realt na Mara N.S. to mark #NeurodiversityCelebrationWeek and International Day of Happiness. The certificate is proudly on display in Dundalk Library.



The Happiness Programme's Award for 'International Happiness Day best social media post'



Magic Table facilitator & Senior Library Assistant Amy with the award in Dundalk Library

Outreach

Library staff were out and about in the community throughout May:

- Library information stand at The Marcy Hotel in Drogheda on Friday May 9 at the 'Feel Good Friday' event hosted by Louth ABC Drogheda ACT.



Library staff at the 'Feel Good Friday' event

- Library information stand at the Louth ABC, Mid Rural Louth ACT information morning for parents of neurodiverse children in Ballapousta National School on May 15. They shared information on the range of sensory supports available to children and families including The Cubbie and The Magic Table.



Leona & Michéal at the Ballapousta information morning

- Library staff held a presentation on library services as part of the Louth and Meath Community Connect Champion Training on May 8 in St. Kevin's GAA Club, Philipstown.
- An e-services roadshow took place in Mosney Village on May 22. Library staff promoted the My Open Library service in Drogheda Library and library

programmes including Summer Stars and My Little Library Book Bag. Staff supplied some bags to support the community library.



Executive Librarian Theresa McNally in Mosney Village with Suzie O'Connell

- The schools service visited Monksland National School and had an engaging talk with pupils. They also visited early learning centres Spraoi Childcare and Tír na nÓg in Dunleer.



Spraoi Childcare Staff in Dunleer receiving a "My Little Library Bag"

Healthy Ireland at Your Library



Healthy Ireland
at your Library

Physiotherapy Talks

Drogheda library welcomed Physiotherapist Anne Orr on May 8 for this informative talk. The programme explored spine health, including anatomy, common causes of back injury and preventive strategies.

Anne also facilitated an empowering session in Dundalk Library focusing on pelvic floor health. Anne shared practical advice on how to manage pelvic health as we age and the role of exercise in strengthening the pelvic floor. Attendees left with knowledge, tips and exercise routines to practice.

Irish Heart Foundation

Dundalk Library welcomed the Irish Heart Foundation Mobile unit for a visit, where they offered free walk-on blood pressure and pulse checks to the community. It was a busy day with many taking the opportunity to check on their heart health.



Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit outside Dundalk Library

Drogheda and Dundalk Memory Cafés

The monthly Alzheimer's Memory Cafés were held on May 13 in both Drogheda and Dundalk libraries. They provide a welcoming space for people living with dementia. All are welcome to attend.

In Drogheda the guest speaker was Maeve Montgomery, Dementia Advisor for Louth who spoke

about promoting continence, followed by a Q&A session. The next meeting in Drogheda will take place on Tuesday June 10.



Helen Barron from Tredagh Lodge Daycare Centre and Louth Dementia Advisor Maeve Montgomery

Dundalk and Drogheda libraries, in collaboration with the Arts Office, hosted Felt Flower Workshops facilitated by artist Claire McAteer on May 10 and 15 respectively.



Artist Claire McAteer in Drogheda library

In Dundalk the café welcomed Shane Hamilton, Community Resource Officer from Chime. Shane gave a very informative talk about their services. Music was provided by the Active Retirement Group Choir from Carroll Mead. The café will take a break for the summer and will return on Tuesday September 9, at 2:30pm.

Ukulele Classes

Dundalk Library hosted ukulele classes with Caz Maher. The classes offered a relaxed and enjoyable way to learn music. Attendees explored basic chords, strumming patterns and popular songs. The classes provided a fun and creative outlet for all who attended.

Bealtaine Festival

Drogheda and Dundalk libraries celebrated the Bealtaine Festival with events during the month of May. Bealtaine celebrates Creativity as we Age.

Dusty Flanagan, local tour guide and founding member of the Boyne Valley Camino, Boyne Valley Walking and Boyne Valley Trails, conducted a very informative talk in the Drogheda Civic Offices on May 13 as part of Drogheda Library's Bealtaine events.



Caz Maher and participants at the ukulele classes



Dusty Flanagan in Drogheda Civic Offices

Adult reading in Moorehall Nursing Home

Drogheda Library delivered the first adult reading outreach initiative in Moorehall nursing home on May 16. Librarian Dónal O'Driscoll read a short story to some of the residents, some of whom had difficulty reading themselves. Library membership was created for the nursing home and large print and audio books will be brought to them on subsequent visits.

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Drogheda Arts Festival

The annual Drogheda Arts Festival took place on the May bank holiday weekend. Opening with the Liam O'Callaghan exhibition in the Methodist church, on Laurence Street, the festival ran until Monday with a diverse spread of events.



The Drogheda Arts Festival Committee with LCC Chief Executive David Conway at the opening of the festival

The Big Family Day Out at Scotch Hall on the Saturday featured live music, circus performers, as well as performances from Drogheda Brass Band and Drogheda Community Orchestra. Sunday saw the premier of Grainne Rafferty's one woman show in the Little Duke theatre and Gerrards Church hosted Tom Dunne and Fiachra O'Braonáin. This spectacular concert in the atmospheric surroundings of Gerrards was a beautiful way to finish off the weekend.

Bealtaine – our annual Bealtaine programme commenced on May 10, in collaboration with Louth Library Service, with a series of Felting Workshops facilitated by artist Claire McAteer. Each Louth library hosted a workshop that took inspiration from the old Irish custom of gathering May flowers and leaving them on the threshold for protection and to welcome a good summer.



Artist Claire McAteer with participants at Dundalk Library at the Felting Workshops for Bealtaine 2025

Along with the felting workshops the Arts Service also programmed a series of **Music in Healthcare** sessions with Music & Health Ireland. Musicians visited six residential facilities to perform songs and music to encourage participation and wellbeing.



Musician Liam Merriman performing at St Josephs

Age and Opportunity – Tyrone Guthrie Residency – as part of our annual Bealtaine programme, we have once again partnered with Meath County Arts Office and Age and Opportunity Ireland to provide a bursary to one professional artist from Louth and one from Meath for a week-long residency in the renowned Tyrone Guthrie together with a small stipend. Artists must be aged 50-plus and can apply to the arts office. Guidelines for application can be found at <https://createlouth.ie/cl-content/2025/05/Meath-Louth-Residency-Guidelines-25.pdf> on our website, or you can email arts@louthcoco.ie for details. Applications close at 1 p.m. on June 19.

Culture Night Call Out – we opened our 2025 Culture Night call out in April inviting all artists, venues and community groups interested to submit proposals to host an event for Culture Night on September 19, 2025.

Applications were received but not all funding has been used so we have done a further call out for any local organisations and artists to get in touch if they would like to host an event. For further enquiries contact arts@louthcoco.ie

Highlanes Gallery

Highlanes Gallery held several events throughout May including an afternoon of words and meaning from Drogheda Creative Writers on May 1; the Parent and Toddler Workshop on May 13; a National Drawing Day Workshop for adults on May 17 led by artist Vivienne Byrne, and a talk exploring Highlanes Gallery's Stained Glass with artist and educator Madeline Hellier.



A young participant at the Parent and Toddler workshop admiring one of Erin Lawlor's works.

The talks and workshops were all held in the surroundings of Erin Lawlor's magnificent exhibition 'Diving In' which closes in mid-June.

For details on all upcoming exhibitions and events at Highlanes please see <https://highlanes.ie/all-events/>

Droichead Arts Centre

Night Moves – Droichead Arts Centres new series of Night Moves launched on Friday May 2 with an incredible session with Oisín Leech. Night Moves is in partnership with Night Time Economy Advisor Mark Davies and the Arts Council of Ireland. The programme encapsulates a vision of extending cultural offerings, fostering partnerships, and creating diverse opportunities for artists and audiences. Other sessions in the series included the Late-Night Café performances with artists Roisín Ward Morrow, Edel Murphy & Caimin Hall. Still to

come is the Stowaway Sessions at Drogheda Port on Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8.

Exhibition 'Between Worlds' – Launched on Saturday May 3 this exhibition features work from Orlaith Cullinane, Patrick Dillon, Daira Ivanishchenko and Sallyann Morgan. Curated by Dorothy Smith, BETWEEN WORLDS is an invitation to step outside the lines where boundaries blur, binaries dissolve and certainties are left at the door. The exhibition runs until June 21.

For more details on the Night Moves programme and Droichead Arts Centre events please see <https://www.droichead.com/whats-on.html>

An Táin Arts Centre

The Creative Brew – the new initiative from the An Táin Arts Centre team sees the perfect blend of coffee and artistic connection! The relaxed meet and greets are the perfect opportunities for local creatives to share practice, connect with others and discuss possibilities. Everyone is welcome, regardless of their artistic discipline and the initiative will hopefully offer opportunities for shared learning and collaborations.

Exhibition- North Louth Artists. Founded in 1968, North Louth Artists are an independent group of professional artists who every May come together to present a cross section of new work, highlighting the diverse approaches and sensibilities of the members. The exhibition ran for the month of May and was opened by special guest Máiréad McGuinness.

For all events and exhibitions in An Táin Arts Centre see <https://www.antain.ie/whats-on/> for details.

Creative Spark

Exhibition- Stacked Up. This pop-up exhibition at the Downtown Hub by artists Jenny Slater and Caoimhe O'Dwyer celebrates a year-long visual arts project in collaboration with Louth County Childcare Committee. The project, Babble & Build saw the artists work closely with children aged 1-4 across Louth bringing playful creativity to pre-schools and early learning centres.

Print Studio Membership – Annual membership for the Print Studio is now open for applications for the 2025/2026 year. For details on how to apply please see Membership form [here](#).

Kids Art Summer Camp – is now open for registration. The camp will take place from Monday to Thursday, July 21-24

For details on all the courses and training available through Creative Spark and booking details please see <https://creativespark.ie/events>

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓg is taking place on Saturday, June 7. This is a national day of free access to arts and creativity for children and young people aged up to 18 years of age. For details on the Louth programme keep an eye on the new Cruinniú na nÓg website <https://cruinniu.gov.ie/>

This year's Louth Youth Ambassador is Grace Gonnely, a member of MAD Youth Theatre in Dundalk and a budding filmmaker in her own right having recently won an RTÉ Fresh Film Festival award for her short documentary on living with chronic illness. Grace will be making an appearance at some of our events on Cruinniú day and will be posting videos on our social media channels throughout the week running up to Cruinniú na nÓg.



*Louth Youth Ambassador for Cruinniú 2025,
Grace Gonnely*

For more information on our creative Ireland programme email creativeireland@louthcoco.ie or check out the list of projects on the Louth page of the national Creative Ireland website

<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/louth/>

Projects will be posted on the website over the coming weeks as they begin.

An Iarsmalann / Museum

Museum news

May has been a particularly busy month at the Museum. With the recent introduction this summer of Monday openings until September the museum continues to provide a diverse and rich service to the public.

International Museums' Day

To mark International Museums' Day the museum held its now annual National School Table Quiz. This hugely enjoyable quiz saw teams from throughout the county participate in a highly competitive event which was in the balance until the very last round when Tinure N.S. overcame the challenge of defending champions, Kilkierley N.S.



Champions 2025 - Tinure National School



To the victor the spoils - the County Schools' Quiz perpetual trophy and medals

In addition to the quiz the Museum hosted a number of 'behind-the-scenes' workshops to National Schools. Run over a fortnight in mid-May the events facilitated schools the opportunity to see just how the Museum works with an introduction to the principles of conservation, collection care, cataloguing and storage. Lessons included an introduction to conservation practice, collection description as well as a visit to the Museum's storage areas.



Taking care of the collection - an introduction

To further complement the International Museums' Day the Museum hosted another Lego workshop focussing on the county's built heritage. As ever many of Louth's most distinguished architectural and historical buildings featured including the round tower at Monasterboice.



Building our local heritage - a Lego Round Tower

Walking Tours of Dundalk

The Museum's ever popular guided walking tours of Dundalk have recommenced. Having started in 2016 the tours continue to be a recurring favourite for the town schools and visitors alike.



The Museum's Walking Tour at the Green Church

Additional Activities

The Museum hosted a lecture by Dr. Cormac Moore on his new book entitled *the Root of All Evil – The Irish Boundary Commission*. The lecture outlined the Commission's backstory which convened in 1924. It was anticipated at the time that it would transfer large tracts of the six counties back to the newly established Free State; ultimately though the border was to remain unchanged with a legacy that continues to the present.



Dr. Cormac Moore on the "Roots of All Evil"

the collection with the acquisition of several fascinating items including:

- A Nineteenth-century wooden apothecary chest once owned by Dundalk physician, Dr. Robert Travers
- An army corps bicycle dating from the 1930s/40s

The Museum was also the venue for What a Difference a Day Makes – an exhibition and series of workshops organised by the Dundalk Outcomers to mark the 10th anniversary of the Marriage Equality Referendum.



Marking the passing of the Marriage Equality Referendum (image courtesy of Dundalk Outcomers)



The 19th Century mahogany medicine cabinet owned by Dr Robert Travers^s



Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Marriage Equality Referendum

Recent acquisitions

In addition to the Museum's various outreach and public facing roles the Museum continued to add to

Comhforbairt Áite / Placemaking

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

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

The approved Westgate planning documents, including the suite of drawings, the EIAR and the AA Stage 2 reports, represent a large volume of material. Full details of the planning submission and An Bord Pleanála Inspectors Report, Direction and Order are available here:

<https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/318758>

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Phase 1

Removal of existing EIR poles and overhead lines will now be progressed.

Phases E1, E2 and F are ongoing with works to peace park and drainage to Linen Hall Street progressing.

Stakeholder meetings continue bi-weekly and have been largely positive to date. Concerns have been raised recently regarding the Bridge works and the surfacing to remaining phases timing. The TTMP for the Bridge works will be implemented after the long weekend. It was noted that efforts to improve the TTMP were made. However, due to the constraints, there remains an unavoidable risk of disruption – albeit for a shorter period than was experienced during the initial road closure.

In relation to the surfacing works the contractor has been requested to revise and reissue their programme with a view to keeping the duration of any closures as short as possible.

Archaeological Monitoring is ongoing with no significant finds to date. Anything that has been discovered have been hand dug around, recorded and covered in situ.



Fairgreen Road, installation of new footpath ongoing.



Peace Park, new tree planting.

Glas have appointed a dedicated Liaison Officer for any queries, John Caffrey jcaffrey@glascel.ie



Footpath and planting along An Tain apartments.

Phase 2 – Backlands Area of St Nicholas Quarter



Artist impressions of St. Nicholas Quarter Phase 2

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

A second public engagement event will take place at The Longwalk on July 1st 2025.

For project updates visit the Longwalk Urban regeneration Facebook page here

<https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Long-Walk-Urban-Regeneration-Project/61574154397623/>

Or email

longwalkregeneration@tbla.eu

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

Targeted engagement continues in Drogheda and Dundalk, with several properties now advancing through planning, sales, or early development stages as a result of recent outreach.

In Drogheda, efforts have included the placement of notices on identified premises, with positive feedback received from the community. Stakeholder collaboration—particularly with property owners, local businesses, and community groups—has helped identify priority sites and build local support for reactivation efforts.

Preliminary assessments are also ongoing to explore potential acquisition opportunities, with a focus on long-term suitability and alignment with the Council's regeneration goals. A number of regeneration letters have been issued to newly identified owners requesting meetings to discuss future plans for

properties with the aim of establishing and ensuring alignment with town centre first policies.

Athghiniúint Tuaithe agus Ciste Forbartha / Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) Ardee Castle

The tender process for a main contractor has closed. The project is part funded under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and the council.

The final business case has been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for permission to appoint the main contractor.

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford



The tender for the procurement of consultants for a heritage led detailed design has been completed. LCC are now progressing the appointment of the Design Team. This is nearing completion and it is hoped that this will be completed shortly.

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda

Engagement with the National Monuments has commenced as part of the consultation for the Part 8 process.



Capital Delivery Team

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025

Closing date for applications under the Main Scheme and the Project Development Measure is 30th May 2025. Full details of both measures, the Scheme Outline and Expression of Interest forms are available on the Louth County Council's Consultation Portal - <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/browse>

CLÁR

The 2025 CLÁR Programme, which was announced in April, is now closed for applications, with received expressions of interest currently being appraised.

If you have any queries in relation to the **2025 CLÁR Programme**, please email funding@louthcoco.ie

Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects

Town Centre First Plan – Project Development Measure - Dunleer



Tender documents have been prepared for the design of a public square in Dunleer and will be issued to design consultants. This project will create a high-quality public space and acknowledge the site's historic association with St Brigid's Well.

Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

Regeneration section has been finalising the draft Town Centre First Plan in partnership with consultants. The section will host a public consultation event prior to the final publication of the plan. This plan will provide a list of potential projects identified in cooperation with the Town Team to avail of future funding opportunities to enhance the Town of Clogherhead for residents and visitors alike.



THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme



A formal application for funding of up to €7 million for the renovation and extension of Westgate House and the adjacent former DYD building has been submitted to the Southern Regional Assembly.

The public consultation phase of the Part 8 planning application has now closed and the application will be scheduled for determination at the Drogheda Borough Council meeting in June.

The result of the funding application is to be announced in August.

Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub

Doohamlet Construction have been appointed as main contractor for the fit-out works to part of the O'Reilly building on Narrow West Street.

Works have started on site with the existing finishes being removed to the wall, ceiling and floor.

Vacant Homes Officer

Engagement with property owners remains a key focus, with ongoing support provided to those exploring options to bring vacant homes back into use.

This month, the Vacant Homes Officer attended two local community events at the request of organisers to share information on available grants and outline the process for reactivating vacant properties.

The public and elected representatives are reminded to report suspected vacant properties via www.vacanthomes.ie. To date, 20 additional properties have been logged for review in 2025.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Control building construction ongoing, external render and internal plastering has been completed.

Northern Works: New filter lane work are ongoing including utilities.

Bascule abutment has been excavated to formation level and the laying of reinforcement bars has commenced.

Works have commenced on the manufacturing of the steel bridge in Ghent, Belgium and going for the majority of the works on the project will be in the fabrication yards.



Control Building

Commencement of Reinforcement within Northern Bascule Abutment



Commencement of Fabrication of Bridge Components

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

The design team, valuers, LCC and WMNRO continue to engage with the landowners, their agents, and other stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

Stage (ii) Archaeology works are now complete with Stage (iii), reporting, has now commenced.

A Target Cost 2 budget submission for the entire project has been submitted to the TII in October 2024 for their review and approval and to allow the scheme to progress to tender. It's anticipated that TII decision as to whether the scheme will progress to tender will be given by the end of June.

Subject to TII approvals it is anticipated that tender documents will be issued to the market Q3.

N52 Ardee Bypass

The scheme is currently in the Supreme Court with the Court adjourning the matter generally pending the outcome of the CJEU reference in Power v An Bord Pleanála once a judgment in Power is given, then this case will be re-entered before the Supreme Court.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

The acquisition of the land is currently with the parties Solicitors for contracts. The Council is now preparing tender documents for the completion of the works.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

A draft Project Execution Plan and Constraints Study have been submitted and are currently being reviewed. Consultant currently finalising concept and feasibility report before commencing with phase 2 – option selection. It is intended to brief the Members in early June on the Study area for the project.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is to be delivered by developers. Approval of detailed design to be agreed prior to construction commencing. A notice to enter was issued to a number of landowners on the expected extent of the work, and the Council Team will be engaging with these affected landowners.

Subject to the developer's submission to and approval of final detailed design / road safety audit stage 2 by the Council, it is intended that works will commence works toward the end of June



PANCR Phase 2 Extent of Works

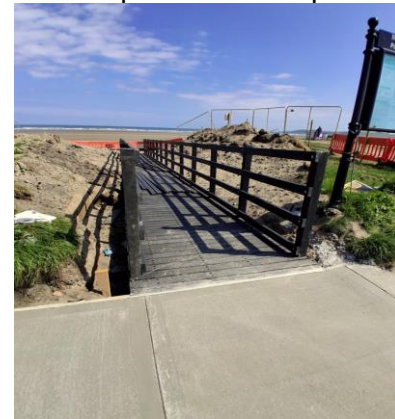


Approaches to boardwalk.

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

Scéim Bonneagair Áineasa Aeraíochta / Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, beach accessibility.

Construction of both Templetown and Port are ongoing with a completion date expected in June.



Section of new boardwalk leading to the beach, Port.

Glasbhealaí / Greenways

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

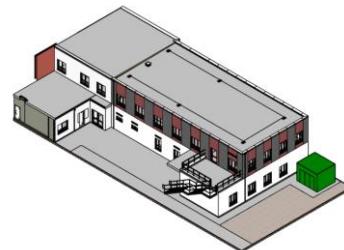
Section 1, & Section 2: Works are substantially complete from Carlingford to the border at Cornamucklagh. Road Safety Audits 3 & 4 were carried out on 20th Jan 2025.

Section 3 – Northern Ireland: Works with handrail installation ongoing. It is intended that this section of greenway in the North shall be opened in mid-summer.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

Stage 1 Report and Cost Plan have been finalised and being reviewed by National Fire Directorate for their approval to proceed to Stage 2 (Planning and Design).



Concept Preliminary Option

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

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

Preliminary fluvial and coastal flood relief measures are being reviewed by the Steering Group to refine the shortlisted options further. The next steps include incorporating these options into the development report and preparing for a Public Participation Day in July / August.

Site Investigation works are due to commence on the ground on the 9th of June. A Public Liaison Officer from the Consultant Engineers working on the scheme and is in communication with landowners/private property owners. The Public Liaison Officer will carry proof of identification.

The Project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at:

www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dundalk/home.ie

Ardee Minor Works

An application for funding for minor works is currently with the OPW for approval. These minor works will provide an element of protection for properties along existing water courses within the town.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

The Project website being hosted by OPW is now complete and can be reached at:

www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects Coastal Protection Works – Drummullagh (Omeath), Bellurgan and Ballynamoney / Ballagan.

Procurement via eTenders of a civil engineering contractor to carry out the works with 11 tenders received. These tenders are currently being

assessed with the intention that a contractor to be appointed by the end of June.

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

Works on site continue to progress, Progress update since previous monthly report:

Summary of progress below.

- Civil works to the access road are ongoing
- Foul pipework and manholes – 95%
- External windows and doors – 95%
- External plaster – 100%
- Plumbing pipework – 75%
- Surrounds to windows and doors – 100%
- Floor Screed - 100%

Proposed Works Forecast

- Ground works to continue
- Complete electrical wiring
- Continue plumbing pipework and fit out boiler room
- Continue skirting
- Continue stone wall building
- Install petrol interceptor
- Install rain water harvesting
- Grid ceilings

Active Travel Investment Program

PHASE 7: Close-out and Review

The current status of the ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below.

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Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	June 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€270,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	PHASE 4: Statutory Processes	The National Transport Authority have recently approved GW 3 Gateway Report and we envisage that this project will be brought forward for Part 8 public display in July 2025. In advance of Part 8 public display, Briefing will be given to Drogheda MD Councillors.	Proposed Part 8 display July 2025
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€50,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	Consultants RPS Group have completed draft Gateway 3 Report. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors in advance of non-statutory public consultations.	Proposed Part 8 display early Q3 2025
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's (Pathfinder Project)	€120,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement	Detailed design has commenced and in parallel the procurement documents for the selection of suitable contractor.	.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€400,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4 – Statutory Process	The design team are currently preparing pre-planning i.e. Part 8 documentation and discussing land requirements with 3 number landowners, plus some residents on the North Rd	North Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display Q3 2025
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd. (Pathfinder Project)	€2,625,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	A select panel of eight contractors is formed and detailed tender documents will be issued to this panel in early Q3 2025.	Procurement of Contractors on-going
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€100,000	Band 2	Phase 3 /4 Preliminary Design / Statutory Process	GW 3 documents received late May 2025 and submitted to the NTA for approval.	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2025
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Phase 3 commenced with a proposed non-statutory consultation planned for July 2025.	No part 8's but possible Section 38
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€60,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3 – Preliminary Design	Submissions from a number of groups / residents / business owners received and the Design Team are now amending the design to reflect these submissions.	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2025
Mill Street, Dundalk	€75,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Preliminary Design	Non-statutory public consultation will be held in early Q3 2025.	2025

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Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	June 2025 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€50,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2 - Preliminary Design	Non-statutory public consultation will be held in Q3 2025.	2025
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 1) 1. St Louis Secondary School Dundalk 2. Rehab Care Mill Street Dundalk 3. Saint Brigid's and Saint Patrick's School, Drogheda 4. Scoil Aonghusa, Drogheda	€40,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6 – Construction	Concrete surface outside Saint Brigid's and Saint Patrick's School, Bothar Brughra Drogheda, commenced in April 2025 & finished in May 2025, with line marking to be applied. To coincide with National Bike Week 2025, Louth County Council hosted a special event at St Louis Secondary School for Girls, Dundalk on 14th May and Scoil Aonghusa Drogheda on 16 th May, to showcase the recent improvements delivered under Safe Routes to School Programme at both schools.	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk	€950,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	For schools 1 – 3, Section 38 Process of the Roads Act concluded. Tender documents to be issued late May / early June 2025. The proposals were advertised and placed on public display on 22nd April 2025 with a deadline for submissions of 6th May 2025 School 4 will be delivered via the Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station project.	No part 8's but Section 38's