



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

September 2025

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 30ú Meán Fomhair 2025

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30th September 2025

A Chara,

I enclose the above report for your statutory consideration, this report has also been prepared under Section 136 & 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The attached report is the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for September 2025, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

Key Achievements and Deliverables:

1. Finance and System Support

- Expenditure: €122.76M spent (67% of budget). Housing accounted for 73% of its budget.
- Income: €120.89M received (66% invoiced). Rates collection exceeded budget at 106%.
- Debtors: Closing balance of €48.63M, with €26.52M owed by government debtors.
- ICT helpdesk looked after 1048 support calls logged in the IT support system. 89% of these calls have been completed.
- The ICT Department delivers regular cybersecurity training to all staff across the organisation, in September the focus was on the risks associated with sharing personal or work-related information on social media, also in 14.4% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

2. Economic Delivery

- Tourism Strategy 2025-2031: Endorsed by the SPC and ready for member consideration.
- Lú Festival of Light, which is being delivered in 2025 by Love Drogheda BIDS, takes place from Friday, 24th to Monday, 27th October. Please visit www.lufestivaloflight.com for further information.
- 41 Business Advice Clinics were carried out in September alongside 5 financial business advice clinics.
- Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme: 59 applications received.
- Drogheda Night-Time Economy: Successful events like Culture Night Late and Safe Gigs Ireland partnership.
- Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub: Opened for public use, supporting start-ups and remote workers.

3. Operations & Environment Delivery

- LCC's VARCITIES project was the winner in the Smart Cities and Urban Development Category at the eGovernment Awards.
- Extensive repairs, drainage works, and footpath upgrades across Louth continue.
- Illegal Dumping, CCTV installed at 5 sites, reducing complaints. The Waste Enforcement team also participated in a multiagency day of action on the M1 this month.
- Waste Management: 2,233 mattresses and 2,124 couches collected during amnesty events.
- Climate Action: Solar PV installations underway at 21 public buildings; 57% energy efficiency improvement achieved.
- LCC has achieved a 57% improvement in energy efficiency and a 41% reduction in carbon emissions from their respective baseline years, already achieved its 2030 target for energy efficiency and is on target to meet its 2030 energy emissions target.

4. HR, Community & Corporate Services

- Customer Services managed 19,613 queries in September 2025, which included:
 - 8,902 calls
 - 1,177 emails
 - 9,534 counter queries

- First Point of Contact Resolution: 12,462 queries (64%) were resolved at the first point of contact.
- Sugar CRM Cases:
 - 3,741 valid cases were recorded in Sugar CRM.
 - 358 cases were received from elected members.
 - 617 cases (16%) remained unresolved at the end of September.
- Total Sugar CRM Cases Recorded: 3,741, with the new system went live on the 1st October 2025.
- Unresolved Cases at the Month-End: 617 (16% of total cases)
- Community Climate Action Fund: 22 projects supported; second round of applications expected in Autumn.
- Age-Friendly Initiatives: Workshops and events held to promote inclusivity for older adults.
- Schools Programme: Progress on Ardee Educate Together National School nearing completion.
- Sports Initiatives: New walking groups launched; inclusive hockey program started.

5. Housing & Culture Delivery

- Homelessness: 161 adults and 24 families in emergency accommodation; 54 Housing First tenancies established.
- Housing Allocations: 60 units allocated (14 LA, 46 AHB).
- Energy Efficiency Retrofits: 138 units targeted for upgrades in 2025.
- Affordable Housing: 8 houses sold in Drogheda; 11 houses in Ardee open for applications.
- Cultural Services: Libraries hosted events like Culture Night, Summer Stars, and Baby Book Club. Visitor numbers doubled at Dunleer Library.
- Culture Night: Largest program yet, featuring performances, exhibitions, and workshops across Louth.
- Creative Ireland: Supported projects like Encore Productions' "Frankenstein."
- Museum: Hosted events like textile workshops, storytelling, and audio equipment exhibitions.

6. Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery

- Narrow Water Bridge: Construction progressing; bridge fabrication ongoing in Belgium.
- Greenways: Carlingford Lough Greenway completed; celebration event held.
- Town Centre First Plans: Draft plan for Clogherhead nearing completion; public square design underway in Dunleer.
- Road Projects: N53 Hackballscross to Rasan tendering; PANCR Phase 2 works expected in January 2026.

This report highlights some of the Louth County Council's progress across the various directorates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the executive and staff of LCC for their hard work and commitment, which is outlined in more detail in this report.

Is mise le meas.



David Conway
Chief Executive

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An Stúirthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais
Finance and System Support Directorate

Tá an stúirthóireacht 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



Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports

Caiteachas go dtí 30^ú Meán Fomhair 2025 / Expenditure to 30th of September 2025

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/09/2025 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/09/2025	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Expenditure 2025	% Caite go 30/09/2025 / % Spent to 30/09/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€54,053,105	€73,683,142	73%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€17,027,765	€28,591,697	60%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€4,473,767	€7,538,273	59%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€15,111,042	€25,940,360	58%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€16,523,927	€24,948,899	66%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€8,018,662	€12,548,436	64%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€750,329	€1,431,271	52%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€6,804,919	€9,312,306	73%
	€122,763,516	€183,994,384	67%

Ioncam go dtí 30^ú Meán Fomhair 2025 / Income to 30th of September 2025

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/09/2025 / Actual Income to 30/09/2025	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Income 2025	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/09/2025 / % Invoiced to 30/09/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€48,041,848	€73,685,224	65%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€5,023,032	€16,613,589	30%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€4,159,493	€6,557,586	63%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€7,713,664	€15,522,127	50%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€1,855,072	€4,474,236	41%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€1,057,014	€1,947,561	54%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€239,633	€469,209	51%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€7,585,415	€17,760,538	43%
Rátaí / Rates	€37,645,009	€35,598,115	106%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€7,577,465	€11,366,198	67%
	€120,897,645	€183,994,383	66%

The above is the current position as of the 30th of September 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 of September 2025 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30^ú Meán Fomhair 2025 / Debtors as of 30th of September 2025

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Discriobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€26,232,975	€189,912,626	(€189,623,412)	(€Nil)	€26,522,189
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€106,006	€1,114,770	(€1,008,357)	(€Nil)	€212,419
Rataí / Rates	€5,466,111	€37,645,009	(€30,970,021)	(€1,114,802)	€11,026,297
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,098,524	€13,475,325	(€13,049,240)	(€42,196)	€3,482,413
Iasachtal / Loans	€300,764	€1,682,204	(€1,691,132)	(€Nil)	€291,836
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€10,912,245	€4,589,480	(€7,429,972)	(€6,036,267)	€2,035,486
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€851,125	€600,664	(€477,551)	(€46,080)	€928,158
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,746,807	€7,497,368	(€6,097,836)	(€5,961)	€4,140,378
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€49,714,557	€256,517,446	(€250,347,521)	(€7,245,306)	€48,639,176

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of September 2025. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

Budget 2026 Meeting

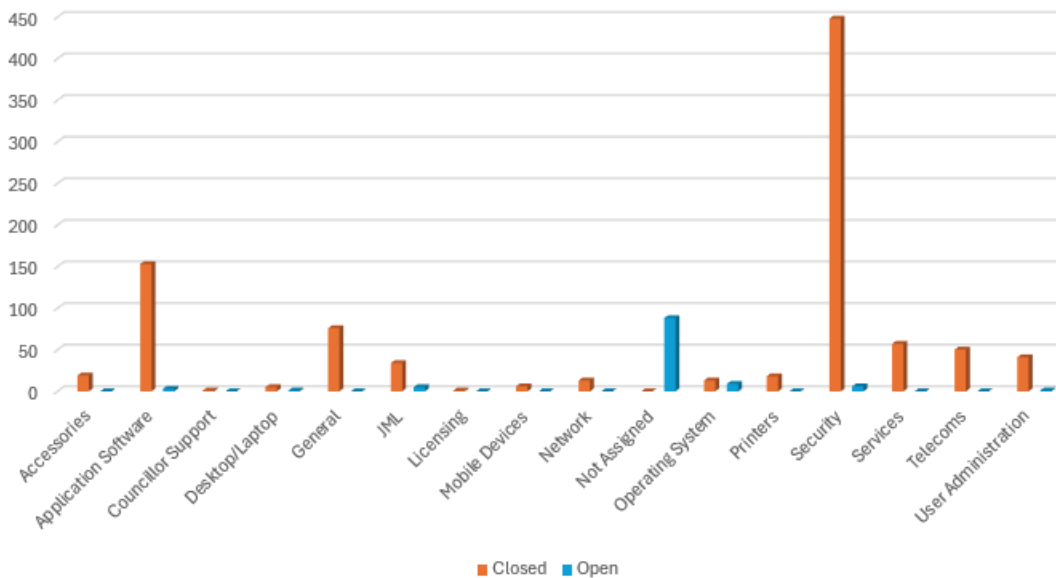
The date for the 2026 Draft Budget Meeting has been agreed for Monday the 17th of November 2025 directly following the normal monthly council meeting. It was agreed that the Draft Budgetary Plans will be presented at the normal monthly Borough & Municipal District meetings at the beginning of October.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/09/2025 and the 30/08/2025 there were 1048 support calls logged in the IT support system. 89% of these calls have been completed.

IT Support Requests Raised in September by Category and Status



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

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 01/09/2025 – 30/09/2025 14.4% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

 Inbound Emails 462,705	 Blocked Sender 751
 Processed on Gateway 191,764	 Processed on Protect 270,941
 Blocked at gateway 22,517	 Blocked by spam /virus 42,808
 Blocked by content rules 721	 Potentially harmful emails 14.44%
 Emails Deleted by Protect 12	

Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

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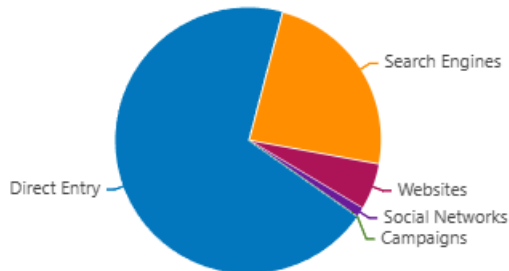
There were 16,906 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 30st September 2025. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in September.

PAGE URL	UNIQUE PAGEVIEWS
/en/	3,554
/en/services/planning/online-planning...	769
/en/louth_county_council/interview-res...	583
/en/services/	484
/en/services/planning/	474
/en/home/	403
/en/services/library/	373
/en/services/dog-pound/	372
/en/contact/louth-county-council/	283
/en/services/housing/	278
/en/louth_county_council/	249
/en/publications/development-plans/	229
/en/services/planning/online-planning...	226

The chart below presents the Channels through which visitors entered www.louthcoco.ie in September. Most visitors came through direct entry, with Search Engines being the next highest entry channel.

Channel Types

☑ - Visits



ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

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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 6,569 views between 01/09/2025 and 30/09/2025, an average of 227 views a day in September.



Usage time series between 01/09/2025 and 30/09/2025



Cyber Security

The ICT Department delivers regular cybersecurity training to all staff across the organisation. The focus of the September session was on the risks associated with sharing personal or work-related information on social media. Staff were informed that such disclosures can be exploited by cybercriminals to impersonate individuals or launch targeted scams. The training also reinforced the importance of reporting any suspicious activity to the IT Security Team promptly.

**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.

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

A meeting of the Louth Economic Forum took place on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 at the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence (AMTCE), Dundalk. Members were given a tour of the facility prior to the meeting.

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

A meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC took place on Tuesday, 23rd September in County Hall, Dundalk. At the meeting the Tourism Strategy 2025 - 2031 was endorsed by the SPC, the strategy will now be brought to the Members for consideration.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2025

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme closed to applications on Friday, 26th September.

Fifty-nine applications have been received up to the closing date.

Age-Friendly Business Accreditation Workshop

An Age-Friendly Business workshop took place on Wednesday, 17th September in Dundalk. This was Stage Two in the process towards receiving Age-Friendly Business Accreditation. At the end of the process attendees will become the Age-Friendly Champion for their business.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth



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.

Festivals Supported 2025

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

Lú Festival of Light

Lú Festival of Light, which is being delivered in 2025 by Love Drogheda BIDS, takes place from Friday, 24th to Monday, 27th October. Please visit www.lufestivaloflight.com for further information.

Tracks and Trails

Louth is to feature on the RTÉ Tracks and Trails programme. The episode was recorded in September and will be broadcast in 2026.

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley

Planning is underway for the Centre of Food Culture's annual flagship festival, Samhain Festival of Food and Culture. The programme which can be accessed [here](#) was officially launched at the Bookmarket Café in Kells on Thursday, 25th September.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Fair Street Mezzanine Activation

Facilities and the Night-Time Economy Adviser partnered to trial the opening of the Fair Street offices for out-of-hours public use. A piper recital on Saturday, 6th September, part of the Seán Corcoran series, successfully tested the approach. This paves the way for the Fair Street offices to be re-used as an evening venue for cultural activity in the future.

Night Moves 'Culture Night Late' Program

Drogheda was chosen by The Arts Council as one of eight flagship Culture Night Late locations in Ireland, with additional funding secured for a late-night programme over Culture Night, 19th September. Led by Droichead Arts Centre, the Night Moves programme was characterised by bringing culture out into the streets and public spaces, extending into cafés, the Kiosk Project Art Space, and outdoor settings.

For the first time, five cafés opened late, hosting music, spoken word, and a pop-up bookshop — signalling growing business participation.

Artist-led light art was a highlight: interactive works by Dáire Lennon and low-cost projections by Vivienne Byrne demonstrated how light can animate town streets in accessible, affordable ways.

Culture Night Late finished at Spiral Night Market, hosted at McHughs. An exciting, vibrant, and inclusive event, hugely popular with Drogheda youth and now being discovered by all ages.



Night Moves – Light Art event

Safe Gigs Ireland Partnership

Safe Gigs Ireland met with the Drogheda Purple Flag working group for the first time in September. They have agreed to provide free consultation for venues and organisers to strengthen safeguarding policies, staff training, and safety protocols. First engagements are planned with Drogheda Football Club, TLT, Earth Nightclub, the Marcy Hotel, Nelly's Bar and Clarkes Bar, with more to follow. Open to all Purple Flag Charter signatories (contact: nighttimeeconomy@louthcoco.ie). This work builds Drogheda's profile as a safe, well-managed night-time economy and will feed into a wider safety campaign in 2026.



Safe Gigs Ireland meeting with the Drogheda Purple Flag Working Group

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

She Leads – Women Shaping Economies – 5th September 2025 – Fairways Hotel, Dundalk



Gráinne Tuomey, Fionnuala Rogers, Pamela Kerr, Nikki Campbell, Aoife Fegan, Nicola Mitchell & Gráinne McKeown at the She Leads event

A unique cross-border event organised by six Chambers of Commerce bringing together women from across sectors to connect, share and inspire, She Leads is a collaboration of the women shaping our economies, driving change and leading with purpose.

LEO Business Training

- **Business Advice Clinics** – Forty-one business advice clinic appointments were carried out in September alongside five financial business advice clinics
- **LEO Mentoring** - Mentors were appointed to sixteen businesses in September to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.
- **LEO Training** - 5 training courses were held in September: Start Your Own Business, Book-keeping for Small Business; Financial Essentials for Business, AI for Video Marketing and Developing Your Digital Marketing Strategy.

National Ploughing Championships – 16th to 18th September 2025

LEO Louth were delighted to support Fiona Lynch from Almond Rose Designs (petcards.ie) at this year's National Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. It was a wonderful opportunity for many local businesses to showcase their products and services.



Almond Rose Design (petcards.ie) at the National Ploughing Championships

Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub



Drogheda Digital Hub opens doors free to public ahead of launch

Entrepreneurs, remote workers, and creatives in Drogheda are being invited to sample the town's new Digital Hub with desks and meeting spaces available free of charge until 1st October. The hub, located on Narrow West Street, is due to be officially opened next month, but the Council has announced a soft launch to give the public an early look.

The Drogheda Digital Hub is designed to support start-ups, remote workers, and growing tech enterprises with affordable co-working spaces, meeting rooms, private booths, and breakout areas. With over twenty desks and a range of business support services - including training and tailored mentoring programmes - the Hub provides a modern, professional environment for entrepreneurs and creatives alike. This is a key milestone in the urban renewal of West Street and support for the region's next generation of businesses.

Other LEO Updates

- LEO Louth partnered with the LMETB to hold a Management Development information session on Tuesday, 2nd September.
- From Risk to Reward event was held in the AMTCE, Dundalk, on Tuesday, 9th September. Attendees heard from case study speakers on adapting digital practices to enhance their businesses, including Mullan Lighting, Truform and Finnegan's Farm. The event was also a platform for an overview of supports available in the region.
- Two Broadband Connection Points (BCP) were upgraded in September as part of the Broadband programme - Stephenstown Pond and Annaghminnon Rovers GAA Club. This upgrade will allow both sites a vastly improved internet connection and speeds and will facilitate other activities going forward as part of the BCP programme.

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of August 2025 are given below in tabular form. There were 61 planning applications received during the month of August of which 54 were valid. In addition, there were 30 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 14 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) <i>Cur Síos / Description</i>	(B) <i>Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developme nts</i>	(C) <i>Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses</i>	(D) <i>Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-not requiring EIA</i>	(E) <i>Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications - requiring EIA</i>	(F) <i>Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area</i>
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	6	11	56	0	73
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	4	6	20	0	30
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	50% (3)	36.36% (4)	12.50% (7)	0% (0)	19.18% (14)
(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% (0)	0% (0)	33.33% (1)	0% (0)	20% (1)

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	
	Lúnasa 2025 / August 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Lúnasa 2024 / August 2024	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	17	183	21	178
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	19	179	18	170
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	21	178	20	171
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	0	6	2	12
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	6	0	3
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	1	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Déanmhais Chontúirteacha

The Planning Indicators listed below are in relation to Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period July to September 2025.

Tá na Táscairí Pleanála thíos liostaithe bainteach le Fógraí a eisíodh faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta) 1964 sa tréimhse Iúil go Meán Fómhair 2025.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha	
	July to September 2025 Iúil go Meán Fómhair 2025	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh	7	32
Number of Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing Owner to carry out work / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (1)(a) – Ag Tabhairt ordú d’úinéir obair a dhéanamh	9	33
Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 – Áit Chontúirteach	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register	5	28
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	0	7
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register	8	17
Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh	10	20

Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

Variation #3

The Chief Executive's Report in response to submissions received to Variation No.3 of the Louth County Development Plan was circulated to members on Monday 22nd September. It is planned this will be considered by members at its meeting in October.

Notice of intention to review the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

The public notice to commence the review of the current County Development Plan and preparation of a new County Development Plan was published on Tuesday 23rd September. The public consultation runs from Tuesday 23rd September until 4pm on Friday 21st November 2025. A pre-draft Issues Paper has also been published and is available on the Council's Consultation Portal and in Council Offices and libraries.

Stiúirthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúirthóireacht 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
Stiúirthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Operations & Environmental Delivery
Monthly Report for September 2025

Seirbhísí Bóithre agus Áitiúla / Roads and Local Services

Ceantar Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Ceantar Dhún Dealgan agus Cuailgne / Dundalk and Cooley Area

<p>Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking: River Walk to Tain Bridge Inner Relief Rd to Racecourse Rd Old Newry Rd, Lennonmelia, Riverside Cresent, Fairgreen Rd By Pass at St helenas, 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 Avenue Mary St. South Williamsons Place Mooreland</p>	<p>Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí / Location and metres per month /</p>
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<p>Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins Carried out by contractor Declan McArdle</p> <p>New Bins Installed – Dublin Street, R178 and Tom Bellew Avenue. Damaged Bin repaired and reinstated Market Square.</p>	<p>Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency</p>
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<p>Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping All Locations on Declan McArdles Route Plus - An Gaelscoil, Muirhevnamor and The Ramparts Rd.</p>	<p>Bealaí gach tseachtain / Routes per week</p>
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<p>Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra / Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles AS PER BIN MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>Líon gach tseachtain / Number per week</p>
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Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála / Ring Buoy Checking **Líon Seiceáilte gach tseachtain / Number checked weekly**

Locations: 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

Suíomh / Location		Nótaí / Notes
Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs	<u>Cooley</u> North Commons LT 70633	Patching Repair
	Grange LS 306011	Patching Repair
	R132 Carrickdale/Old Newry Rd	Patching Repair
	R173 Omeath Village	Patching Repair
	Commulagh LS 7050	Patching Repair
	Ravensdale LT 30903	Patching Repair
	South Commons LS 70592	Patching Repair
	Templetown LP 306127	Patching Repair
	<u>Dundalk</u>	
	R172	Potholes repaired.
	The Long Walk	Potholes repaired.
	The Marshes	Potholes repaired.
	Anne Street	Potholes repaired.
	Feabhasúchán Draenála / Drainage Remediation	<u>Cooley</u> Ballevery
Omeath Village		Gully Cleaning throughout Village
North Commons		Drains cleared
Rathcor		Drainage and gully cleaning
<u>Dundalk</u>		
Mount Rath		

	<p>Slieve Foy Aghameen/Holy Family Church</p> <p>58 Ashbrook Stapleton Place</p> <p>Naughton Close</p> <p>Legion Avenue Sliabh Foy</p> <p>Lower Point rd Market St.</p> <p>Ladywell Square Chinaville, The Demense Market St. Demense Terrace Hardys Lane</p> <p>1 Bellewsbridge Ardee rd Quay st. Mary st South Broughton st Avondale Coes rd at Lavertys, Chadwicks & Nissan Garage Old Brewery – Ardee rd Island Church / The Long Walk 28 Belfry Gardens</p>	<p>New Gully and Soak pit Installed. Gullys Cleaned. Gully investigated and broken Pipe needs replaced. Pipeline Blew out. Gullys, Ecco Drain cleaned and line blew out. Gullys cleaned and Line blew out. Gullys cleaned. Gullys cleaned and line blew out. Gullys cleaned. Complaint investigated-Housing Sewerage Issue. Gullys Cleaned. Gullys Cleaned. Gullys Cleaned. Gullys Cleaned. Back Drains Flaied and Cleared. Gullys Cleaned. Gullys cleaned. Gullys cleaned. Gullys cleaned. Gullys cleaned. Drains Flaied and cleared. Drains Flaied and cleared.</p> <p>Drains Flaied and cleared. New Gully installed. New Gully installed</p>
Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha / Fallen or Dangerous Trees	<u>Dundalk</u> Mount Rath	Stumps and Roots Removed.
Cothabháil Cosán / Footpath Maintenance	<u>Cooley</u> <u>Dundalk</u> Mount Rath Inner relief rd. Market Square	<p>Removal of Dangerous footpaths and re-laying new footpath plus ducting for street lighting installed.</p> <p>Pedestrian Barrier outside Wogans damaged in RTA removed and Temp. barriers installed.</p> <p>All seating and Public Bins cleaned and repainted.</p>

	Church St Philip St	Seating Repainted. Concrete Bollard, Kerb and Paving reinstated.
Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá / Traffic Light Repairs	<u>Dundalk</u> Patrick St / Vincent Avenue Avenue Rd Lisdoo / Armagh Rd Hoeys Lane Avenue rd / Inner relief rd roundabout Avenue rd / McCreeshs shop	Lights Repaired. Lights at Pedestrian Crossing Repaired. Lights Repaired. Lights Repaired. Lights Repaired Ongoing issues investigated.
Marcáil Bóithre / Road Markings	<u>Cooley</u> Rathcor <u>Dundalk</u>	
Comharthaíocht Signage & Bollards	<u>Cooley</u> Templetown <u>Dundalk</u> Clanbrassil St & Church St Mill Rd The Crescent R171 / Mount Rath Ramparts rd / Car L Parts Ard Easmuinn Chapel Street	Signage Installation of Loading Bay signs complete. Replacement of Traffic Calming Signs. Parking Restriction signs installed. Concealed entrance signs and new Stop sign installed. Parking sign repaired. Children at Play sign repaired. Bollards replaced.
Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping	<u>Cooley</u> <u>Dundalk</u> Ath Lethan & Williamsons Place Navy Bank / Sean O Mahoneys	CCTV and Signs Installed. Fly Tipping removed.

	Coláiste Ris	Bags Lifted.
	Lis na Dara	Bags Lifted.

Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas August 2025	
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock – 6 days/week • Knockbridge – once a week • Dromiskin – once a week • Tallanstown & Louth Village – once a week
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála	Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain <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	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly • Blackrock – checked weekly

Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas August 2025

Location / Suíomh		Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Tar patching on LP-3161 Marlbog Road Haggardstown, LS-7165 Haynestown, R171, Knockbridge Village, R178, Dundalk Carrickmacross Road, LS-7123 Gorteen, LS-7124 Killaconner Knockbridge, Ls-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge, LS-7108 Balriggeran Kilcurry	Road repairs and patching & cleaning up
	N/A	Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming
	N/A	Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)

Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	R171 Knockbridge Road, LS-7129, Little Mills, LS-7135 Dunbin Knockbridge, LP-3116 Newtown Road Knockbridge, LS-7126 Cortail Kilkerley, LP-3136 From Mullabohy to Hackballscros	Drainage maintenance – cleansing and gully cleaning, opening outlets & storm drains, preparation for surface dressing.
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	Tallanstown	Clearing fallen trees & debris.
Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán		Footpath renewal
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Tráchtá	Xerox junction, Haynestown, Kilkcurry, Faughart	Major repair works completed
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	Castlebellingham	Renewal of junction markings Renewal of existing and provision of additional road markings
Signage / Comharthaíocht		Cleansing/repair/replacement New signage
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	LS-7103 Carn More Kilkcurry, LS-7114 Killin, LS-7109, Scotch Green Kilkcurry, LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown	Collection of dumped waste for disposal. Collection & disposal after community clean up

Ardee Municipal District
South Louth Operations (Rural Area)

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee Town • Dunleer town • Collon • Riverside Walk • Link Road 	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 Daily • 20 Tuesday and Thursday • 3 Tuesday and Thursday
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) 	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

<p>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrhála</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee Town - River Dee • Salterstown • Port Beach 	<p>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</p>
<p>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at the Fairgreen, Ardee (Pest Control also implemented) • Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Dunleer 	<p>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Location / Suíomh</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Notes / Nótaí</p>	
<p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-1264 Ballapousta • L-1264 Belpatrick • L-5210 Mountrush • N2 Kells Road • L-1233 Golf Links Road, Ardee • L-2254 Castlethomas • L-1212 Stabannan • L-2244 Stabannan • Sheamie Waldon 5k/10k Route, Ardee • Beechwood Drive, Dunleer Resurfaced (via RWP)
<p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L-6737 Cappocks • N2 Road Clearance and Drainage Openings • L-2250 Tullydonnell • L-2225 Dillonstown • L-2239 Tullydonnell • L-6224 Annagassan
<p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callout to Beechwood Drive and Church View, Dunleer. One Tree removed and another trimmed • Callout to tree in Collon
<p>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardee Town
<p>Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents in Ardee • A number (10 number in total) litter bins installed in the MD
<p>Additional Notes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface Dressing Works Completed • Safety Measures Installed at Ballapousta National School • Ardee Foot Bridge Walkway replaced • Ballapousta Bridge Repaired • Re-stone and clearance of Ardee Yard

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

<p>Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair</p>	<p>Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí</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. • Remove dumping at Bessexwell Lane and Bachelors Lane daily, Rathmullen, Ballsgrove, Boicecourt and Weathon Hall. • Removal of tyres and Palletts Ballsgrove Housing Estate. • Removal of litter bags at Baltray, Termonfeckin, Slane Rd, Togher, Newfoundwell Rd, Aston Villages, Dale, 101 Steps, Forest Grange, Glenmove Drive, Yellowbatter, Maple Drive, Greenhills, Cord Rd, Termonfeckin Rd, Ballymackenna Rd, Dublin Rd, St Finians Pk, Flaxmill Lane, Rathmullen Pk, Hillview, Riverbank, Ashfield, Melifont Pk, Cement Rd and Trinity Gardens. • Litter picking at Dominics Pk, Dominics Bridge, Lourdes Sq, Market Sq, Fr Connolly Way, Abbey carpark, Patrickswell Lane, Kings St, Mell, Francis St, Mell, Millmount, Mount St Oliver, Duleek St, Old Hill, Fair Green, Dublin Rd, Dublin Rd Steps and Marsh Rd. • Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk (bins & signs), town centre (bins & signs), and Mell Riverwalk. • Preparation for National Services day at North Quay. and Alzheimer’s Memory Walk at River Walk to Old Bridge.
<p>Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí</p>	<p>Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht</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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre</p>	<p>Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain</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. Termonfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure. • Drogheda town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday). • Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days. • Cleaning of Bring banks daily. • Road sweeping town centre on daily basis. • Multi-Hog 1 – Pedestrian Sweeper, town centre and following locations, St Dominics Pk, Ramparts, Mell Carpark, Donore Rd, Kings St, Bolton Square, Meatmarket Lane, Bachelors Lane, Mayoralty St, Ballsgrove Hill, Boyle O Reilly, Newtown Cemetery, Fair Green, O Reilly carpark, Abbey carpark and North Rd. • Multi-Hog 2 – Pedestrian Sweeper, housing estates at Forest Pk, Newfield, Ballypark, Forest Grange, Moneymore, Laurence’s Pk, Ashfield, Melifont Pk, Riverview Mell, Boicecourt, Hardman Gardens, Yellowbatter, Trinity Gardens, St Peters Place, Paradise Place, Pearse Pk, Shrewsbury Manor, West Court and Harmony Heights. • Pedestrian green machine on town centre streets each day. • Power washing and Disinfectant of steps at the following locations, Highlanes Steps, Rosemary, Lane, Meatmarket Lane, Catherine Steps, Watery Hill, Dublin Rd Steps and West St.
<p>Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra</p>	<p>Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain</p> <p>Empty about 35 No. once a week, washed and disinfected.</p>
<p>Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála</p>	<p>Number checked weekly / Líon Seiceáilte sa tseachtain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday) • 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)

<p>Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment / Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne</p>	<p>Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil</p> <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.
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Drogheda Rural Area

<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location / Suíomh</i></p>	
<p>Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre</p>	<p>Drainage Works</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gully Cleaning Contract 2025, it is now intended to prepare tender documents. Gully repair works at Cromwell’s Lane, Corry Hill, Old Hill, Patrickswell Lane, Boyle O Reilly Tre. <p>LCC’s crew</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pothole repairs at Flaxmill Lane, Bully’s Acre, North Strand, Rathmullen Pk, Pearse Pk, Fair St, Crushrod Ave, Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, Westgate House & under Bridge of Peace. Preparation for National Alzheimer’s walk , road sweeping, pot holes etc at ramparts walk including hedge cutting. Reinstatement of pavements at Narrow West St. Stock of sandbags in the event of current storms and monitoring of high tides on Wellington Quay & North Quay. Reinstatement of Pedestrian Barriers at Bull Ring following RTA. Reinstatement of Traffic Light pole and directional signage at Bull Ring, following RTA. Public Light hit on West St by vehicle – Reinstated. Pedestrian railing damaged by vehicle at Kings St – Reinstated. <p>Road Works Program – Resurfacing works 2025</p>

	<p>Works have now commenced at the following roads</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bothar Brugha 2. Crosslanes 3. R132 / Crosslanes / Cement Rd. 4. Cord Rd 5. Rathmullen Pk 6. College Rise. 7. Broadmeadows 8. Westgate junction. 9. Shop St <p>Collon Road Resurfacing planned for week commencing 28th September.</p>
<p>Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gully Cleaning Contract 2025, it is now intended to prepare tender documents.
<p>Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to crown lift trees at Crushrod Ave. • Hedge cut back at ramparts walk and Mell.
<p>Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped kerbs & tactile installation at 20 locations throughout town, agreed with IWA – consultant has now been appointed to prepare contractor documents, tenders are due end of September for construction stage. • Internal Crew LCC – Narrow West St, College Rise & The Dale Riverbank, Rathmullen Pk & Marian Pk.
<p>Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate road marking after road surfacing at Crosslanes, Rathmullen Pk, • Cord Rd, • College Rise, Broadmeadows, Bothar Brugha, • Trinity Gardens, West Gate & Shop St.
<p>Signage / Comharthaíocht</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstatement of directions arrows at Bull Ring Junction, following RTA. • Reinstatement of Pedestrian Railings at Bullring junction, following RTA. • New Yield Sign at Bolton St / Patricks St Junction. • New Clearway sign at Bessexwell Lane. • Reinstate signs and school bollards at Sundays Gate. • Power wash signs on Dual carriageway. • Reinstate parking signs at West St and Shop St. • Reinstate bollards outside flogas on Dublin Rd, following RTA.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate directional signs on Cord Rd. Toberboice Lane – new Stop Sign. CCTV signage at Bring banks at Bolton St and King St Carparks. Reinstate pencil bollards at Sundays Gate.
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove dumping at Bessexwell Lane and Bachelors Lane daily, Rathmullen, Ballsgrove, Boicecourt and Wheaton Hall.
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk (bins & signs), town centre (bins & signs), and Mell Riverwalk.

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

**Waste Enforcement
Summary of Complaints**

A total of 18 complaints were received and investigated by the Waste Enforcement team in September 2025, some of which remain open pending further investigations.

Complaint Type	Received in Aug 2025	Total Received in 2025
Waste/ C&D	18	200

Diesel Laundering Waste

There were ten 25 litre drums removed by the Council to date in September 2025. The total cost for clean-up, removal and disposal of diesel laundering waste to date in 2025 is approximately €55,000.

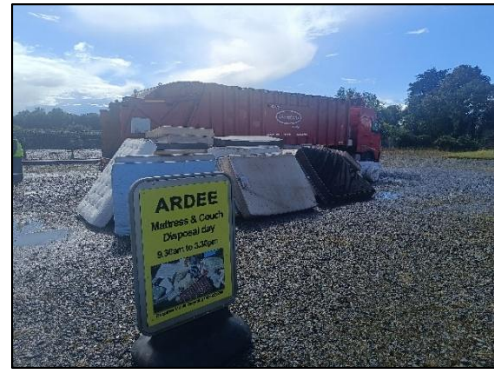
Waste Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers continue to carry out their enforcement role under a myriad of waste legislation. Below is a list of some of the inspections completed to the end of September 2025 and the enforcement actions taken.

Inspection Type	No.
Non-Construction & Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	149

Number of above relating to Household Waste/ waste presentation inspections	96
Construction and Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	44
Inspections of Waste Permitted Facilities	11
Inspections of Authorised Treatment Facilities	5
Multi-agency inspections	3
Hazardous waste sectoral inspections	2
Inspections in relation to Construction & Demolition waste at construction/ development sites	19
Inspections of sites under commercial waste segregation	2
Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	19
Inspections under the Packaging Regulations – Suspected Major Producers	10
Inspections under the Plastic Bag Levy	1
Inspections under ELVs Regulations	1

Desktop Annual Return Validations Completed	46
Inspection of Planning Permissions	46
Enforcement Action	
Waste Warning Letters	169
Section 55 Notice under Waste Management Act	2
Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act	4
Fixed Payment notice under the Waste Collection Permit Regulations	7



Ardee Livestock Sales, Ardee.

Anti-dumping Initiative

The Waste Management and Environment Section arranged three successful mattress and sofa amnesty events on the 3rd and 4th of September 2025 as part of the 2025 Anti-Dumping Initiative. The events were held at:

- V&W Civic Amenity Centres in Dundalk and Drogheda and
- Kieran & Mc Gee Ardee Livestock Sales Yard in Ardee.

A total of **2,233 Mattresses** and **2,124 Couches** were collected over the two days.



V&W Civic Amenity Centre, Dundalk.

CCTV

CCTV cameras are now operational at 5 sites in Co. Louth with an aim to deter people from committing waste and litter offences. There are multiple cameras in some locations. The locations of the cameras are:

- Racecourse Road, Dundalk,
- Williamsons Place, Dundalk,
- King Street Carpark Bring Bank, Drogheda,
- Bolton Street Carpark Bring Bank, Drogheda and
- Trinity Street Carpark Bring Bank, Drogheda.

There have been 6 detections to date and valuable intelligence gathered in relation to illegal dumping sites.

There have been no complaints received about illegal dumping at the junction of Williamsons Place and Rampart Lane since the CCTV cameras were installed. The presence of the CCTV is acting as a deterrent to illegal dumping.



Multiagency Checkpoint

The Waste Enforcement team participated in a multiagency day of action on the M1 this month. The day was coordinated by An Garda Síochána and was attended by Customs, Social Protection, the Transfrontier Shipment Office, the WERLA (Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority), Monaghan County Council Waste Enforcement and Louth County Council Waste Enforcement.

In summary, LCC Waste Enforcement team assessed 26 vehicles for compliance with the Waste Management Act and the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations.

13 vehicles were carrying waste. 4 vehicles were fully compliant and 2 require further investigation. 8 non-compliances were noted, and 3 Fixed Payment Notices will issue.



Litter Enforcement & Investigations

Litter wardens continue to deal with all litter matters within the county daily responding to complaints from members of the public, councillors and engaging with tidy towns groups and communities.

In September, Litter Wardens completed 283 investigations in response to dumping reported by members of the public. 17 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in September where evidence was found under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Dog Fouling Awareness

5-hour foot patrols were undertaken by the Litter Wardens on 3rd of September. The areas covered were Carlingford, Greenore, Grange, Omeath and the Greenway.

The main emphasis was on awareness of dog fouling and clean-up after your dog.



Environmental Regulation Water Quality and Complaints

8 water pollution complaints were received in September 2025. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.



Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

8 air pollution complaints were received this month. Complaints were investigated and are either closed or in progress. Complaints related to suspected backyard burning, odour from agricultural spreading and odour from wastewater treatment plants.

7 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm Survey Inspections

During the month of September, Louth County Council carried out 10 planned farm survey inspections and 5 re-inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice

Regulations 2022 (GAP). Two warning letters were issued.

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. The next date for sampling of WFD rivers in Louth is in October.

Dee_060 sub catchment SSIS (Small Stream Impact Score) concluded with remaining 4 sites. A total of 12 samples were assessed.

Issues in accessibility excluded some streams. Overall score concluded that all streams surveyed were deemed to be 'probably impacted' – agriculture affected some streams with access by animals while most streams without human effect didn't have the natural features which promote invertebrates which are sensitive and give stream a higher score.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 16 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in September for Section 4 Discharge Licences. Follow-up corrective actions are required at some of the sites and are being monitored by the Council.

Decorative Paint Regulations

Two premises in the county were issued with renewal certificates for the Petroleum Vapour Regulations in September.

Licensed landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in September at Dundalk landfill.

Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Monthly gas balancing was carried out at Whiteriver landfill.

Septic Tanks

2 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in September.

2 septic tank advisory notices were closed out as remedial works have been carried out. The Council will continue to engage with all homeowners who have received advisory

notices if an effort to close them out in a timely manner.

Bathing Water Regulations

Sampling of bathing waters continued at Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint. The bathing water season finished up on the 15th of September with the final sampling date on the 8th of September. This is in accordance with the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and sampling calendar submitted to the EPA.

Rural Water Programme Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

A total of €16,230.78 in grants was paid in September 2025 (as of 17th September) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

Two applications were received in September for Lead Replacement.

Animal Control and Welfare

There were sixty valid Sugar CRM cases assigned to Animal Control and Welfare during September 2025, with six still in progress.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

<i>Dogs through the pound</i>	
<i>September 2025</i>	
<i>Total dogs through the pound</i>	18
<i>Seized under Section 16</i>	0
<i>Strays</i>	13
<i>Surrendered by owners</i>	5
<i>No dogs reclaimed by owners</i>	6

No of dogs rehomed direct	5
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	6
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2025	3

No. of horses on hand in Pound on 31/08/2025	0
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Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments

September 2025

Total no of registered DBEs in Louth (as at 30/09/2025)	6
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Hunt	1
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Boarding Kennels	2
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Training Kennels	1
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Welfare	2
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Dog Licences	
September 2025	
No of Licences sold	482
Licence Checks:	
House calls	522
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	131
Fixed Penalty Notices	17

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound

September 2025

Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
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Horses reclaimed by owner	0
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Horses rehomed	0
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Horses disposed of	0
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Winston found a new home and a new name via the Dog Pound this month

Climate Action

The Climate Action and Sustainability Strategic Policy Committee SPC held the third meeting of 2025 in the Dunleer Market House on 22nd September 2025. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 24th November 2025.



Community Climate Action Fund

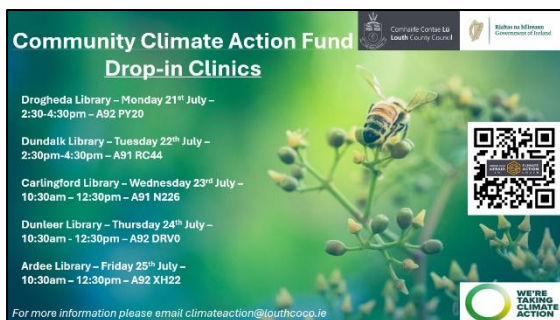
The Community Climate Action Fund was launched by Minister Ryan. Training around state aid and administering this fund was attended by the Climate Action Coordinator and Community Climate Action Officer.

The Community Climate Action Officer has contacted 22 successful groups who have been approved for funding under the Community Climate Action Fund to discuss their projects.

The 22 successful groups continue to work with the Community Climate Action Officer as they enter the delivery phase of their projects.

The Community Climate Action Officer has been busy assisting each active project with queries and technical input. The administration of the funding paperwork requirements to meet the fund's rules as set out by DECC is a key role of the Community Climate Action Officer. There is almost daily contact between LCC and DECC to clarify questions about this fund. This is to provide the best service to the community groups to ensure that they can complete their projects in the easiest and most successful manner.

The second round of the Community Climate Action Fund is expected to open for applications in Autumn. The Community Climate Action Officer hosted a number of drop-in clinics to discuss the upcoming Community Climate Action Fund and answer queries.



The Eastern and Midlands EM CARO Region Community Climate Action Officers have recorded a webinar on the application

process and gave an overview of the Community Climate Action Fund.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUJWbxBn5HE>



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

Climate Outreach

The Community Climate Action Officer and Climate Action Officer recently attended the PPN Community Expo on behalf of the Climate Action Team, to discuss the positive work that is happening across the County.



The Climate Action Team, Louth Libraries and the Community Section have recently launched the 'Sustainable Development Goals' artwork competition for school children to participate in across Louth.

Students can enter the artwork competition through their school or drop an entry into their local library for more information call into your local library. Sustainable Development Goals week takes place from the 19th-28th September 2025.



Climate Action Week 2025

Climate Action Week will take place from the 13th – 19th October. A full list of all events taking place in Louth can be found on the an taisce website:

[Climate Action Week](#)

Biodiversity Action

Seán Corcoran Series Arts and Heritage Day (7 September 2025, Drogheda)

Louth County Council was pleased to support the **Seán Corcoran Series Arts and Heritage Day** on Sunday 7th September. Funding had been provided through the Heritage Officer with events being promoted by the Council.

Post Event: Weeds on Walls as Windows to our Past, Dr Fiona Mac Gowan



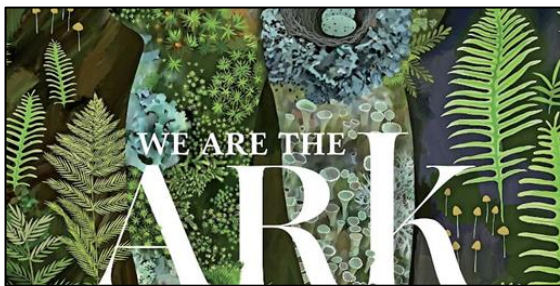
Weeds on Walls as Windows to our Past event at the Seán Corcoran Series Arts and Heritage Day in Drogheda

Dr Fiona Mac Gowan, a professional botanist and passionate amateur historian, led a captivating session exploring the hidden stories told by the plants growing on old walls. Attendees were guided through the fascinating intersection of botany, history, and community care, learning how these resilient plants not only reflect our past but also hold keys to enhancing biodiversity in urban spaces.

Fiona shared her extensive experience working with communities across Ireland, emphasising the importance of local action in addressing the intertwined biodiversity and climate crises. She highlighted the particular importance of the diversity of plants found growing on the walls of Louth’s own Castle Roche, and how the walls in our towns and villages are havens to so many of our wildflowers and native plants. Her message was clear and empowering: by understanding and valuing the natural heritage around us, we can all play a role in restoring ecological balance.

The event was well-attended and warmly received, sparking thoughtful conversations and inspiring participants to look at their surroundings with renewed curiosity and care.

Post Event: We Are the ARK: Returning our gardens to their true nature, Mary Reynolds



Mary Reynolds speaking at the “We are the ARK” event at the Seán Corcoran Series Arts and Heritage Day in Drogheda

Award-winning landscape designer, writer, activist, and founder of the global movement “We Are the ARK – Acts of Restorative Kindness to the Earth,” Mary Reynolds, delivered an inspiring session on how everyone can help repair the earth, patch by patch. Drawing from her bestselling book *We Are the ARK*, Mary encouraged attendees to transform gardens and window boxes into wildlife-friendly habitats, emphasising that even small actions can make a global difference.

Mary shared her journey from gold medalist at the Chelsea Flower Show to becoming a passionate advocate for nature restoration. She highlighted practical steps for creating ARKs—spaces dedicated to supporting native plants and wildlife—and reminded us of our role as guardians of the earth.



All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

September: Time to mow your meadow

Most wildflowers will have dropped their seeds by now. If you have a long-flowering meadow, this is the time to cut it. Make sure you remove grass cuttings to reduce the fertility of the soil, helping more wildflowers grow.

Find out more: [Creating & Restoring Meadows in Local Communities & Gardens](#)



Yarrow, Tortoiseshell Butterfly and Knapweed in the Long-flowering Meadow at County Hall

The long-flowering meadow at the rear of County Hall is continuing to be managed in line with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan guidelines. The meadow was a hive of activity during the spring and summer months with many wildflowers blooming and our native bees, butterflies and birds thriving on the wealth of food provided in the flowers and seeds present. Nectar rich wildflowers like Yarrow, Dandelion, Clover, Birds-foot Trefoil and Yarrow and Knapweed are now growing amongst self-seeded Alder trees. The meadow has now been cut, with the natural seed bank is being replenished from the drying material before the clippings are removed.

October: Plant food for next year's pollinators, collect and sow tree seeds

It's time to plant pollinator-friendly bulbs and native trees. Sustainably collect and sow local, native tree seeds.

ENERGY

H2020 VARCITIES Project

Louth County Council's VARCITIES project was the winner in the Smart Cities and Urban Development Category at the **eGovernment Awards** in Dublin recently.

Winners of the 23rd Ireland eGovernment Awards were announced on the 18th of September 2025 at O'Reilly Hall, Belfield, Dublin 4. The winner's trophies were presented by Jack Chambers TD, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services, Reform and Digitalisation. The prestigious e-Government Awards, celebrates the people and projects that are transforming public services locally and nationally through by **innovative digital solutions**.

Louth County Council's VARCITIES project, which includes 'The Still', a Health and Well-Being Digital Platform and a 'GoNature' Digital Game, was the winner in the Smart Cities and Urban Development Category.

The Council's application highlighted key digital innovations from its participation in the VARCITIES Project, including the Health & Well-Being Platform, the GoNature game (notably available in the Irish language), and the integrated use of sensors and KPIs to

support evidence-based urban transformation.



From Louth County Council Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ursula Conlon, Executive Planner, Jack Chambers TD, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services, Reform and Digitalisation, David Hanratty, Director of Services, Linda Larrigan Senior Executive Librarian, Pdraig O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer

For more information on how community groups can book The Still or to find out more about how Nature Based Solutions and smart technologies were used to transform this former staff car parking area, please contact a member of the Varcities team at energy@louthcoco.ie

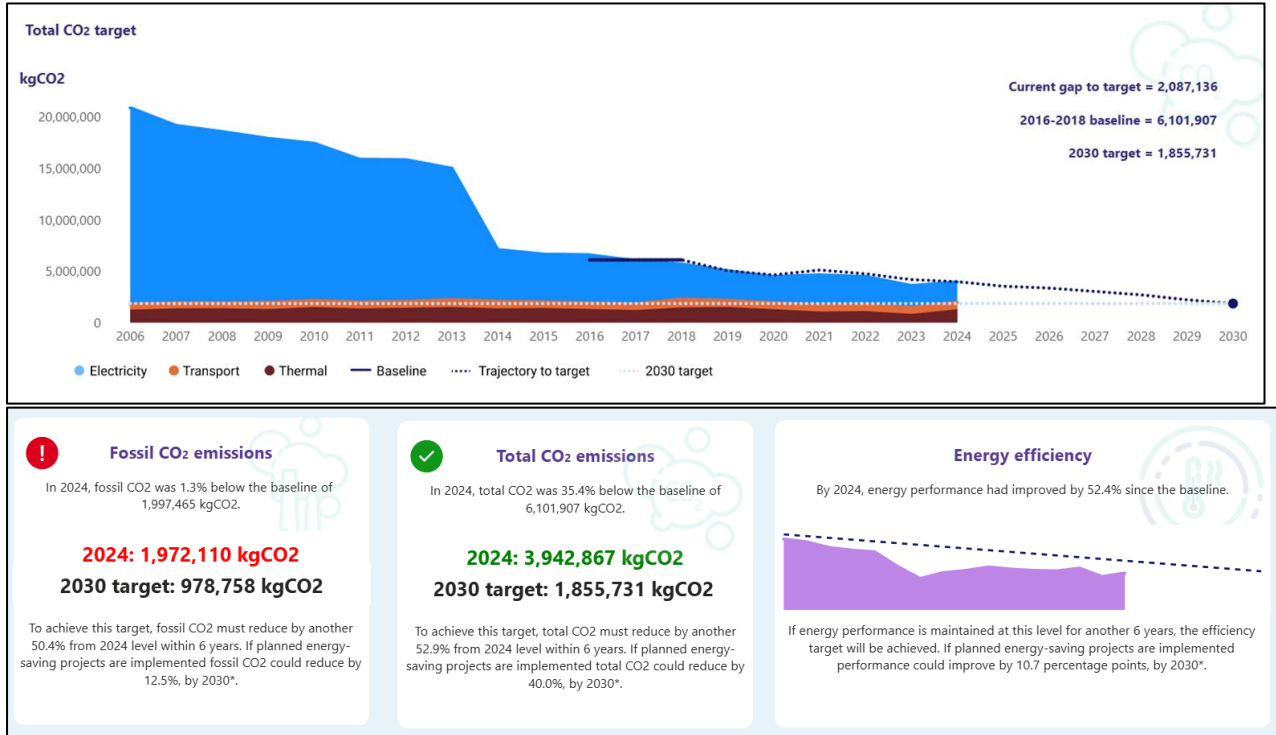
Louth County Council's Energy Reporting to SEAI

According to SEAI's latest provisional scorecard, the Council is ahead of the curve on its journey towards 2030 climate change goals!

The latest SEAI scorecard confirms that Louth County Council has achieved a 57% improvement in energy efficiency and a 41% reduction in carbon emissions from their respective baseline years. That indicates that the Council has already achieved its 2030 target for energy efficiency and is on target to meet its 2030 energy emissions target.

The Government's 2030 targets call for a 51% cut in energy-related greenhouse gas emissions and a 50% boost in energy efficiency. Strong leadership and sustained action are enabling Louth County Council to deliver results that put it among the top

performers nationwide. However, continued commitment and innovation will be essential to meet the 2030 energy emissions target and the ultimate goal of net zero emissions by 2050.



Graphics: Louth County Council's Progress towards 2030 targets

Countywide Solar PV Project Underway – Leading the Way to Decarbonisation

Construction has now commenced for the Council's Countywide Solar PV Project.

The Council's contractor, OHK Energy, has begun the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at 21 public buildings across the county.

The first site to undergo installation is the Dundalk County Archives building. This site will see the commissioning of 39 high efficiency 450-watt solar PV panels, delivering a total capacity of 17.55 kilowatts peak (kWp).



Photos: Installing Solar PV at the County Archives Building Dundalk

This system is expected to significantly offset the electricity demand of the building's Air Source Heat Pump, which provides space heating for the facility.

The project is scheduled for completion in Q1 2026. By then, Louth County Council will have added between 550 and 600kWp of renewable electricity generation capacity to its infrastructure.

Optimising Power @ Work Programme

Since 2008, the OPW has led a state-wide staff energy conservation campaign in Central Government buildings. The heart of Optimising Power @ Work is simple: working closely with staff to inspire real behavioural change around energy use, with the goal of spotting and stopping energy waste. Empowering people. Eliminating waste.

Cutting Carbon at County Hall!

Over the past year, carbon emissions are down **33%** compared to the baseline year 2016. In August 2025 alone, CO₂ emissions were **39% lower** than in August 2016.

That's the same as:

- 🚗 Taking **0.7 cars** off the road for a year
- 🌍 Avoiding **15,625 km** of driving
- 🌳 Planting **143 mature trees**

Cleaner air, greener future!

Dundalk Town Hall

Since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2014, this building has slashed energy use by **38%** — that's a drop from **844,583 kWh to 522,912 kWh** annually!

- ⚡ **Electricity** down **37%** (from 221,634 kWh to 139,750 kWh)
- 🔥 **Gas** down **38%** (from 622,949 kWh to 383,162 kWh)

That's enough energy saved to:

- 🏠 Power **21 Irish homes** for a year
- 🚗 Drive **900,681 km** in a family car

📄 Efficiency in Action, Results You Can See

Zero Emissions Day Marked

LCC marked Zero Emissions Day (ZeDay) on 21st September. We joined the global call to imagine a world without fossil fuel emissions—just for one day. ZeDay gave staff a powerful reminder of how our daily choices impact the planet.

In the lead-up to ZeDay, staff were encouraged to:

💡 **Switch Off and Shout Out!** 🔊

We asked everyone to look around, spot what could be switched off or used more efficiently and shout it out by emailing the Energy Team. A simple action, a shared impact.

FACILITIES

Improvements at Council Machinery Yards

Electric Vehicle Charging

In order to support new electric vehicles purchased recently, a number of additional new Electric Vehicle Charging points have been installed at Council Machinery Yards. 10 No. new electric vehicle charge points and associated marked spaces have been provided at the Council's Machinery Yard at Fair Street, Drogheda.



Photos: New EV Charging Facilities at Drogheda's Machinery Yard

Each new charging point can provide 11 KW of power and output from simultaneously charging

vehicles will be managed to limit overall power demand.



Photo: Civils works in progress for New EV Charging Facilities at Dundalk Machinery Yard

Works are now completed also at Dundalk Machinery Yard and at Ardee Depot at the Ardee Civic Centre. Works are in progress also at the Council's depot at Woodlands.

Drogheda Machinery Yard Security Upgrade

Works are almost completed to improve access control and security at the Council's Machinery Yard at Fair St Drogheda. progress on the security upgrade.

The works include additional CCTV Cameras, automated main gate entry, system and improved access control for staff offices.



Photos: Improvements to external door at the Machinery Yard at Fair Street, Drogheda.

Dundalk Fire Station Energy Upgrade

Energy upgrade works for new heat pump at Dundalk Fire Station (to replace the existing gas boiler) are now complete. These improvement works provide a new 32kW Viessman Air Source Heat Pump and all associated ancillary plant and equipment.



Photo: Enabling Works at Dundalk Fire Station for Energy Upgrade

Cornmarket Building, Fair Street, Drogheda Refurbishment Works

Building Works to renovate and improve the Council's existing Cornmarket Building at Fair Street Drogheda are in progress and the works are expected to be completed before end 2025. The works are being undertaken by Precise Contracts Ltd. of Derryleckagh Road, Newry, Northern Ireland for a tender cost of € 1,399,102.00, excluding VAT.

The availability of car park spaces for public use at Bolton St Car Park, Drogheda remains limited for the duration of the works.

Construction works are now progressing well. Construction works are planned to be completed by the end of November so that staff can commence the transfer-back into that building from first week in December.



Photo: The Bush Yard at Ballaverty Carlingford



Photos: Work in Progress at the Cornmarket Building at Fair Street, Drogheda

Millmount Wall Repair

McGuigan Builders of Clontibret, Co. Monaghan, has been engaged to undertake repair works to walls at Millmount. The cost of the work is €114,020.31 excl VAT.

The works involve significant repairs to damaged and collapsed sections of walls at the access pathway leading to the tower and adjacent to the public road.

Works commenced on 1 September and thus far, has included removal of the existing railings and large coping stones to the walkway walls which were lowered by crane to a suitable storage area. This has enabled exposure to further treat existing growth in the walls. Such growth has contributed to the damage and needs to be entirely eradicated as part of the work. The works are expected to be completed by end November. Access to the tower for visitors at Millmount during that time is not permitted.

North Louth Operation Depot Upgrade

The Council has engaged the services of Van Dijk Architects to manage the upgrade of the North Louth Operations base located at Ballaverty, Bush, Riverstown, Co. Louth.

Staff from the Council met recently with the consultant and requested revised proposals following internal consultation. Revised plans are expected from the consultant shortly.

Anticipated timelines for the project are as follows:

- Q4 2025 Part VIII planning application.
- Q2 2025 Tender & Contractor appointment
- Q4 2025 Works completed





Photo: Wall Repairs at Millmount Drogheda & Temporary

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Preparations are also ongoing during the month for our NSAI ISO 45001 Health and Safety external audit. This is due to take place on the 2nd of October with the NSAI auditors, and it will be the first audit to take place since the initial award in 2024. An internal audit took place on the 10th September with our specialists Quadra Consulting to assist with this process. Our Safety Management System will be benchmarked against the ISO 45001 standard for compliance.

Fire Prevention

The prevention team continues the management of fire risk in the county through the ongoing processing of Fire Safety Certificates (FSCs) including this month; a 16 Bed IPAS centre in Laurence Street, Drogheda and several applications for new battery energy storage systems in Drogheda train station for the new battery electric train fleet.

To date 103 Fire Safety Certificates have been received in 2025 with 13 applications received in September. 22 Annual Dance Licence applications were also received this month. These are

considered the higher risk premises and are prioritised for inspections and licensing letters issued to the courts accordingly.

Louth Fire Service continues to demonstrate strong community engagement through a wide range of fire safety activities. This month there were 8 no. Community Fire Safety engagement with the community including creche visits and the commencement of the 2026 Primary School program which promotes fire safety awareness among 3rd Class children.

Operational crews continue to carry out During Performance Inspections (DPIs) as part of their commitment to maintaining fire safety standards. This month, four inspections were completed to ensure ongoing compliance with fire safety regulations and to proactively identify any potential risks or deficiencies in premises across the county. 4 no. DPI's carried out in September.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates (to date 2025)	82
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2025	265
Total Number of valid Commencement Notices for September submitted	28

Civil Defence

A full meeting was held with all instructors and officers, and a weekly training calendar was agreed which will run from September until February. CDO, ACDO and CFO submitted a draft a 2-year plan to the Department of Defence for review & comments.

Training

Weekly volunteer training re-commenced in September; this takes place every Thursday. First Aid Responder (FAR) / Cardiac First Responder (CFR) Instructor training attended by one volunteer in Roscrea & Navan for 2 days. Evacuation / Rest Centre instructor training attended by one volunteer in Dublin

Duties

National Emergency Services Day in Drogheda attended by 6 volunteers. Garda Tony Memorial Cycle attended by 9 volunteers

Port Beach Triathlon attended by 8 volunteers. Assistance also provided by Monaghan Civil Defence with 5 volunteers. Reception for Kate O'Connor attended by 2 volunteers.

10 volunteers attended 8 community first responder call outs with 6 patients treated including 1 cardiac arrest.

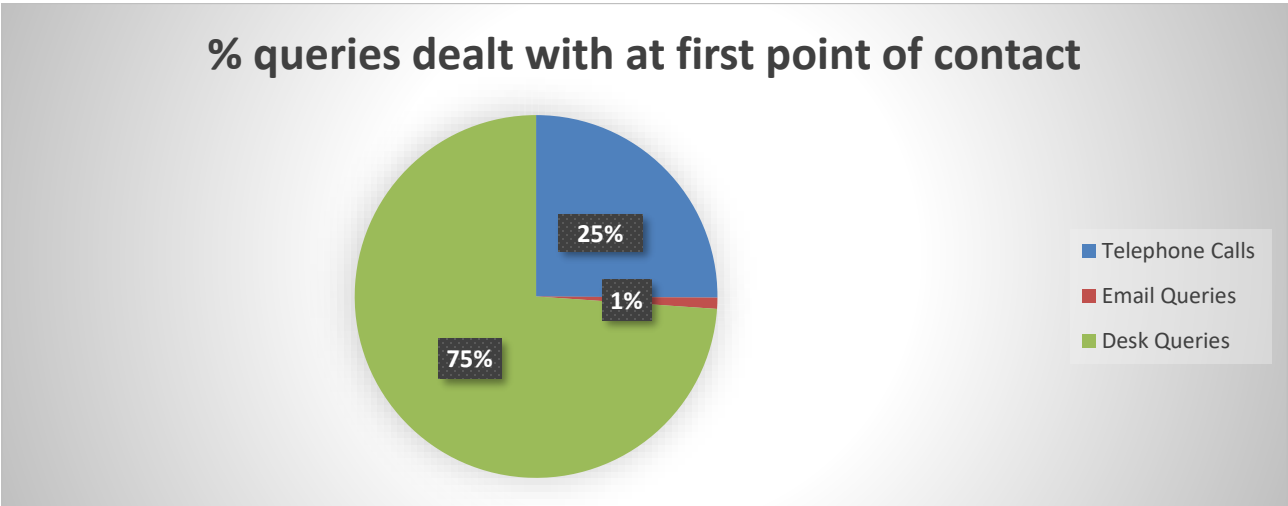
Civil Defence 75th Anniversary medals were presented in Maynooth on Saturday 27th September and was attended by 21 Louth volunteers. Minister Thomas Byrne and Ms Jaqui McCrum, Secretary General Department of Defence presented medals to Civil Defence volunteers from across the region including Louth.



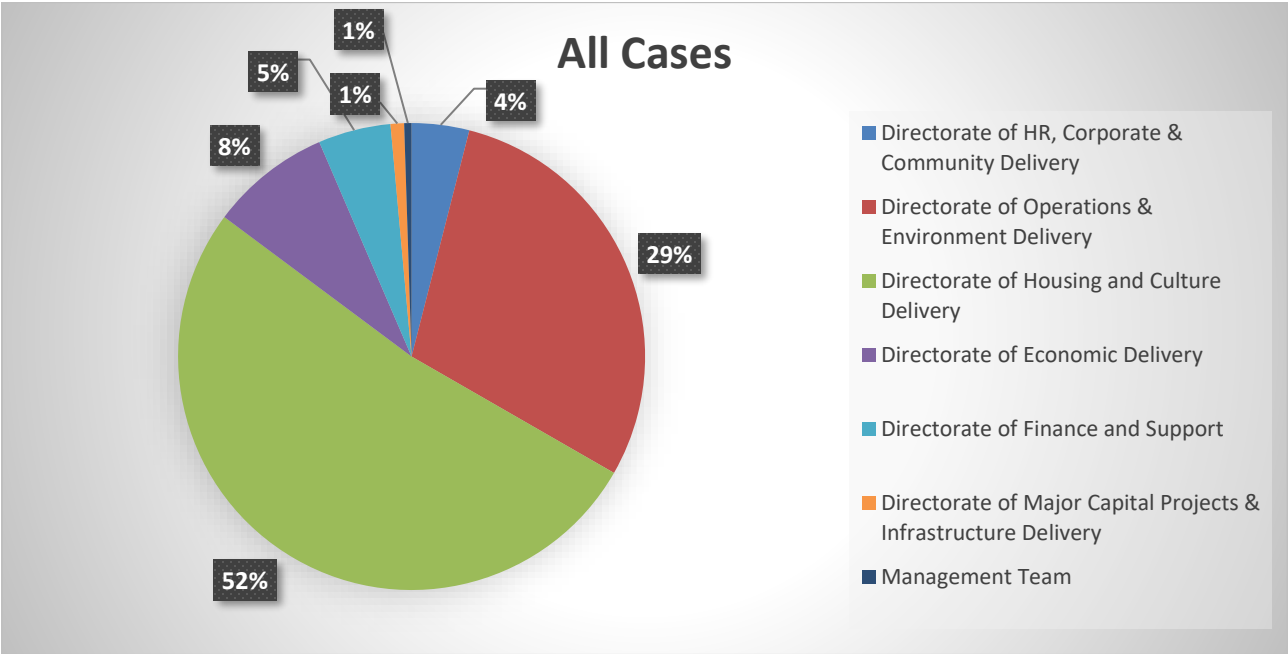
Seirbhísí Corparáideacha / Corporate Services

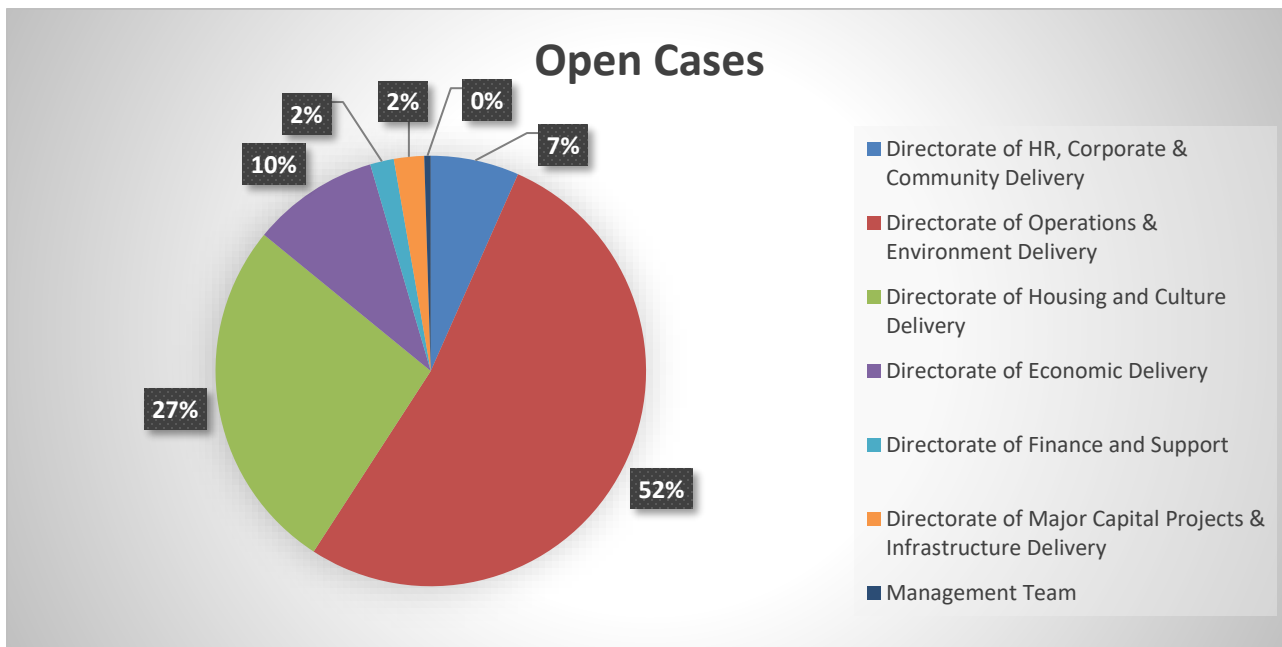
Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

During the month of September 2025 Customer Services dealt with 19,613 queries inclusive of 8,902 calls, 1,177 e-mails and 9,534 counter queries. 12,462 (64%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:

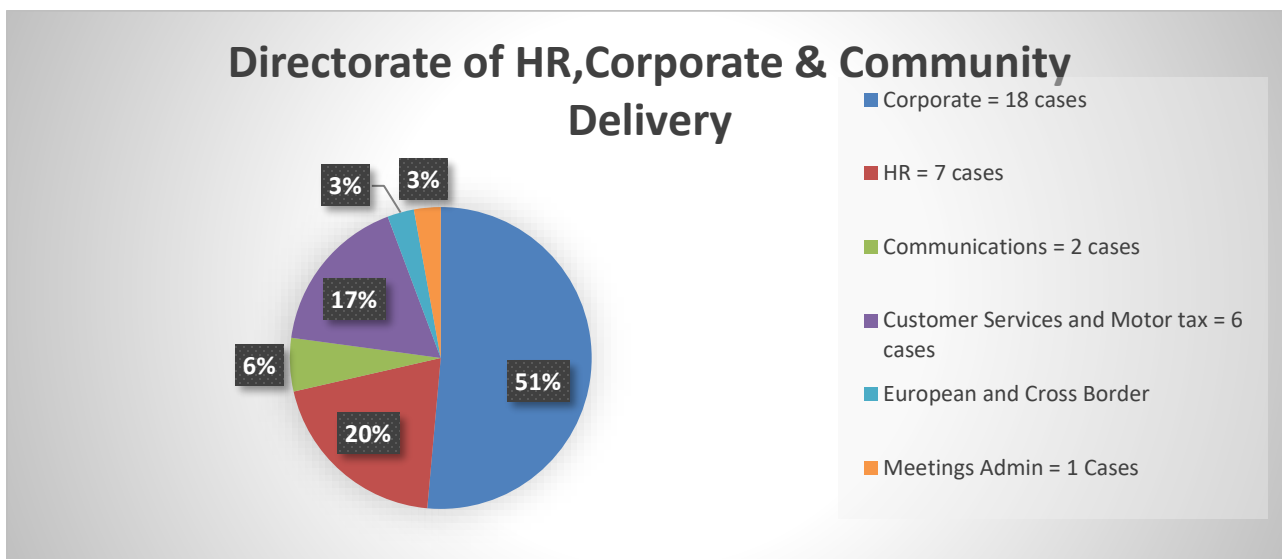


There were 3741 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during Sept 2025 of which 358 were received from elected members. A total of 617 (16%) remain unresolved by end of September, broken down by directorate as follows:

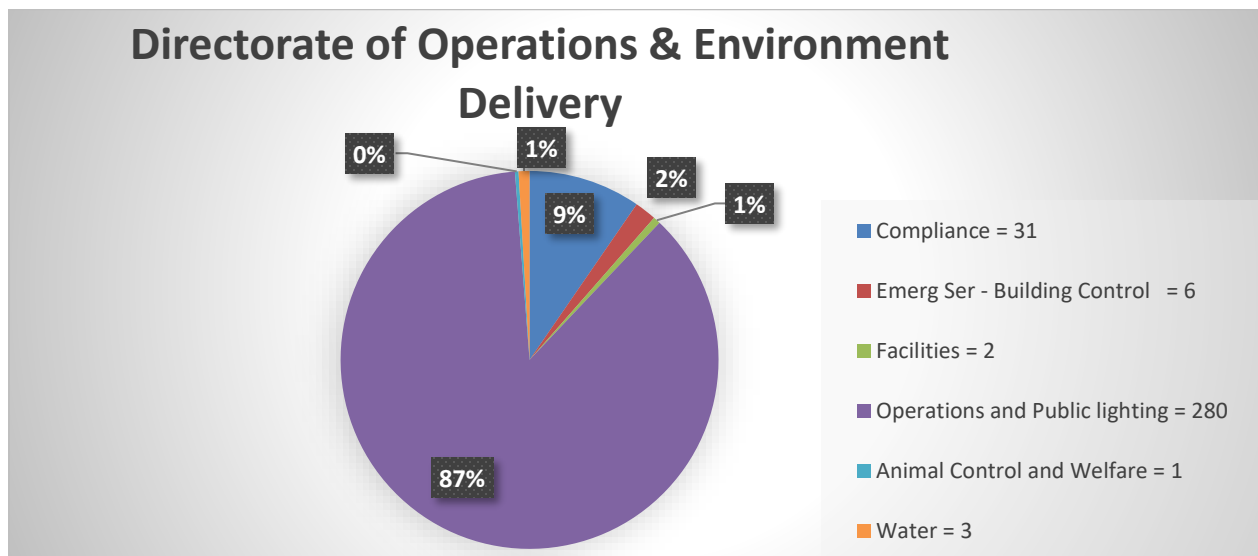




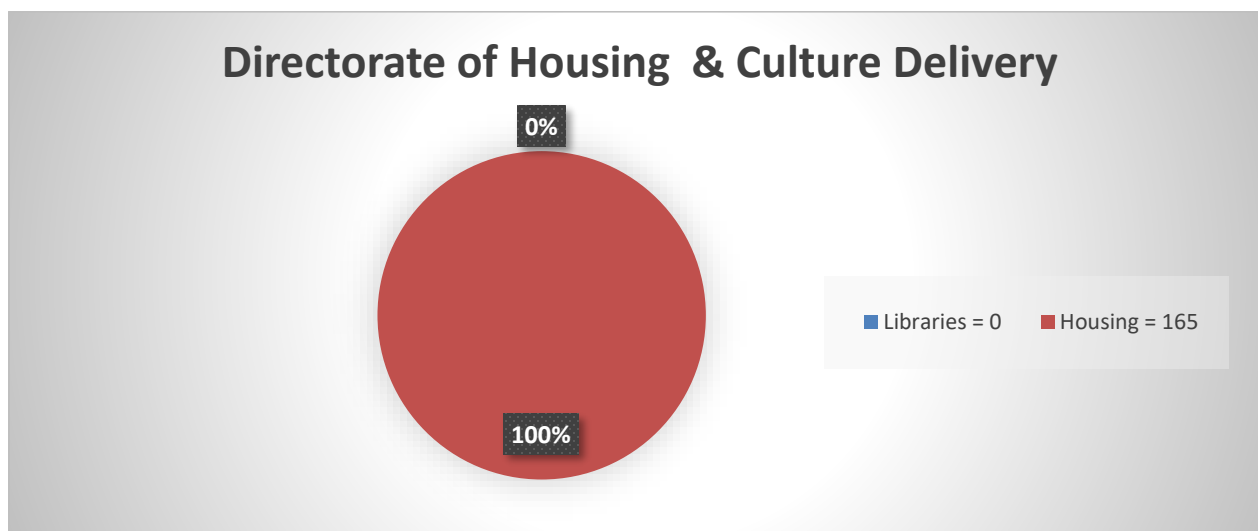
Directorate of HR, Corporate & Community Delivery



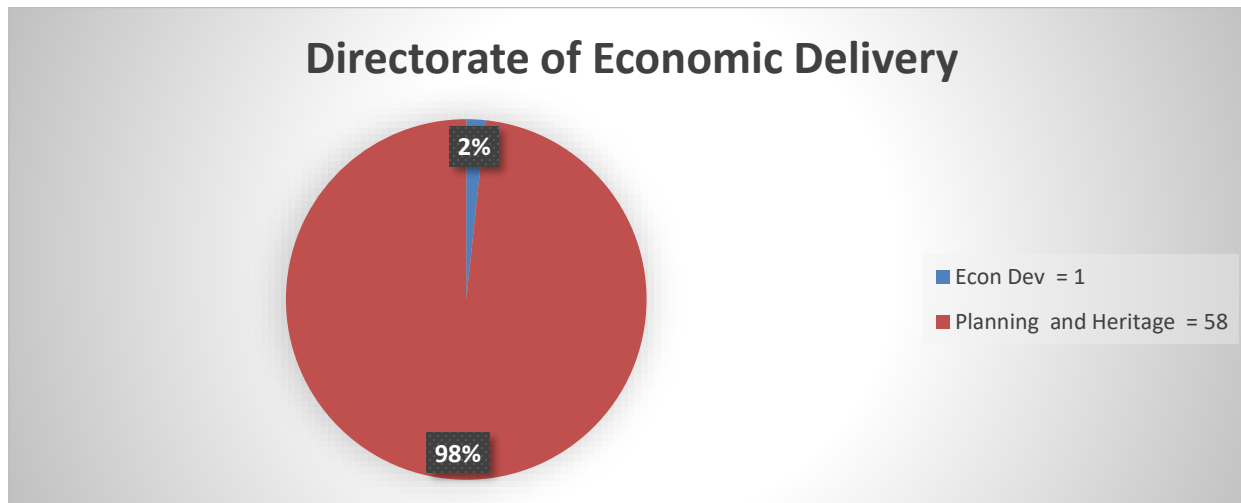
Directorate of Operations & Environmental Delivery



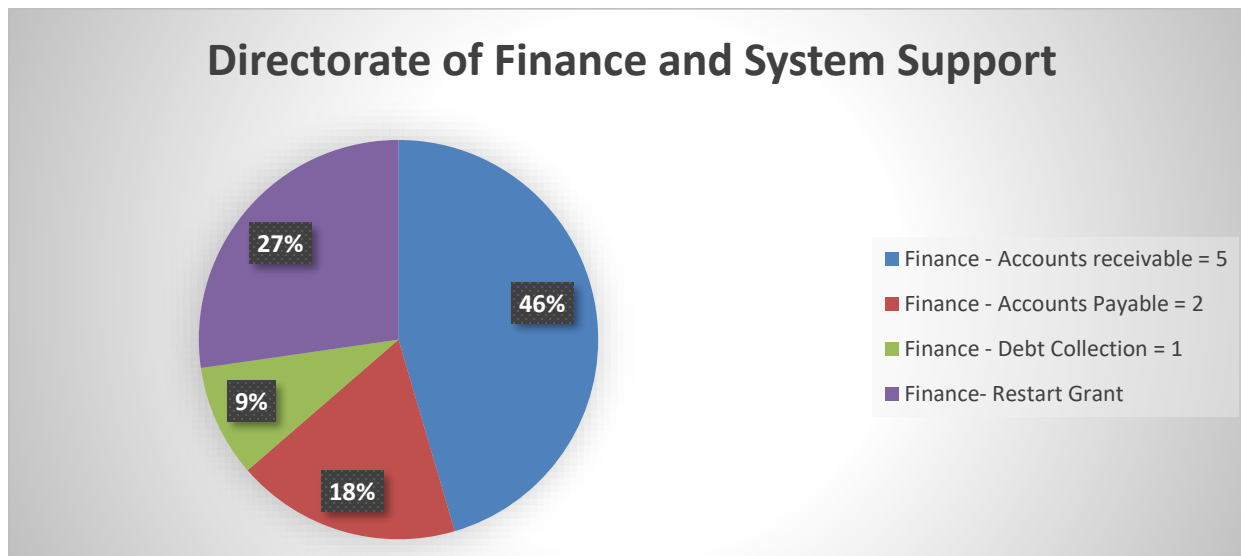
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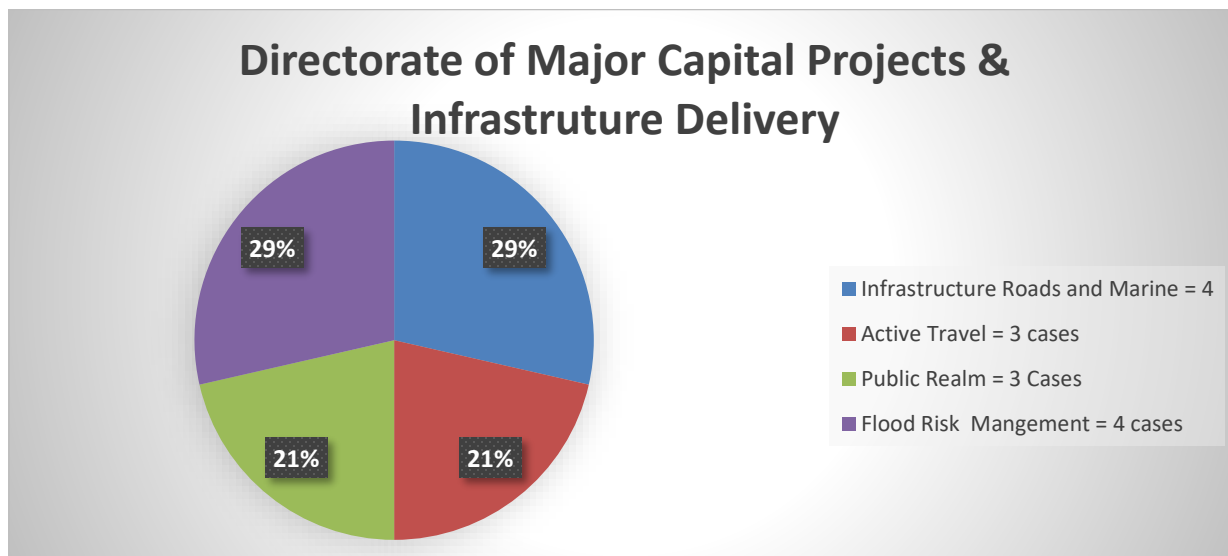
Directorate of Economic Delivery



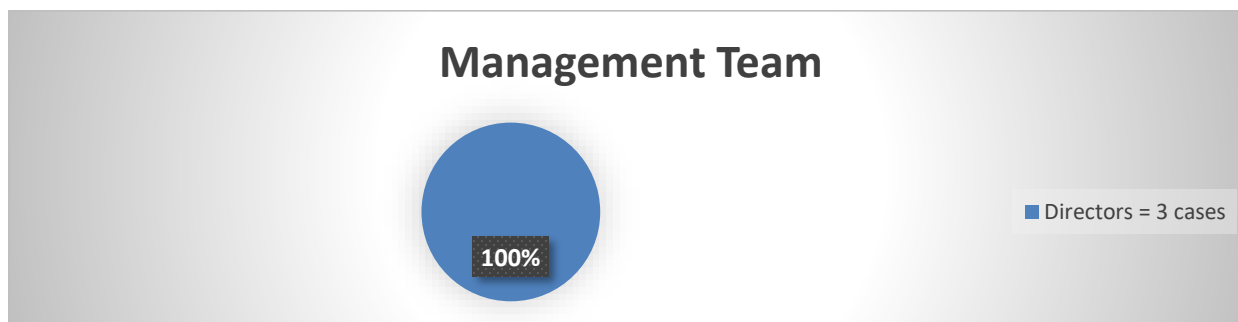
Directorate of Finance and System Support



Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



Management Team



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

	2024 Total Jan – sept	2025 Total Jan – Sept	2025 Total Sept only
FOI REQUEST	115	116	16
DSAR	11	21	5
DATA PROTECTION REQUEST	13	13	1
(AIE) INFORMATION	12	9	1
OMBUDSMAN CASE	16	23	1
COMPLAINTS	35	21	4

Clár Toghthóirí / Electoral Register

The Presidential Elections will take place on Friday 24th October 2025 and work continues on the Register of Electors to ensure details are up to date and accurate.

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Constituents are encouraged to visit www.checktheregister.ie to check their details. Details can be updated up to 7th October 2025. Please note, the Franchise Section will be unable to assist voters on the day of election who find their details are not accurate.

Over the past few weeks, the Franchise Team has actively engaged with a wide range of stakeholders to promote the Electoral Register and highlight the importance of making your voice heard through voting. This outreach included media appearances such as interviews on LFMFM, participation in DKIT Freshers Week, and a collaborative event with the Electoral Commission on Monday, 29th September at Drogheda Civic Offices. During this event, presentations were delivered to student council representatives from five local Drogheda schools, emphasising the significance of registering to vote and exercising your democratic rights.



Pic: Franchise Staff with Electoral Commission at DKIT Freshers Week



Pic: The Electoral Commission & the Council Franchise Section meeting School Council students from local schools in the Drogheda area.

A horizontal banner with a light green background. On the left, there is an illustration of a woman with red hair looking at her smartphone. The text in the center reads "YOUR VOICE MATTERS AND YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT" in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, it says "Check that your details on the Electoral Register are current and correct". To the right of the text is a dark blue button with the website "checktheregister.ie" in white. On the far right is the logo of the Government of Ireland, featuring a harp and the text "Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland".

Tacaíocht Pobail / Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



Age Friendly Louth at the PPN Community Expo

Members of our Older People's Council (OPC) and Age Friendly Louth team were on hand to meet and greet attendees, share information and chat about how we can make Louth a great place to grow older.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by — your interest and support mean so much!

Let's keep the conversation going and continue building an inclusive, age-friendly community together.



Cathaoirleach Sean Kelly with Ms. Venora Hovelt from Louth's OPC

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The deadline for receipt of additional information from groups was Friday 12th September. Reviews are ongoing and any necessary follow-up is being carried out.

Payments to date:

Current Stream – all 59 groups paid in the amount of €34,172.00

Capital Stream – 25 groups paid in the amount of €72,378.65.00

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Training

Across the month of September, Louth PPN offered its members the opportunity to participate in the following online training courses:

- Intermediate Canva Training – September 15th
Gave participants a more advanced knowledge in how to create a wide range of visual assets (posters, fliers, etc) and the skills to confidently produce scroll-stopping content and harness the latest technology to boost their output.
- Social Media Training – September 16th & 30th
This 3-week course supported participants to grow their organisation through digital marketing and social media. It covered social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and X.
- Crisis Communications Training – September 23rd
This course walked participants through the many aspects of communicating in a crisis from identifying the different types of crises and early warning signs, developing a communication plan, managing stakeholders and media through to recovery and rebuilding trust.

All training courses were well attended.

Events

- Dundalk on Wednesday 10th September 2025.
The event brought together local organisations, volunteers and all sectors of the community to showcase services and local initiatives. Attendees enjoyed interactive workshops and used the event to network and engage in local initiatives. The event also served as a launchpad for this year's nominations for Louth PPN's Community & Voluntary Awards. Attendees were invited to nominate community organisations making a positive impact on community life in County Louth.
- Cross-Border Event
In collaboration with PPNs from across border regions (including Louth, Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim), Louth PPN co-presented a cross-border event on Saturday 20th September in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen. The event aimed to build cross border relations between PPNs and Northern community development organisations to help match community groups both sides of the border for future funding applications. This event was well attended.
- Municipal District Meetings
Louth PPN hosted the second round of MD meetings as follows:
 - Dundalk MD Meeting – September 22nd, in Creative Spark
 - Drogheda MD Meeting – September 24th, in The Mill
 - Ardee MD Meeting – September 24th, in the DeeHub

These MD meetings are a great opportunity for community groups to network with other members of Louth PPN and to find out what resources and supports are available through Louth PPN.

Meetings

- Secretariat Meeting
Louth PPN held its 7th Secretariat meeting of 2025 on Wednesday, September 3rd in County Hall.
- PPN Worker’s Meeting
Louth PPN attended the national PPN Worker’s Meeting held on September 8th
- Meeting of Louth PPN Community Representatives
Louth PPN held the 3rd meeting of Louth PPN’s Community Representatives in Outcomers, Dundalk on Monday September 22nd. These meetings allow all community representatives nominated through Louth PPN to discuss matters arising within the policy and decision-making structures of the Local Authority relevant to the wider community.



The **LEADER 2023-2027 Programme** continues to support private enterprises and community groups to improve the quality of life and economic activity in communities throughout County Louth. There is approximately €3.75 million available for project funding in Louth throughout the life of this Programme.

LEADER Project Funding Approved: The LAG, at its September meeting, approved funding support, in the amount of **€129,737.50** for 2 LEADER projects. The project supported are under the Themes of:

- Economic Development and Job Creation.
- Rural Environment and Climate Change

To date, total funding allocated to LEADER projects in Louth—including the most recent approvals—amounts to **€982,892.66**.

Recent funding paid to beneficiaries under the LEADER Programme:

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
Louth Local Development Co CLG Flood Damage Repair & Improvement Works	€14,821.50
GR Eight Entertainments Ltd The GR Social - Dundalk	€196,588.85
Louth Tidy Towns Together	€16,162.20

Tidy Towns 3 Year Plan	
TOTAL	€227,572.55

Public Consultation Open for Louth County Council’s Active Louth Plans- Play Policy, Local Sports Plan, and Outdoor Recreation Plan

The Council, in collaboration with Sector 3 Solutions, invited the community to provide input and help shape the development of three key plans: the Play Policy, Local Sports Plan, and Outdoor Recreation Plan. Three public consultation events were held across the county to gather feedback and ideas from residents to inform future planning and investment in the following areas: outdoor recreation; local sports facilities and play opportunities for all age groups.

Surveys are still available until the end of September online via the Council’s website, social media, and by email request at activelouth@louthcoco.ie. The survey link is: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/!JICHF1>



Blue Flag Beaches

The 15th of September marked the official end of the 2025 bathing season, as well as the conclusion of the Blue Flag and Green Coast Award season. All flags awarded to beaches in County Louth during 2025 have now been lowered and removed.

These awards recognise the high standards in water quality, safety, and beach management, but also highlight the importance of environmental protection and sustainable tourism. In support of these efforts, the Council received €40,000 in ORIS Measure 1 funding for the Blue Flag Beach Signage Project, aimed at enhancing public awareness of environmental standards and promoting responsible beach use.

PEACEPLUS



A request for tender for PEACEPLUS 'Multicultural/Intercultural Programme' was advertised on the e-tenders website on the 1st September.

A request for tender for PEACEPLUS 'Collaborative Arts Programme' was advertised on the e-tenders website on the 11th September.

On 2nd September the 14th PEACEPLUS Partnership Meeting was held in County Hall and ratified the decision by Tender Assessment Panels for the following projects:

- Sports Leadership and Mentoring Project
- Youth Leadership and Mentoring Programme
- Youth Community Safety, Engagement Wellbeing and Signposting' project.

These three programmes were approved by a meeting of the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) on the 15th September.

Tenders were received before the closing date of 25th September for the PEACEPLUS 'Digital Arts Project.'

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as at 30/09/2025

Properties offered in July	0
Families moved into properties in July	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in July	23
Property offers recorded to date	85
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	38
Beneficiaries currently assigned	128
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	0
Properties assessed as suitable to date	45
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	16
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team

Irish Refugee Council Event

On September 5th, the LAIT team hosted staff from the Irish Refugee Council at an information event in the Fairways hotel. The session was for members of the CIF, elected representatives and other stakeholders. The presentation from the Irish Refugee Council discussed the International Protection application process and the right and entitlements of International Protection applicants. Attendees praised the content of the presentation and the information that was presented by the Irish Refugee Council.



Irish Refugee Council Information Event

Creative Ireland Arts Project

Le Chéile – Creating Connection Through Seanfhocail art project started in September. There are two groups involved in the project, one group of youths based in Drogheda and an adult group based in Dundalk. The project will be facilitated by two separate art facilitators for 6 weeks. The groups will discuss old phrases from Ireland and their native county. At the end of the project, the groups will have completed an art piece based on a phrase they agreed upon.

Newgrange Trip

On Saturday September 20th, a group of Ukrainians from Drogheda visited Newgrange. The trip was in partnership with Dublin City of Sanctuary and Louth Volunteer centre. The group visited the chamber, Knowth and the visitor centre.



LAIT trip to Newgrange

Community Safety

Minister O'Callaghan signed Regulations for the establishment of Local Community Safety Partnerships under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024.

They came into operation on 30th June 2025. Each Joint Policing Committee shall, on the coming into operation of these Regulations, stand dissolved.

Seven elected members have been nominated to Louth Community Safety Partnership:

Municipal District of Ardee

Cllr Jim Tenanty
Cllr Pearse Mc Geough

Borough District of Drogheda

Cllr Paddy Mc Quillan
Cllr Michelle Hall

Municipal District of Dundalk

Cllr Robert Nash
Cllr Andrea Mc Kevitt

Cllr Sean Kelly, Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council 2025-2026

The remaining membership of the Louth Community Safety Partnership will be configured to give the broadest representations across sectoral interests, demographic and community interests in County Louth, to achieve the best community safety outcomes.

The nominations will be received centrally by the National Office for Community Safety for appointment by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Social Movers

We started a new beginner programme for older adults this month on Tuesdays at 10am called Social Movers. This class combines elements of our existing older adult classes but at a lesser intensity.



Active Community Walking Leader Workshop

Our new walking group launched on Mondays at 10:30am. In preparation for this new programme, staff and older adult class members attended a training course on Friday, 5th September to become an Active Community Walking Leader.



Participants in the Active Community Walking Leader Workshop.

Inclusive Programmes are back!

September also saw the return of our Mindful Movement and Mindful Dance classes after a long summer break. Lots of fun was had with dancing, exercise, basketball, pickleball and refreshments after.



Attendees enjoying Mindful Movement Class

Lourdes Stadium

School Bookings

The track is becoming popular with primary schools booking out the track to carry out their P.E lessons. Secondary schools within the area are also getting use of the track for their Leaving Certificate P.E assessments



Lourdes Stadium

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2025

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education programmes in September 2025

Safeguarding

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	September 11 th	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	September 25 th	Online

Walk Leaders Award

Activity	Date	Venue
Walk Leaders Award	September 5 th	Dundalk

Tandem Pilot Cycle Training Award

Activity	Date	Venue
Tandem Pilot Cycling Award	September 20 th	Dundalk

Disability Awareness Training Award

Activity	Date	Venue
Disability Awareness Training	September 25 th	Kilkerley

European Week of Sport

The 2025 European Week of Sport, an EU initiative to raise awareness about the benefits of staying active, took place from 22nd to 28th September, the European Commission invited citizens of all ages and backgrounds to participate in events and activities that celebrate an active lifestyle.

The initiative was first launched in 2015 to address the declining levels of physical activity across Europe. It encourages everyone to participate in sport and physical activity by highlighting the benefits of both for our physical and mental health. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the campaign that's been getting Europe moving.

As the Olympic and Paralympic Games took place in Europe this summer, the focus this year is on common EU and Olympic values. These are:

- **Inclusion** – Sport is for everybody, not just athletes
- **Well-being** – Sport boosts self-esteem and promotes better health
- **Belonging** – Sport offers opportunities to meet others and brings generations together

Across Louth, a variety of events took place to ensure that there was something for everyone, regardless of fitness levels or background.



New Active Walking Community Programmes

Louth Local Sports Partnership were delighted to support Dundalk Sports Centre and Louth African Support Group & Future Stars Parents Group to launch their new Active Community Walking Groups in September.

Walking Circles - Intercultural Bonding & Unity Through Wellbeing meeting at St Helenas Park in Dundalk every Monday at 10am.

Dundalk Strollers open to anyone from the local community in Dundalk town starting from the Dundalk Sports Centre every Monday at 10.30am.



Community Walking Group in Dundalk

Louth Business Awards

Louth Local Sports Partnership are delighted to have been selected as Finalists in the Dundalk Chamber Louth Business Awards category for Best Voluntary/Community Group. It is a great honour to have been selected this year for this award taking place on the 18th of October.



Best Voluntary / Community Group
Sponsored by Dundalk Credit Union
FINALISTS
Louth Local Sports Partnership

Louth Sports Club Volunteer of the Year Awards launched

In September, Louth Local Sports Partnership was delighted to launch the 3rd Annual 'Sports Club' Volunteer of Year Awards for 2025, to recognise and support the huge community of volunteers across Co. Louth who give their time to provide sport and physical activity opportunities across the county.

More than 450,000 people across Ireland volunteer in sports clubs and physical activity groups on a weekly basis.

Louth Local Sports Partnership is hosting this Awards ceremony to recognise and honour these people. The awards ceremony will take place on Monday November 10th in the Carrickdale Hotel.

Each sports club in Louth is eligible to nominate their volunteer of the year from their club, who they feel should be recognised and celebrated for their contribution to providing sporting opportunities within their local community.



Louth Local Sports Partnership
'Sports Club' Volunteer of the Year Awards 2025

Applications now open for all sports clubs in Co. Louth to nominate your Volunteer of the Year Award.

One volunteer for EVERY Club in Louth will be honoured at the awards ceremony to be held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 6:30pm.

Plan scan the QR code to access the application form or visit our website: www.louthlsp.com

Closing Date - Wednesday 8th October at 5pm
For more information please email louthlsp@louthcoco.ie
Or contact 042-9324318



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Get Ireland Walking - National Walking Week

National Walking Week took place as part of European Week of Sport from 22nd to 28th of September, organised by Get Ireland Walking and supported by Louth Local Sports Partnership.

National Walking Day aims to celebrate the efforts of community walking volunteers and to promote the activity of walking at a local level in communities across Ireland.

Several of the 16 Community Walking Groups in Louth celebrated National Walking Day by participating in a variety of walks within their local communities.



Hockey 4 All – Inclusive Hockey Programme

Louth Local Sports Partnership in conjunction with Boyne Hockey Club set up a new Inclusive Hockey Programme for fun, friendship, and hockey sessions for individuals 12+ with additional needs.

The programme started on Saturday 6th September 2025 in Drogheda Grammar School these sessions are free and new members are welcome! All equipment is provided as part of the programme.



An Stiúrthóireacht um Thithíocht agus Seachadadh Cultúir Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate

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 August 18 – September 17, 2025 can be summarised as follows:

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

August 18 to September 17, 2025	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	7	153	86	246
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	25	19	44
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	5	1	6
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	7	183	106	296

Tables 2 - 4 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on September 17, 2025. Also included in Table 5 is

the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 2: Inscne / Table 2: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	100
Female	61
Total	161

Tábla 3: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 3: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	30
25-44	86
45-64	38
65+	7
Total	161

Tábla 4: Saghas Loistín / Table 4: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	72
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	89
Total unique individuals	161

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	17	20	33
Couples with dependent children	7	18	25

Total	24	38	58
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Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears at September 22, 2025	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	266	€110,036
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	197	€162,537
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1087	€3,863,677
TOTAL	1550	€4,136,250

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 an escalation to tenancy warning. The following correspondence was issued in September 2025.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	September, 2025	59
2 nd Reminder	September, 2025	18
Final Reminder	September, 2025	10
Total issued		87

The total rental income received in 2025, to date, is **€12,541,006**. This is a 5% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2024 (€11,907,330) and a 15% increase on 2023 (€10,873,933).

The total number of customers currently paying by Household Budget is **953**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **58** new payment plans commenced in September 2025 (up to and including September 22, 2025).

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

Number of tenancies established	54
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	37

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta o' Lúnasa 20, go dtí Meán Fómhair 19ú, 2025 / Housing Allocations from August 20 to September 19, 2025

District	LA	LA Refusal	AHB	AHB Refusal
Ardee	1	0	0	0
Drogheda	8	4	27	1
Dundalk	5	0	19	1
Total	14	4	46	2

Aistrithe / Transfers

August 20 – September 19, 2025	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	4
Dundalk	2
Total	6

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

19 th Sept, 2025	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	356	698	1194	2248
HAP Transfer List	293	861	1567	2721
Total Housing List	649	1559	2761	4969

There are **331** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **66** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Airíonna Athlígíeán & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Relet / Void Properties on September 19, 2025	Total
Ardee Municipal District	5
Dundalk Municipal District	17
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	36
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	58
CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)	3
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	61

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	August 15 – September 19, 2025	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	946	8588
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	859	6985
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	50	1145
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	49	458

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: St Olivers Park Kilsaran Feran Drive, Louth Village Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown Beechwood Drive	36
Dundalk MD: Ladywell Dundalk Aisling Park Dundalk Doolargy Ave, Dundalk Barton Park, Dundalk Woodview Park Jocelyn Court St Olivers Park Carlingford Hillview	49
Drogheda BD: St Finians Marian Park Boyle O'Reilly Terrace Ascal a Haon Grove Road Rathmullan Park	47

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

PRI Stats 2025

For August 21 – September 19, 2025	September	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	180	1634
Advisory letters issued	162	1755
Improvement notices issued	3	42
Prohibition notices issued	0	1
Private Inspections	0	1
HAP First Inspections	16	565
RAS First Inspections	0	2
AHB First Inspections	142	647
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	34
Private Re-inspections	0	3
HAP Re-inspections	16	255
RAS Re-inspections	0	1
AHB Re-inspections	4	115
SSA Re-inspections	2	2
Inspections from Complaints	0	9
Properties Made Compliant	8	170

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta /Tenancy Engagement

August 21 to September 19, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	8	2	3	13	180
Post-tenancy inspections	1	0	11	12	114
Tenancy Investigation Visits	22	4	29	55	325

Community Pride in Action – Doolargy Estate Litter Pick

On Saturday, August 23 the newly established Doolargy Estate Residents' Committee organised a community litter pick across the estate. The event was well attended by residents and supported by the Estate Management Team. Despite wet conditions, the initiative was carried out successfully. The event marked a positive step in local engagement and estate upkeep.



Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú with Estate Management staff and members of Doolargy Resident Committee

DRIVE Training – Building Awareness and Support Pathways

On September 19, 2025, members of the Estate Management Team participated in the Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) training programme, held at the TUSLA Wellbeing Centre in Castleblayney.

This one-day training aimed to strengthen the support available to individuals and families affected by drug-related intimidation. Across Ireland, each Garda Division has designated Drug Related Intimidation Inspectors who offer guidance, support, and practical options to those impacted.

The training focused on equipping frontline workers with the knowledge and tools to:

- Better understand the complexities of drug-related intimidation.
- Develop effective support pathways.
- Signpost individuals to specialist services within their local area.

The team found the training highly informative and valuable, enhancing their ability to respond to emerging issues and support those affected more effectively.

Iompraíocht Fhrithshóisialta / Anti-Social Behaviour

August 21 to September 19, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
<i>ASB Cases* Received</i>	21	1	23	45	198
<i>ASB cases Ongoing</i>	10	2	8	20	-
<i>ASB cases complete</i>	16	0	32	48	151

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

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

August 21 to September 19, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
<i>Verbal Warnings</i>	6	0	4	10	43
<i>Written Tenancy Notifications</i>	2	0	2	4	15
<i>Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014</i>	1	0	0	1	2

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

All 8 houses under the affordable housing scheme at Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda are sale agreed with the closure of sales finalising for all units. Our next scheme at Quarry Court, John Street Ardee will be open for applications on Monday 13th October 2025 with 11 three-bedroom houses for sale. Advertising and marketing of these units is underway. Leinster Property Consultants, Ardee are facilitating the promotion and sale of these units, to include an open day at the houses prior to the application portal being open. An application for our next scheme at Ushers Mill, Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda has recently been submitted to the DHLGH for funding.

Gnóthaithee/ Acquisitions

The Council are acquiring homes under the Second-hand acquisition scheme which will be allocated as appropriate to Tenant in Situ, persons with disabilities, and homeless.

In September, the Council purchased 5 properties.



Recently acquired house in Dundalk

Principal Private Residence	245
Rental Applications	90

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

Units	Address	Beds	Update
1	Dundalk	3	Complete. Ready to be allocated

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2025 Budget Allocation	€6,610,000
LAHL Approvals at 22/09/2025	€2,648,017
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at September 22, 2025	
Total Number of Applications at 22/09/2025	32
LAHL carried over from 2024	9
Invalid/Returned	15
Approved	17
Declined	3
For Review	2
Outstanding – waiting on further information	4

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

The Council was notified in May of the 2025 Allocation of €3,174,338 including a contribution of €476,151 by the Council. Since this time the Council has been informed that we have been awarded an additional €176,470, giving a revised combined allocation of €3,350,808.

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.

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

Active MTR Applications Total	30
AHB MTR Applications Active	10
AHB MTR completed 2025	09
Private MTR Applications Active	18
Private MTR completed 2025	3
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	2

Under MTR, a borrower gets to stay in their home and agrees to give ownership of the home to the MTR provider. This means the borrower becomes a social housing tenant of their local authority or Approved Housing Body (AHB). This arrangement is entered into voluntarily and agreed between the borrower, their lender and the MTR provider. After five years have passed, the borrower might be given the option to buy the home back if they are in a position to do so.

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted	335
Approved	240
Rejected	29
Withdrawn	41
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	25
Funding Issued to Applicant	102

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Applicants who have received grant approval are reminded of the importance of completing works within the specified timeframe. Timely submission of completion certificates to the Housing Grants Section is essential to ensure compliance with grant conditions and to facilitate prompt processing.



Stairlift completed in Drogheda, with funding provided with a MAG



Bathroom Adaptation completed in Drogheda, with funding provided with a HAG

Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants with a disability. The 2025 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totalling €789,908. This includes €710,917 (90%) in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and €78,991 (10%) Louth County Council Contribution.

Application Status	Monthly	YTD
Applications received 21/08/2025 – 19/09/2025	4	53

Works Appointed	33 minor adaptations	2 extensions 2 modular extensions
Of these Works onsite/ completed	27 minor adaptations	2 extensions

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units	
SHIP	792
CALF	485
CAS	33
TOTAL	1,310

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 19/09/2025	61	8	196		265
Grants Approved 21/08/2025 – 19/09/2025	13	2	40	55	260

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	100	356	456
2026	175	0	540	540
Total	1,323	1,130	896	2026

Capital Housing Delivery

Housing delivery at 'Derryveigh', Hoey's Lane, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Louth County Council recently completed the construction of 2 new high quality housing units at 'Derryveigh', Hoey's Lane, Dundalk, Co. Louth. The housing units comprise 1 three-bed and 1 four-bed detached bungalows. The 2 A-Rated energy efficient homes were delivered by The Councils Housing Section under the Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) which is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



Housing units at 'Derryveigh', Hoey's Lane, Dundalk

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Shahadah Caipitil Tithíochta / Capital Housing Delivery

Seachadadh SHIP / SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/2	59	On Site	08/12/2025	21 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 20 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	47	On Site	31/12/2025	16 * 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	46	On Site	31/03/2027	7 * 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	30/06/2027	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	30/06/2028 - 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	30/06/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/08/2028	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

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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.
Derryveigh House, Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	1/1	2	Completed	15/08/2025	1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Clontygora, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/11/2025	2 * 4 bed
Norhalton, Raynoldstown Village, Dundalk	1/1	2	Completed	05/09/25	2 * 4 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	21	On-site	31/03/2026	3 * 3 bed, 9 * 1 bed Apt, 9 * 2 bed Duplex
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	1	On-site	31/03/2026	1 * 2 bed
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	5	On-site	31/03/2026	5 * 3 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	1/5	4	On-site	30/09/2025	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
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2	2/2	6	On-site	30/09/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 2 bed Apt

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Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	2/2	2	On-site	30/09/2025	2 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	1/1	3	Completed	25/07/2025	3 * 3 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	2/3	3	Completed	01/07/2025	2 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	3/3	4	Funding Approved	31/03/2027	2 * 2 bed Apt, 2 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/3	3	On-site	31/12/2025	3 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/3	19	On-site	31/03/2026	6 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed, 4 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	2	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	11	On-site	31/12/2025	4 * 2 bed, 7 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	14	On-site	31/03/2026	2 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	2	On-site	31/03/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	17	On-site	31/12/2026	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Dowdalls Court, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/1	4	On-site	31/03/2026	3 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed

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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	15/03/2027	Twenty-one * 1 Bed apartments
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	Women's Aid Dundalk	12	Stage 2 approved	02/03/2027	Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments

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
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	1/2	20	15/5	Complete	11/07/2025	20 * Two Bed apt/ Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham, Co Louth	1/2	10	9/1	Complete	18/07/2025	2 * Two Bed House 1 * One Bed Apt/Duplex 4 * Two Bed Apt/Duplex 3 * Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	1/4	18		On Site	30/09/2025	18 * Three bed Houses

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Racecourse Meadows with Circle	2/4	8		On Site	30/09/2025	8 * Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/4	10		On Site	31/10/2025	10 * Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	4/4	9		On site	30/03/2026	9 * Two Bed Apartments
Connollys Field Dundalk Fold Housing	1/1	70	59/11	On- Site	30/09/2025	51 * One bed apt 19 * Two bed apt
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	2/2	33		On Site	30/09/2025	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	31/09/2025	23 * One Bed Apt/Duplex 32 * Two Bed Apt/Duplex 3 * Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	31/03/2026	2 * Three bed Houses 4 * Two Bed Apts 4 * Three Bed Duplex
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing	1/1	142	128/14	On Site	31/03/2026	48 * One bed Apt 70 * Two bed Apt 24 * Three Bed Apt

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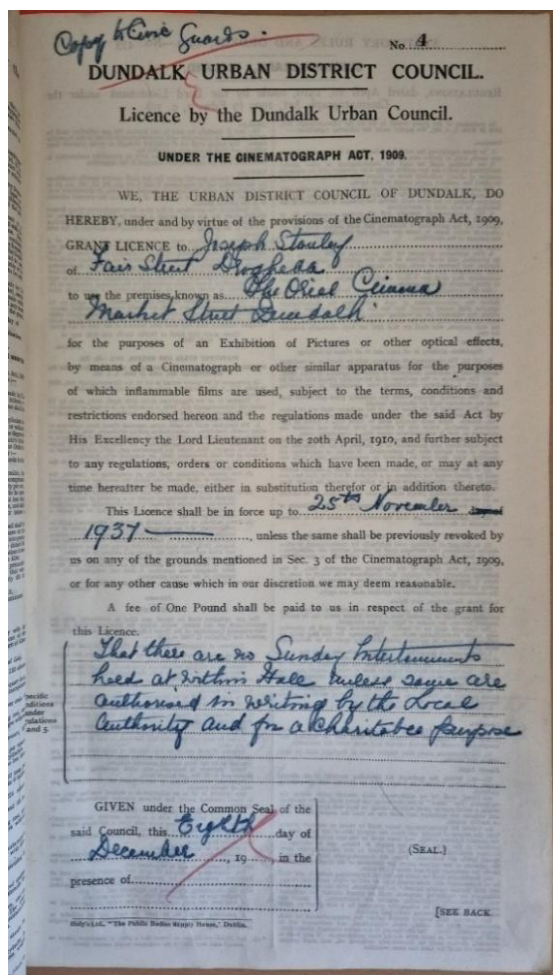
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/03/2026	18 * One Bed Apt 32 * Two Bed Apt
Clos Emer, Castletown Dundalk HAIL	1/1	5		On Site	30/09/2025	1 * Two Bed House 2 * Two Bed Apt 2 * Three Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	1/1	42		On site	31/03/2026	18 * One Bed Apt 12 * Two Bed Apt 6 * Two Bed House 6 * Three Bed House

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign



Dundalk Urban District Council cinema licence register recently used for research

Research Enquiries

The preservation of archives is a vital need for our society, protecting rights and entitlements and providing information on past events. The service receives enquiries on archives via email and telephone. Research enquiries can include those from private individuals, academics (historians, archaeologists, social scientists, etc), professionals (solicitors, engineers, planning consultants, etc), family historians, students and state agencies. The Archivist also supports staff in various sections with many business-related enquiries.

Examples of some recent enquiries include research work on old cinema licence registers, burial register information, events surrounding the 1649 siege of Drogheda, and tracing names in council rate books.

Commemorations Funding

A collection of archives that relates to the 1920s period has been receiving conservation treatment by a professional conservator and work is nearing completion. Treatment will make the items more stable and will enable the collection to be used in future exhibitions and displays. The Commemorations Funding is provided by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Outreach Work

The Archivist has prepared an article on the archives of the Dundalk Joint Burial Board for the *Local Archives* series in the *History Ireland* magazine. The article is due to be published in the Nov/Dec issue.

Donating Archives

The Service welcomes donations of archives and records from the public that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth. To enrich our current holdings, the Service particularly welcomes collections of primary school records, photographs, old maps of Co Louth, estate papers, records of organisations, local businesses, clubs and societies.

If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, or know of someone who would, please contact the County Archivist by email at

archive@louthcoco.ie or by telephone at 042-9324358.

Climate Action

The Co Archives supports corporate Climate Action Goals. The installation of solar panels for the Archives building is currently taking place. Thirty-six panels will be installed with an estimated annual saving of €2,500. The Energy section is overseeing this work.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Increased visitor numbers to new Dunleer Library

Since opening in its new premises at the end of last year, and with extended opening hours from February 2025, our statistics show that library visitors to Dunleer branch have more than doubled.



Paula Butterly TD on the opening day of the new Dunleer Library

Dunleer had **6,267** visitors in the full year of 2024 and from January 2025 to August 2025 that figure has risen to **12,267**.

Louth Science Festival

Louth Library Service has been successful in a funding application to Research Ireland, for festival funding for Louth Science Festival 2025. A total of



€50,000 has been awarded for the running of this year's festival which will take place from November 9 - 23, 2025.

The central Science Week theme of "Then. Today. Tomorrow." will form the basis for Louth Science Festival 2025. We will be looking to the past to discover what we can learn to embrace today, to ensure sustainable and healthy communities for the future.

This year's Louth Science Festival programme will include two large family friendly fairs, the first in Clogherhead on November 9 featuring author of "The Sweathouse" Rosanna Cooney and wildlife documentary presenter Eoin Warner. The second family fair will take place on November 16 in Dundalk Library, featuring workshops and events for children and adults.

Drogheda will also celebrate Science Week with talks and events for adults and children alike, in the Council offices, Fair Street. We will be hosting talks with Laura Dowling "The Fabulous Pharmacist", Dr. Harry Barry, comedian PJ Gallagher and two rugby legends Alan Quinlan and Bernard Jackman. There will be further workshops and events throughout the county in Dunleer, Carlingford and Ardee Libraries.

For more information on Louth Science Festival and how to book for events please follow us on Facebook and Instagram, email libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie or phone 042 9353190.

National Public Libraries Open Day



Louth Library Service celebrated National Public Libraries Open Day on Saturday September 27. This year's theme was "Take a Closer Look", inviting everyone to discover the modern, inclusive, and dynamic wide range of services offered by libraries across Ireland.

The day highlights libraries as vibrant, inclusive community hubs offering access to technology, learning creativity and connection.

Whether you are into books, eBooks, audiobooks, study spaces, or community events—there is something for everyone.



Ukulele music with Caz Maher in Ardee Library



Library staff celebrating National Public Libraries Open Day

Libraries offer a diverse range of services:

- Nationwide access
- Digital resources (eBooks, audiobooks, online learning tools)
- Study spaces and exam supports
- Book clubs and creative programmes
- Sensory-friendly services
- Events, exhibitions, and workshops



Facepainting at Ardee Library

The day included family friendly events with Dundalk Library hosting a sensory Magic Carpet Storytime and live demonstrations of e-services and resources, and storytelling in Carlingford Branch. Ardee Library hosted an open day to also coincide with Social inclusion Week with storytelling, facepainting, balloon modelling and live ukulele sessions with musician Caz Maher



Sensory Magic Carpet Storytime in Dundalk Library

the reading programme which encourages reading for fun and enjoyment throughout the summer months.

Right to Read at your Library

My Little Library Bag

Newly started junior infants were welcomed into their local library to collect their free little library bag. The bags are available in Irish and English and the books have themes of friendship and support the transition to primary school.



A young borrower collecting a Little Library Book Bag

Summer Stars

Libraries celebrated Summer Stars with closing ceremonies in September where participants were invited to visit their local library to collect their certificate of achievement. 1,135 children took part in



Summer Stars closing ceremony



Readers collecting their Summer Stars certificates in Drogheda Library

Baby Book Club

In Dundalk Library the September Baby Book Club was ocean-themed, bringing together babies of all ages to enjoy stories, songs, and sensory play. Activities included bubble play, action rhymes, and the ever-popular Baby Shark.



A young reader at Baby Book Club



Senior Library Assistant Amy with ocean themed books for Baby Book Club

Staff are delighted to assist teachers in restocking classroom fiction and non-fiction. In celebration of International Literacy Day, dyslexia friendly reads, graphic novels and C-Pen readers were actively promoted to teachers.



Dyslexia friendly reads and C-Pen readers on display in the Schools Library Service Van

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Mobile Health Unit visited Dundalk Library on September 2. Maeve Montgomery, Louth Dementia Advisor was onsite to offer guidance and support, answer questions and listen to people's concerns regarding memory loss and dementia.

International Literacy Day was celebrated across library branches on Monday, September 8. The awareness raising campaign focused on media literacy with the theme 'promoting literacy in the digital age'. Media literacy encourages questions about what is seen or heard on the TV, radio, or on devices online and to 'Stop, Think and Check'.

Louth Library Primary Schools Service

The Schools Library Service resumed for the new school term in early September, with the aim of visiting every primary school across County Louth.

An updated list of available class sets for individual teachers to borrow has been sent to all primary schools in County Louth and is accessible via the Louth County Council website.



Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Mobile Health Unit

Drogheda and Dundalk Memory Cafés

Drogheda's Alzheimer's Memory Café was held on September 9. The guest speaker was Seamus McCaul from The Village Residence in Drogheda. Dundalk Library Memory Café welcomed Blanaid McCabe, Assistant Director of Nursing, Dementia with HSE Dublin and NE to speak about Brain Health.

The cafés provide a welcoming space for people living with dementia. All are welcome to attend.



Ann Shortt from Tredagh Lodge Daycare, Maeve Montgomery Dementia Advisor for Louth and Seamus McCaul from The Village Residence Drogheda

Photography Course

Local photographer Paul Murray from the Drogheda Photographic Society facilitated a three-week photography course in Drogheda library during the month of September. The course proved very popular and was well attended.

Adult Ukulele Classes

A five-week ukulele class with Caz Maher began in Drogheda library on Friday September 5 and will run until October 3. The classes offer a relaxed and enjoyable way to learn music.

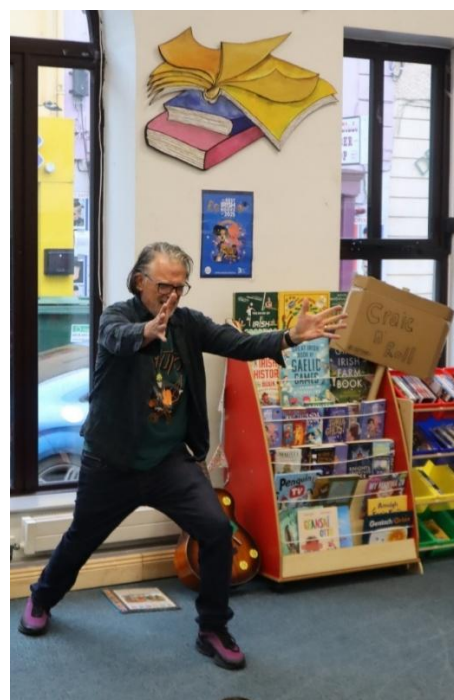


Tutor Caz Maher with some of the participants in the Ukulele Class

Culture Night



Libraries across the county joined in celebrating Culture Night 2025 on September 19. In association with Boyne Tradfest, award winning harpist and composer Jennifer Leahy gave a live performance in Drogheda Library. This was followed by the Craic n Roll Comedy Tour with Joe Rooney. The comedy walk of Drogheda began in the library with a family friendly performance and continued through various locations around the town.



Comedian Joe Rooney in Drogheda library

Dundalk Library hosted a performance by the Bloomsday Belles, featuring original music and song inspired by the female characters in James Joyce's Ulysses.

The local Artisans Watercolour group hosted free watercolour workshops and a painting exhibition entitled "Skylines of Louth" The workshops and

exhibition were well attended with 80 visitors on the night.



Watercolour workshop in Dundalk library

Culture Night events at Ardee Library started from 4pm. There was music from local town group Ardee Intermezzo Ensemble and The Uke' n' Rollers. Thanks to all the thirty performers and over fifty attendees and who made the night such a success.



Original artworks by Artisans group members



Culture Night in Ardee Library



Neurodiversity talks with Fiona Hall

As part of the Skills for Life programme psychotherapist and counsellor Fiona Hall gave informative and insightful sessions supporting parents in processing their child's neurodiverse or ASD diagnosis. The talks took place in Dundalk, Drogheda and Dunleer libraries in late September.



Fiona Hall at a talk in Dundalk Library



LIT LÚ Festival

Louth Library Service hosted the inaugural LIT LÚ Festival from Thursday to Saturday, September 25 - 27. This new event celebrates the thriving reading culture in County Louth with a programme of literary discussions, panels, and conversations brought to all five library branches across the county. Louth Library Service currently supports 18 book clubs and nearly 180,000 items were borrowed last year from its branch libraries.

Lit Lú aims to build on this engagement by promoting reading for well-being and showcasing the diversity of voices in Irish literature. It is funded and supported by Creative Ireland through Louth County Council's Arts Office.

There was something for everyone as the festival ran events for lovers of fiction, crime, food, memoir and TV and film. Details of individual events will appear in next month's report

LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICE
LIT LÚ
THURSDAY 25TH - SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 25 th September	Friday, 26 th September	Saturday, 27 th September
Dundalk 7pm Roisin O'Donnell in conversation with Belinda McKeon	Ardee 3pm Memoir Writing Mary Rose Callaghan, Phyl Herbert and Liz McManus	Carlingford 3pm Claire Coughlan in conversation with Florence Gillan
	Drogheda 7pm Screen Writing Nicola Cassidy, Phil Harrison, Darren Thornton and Barry McEvoy	Dunleer 7pm Food Writing Kristin Jensen, Blanca Valencia and Tara Walker



Harpist Jennier Leahy of Boyne Tradfest at Drogheda Library



Polina Skarga in Bloomsday Belles at Dundalk Library



Artist Etaoin O'Reilly at Bó Studios

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Culture Night 2025

This year's Culture Night took place on Friday, September 19 across the country. For 2025 Louth had its biggest programme yet with events happening across the county from 4pm until late. Here are just a few highlights.



Rowan Murphy performing at Rabbit Hole Café



Boyne Tradfest at Highlanes Gallery



Els Borghart | See Who I Am Exhibition at An Táin



Chief Executive David Conway, Aoife Ruane and Joe Rooney at Highlanes Gallery



Joe Rooney at Big Moon Records

Drogheda was also the scene for a special Late-Night programme as Droichead Arts Centre and the night-time economy advisor partnered to build on the successful Night Moves programme delivering an extensive range of events including local cafés hosting music, literature and poetry, a special light installation, a night market at McHugh's and Night Drama showcasing local artists in Droichead Arts Centre.



Light installation by Vivienne Byrne as part of LATE NIGHT programme in Drogheda

Drogheda Classical Music Series

The annual Drogheda Classical Music Series launched in Scholars Hotel in Drogheda on, Friday, September 5, with the first event of the series taking place on Friday 12. Kicking off this year's celebrations with their inaugural appearance at DCMS the RTE Concert Orchestra delighted audiences with a rich and colourful programme mixing German charm and Italian fireworks with works by Hayden, Vivaldi, Rossini and Schubert. Featuring orchestra leader and virtuoso violinist Mia Cooper it really was an evening to remember.



RTE Orchestra opening DCMS to a packed St. Peters Church in Drogheda

The next event in the 25/26 DCMS calendar is Friday, October 17 when one of the world's most exciting cellists, Gabriel Francis – Dehqani performs with pianist par excellence William Harmer.

For details on this and all other events for DCMS 2025/2026 please see <https://droghedaclassicalmusic.com/concerts/>

Highlanes Gallery

Exhibition & Workshop: As part of Maud Cotters impressive exhibition, **Maelstrom**, which launched in August, artist Caoimhe O'Dwyer held a playful and creative workshop for parents and toddlers inspired by Maud's work. Using simple materials, the participants experimented with shape, texture and movement creating pieces that echoed the surrounding artwork by Maud.



Artist Caoimhe O'Dwyer with participants in Highlanes Gallery

For more details on this exhibition and any other events at Highlanes Gallery please see <https://highlanes.ie/>

Droichead Arts Centre

Makers Making More Clinic – Led by artist and arts manager, Lian Bell, the Arts App Clinic took place on September 20. Aimed at artists of any discipline who wish to learn more about the funding application process, the clinic was an excellent way to improve confidence with tackling arts funding forms. MAKERS MAKING MORE is an initiative devised to support artists makers making more through practical resources.

Drama Classes with Grainne Rafferty returned to Barlow House on September 16. Suitable for ages 8 - 12 the classes run every Tuesday until December 9. For more information see [here](#).

Droichead Youth Theatre Autumn began at the end of September. Aimed at secondary school students there are Junior classes aimed at 1st – 3rd year students, details of which you can find [here](#) For senior classes aimed at 4th to 6th years please see details [here](#)

For details on these and all other events including the film and book clubs please see <https://www.droichead.com/>

An Táin Arts Centre

An Táin Arts centre was the main venue for the 2025 **Louth International Film Festival**. With an extensive array of films on offer the weekend of September 5–7 provided a mixture of local, national and international offerings. Highlight was on the Sunday night with a special screening of Lenny Abrahamson's film 'Room', celebrating 10 years since its release. The festival was thrilled to have Lenny there in person in a special Q & A event after the screening.



Lenny Abrahamson at the Louth International Film Festival in An Táin Arts Centre

An Táin hosted **LUAIL**, Irelands National Dance Company with a special show for local secondary schools. The high energy performance combined

powerful physicality with spellbinding vocals and composition.

Exhibition: September saw an exhibition by Artist in Residence, Greta Usaite, in the basement gallery. 'Moving Mountains' is a new body of work that merges abstract ink landscapes with darkroom experimentation. The exhibition ran from September 3–24.

Coming up in October the annual exhibition of work from the Creative Spark Artist in Residence programme will open on October 3 and run until November 1.

For information on these and all other events please see <https://www.aintain.ie/whats-on/>

Creative Ireland

Encore Productions took to the stage with their version of "Frankenstein" on September 30 in An Táin Arts Centre. Supported by the Creative Ireland programme this year the group have been working with a range of artists including filmmaker Dara McCluskey, movement specialist Fiona Keenan O'Brien and costume designer Eileen Johnstone. Putting all their talents to use they have developed an impressive performance piece centred around the infamous work of Mary Shelly. Following their run in An Táin Arts Centre the group will now take the production to the Hawkswell theatre in Sligo where they will be appearing on October 14.

Encore Productions are a theatre company for adults living with intellectual disabilities using RehabCare services in Dundalk. For over 2 decades they have been producing and performing original theatre and adapting classic plays.

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/> .

An Iarsmalann / Museum

Museum news

Culture Night



His Master's Voice LP record from The Music House, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk

The Museum was a particularly busy (and noisy) location on Culture Night, hosting a variety of events highlighting the diverse nature of culture.



Traditional skills - Culture Night at the Museum



Storyteller, Stephen Lally, in full flight, Culture Night at the Museum

Among the featured events were drop-in textile workshops with Blathnaid McClean and Una Curley organised in conjunction with Bó Studios; an evening of wild tales from the Táin Bó Cuailgne with storyteller, Steven Lally, and a fascinating evening highlighting the evolution of audio equipment from the gramophone to the hi-fi with John Cotter and Daniel Mooney. Amongst the equipment to be savoured on the night was a phonograph, gramophone, radiogram, and a classic 1970s Hi-Fi system.



John Cotter, Edison to Spotify Exhibition at Louth Museum

The Museum was the venue for a recording of TG4's series Scéalta na gCorn. The series highlights the backstory to various GAA trophies (both current and

past) awarded at all levels throughout the organisation.



Scéalta na gCorn at the Museum

In this instance the programme's focus was on the Sweet Afton Cup which was donated to the Munster Council to be awarded to the winners of the provinces' junior (later intermediate) hurling championship. Whilst its transmission date has not as of yet been confirmed it is likely that this will take place before the end of the year.



Radio and TV Night at the Museum

The Museum hosted an event organised in conjunction with Dundalk FM and Frank O'Callaghan on the history of radio and television set production in Dundalk. The event was part of a project designed to develop a radio documentary on the type of product made in the town as well as the businesspeople who sold and serviced the sets.



*Examining the what-if in history
- book launch at the Museum*

The Museum also hosted the launch of Dr. Samuel Beckton's book *The Unbroken Covenant*. The evening also featured a short lecture by the author who examines the 'what-if' of modern Irish history – what would have happened if all of Ulster had been partitioned?

Recent additions to the permanent exhibition

Over the past number of weeks, we've been updating and refreshing display items from the P.J. Carroll collection.



Updating the past at the Museum



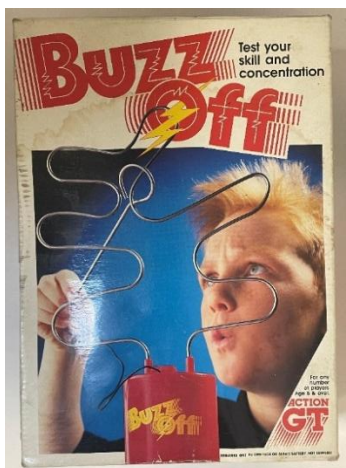
Confirmation of business opening hours at Easter

Recent acquisitions

As ever the Museum continues to grow its collection; over the past month the Museum has added a number of items pertaining to children and families which highlight the nature and importance of play as experienced and practiced by previous generations.



A generational obsession – WWF figures complete with wrestling ring



Buzz Off - the game with a jolt ...

Stiúrthóireacht na Mórthionscadal Caipitil agus Seachadadh Bonneagair Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as mórthionscadail chaipitil lena n-áirítear foirgnimh nua comhairle, bóithre, réimse poiblí, glasbhealaí, Taisteal Gníomhach, scéimeanna cosanta tuilte agus idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le soláthraithe fónais náisiúnta. A luaithe a bheidh mórthionscadal beagnach curtha i gcrích, glacfaidh an Stiúrthóireacht um Chothabháil Caipitil agus Seachadadh Comhshaoil freagracht as an tsócmhainn.

This directorate is responsible for major capital projects including new council buildings, roads, public realm, greenways, Active Travel, flood defence schemes and liaising with national utility providers. Once a major project has achieved practical completion, the Directorate of Operations & Environment Delivery will assume responsibility for the asset (except snagging & management defects liability period).

David Jones
Stiúrthóir / Director



Comhfhorbairt Áite / Placemaking

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

Targeted engagement continues in Drogheda and Dundalk, with multiple properties sales, or early development stages as a result of engagement. Meetings have taken place with new owners of properties in Drogheda and Dundalk in recent weeks which have resulted in the preparation of full planning applications by owners with a view to returning properties to productive use.

It is intended that a survey of properties on the URDF Call 3 list (129 properties) will be conducted in the coming weeks to update the number of properties returned to use and or vacant. The current high-level status is as follows:

- Occupied 25
- Repair Works Ongoing 10
- Progressing* 29
- On Going Engagement** 45
- Awaiting Engagement 19
- CPO Process 1

* 'Progressing' relates to properties where there is owner activity in terms of planning process/ property for sale or lease/grant application

**Of the 43 properties subject to ongoing engagement, 15 properties are under active consideration for direct Council intervention through voluntary or CPO acquisition

Capital Delivery Team

Muirhevnamor District Park Improvement Works

Improvement works at the old pitch and putt site in Muirhevnamor Park, Dundalk commenced on the 22nd of September. Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under the Community Recognition Fund 2024, the improvement works are focused on integrating the unused green space into the existing community park. Works will cover site clearance, crown lifting of trees, new surfacing works to formalise pathways, new fencing on the west and south sides of the site and the addition of a

pedestrian crossing to the park from Rockfield Court. A number of trees have been identified for removal due to Ash Dieback, new trees will be planted at alternative locations in the park. The works are projected to last 6 weeks.

ORIS/Town & Village/Clár

The Capital Delivery team are awaiting outcomes on applications submitted under ORIS, Town & Village and Clár.

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme



Louth County Council has been successful in receiving €7 Million towards the restoration of Westgate House and the former DYD Building in Drogheda. Co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union, THRIVE empowers local authorities to reimagine and adapt heritage buildings to create useful, vibrant and sustainable cultural and community hubs. The regeneration of West Gate House offers a unique opportunity to address vacancy and dereliction while preserving Drogheda's built heritage. The proposed development includes a multi-functional cultural and community hub, featuring exhibition and performance spaces, artist studios, digital media facilities, and meeting rooms.

Town Team Support Fund



Town Centre Health Checks have been completed for Castlebellingham and Collon. The Health Check documents were prepared by Craft Studio Architects in conjunction with Louth County Council and were funded by The Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The Health Checks provide detailed information on topics including vacancy, land use, mobility and opportunities for both settlements. These documents will be used to inform future Council policy and interventions. Both studies are available for view at the following link:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/operations-environmental-delivery/regeneration-projects/town-centre-health-checks/>

Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects

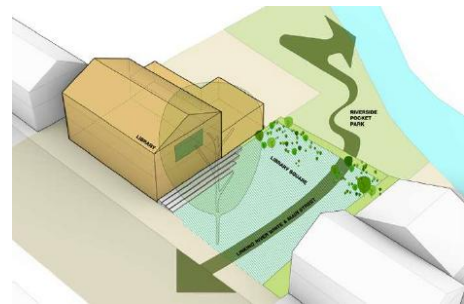


Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

The Draft Town Centre First Plan for Clogherhead has been produced and is moving towards the final stages of the project which will include a public

consultation event and discussion with the Town Team. The document is undergoing review and a public engagement event will take place in Clogherhead prior to the adoption of the plan. The plan will provide a pipeline of potential projects aimed at revitalising the Town centre and improve the Town for residents and visitors alike. Details of the public consultation event will be shared widely before the event.

Town Centre First Plan – Project Development Measure - Dunleer



The process is underway to appoint a consultant for the design for a public square at the library in Dunleer. This project is identified as one of the schemes in the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan and aims to create a high-quality public space in the centre of the town.

Vacant Homes Officer

We would request those who have a vacant home to engage with the Vacant Homes Officer to discuss potential funding available to return to use and would also ask those who have noted a vacant home in their areas to log it on vacanthomes.ie for inspection and investigation.

A number of Vacant Homes Notices have been placed on properties in the Dunleer area which have been well received by the public and Town Team. October 8th, 2025, is National Vacant Homes Day and it is intended to highlight this with use of social media to explain the supports available to owners.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Louth County Council facilitated a site visit on 24th September to Narrow Water Bridge for elected members from both Co. Louth and Co. Down (local and national level in both jurisdictions) and provided an update on progress on the project since works commenced on site in April 2024.

Control building: - internal finishings, mechanical and electrical works are all on going.

Southern embankment: - Greenway underpass constructed, the Greenway is now back online.

Embankment works have commenced at the back of the southern abutment

Northern embankment: -

Bascule abutment wall lifts 1 and 2 have been completed. Works in relation to wall lift 3 has commenced.

Bridge fabrication works: - Fabrication of the fixed span bridge continue in Ghent, Belgium and painting of completed sections of bridge has commenced. At this stage the majority of the project activities will be carried out in the fabrication yards.



Site visit for elected members from both Co. Louth and Co. Down

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

The project has now proceeded to Construction Tender with a returning date of mid-October, 2025.

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

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

Preparation of tender documents for the completion of the works is ongoing. Survey of remaining area to be constructed has been carried out. Works will go to tender in late-September, with construction in November.

Contract for the land acquisition have now been completed.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The project has now commenced Phase 2 (Options Selection) which involves the development of the route options followed by their assessment to identify the preferred route.

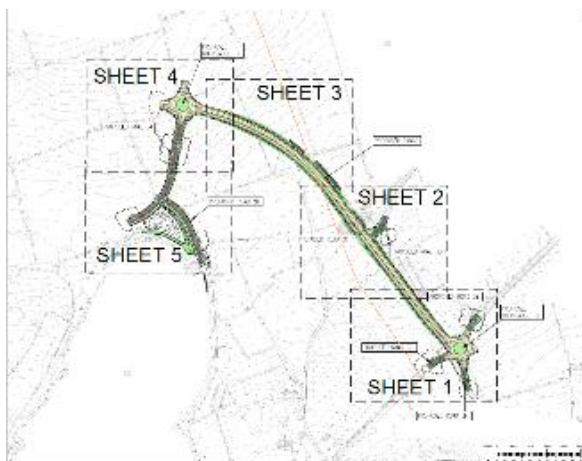
Non Statutory Public Consultation Event 2 will run from 6th Oct to 31st Oct, on the Consult Louth Portal with an in-person event scheduled for 15th Oct 2025 in Knockbridge GAA clubrooms.

Relevant stakeholders and elected members will be issued letters detailing the scheme. The appointed Public Liaison Officer has commenced contacting the relevant stakeholders.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is to be delivered by developer. 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 and approval by the OPW of a Section 50 application, it is intended by the developer that works will commence in January 2026.



PANCR Phase 2 Extent of Works

Glasbhealaí / Greenways

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

Works completed. Land acquisition and project closeout ongoing.

The celebration event was held on Friday 12th September and was attended by key project partners and stakeholders, including Cllr Seán Kelly, Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council; David Conway, Chief Executive of Louth County Council; Jerry Buttimer TD, Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development; Liz Kimmins MLA, Minister for Infrastructure; Gina McIntyre, CEO of the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB); Cllr Philip Campbell, Chairperson of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council; Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council; and Cllr PJ O'Hanlon, Vice Chairman of East Border Region.



Celebration Event

Ardee Minor Works

An application for funding of minor works has been approved by the OPW. These minor works will provide an element of protection for properties along existing water courses within the town and are proposed to be carried out along with the annual road works programme works in 2026.

Works on the detailed design and landowner engagement are ongoing.

Procurement of an Ecologist to carryout appropriate assessment screening is currently underway.

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.

- Kerbing - 40%
- Level up for tarmac – 40%
- 2nd fix plumbing -90%
- Downpipes -95%
- Tiling -90%
- Painting ongoing
- Fall Arrest -70%
- Fitted Furniture – 65%
- Footpaths to road commenced.

Proposed Works Forecast

- Ground works to continue
- Continue plumbing second fix
- Continue painting
- Kerbing
- Street lighting
- Fitted Furniture
- Tiling
- Fencing
- Footpaths
- Watermain to be testing.
- Irish Water connection on 13th October.
- Ironmongery to external doors to be completed by 30th September.



Roof Access completed



Fitted Furniture



Classroom Lab Furniture