

Dréachtbhuiséad Bliantúil 2027

Draft Annual Budget 2027

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE LÚ

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09th November 2026

TO: CATHAOIRLEACH & MEMBERS

OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Budget for the year 1st January 2027 to

31st December 2027

Chief Executive's Report

Annual Revenue Budget 2027

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Three Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

Cathaoirleach and Members

In preparing the Draft Budget for 2027 I have considered our current working environment and both the opportunities and challenges that we face going into the new year to give a balanced budget.

As we look ahead to 2027, the Council faces a number of ongoing challenges and opportunities, which I outline below:

- Louth County Council's budget for 2026 was €203.7 million. I am proposing an increased budget of €220.4 million for 2027, an 8.2% increase, allowing the Council to strengthen its capacity to deliver services while addressing inflationary pressures
- Despite all efforts, housing delivery remains a large challenge for both the county and nationally. While I congratulate the Housing delivery team in exceeding its social delivery targets, affordable homes in 2027 will be a key challenge. Rising property prices, cost of construction and enhancing infrastructure remain key challenges to housing delivery in Louth
- The delivery of roads, road maintenance and essential infrastructure remains challenging, with rising costs, pay increases and pressure on resources
- While well on the path of achieving our decarbonising target, continuing to meet our climate targets will require sustainability investment and monitoring
- External potential changes in U.S. trade, tax policy and current world affairs will have a significant impact for the Council's cost base, but also our indigenous and foreign industries especially pharmaceutical and corporate tax competitiveness, which may affect jobs and revenue
- Our Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is targeting poverty and inequality, especially among marginalised groups. However, demand for these services remains high and growing
- Cyber security still remains one of the organisations highest risks and all appropriate vigilance needs to take place, but we also need to embrace new technological advances such as AI and implement it into the organisation with sufficient safeguards and good corporate governance
- The effective and efficient delivery of major capital projects, including PANCR, Narrow Water Bridge, Westgate Vision, Adree Castle and St Nicholas Quarter etc. are critical to our future development and competitiveness as a county. The introduction of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery has proved successful in supporting this work. Our extensive three-year capital budget of €1,544m encompasses major capital projects, urban regeneration, measures to address dereliction, public realm improvements and amenities.

FINANCIAL POSITION

I deal with our financial positions in my monthly management reports to Council and I also referred to it during the Budget Workshop and at the September Council Meeting when the members were dealing with Local Property Tax.

CORPORATE PLAN

The adopted county Corporate Plan 2024-2029 provides a comprehensive roadmap for delivering high-quality, accountable, and innovative public services in Louth. It aligns with broader strategic goals, prioritises digital transformation, and supports community, economic, and infrastructure development, all underpinned by robust governance and a commitment to continuous improvement.

Our vision is, for Louth to lead in sustainability, inclusivity, and quality of life for its citizens, underpinned by appropriate and strong core values.

These values continue to be rolled out and developed within the organisation and are: *Citizen Centricity, Innovation, Good Governance, Sustainability, Equality & Inclusiveness, and Democracy.*

In September 2026 we provided a mid-year update to the councillors on the Annual Service Delivery Plan. It provided the management team with a status of where the executive was in relation to their performance in achieving our specific targets. The update highlighted that there is strong performance and delivery in all areas.

BUDGET TIMETABLE

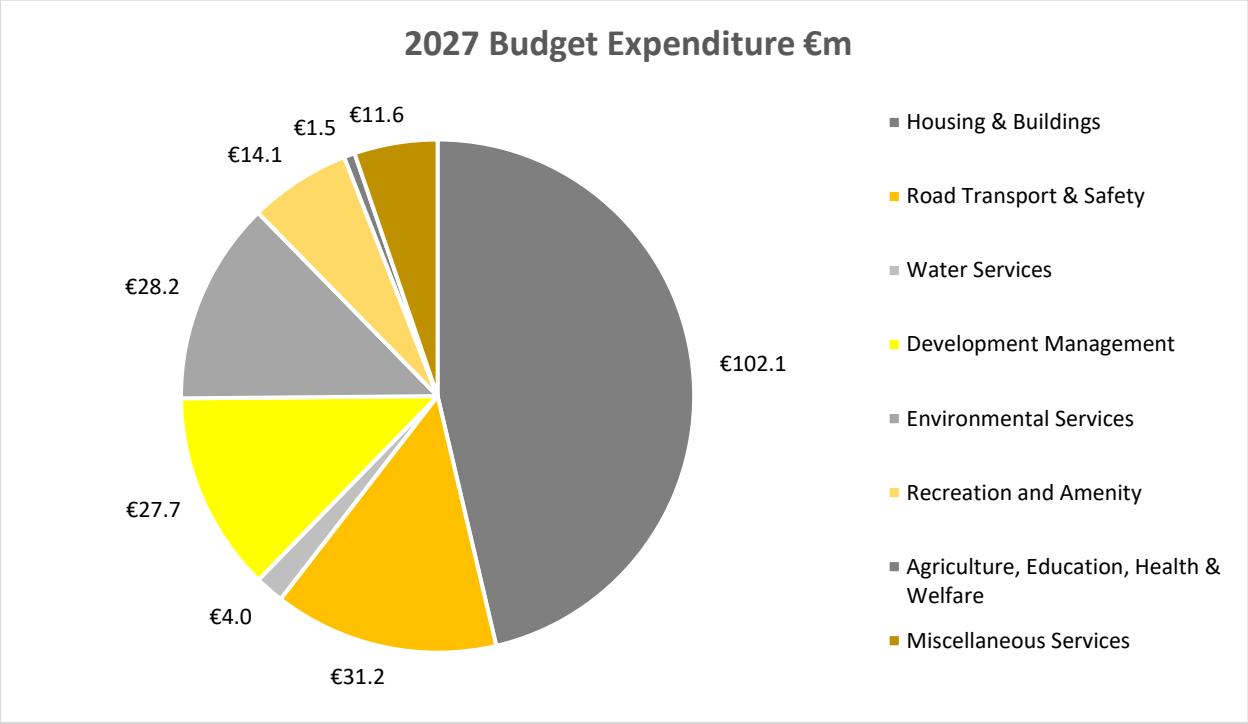
The Minister for the Housing, Local Government and Heritage have determined the period of the 2nd to the 30th of November 2026 as the prescribed period for the Councils to hold their 2027 Draft Budget meeting. Louth County Council will hold its statutory budget meeting on Monday the 16th of November 2026 directly following the normal monthly council meeting and the budget must be adopted within 14 days from that date. The Draft Budget has been prepared in the format prescribed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Corporate Policy Group

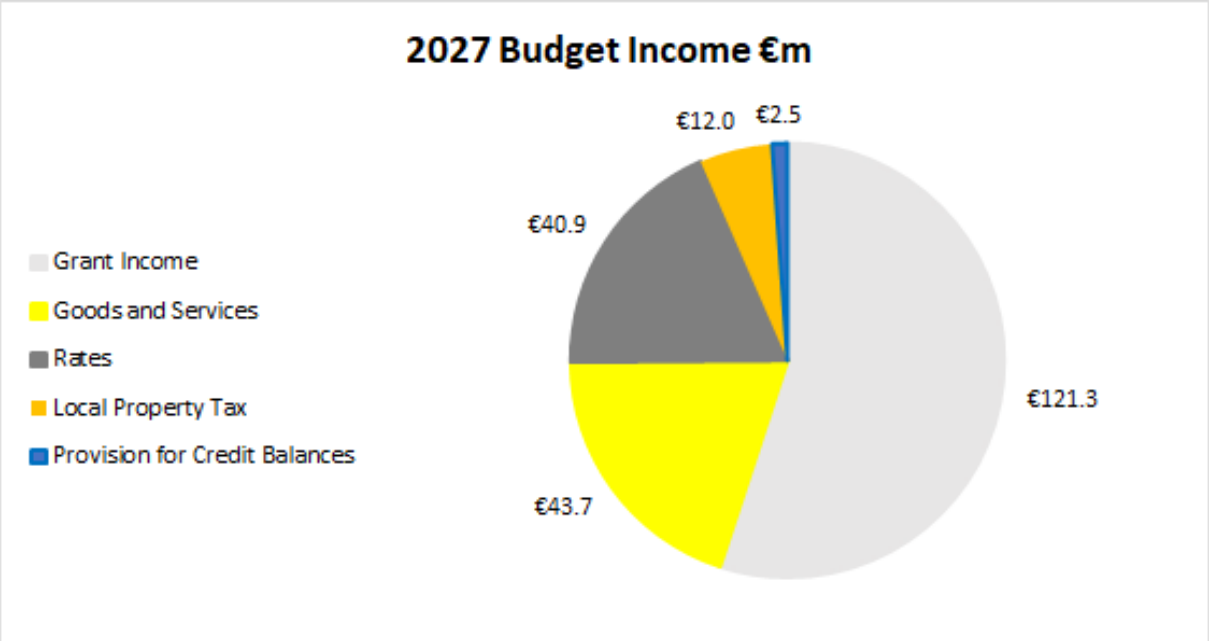
The Corporate Policy Group discussed the Draft Budget at meetings held in July, September, October, and November.

Budget 2027 Expenditure & Income

The Draft Budget for 2027 provides for expenditure of €220.4 million, an increase of €16.7 million on 2026. The main increases being grant funded areas like Housing, CALF - Payment and Availability (€7.0m), Housing & Cri Conaithne Grants (€2.3m), ORIS / T&V, LEP & PEACE (€1.5m) and increases in Roads & Public Lighting (€1.4m), Revenue Funding for Capital Projects (€1.0m), Environment & Fire Services (€1.5m) and Central Management Charges (CMC) (€2.6m). This is offset by the reduction in costs in Water Services area (€2.2m) as the service level agreement with Uisce Éireann ceases at the end of December 2026.



The income budget increases are due to Government Grants (€11.8m) and increase Goods and Services (€1.1m) proposed Rates increase (€1.3m) and use of Reserves (€2.5m).



CAPITAL PROGRAMME

County Louth is continuing on its transformative phase of capital investment in 2027, with a strong focus on both major infrastructure projects and public realm enhancements. Key developments include the regeneration of the St. Nicholas Quarter in Dundalk, the Project Ardee 2040 initiative, Narrow Water Bridge and West Gate Vision, which will improve regional connectivity and stimulate tourism, making Louth a great place to live and work.

Alongside these, Louth County Council is investing in the revitalisation of town centres, upgrading streetscapes, enhancing pedestrian zones, and creating greener, more accessible public spaces. These projects aim to foster economic growth, improve quality of life, and create vibrant, inclusive environments for residents and visitors alike.

Emphasis in 2027 will be placed on dereliction and the use of Council powers to bring back sites for better use for the community, either commercially or residentially. Other means of reducing dereliction will be working with interested parties to de-risk sites and make them part of the build environment.

RATES WAIVER SCHEME

Section 15 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019 provides for local authorities to make schemes to support local and national policy objectives, by waiving rates in certain circumstances. This increases the capacity of local authorities and elected members to address important issues and challenges particular to their local areas and to enable them to support specific objectives to promote community, social and economic development, urban planning or rural regeneration.
The members adopted the scheme as part of the 2026 budget for a three-year period, 2026 to 2028.

RATES ABATEMENT SCHEME

Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019 makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may make a scheme providing for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant properties, and that such a scheme shall be approved at the local authority budget meeting, concerning the local financial year to which the scheme shall apply.
This year following public consultation and discussion with the members at the budgetary workshop and taking into account the proposed Rates Waiver scheme the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, I am recommending that the provision for a Rates Abatement on Vacant Properties for 2027 remains the same as for 2026 which is zero (0%) abatement.

OTHER KEY AREAS

This report highlights a selection of key issues. Further details are provided in the individual reports from the relevant Directorates but the increase demand on Louth County Council to co-fund or percentage fund programmes, projects or appointments places additional challenges on the Council.

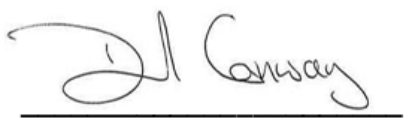
Conclusion

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cathaoirleach, Dolores Minogue and each member of the Council for their co-operation and support throughout 2026. I would also like to thank the members of the Corporate Policy Group for their co-operation and assistance in formulating the Budget. I look forward to working in partnership with the members in 2027 to continue to deliver a high-quality public professional service to the people of Louth.

I would also like to acknowledge the continued commitment of the staff & management of the Council who have strived to provide a strong public service underpinned with a strong value system.

The preparation of the Annual Budget is a complex process, and I would like to express my appreciation to all of the Management Team, in particular Director of Service Bernie Woods, and all of the finance team who worked on the preparation of Budget 2027.

I have now fulfilled my statutory duty in presenting to you a balanced Budget for 2027 and would strongly recommend the adoption of the Annual Budget for 2027 as presented to Council.



David Conway

Chief Executive

FINANCE & SYSTEM SUPPORT DIRECTORATE REPORT

FINANCE & PROCUREMENT

The finance section continues to collect revenue on behalf of the local authority with improvements in our debt collection rates year on year. We are also now processing circa 26,000 payments per year though our accounts payment section.

Financial System Upgrade

In 2026, we commenced the upgrade of Our Financial Management Systems (FMS) and migration to the cloud. This will involve the movement of our FMS from on-premises environment to a cloud environment, and the entire project is likely to take in the region of three years. There is a rigorous testing process ongoing across all our sections of the system prior to the migration being completed. This project is being completed across all Local Authorities that use the “Agresso” FMS.

Procurement Section

The procurement section rolled out their procurement training programme across the organisation in 2026, and they continue to give expert support to all sections to ensure that Louth County Council continue to meet the high standards of the public spending code and procurement principles. During 2026 the Procurement Unit has published circa 345 tenders/awards on eTenders as well as publications on the SupplyGov platform.

Pay Parking Review

Louth County Council proposes to review the parking control and pay parking byelaws for Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee commencing in quarter 4 2026. The review will consider issues such as parking boundaries, tariffs, permit arrangements and operational improvements. A non-statutory public consultation is proposed for January 2027 to help inform the preparation of draft byelaws before the commencement of the formal statutory process. The statutory consultation, consideration of submissions and adoption process is scheduled to take place between March and June 2027, with implementation and any required signage updates planned for Summer 2027.

Challenges for 2027

Challenges facing the finance section in 2027 include:

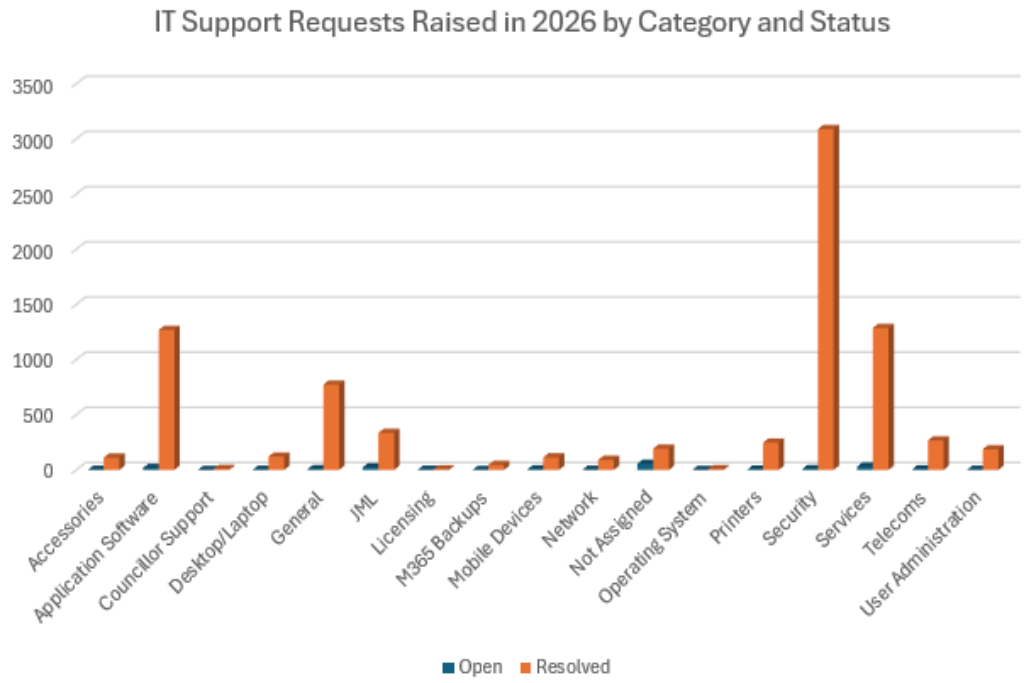
- The enforcement of tax legislation regarding payments through both payroll and our supplier's payment system
- The difficulty in collecting monies owed by customers especially in the current economic environment
- The ever-evolving procurement rules and requirements
- Fraud still remains our greatest risk

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In addition to supporting over 1,500 pieces of ICT hardware and more than 90 software applications used across the organisation, ICT continued to deliver core operational services while progressing a significant programme of technology, cybersecurity and digital-service improvements during 2026.

ICT Operations & Service Support

- Continued delivery of day-to-day ICT support and operational services across the organisation, supporting the systems, applications, devices and technology services required by staff and Elected Members
- Managed over 8,300 ICT support requests across business applications, security, user administration, devices, telecommunications and other ICT services. 98% of all service requests logged in 2026 have been resolved
- Introduced a new ICT Help Desk Portal for staff, providing an improved channel for requesting ICT support and access to ICT-developed "how-to" guides to assist staff with common technology queries
- Continued provision and support of ICT equipment and services for Elected Members, including laptops and associated technical support



Infrastructure Enhancements

- Progressed upgrades to the Disaster Recovery site, including provision for independent internet connectivity to improve resilience in the event of an outage at County Hall
- Implemented connectivity and Wi-Fi infrastructure for the new athletics track at Dundalk Sports Centre
- Decommissioned legacy point-to-point radio connectivity across Council sites

Meeting Technology Support

- Maintained and supported hybrid meeting technology across the Council Chambers in County Hall, Town Hall Dundalk and Civic Offices Drogheda, supporting Council and Municipal District meetings, Planning meetings and other hybrid activities
- Expanded hybrid meeting capability through the provision of an additional two new hybrid meeting-rooms in Fair Street Civic Offices, Drogheda

Device & System Upgrades

- Introduced a structured ICT Hardware Replacement Programme, establishing a planned five-year replacement cycle for end-user devices. As part of the 2026

programme, all devices purchased in 2020 were identified for replacement and the 2020 device replacement programme was completed during the year

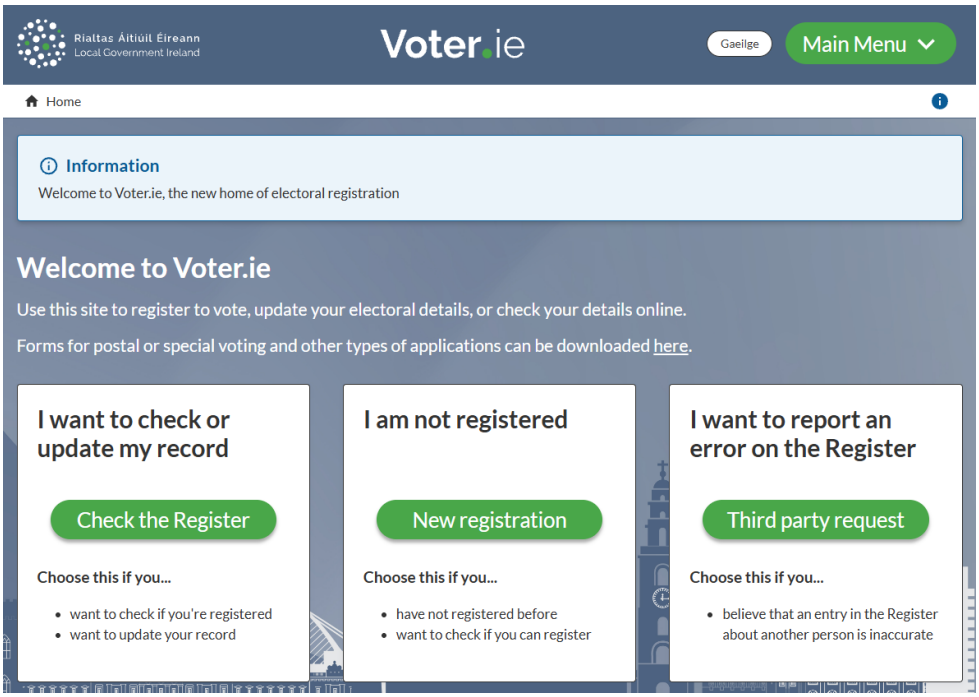
- Utilised the OGP framework for the secure disposal of end-of-life ICT equipment, supporting a structured approach to the disposal of retired ICT assets
- Continued use and development of the ICT Asset Management System to support lifecycle management of end-user hardware, including recording device status, assignment and replacement requirements
- Commenced a review of arrangements for the procurement and management of mobile devices and tablets through the relevant OGP framework

Cybersecurity

- Continued delivery of cybersecurity awareness training and simulated phishing exercises for staff and Elected Members
- Strengthened security controls across the Council's Microsoft 365 environment, including enhanced device management, access controls and user authentication
- Continued enhancement of endpoint security and management to strengthen the security and compliance of Council-managed devices
- The Council's email security controls processed almost 4.9 million inbound emails between January and September 2026, identifying 13.6% as potentially harmful and blocking more than 323,000 spam or virus emails
- Completed a NIS2 baseline assessment, establishing a programme of improvement actions across cybersecurity governance, risk management and organisational resilience
- Continued development of cybersecurity policies and procedures to support the Council's wider information-security requirements

Business Systems & Digital Services

- Supported the Franchise Team with the transition from the existing electoral register system to the new national Voter.ie platform, including data preparation, validation and technical support



Voter.ie Landing Page

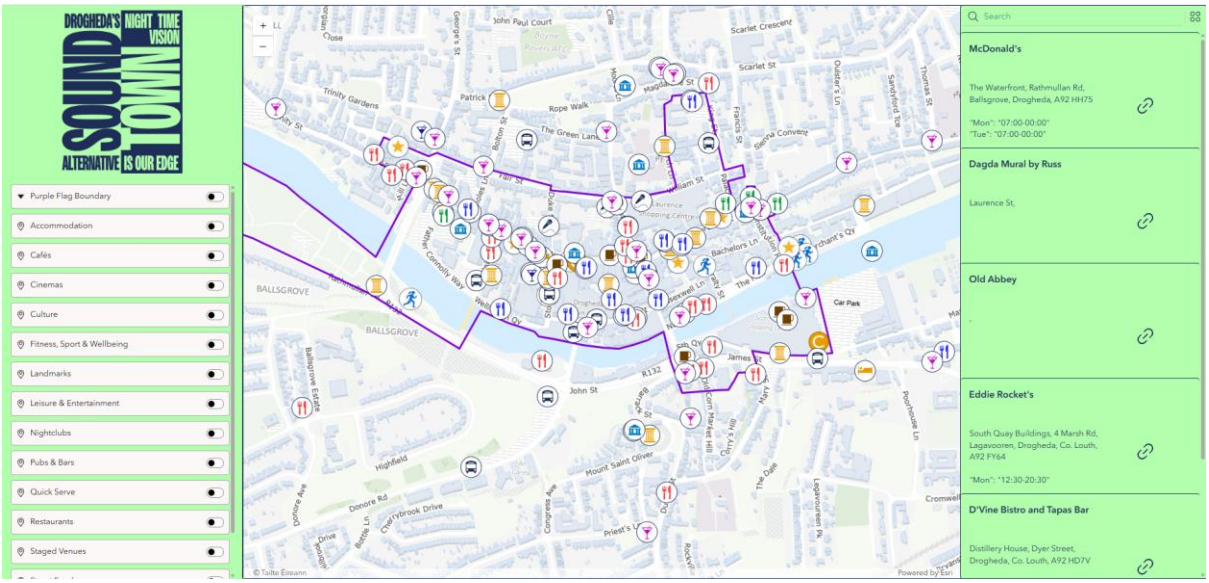
- Supported upgrades to the Council's Planning system to facilitate implementation of changes arising from the Planning & Development Act 2024
- Supported the continued development and integration of the Council's CRM system, including work to facilitate improved reporting and data analysis
- Provided ongoing technical and data support for key Council business systems and digital services

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Spatial Services

- Continued development of public-facing interactive mapping, including the Drogheda Night-Time Economy application and other online GIS resources. Public-facing GIS applications recorded almost 65,000 views between January and September 2026, demonstrating significant public use of online planning, graveyard, winter-service and other location-based information. The below table indicates the most used public GIS applications:

Application	Views
Planning App	**40,508**
St Patrick's Cemetery	**14,280**
Public Planning Registers	**3,736**
Winter Gritting Map	**2,861**

- Completed a procurement exercise for a new corporate GIS platform and commenced deployment of the new system across the organisation
- Implemented FME Flow to support improved management, integration and automation of spatial data
- Expanded the use of online mapping, spatial analysis and mobile data-capture solutions across Council service areas, supported by training and increased use of GIS by operational teams
- Developed new GIS solutions to support service delivery, including Planning inspection activity and other survey and data-collection requirements. For example, a Planning map viewer to support inspections associated with the Temporary Development Contribution Scheme Waiver



Drogheda Night-Time Economy Application

Artificial Intelligence

- Progressed the responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence within the Council, including the establishment of an AI Oversight Committee and development of an AI Governance Framework to support the secure, ethical and appropriately governed use of AI
- Progressed the development of an organisational AI Policy and associated governance arrangements, with the policy currently being finalised

Planned Projects for 2027

- Progress implementation of a comprehensive Cybersecurity Enhancement Programme, building on the NIS2 baseline assessment completed in 2026, with a focus on strengthening cybersecurity governance, risk management, technical security controls, business continuity and organisational resilience
- Continue implementation and enhancement of the Council's new corporate GIS platform
- Continue development of digital services and key corporate business systems
- Progress implementation of the Council's AI governance arrangements and responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence
- Continue the structured ICT Hardware Replacement Programme and lifecycle management of ICT assets
- Complete the review and progress implementation of new arrangements for the procurement and management of mobile devices and tablets through the OGP framework

Bernadette Woods FCCA

Director of Finance and Support Services

ECONOMIC DELIVERY DIRECTORATE REPORT

The Directorate includes the functional areas of Economic Development, Tourism & Enterprise, Planning and Built Heritage. It continues to play a central role in supporting sustainable economic growth and strategic planning across County Louth.

This report details the Directorate's activities under the headings 2026 activities and 2027 challenges.

Throughout 2026, the Directorate continued to support the implementation of Project Ireland 2040, the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, while responding to significant legislative, economic, environmental and infrastructural challenges. The focus remains on ensuring that County Louth continues to strengthen its position as a key growth location on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor while supporting sustainable and balanced development throughout the county.

Economic Development and Enterprise

The Directorate continues to support collaborative economic initiatives through:

- Louth Economic Forum
- Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor
- M1 Corridor (a marketing initiative)
- Cross-border enterprise collaborations
- Regional Enterprise initiatives
- Business Improvement District schemes in Drogheda and Dundalk

Through the Economic Development Unit and the Local Enterprise Office, substantial support continued to be provided to businesses, entrepreneurs and investors throughout 2026.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Unit supports the co-ordinated economic development of County Louth by planning for, initiating and managing projects that contribute positively to the County's ongoing tourism and economic development. The unit is involved in the marketing and promotion of the county as a tourism destination and business friendly location and engages in strategic economic planning which informs

Louth County Councils' policy decisions. It also works closely with a range of other agencies.

Louth Economic Forum

The forum, established in 2009, comprises the business sector of County Louth, Local Authority Management and all of the State Agencies that interact with those generating economic activity in the county and is a one stop shop for potential investors. Continued support for the Louth Economic Forum, including the appointment of Patrick Joy as Independent Chairperson.

Business Improvement District (BID) Scheme

The Dundalk and Drogheda Business Improvement District Schemes continue to deliver on their business plans. The current five-year term in Dundalk concludes in December 2028, and in Drogheda in December 2029.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is an important business incentive available to local retailers and business owners in the County - shopfronts help with determining the character, quality and perception of retail streets. The scheme was incentivised in 2026 by permitting a second application within a five-year period and lengthening the application period. In 2026, 41 applications were received under the scheme.

Age Friendly Business

Participants from a total of 3 different businesses took part in workshops held in February and October 2026. 1 business completed the remainder of the programme and were awarded the Age Friendly charter in 2026.



Presentation of the Age-Friendly Business Charter to the Citizens Information Drogheda

Night-Time Economy

Drogheda's Night-Time Economy pilot, one of nine nationally, has been extended until June 2027 and is turning local creativity into regular town-centre activity and giving businesses reasons to invest. Recorded evening footfall across the historic town centre increased by 14.1% in January–October 2026 compared with the same period last year. Key achievements in 2026 included:

- Launch of *Sound Town: Drogheda's Night-Time Vision*, positioning Drogheda as Ireland's East Coast Alternative. www.droghedasoundtown.ie
- Support for 20 promoters delivering recurring music, comedy, craft, cultural and wellbeing events through the Night Curation Fund, alongside 6 strategically targeted one-off events
- Businesses reinvesting in venue space, including two grassroots music venues securing €28,000 in Government funding; a grassroots venue's return to the scene after a year of inactivity and two cafés now regularly hosting events.
- Partnered with Droichead Arts Centre on Drogheda's Culture Night Late programme, backing emerging promoters and attracting younger audiences
- Coordinated Purple Flag renewal and launched The Drogheda Code campaign—five principles for a sound night out, chosen by the public. www.thedroghedacode.ie
- Coordinated partners' participation in supporting DkIT and DIFE Freshers' events, connecting students with local activities, venues and wellbeing services
- Commissioned a study with Ingenium Research and developed the interactive Sound Town Map with the Council's GIS team—Ireland's first comprehensive map of a town's night-time economy. The study highlighted the contribution of food, health and fitness alongside culture and entertainment



The award of the Drogheda Purple Flag



Sound Town, Drogheda's Night-Time Vision Launch, July 2026

LECP

The Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 – 2029 (LECP) Implementation Framework was reviewed with a Two-Year Implementation Plan 2026 - 2028 advanced with priority actions across enterprise, employment and economic growth objectives.

Local Enterprise Office Louth

Grant Support

Mainstream grant aid is provided to micro-enterprises in the manufacturing and trading services sectors. LEO Louth continued to meet a number of Enterprise Ireland performance targets through the delivery of financial assistance, business mentoring, management development programmes and specialist supports in areas such as productivity, digitalisation, sustainability and exporting.

Louth LEO provides mainstream grant assistance to eligible micro-enterprises operating within the manufacturing and internationally traded services sectors. During 2026 to date, grant support was approved for **18** businesses, assisting projects focused on business expansion, job creation, productivity improvements and innovation.

Additional financial supports available to businesses include the Energy Efficiency Grant, Grow Digital Voucher to an additional **18** businesses.

Non-Financial Supports and Programmes

Louth LEO continues to support business growth and competitiveness through a range of non-financial programmes and advisory services. By mid-year, 50 businesses had participated in programmes including Lean for Business, Green for Business and Digital for Business.

Digital transformation remains a key focus area, with 20 businesses completing Digital for Business supports, representing 74% of the annual target by mid-year.

Strong engagement continues with Microfinance Ireland, with **18** loan applications submitted and **15** approvals secured during the year to date, demonstrating continued demand for alternative sources of business finance.

Other Supports

Louth LEO continues to deliver a comprehensive range of business supports, including one-to-one mentoring, Start Your Own Business programmes, management development initiatives and business training programmes. Businesses can also access specialist productivity, sustainability and digitalisation supports through the Lean for Business, Green for Business and Digital for Business programmes, alongside financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements and other strategic business development projects.

Rates Waiver Scheme

A new Commercial Rates Waiver Scheme was introduced in January 2026 to support new businesses locating in long-term vacant commercial premises (vacant for 12 months or more) and to encourage the regeneration of town and village centres across Co. Louth. Eligible businesses can avail of a rates waiver on a sliding scale over three years (100% in Year 1, 50% in Year 2, 25% in Year 3) providing valuable financial support while helping to bring vacant properties back into productive use. Since January 2026 to date there have been:

- **8** approved applications and an additional **3** in progress
- 21 applications received, but many were ineligible

Drogheda Digital Hub

DDH has very much strengthened its position during 2026 as a key driver of entrepreneurship, innovation, and digital transformation across Drogheda and the wider Northeast region. Building on the strong foundations established following the Hub's opening in October 2025, the focus throughout 2026 has been on supporting start-up businesses, promoting female entrepreneurship, enhancing digital capabilities among local enterprises, and developing strategic partnerships that strengthen the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem.

- ***Growth and Occupancy****:* The Hub has experienced significant growth during 2026. From a single dedicated desk occupant in January, permanent occupancy has increased to 12 dedicated desk users, alongside 10 regular hot-desk users. This strong demand reflects the need for flexible, affordable workspace and enterprise supports within Drogheda. The success of the Hub has also highlighted the need for additional training and event space, with the current facility now operating close to capacity
- ***Thrive Digital Start Programme:*** A major achievement during 2026 was the successful delivery of the Thrive Digital Start Programme in partnership with DkIT, supporting twelve female entrepreneurs in developing and commercialising innovative business ideas. The programme provided practical business development support, mentoring, networking opportunities and investment readiness training. Of the twelve participants, ten successfully presented investment pitches to an expert panel, six have established trading businesses, and one participant secured a Local Enterprise Office Feasibility Grant to support prototype development and market validation. The remaining participants continue to actively progress their business concepts
- ***Digitise Drogheda Initiative****:* In collaboration with the Drogheda Chamber of Commerce and the LEO Louth, the Hub delivered the Digitise Drogheda Programme during summer 2026. The initiative consisted of six evening seminars focused on practical digital adoption, productivity tools, business efficiency and digital transformation. More than 150 business representatives attended the series, demonstrating significant demand for accessible digital skills support. The programme successfully encouraged local businesses to explore new technologies and implement digital tools to improve competitiveness and operational performance



Minister Niamh Smyth launching the Digitise Drogheda Series



Attendees enjoying the Digitise Drogheda Event

- ***Enterprise Supports and Community Development:*** Throughout the year, the Hub continued to support entrepreneurs and small businesses through one-to-one mentoring, hot-desk facilities, meeting room access and tailored business guidance. Monthly networking sessions have further strengthened collaboration among Hub users, creating a supportive entrepreneurial community and encouraging peer-to-peer learning.
  Several participants from the earlier Boyne Innovate Programmes continue to engage with the Hub and are progressing their businesses through Local Enterprise Office supports, feasibility funding and wider enterprise development programmes.
- ***Priorities for 2027:*** Key priorities for 2027 include the delivery of a comprehensive Digital Start Programme, the introduction of weekly Business Advice Clinics, development of digital skills initiatives within schools, and the exploration of cross-border digital entrepreneurship programmes with Northern Ireland partners. The Hub will also continue to support female entrepreneurship and STEM-related enterprise development while strengthening strategic partnerships with organisations including Drogheda Chamber of Commerce, The Mill, the Local Enterprise Office Louth and Dundalk Institute of Technology.

- ***Conclusion:*** 2026 has been a year of substantial progress for Drogheda Digital Hub. Strong occupancy levels, successful entrepreneurship programmes, increased support for female founders and the delivery of digitally focused business initiatives have reinforced the Hub's role as an important enterprise asset for Drogheda and Co. Louth. With an ambitious programme of activity planned for 2027, the Hub is well positioned to continue supporting innovation, business growth and economic development across the region.

  Given the strong demand for workspace and support services, the expansion of activities into the first and second floors of the Narrow West Street premises will be explored. Additional office space and a larger training and meeting facility would significantly increase the Hub's capacity to support entrepreneurs and growing businesses

Sector/Cluster Business Supports

Food Sector:

Louth LEO continue to provide a range of targeted supports to assist food and drink businesses at every stage of their growth journey. Throughout 2026, businesses were supported through a combination of sector-specific training, management development initiatives, mentoring and market exposure opportunities.

- The **Food Starter Programme** provided aspiring food entrepreneurs and early-stage producers with practical knowledge on establishing and growing a food manufacturing business, helping participants understand regulatory requirements, product development, food safety considerations, route-to-market strategies and the key challenges associated with launching a food business. The programme also serves as a valuable stepping stone for businesses seeking to progress to the highly successful Food Academy Programme**.**
- The **Food Academy Programme** continued to support local producers in building retail readiness, strengthening business capability and accessing new market opportunities. Through specialist mentoring and development supports; participants were empowered to bring innovative local products to market and grow sustainable food enterprises.
- Recognising the growing importance of brand differentiation in a competitive marketplace, the Local Enterprise Office also delivered a **Storytelling for Food Businesses** management development workshop. This programme helped food producers develop compelling brand narratives, communicate their unique value proposition and strengthen customer engagement through authentic storytelling and effective marketing techniques.

- To support export ambition and market awareness, the food sector continued to benefit from regional and cross-border collaboration during 2026 through the **Innovate Accelerate Europe Programme**, delivered in partnership with NMD Enterprise, Louth County Council, Meath LEO and Meath County Council. As part of the programme, participating businesses attended SIAL Paris, gaining exposure to international best practice, emerging consumer trends, food innovation and export market opportunities. The initiative provided businesses with valuable insights, international networking opportunities and practical knowledge to support future growth, innovation and market diversification.



Participants at workshops in SIAL Paris

Collectively, these initiatives continue to strengthen the capability, competitiveness and growth potential of Co. Louth's food sector, supporting the development of innovative food businesses and enhancing the region's reputation as a hub for food entrepreneurship and production.

Craft Sector

Louth LEO continued to support the growth of the craft and creative sector through targeted programmes, collaborative partnerships and international opportunities.

- Delivery of the **Create & Grow Louth MDP** supported by Creative Ireland, a series of 5 workshops specifically designed for craft and creative businesses, attracting an average of 15 participants per session
- Two Louth businesses, Caroline Duffy Designs and Cosy Life Ireland, secured places on the inaugural **Kilkenny Design Academy**, gaining access to specialist mentoring and industry expertise



25 Finalists Announced for the Inaugural Kilkenny Design Makers' Academy

- **Craftwork 4.0 All** project, delivered in partnership with Carlow County Council and Creative Spark, creative businesses also participated in a Rapid Prototyping for Creative Businesses workshop focused on innovation and product development.



Launch of Craftwork 4.0 All Project

- **International opportunities** continued to be a key feature of sector support. Cosy Life Ireland participated in the Craftwork 4.0 All DigiText Mission to Greece, while Rebecca McDermott Jewellery was selected to attend the Craftwork 4.0 All Craft Academy, focusing on sustainable making and creative opportunities.



Craftwork 4.0All DigiText Mission to Greece

- Looking ahead, two places have been secured for Louth businesses to participate in the **Craftwork 4.0 All Craft & Sustainability Festival.**

Female Entrepreneurship

Supporting female entrepreneurship remained a key priority during 2026 through a range of networking, training and business development initiatives.

- **National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED)**, provides women in business with opportunities to network, gain practical insights from successful entrepreneurs and celebrate the achievements of female-led enterprises across Co. Louth. NWED continues to be an important platform for encouraging more women to consider entrepreneurship and for highlighting the contribution of women-owned businesses to the local economy. Louth LEO had its first independent NWED in 2026 and the event sold out with over 120 women in attendance.



NWED 2026 – Panelists, MC and LEO

- The DDH further strengthened support for female founders through the delivery of the **Thrive Digital Start Programme** in partnership with DkIT. The programme supported women with innovative business ideas through mentoring, business development workshops, networking opportunities and investment readiness training.
- **Network Louth Women in Business** – Louth LEO continue to support and engage with the Network Louth Women in Business network, strengthening connections between female entrepreneurs, business owners and professionals across the county. Through collaboration on events, networking opportunities and knowledge-sharing activities, the network provides an important platform for women to build business relationships, access peer support, increase visibility and explore new opportunities for growth and collaboration. The relationship complements the LEO's wider female entrepreneurship agenda by encouraging participation, confidence and leadership among women in business.

Retail

We continue to support the retail sector throughout 2026 through targeted training programmes and local promotional campaigns designed to strengthen competitiveness and encourage consumer spending within County Louth.

- **Peak Retail Workshop**: In September 2026 over 30 retail businesses participated in this workshop, which provided practical guidance on preparing for the busy Christmas trading period. The workshop focused on customer experience, merchandising, marketing, sales strategies and digital promotion, helping retailers maximise opportunities during key trading periods.
- The **#LookForLocal #LookForLouth** campaign was launched to encourage consumers to support local businesses and recognise the important contribution they make to employment, entrepreneurship and the local economy. As part of the campaign, the Local Enterprise Office worked closely with the three Municipal Districts to support local Gift Card Initiatives, helping to keep spending within local communities and drive footfall into town centres across the county. Together, these initiatives continue to promote the value of shopping locally and supporting indigenous businesses.



Launch of Look for Local and Peak Workshop

Other Strategic Enterprise Activities of LEO Louth:

- Louth LEO plays a significant role in shaping and supporting the wider enterprise ecosystem across Co. Louth. This includes the delivery of key national programmes such as the **National Enterprise Awards**, **Showcase Ireland**, **Local Enterprise Week**, the **Student Enterprise Programme** and **National Women's Enterprise Day**, all of which provide valuable opportunities for business development, networking and enterprise promotion.



Local Enterprise Award Winners



National Enterprise Awards – Mansion House



County Final – Student Enterprise Awards

- LEO Louth actively contributes to a number of regional and local strategic forums, including the **Northeast Regional Enterprise Plan**, **Louth Economic Forum**, **M1 Economic Corridor Initiative** and the **Northeast Regional Skills Forum**, ensuring that the needs and priorities of local businesses are represented in regional economic development and skills planning.
- Strong collaborative relationships continue to be maintained with both the **Dundalk Chamber of Commerce** and **Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce**, enabling the delivery of business-focused events, training programmes, networking initiatives and advocacy activities that support enterprise growth across the county. These partnerships are particularly important in strengthening engagement with the business community and identifying emerging opportunities and challenges facing local enterprises.



Drogheda Chambers event sponsored by LEO



Dundalk Chambers & Louth LEO at launch of Louth Business Awards

- The Local Enterprise Office also works closely with several key enterprise support organisations and initiatives including the New Frontiers Programme, DkIT and RDC.
- Board-level input and strategic guidance to organisations such as **The Mill Enterprise Hub**, **NEST Ardee Business Park**, **Oriel Hub**, **Creative Spark**, and the **Dundalk BIDs and Drogheda BIDs** (Business Improvement District).



Business Beyond Border Event – The Mill



Business 2 Consumer Expo – Dundalk Chambers

- LEO Louth also supports entrepreneurship and enterprise awareness at community level through its partnership with **Junior Achievement Ireland (JAI)**. During the 2025/2026 academic year, **13** Louth County Council staff volunteers participated in 16 volunteering experiences, reaching 383 students

through programmes focused on entrepreneurship, employability, financial literacy and personal development. A Volunteer Recognition Event was held in September 2026 to acknowledge the contribution of participants and encourage further engagement with the programme.



JAI Recognition Event

Through these wide variety of partnerships, LEO Louth helps foster entrepreneurship, innovation, skills development and sustainable economic growth throughout the region.

Tourism Development

During 2026, the Team led the development and launch of the County's first dedicated tourism strategy, the **Louth Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2026-2031** was launched by Minister Peter Burke. This strategy establishes a long-term roadmap for sustainable tourism growth and identified transformational opportunities associated with Brigid's Way, the Táin Trail, Carlingford Lough, Narrow Water Bridge, Millmount Museum, Ardee Castle, food tourism, coastal tourism, heritage-led regeneration and the expansion of the Night-Time Economy Programme. The launch included an expert led panel discussion, featuring Cassie Stokes, Mark Davies, Mark McGowan and Paul Keely with local produce, producers and food experiences playing a key role.



Louth Tourism Strategy



Launch of the Louth Tourism Strategy, Paula Butterly, TD, Minister Peter Burke, Rebecca Mead, Food Business Development Officer

Tourism Innovation

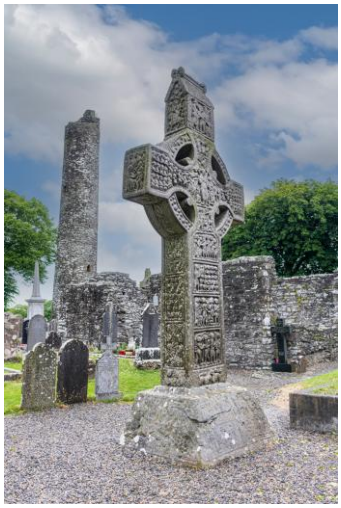
- **Brigid's Way**
  During the year, specialist consultants were appointed to assess route options and recommendations for the development of Brigid's Way. This is a cross-county co-operative project led by Louth with Meath and Kildare County Councils and Fáilte Ireland



Brigid's Shine, Faughart

- **Reimagined Boyne Valley Drive**

  Plans were advanced for the Reimagined Boyne Valley Drive, including completing the Part VIII plan in both Louth and Meath for new tourism signage, visitor orientation points, interpretation infrastructure, enhanced walking routes and visitor amenities to improve the overall visitor experience



Monasterboice

- **Reimagined Táin Trail**

  Louth are leading and working collaboratively with Roscommon, Longford, Westmeath, Meath County Councils and Fáilte Ireland on the Táin Trail project. The project aims to raise the profile and establish a trail of events based on one of Ireland's most famous mythological stories. A dedicated Táin Trail Officer has been appointed and shared between the participating Local Authorities to develop the project over the next three years

Legendary Branding

- **Visit Louth Brand**

  The Tourism unit continues to grow the Visit Louth destination brand and digital visitor platform, promoting attractions, accommodation, experiences, festivals and events. Ongoing marketing activity increased awareness of County Louth as a visitor destination across domestic and regional markets

- **Consumer Marketing Campaigns**

  County Louth as a destination was promoted at the Holiday World Dublin, Holiday World Belfast and the Balmoral Show, engaging directly with prospective visitors and generating over 1,500 consumer competition entries. The County was also represented at Fáilte Ireland's Meithal Event in Killarney, Co Kerry.



Promoting County Louth at the Balmoral Show

- **Promoted County Louth Globally**

  In collaboration with Boyne Valley and Boyne Valley Flavours County Louth and the was showcased at international tourism trade events and sales missions in Milan, Paris, Madrid, Oslo, Toronto, New York and Milwaukee. These engagements helped strengthen relationships with international tour operators, travel agents and tourism buyers.



Representing Louth and Home of Halloween at the Milwaukee Irish fest

- Appointment of new Tourism PR company in addition to new photography and video assets being developed and delivered during the year.

Tourism Enterprise

- **Supported Tourism Businesses Through Boyne Valley Tourism**
  Facilitated tourism business networking, industry engagement events and participation in international promotional programmes to strengthen the tourism sector and improve market access
- **Festival Funding Supports**
  Delivered the Festival Grant Initiative and Regional Festivals & Participative Events Programme, supporting 64 festivals and events to animate towns and villages across the county. The programme helps drive visitor numbers, extend visitor stays and generate significant economic benefits for local communities. The initiative continues to grow with an increase of 15% from 2025.
- **Boyne Valley Camino**
  Supported the official installation and unveiling of the Galician Mouteira on the Boyne Valley Camino at Scotch Hall. The installation and unveiling of the Mouteira recognises years of work by the Boyne Valley Camino Group in establishing the Boyne Camino. The event brought together guests from Spain,

elected representatives, tourism and cultural organisations, diplomatic representatives and community groups.



Unveiling of the Galician Mouteira in Drogheda

Development Area: Food & Drinks Tourism

- **Boyne Valley Flavours Activity**
  Delivered a programme of food tourism initiatives including producer development, mentoring, marketing campaigns and networking opportunities.
- **Regional Producer Showcase**
  Supported the Food Development Officer with the inaugural Regional Food & Drinks Producer Showcase at Emerald Park, bringing together 60 producers and more than 80 buyers.
- **Emerging Food Businesses**
  Supported the Food Development Officer with the *Food Business Beginnings* workshop at Ardee Food Hub during Local Enterprise Week.
- **Centre of Food Culture Ireland**
  Supported the Centre of Food Culture who facilitated international academic engagement, launched Meet the Maker events and farm walks in County Louth
- **Boyne Valley Bites Programme**
  Continued the development of Boyne Valley Bites, a programme aimed at increasing the use of local produce within the hospitality sector.
- **Boyne Valley Dining Week**
  Supported the Food Development delivered the first Boyne Valley Dining Week, involving 42 hospitality businesses across Louth and Meath. The initiative showcased regional food experiences while strengthening links between producers, chefs and hospitality operators.



Promoting Boyne Valley Dining Week at The Square Restaurant, Dundalk.

- **A Taste of Frostival**
  Developed in partnership with Dundalk BIDS a local food producer market to showcase the Boyne Valley Flavours and local artisan producers. A cookery demonstration with Irish Mammy Cooks, highlighting sea louth produce and local ingredients was also organised as part of the food market.

Strategic Collaboration

- **Cross-Border Tourism Collaboration**
  Supported the Cross Border Tourism Conference in Carlingford which brought together public agencies, businesses and tourism stakeholders from across the island.

  Progressing to tender the Carlingford Lough Shared Island project with Newry Mourne and Down District Council.

- **Strategic Leadership**
  Louth County Council was represented at the annual LGMA Tourism Conference with the Drogheda Night-Time Economy Advisor participating in a panel discussion on the *Tourism Impact of Festivals and the Night-Time Economy*.



Panel discussion at the annual LGMA Tourism Conference

Blackrock Entente Florale

Worked with the Blackrock community and Louth County Council Community Section to deliver under the Tourism and Leisure criteria. The Tourism Section provided information on Blackrock's recreational offerings, festivals and events, destination marketing initiatives, and its strategic role within the Louth Tourism Strategy. A dedicated tourism stand was presented on the day, promoting Blackrock as a vibrant and attractive traditional seaside destination.



Presenting Blackrock Tourism to the Entente Florale Judges

Development Area: Events and Festivals

- **Brigid Festival 2026**
  Visit Louth compiled a guide for all events and supported the local community groups in celebrating Brigid and Faughart as her birthplace. Promotion for the weekend included radio broadcast and national press and media coverage.



Brigid's Weekend, Dundalk

St Patricks Day

- Supported the St Patrick's Day Parades in each municipal districts – Dundalk, Ardee and Drogheda with Dundalk parade featured on RTÉ News. A delegation from the council also travelled to Toronto and New York to meet representatives from IDA, Enterprise Ireland and Tourism Ireland promoting County Louth abroad

- **Lú Festival of Light**

  Sponsored and supported the delivery of the Lú Festival of Light in partnership with Love Drogheda through funding administration, operations, marketing and extended programming including music, craft and cabaret. The festival has become County Louth's flagship Halloween event and a major tourism attraction. Leveraged Visit Louth, and digital media partnerships to maximise festival visibility. Promotional activity reached audiences of more than 769,000 people, while a festival highlight reel generated over 40,000 views online.

- Delivered the Lú Festival Cottage Market in the Dominican Church, providing valuable trading opportunities for local producers, artisans, crafters and creative businesses



Lú Festival of Lights and the Cottage Market

Planning

Overview

The Planning Section comprises of three core units - development management, forward planning and the planning compliance & active land management unit. Each section continues to experience increased activity due in part to new work streams. Louth planning authority is also a designated coastal planning authority under the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021.

Development Management

The national e-planning portal went live in Louth in December 2022. There has been a significant increase in the volume of electronic applications received online with 735 applications this year (up to 29th October 2026) representing 85% of applications, an increase of 4% on the same period last year.

The number of planning applications received between 1st January 2026 and 29th October 2026 is 862, which is a decrease of 0.35% to the same period last year. The following is the number of applications received each year from 2019 - 2025 *(2026 covers the period from **1st January to 29th October** only)*:

Planning Applications Received

Year	Number of Applications	Extension of Duration (EODs) Applications	Total Applications Less EODs.
2026 (01/01/2026 – 29/10/2026)	862	38	824
2025	1032	22	1010
2024	1061	17	1044
2023	1044	24	1020
2022	1030	29	1001
2021	1549	39	1510
2020	914	19	895

Pre-Planning

Section 247 Pre-Planning Consultations provide prospective applicants with the opportunity to discuss proposals with the Planning Authority and seek advice as to what planning considerations apply to their proposed development and how best to address any concerns that may be raised. This service, which is provided free of charge, can make the difference between a successful grant of permission, request

for further information or a refusal. In many cases, issues which would normally result in a request for further information can be addressed at pre-planning stage and lead to an earlier positive outcome. The number of pre-planning applications received from 1st January 2026 to 29th October 2026 was 198 representing c.23% of total applications this year.

Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD's)

A Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) is a development of 100 housing units or more, or student accommodation developments comprising 200 bed spaces or more, or a combination of same. The LRD process has replaced the Strategic Housing Development (SHD) process.
The legislative basis for Large Scale Residential Developments is provided for in the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large Scale Residential Development) Act 2021. There were 3 LRD proposals made this year up to 29th October, ranging from pre-planning to application stage.

Forward Planning

Variation 4 to the County Development Plan

In order to ensure the alignment of the County Development Plan with the National Planning Framework First Revision and the associated NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines, a Variation to the County Development Plan was published in July 2026. This Variation updated the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan to take account of the additional housing growth allocated to Louth in these Guidelines. As part of this Variation an additional c.145 hectares of land are proposed to be zoned for residential use.

County Development Plan Review

The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2026 partially commenced in 2026. This legislation introduced an amendment to the Planning and Development Act 2024 providing for the extension of Development Plans. The legislation enables the Louth County Development Plan to be extended up to 28th February 2030. At the time of writing the Forward Planning Team were preparing a report that will be brought to members in late 2026/early 2027 with regard to the extension of the Development Plan.

As a result of the introduction of this legislation the County Development Plan Review for the 2027-2033 Plan ceased. In 2027 work will commence on a 10-Year Development Plan (2030-2040) under the legislative provisions of Part 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended).

Miscellaneous

A number of submissions were made by Forward Planning, on behalf of the Council, to various public consultations including the Issues Paper to the Strategic Issues Paper for the Pre-Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region and the Draft Planning and Design Standards for Apartments.

Planning Compliance and Active Land Management Unit

The Planning Compliance and Active Land Management Unit continue to actively implement the provisions of Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). It investigates representations made to the planning authority in respect that unauthorised development may have been, is being or may be carried out. Enforcement proceedings are subsequently initiated if and as appropriate.

The statistics below pertain to the period from the 1st January 2026 to the 29th October 2026.

Description	Enforcement in relation to Unauthorised Development
Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	197
Number of cases closed/resolved through negotiation	178
Number of Warning letters issued	189
Number of Enforcement Notices issued	19
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	4

Dangerous Structures/Places

Under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964, the authority investigates reports of dangerous structures and dangerous places. The total number of cases opened in the year to date is 32. Where appropriate, Dangerous Structure Notices

have been served on owners of dangerous structures / places specifying works to be carried out to ensure the said structures or places do not pose a risk to any person.

Derelict Sites

Reports of derelict sites are investigated under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Where appropriate, Notices have been served on the owner/occupier of derelict sites specifying works to be carried out to prevent or stop dereliction. In some instances, cases have been resolved through negotiation with owners and occupiers. Where cases have not been resolved, sites have been placed on the Derelict Sites Register. There were 79 sites on the Derelict Sites Register at the end of September 2026, an increase of 10 on the total number at the end of 2025. It should be noted that some structures were removed from the register during that period as they were no longer considered derelict.

Taking in Charge

"Taking in charge" (TIC) means that the authority assumes liability and responsibility for the roads, footpaths and public areas associated with the housing development. When a residential development is completed in accordance with all the conditions and particulars of the planning permission, the developer or the majority of homeowners, may make a written request to the authority to have the estate taken in charge. There are approximately 100 Taking in Charge applications under consideration by Louth County Council, under the following categories:

- Developer-led housing developments where a bond is held by Louth County Council, with the objective of bringing it to standard in advance of repayment of the bond. The TIC unit is actively working with 26 developers to ensure their work programmes meet TIC standards.
- Unfinished developments with no developer but with a bond held by LCC. TIC is leading on the project delivery of these developments, current total of 4.
- Unfinished developments where there has been an application or plebiscite to Take-in- Charge, but where there is no bond (currently 52 developments). Many of these estates are unfunded and require a budget in order to be completed. These developments have been ranked in order of priority to comply with both legislation and the OPR’s recommendation.

In 2026, 3 estates have been taken in charge and 21 new taking in charge applications have been received.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

The Residential Zoned Land Tax is a tax that seeks to activate zoned and serviced land for residential purposes. As part of the process of identifying lands subject to the tax, draft maps were prepared for each settlement in the County in 2024, 2025 and 2026. The draft Annual Map for 2027 went on public display early this year and submissions were invited up to 1st of April 2026. The final annual map is to be published by the 31st of January 2027. The RZLT is administered by the Revenue Commissioners.

Heritage Office

The Heritage Office works in partnership with all sections of the Council, national government and agencies, elected members, private owners and community groups in relation to all aspects of heritage (though the Biodiversity Officer, appointed in 2023, now leads on natural heritage projects).

The Heritage Officer position is supported both financially and professionally by the Heritage Council, which also provides several funding schemes for Councils, as well as for community groups and other organisations.

Departmental Funding Offers

The Community Monuments Fund 2026 provided a grant for conservation work on one project (€100,000 for Hatch's Castle), Ardee, though three other conservation projects from 2025 continued into 2026.

The Irish Walled Towns Network, a programme of the Heritage Council, held its 2026 AGM in Drogheda in February.

Challenges and Priorities for 2027

Planning and Development Act 2024

The single most significant challenge facing the Directorate during 2027 will be the ongoing implementation of the Planning and Development Act 2024, the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2026 and associated Regulations.
This legislative transformation will require:

- New planning procedures
- Revised work practices

- Staff training
- New public engagement processes
- New validation and compliance systems
- Adaptation of existing ICT platforms and procedures

The transition will impact all areas of planning service delivery and represent the most significant reform of planning legislation in a generation.

Preparation of the New County Development Plan

A major priority for 2027 will be progressing the preparation of the new ten-year County Development Plan under the revised legislative framework. This work will include:

- Population and employment growth planning
- Climate adaptation requirements
- Settlement strategies
- Housing land requirements
- Infrastructure investment priorities
- Economic development policies
- Biodiversity and environmental considerations

The Plan will provide the strategic framework that will guide development across County Louth to 2040.

Land Activation

Vacancy and under-utilisation of town centre property remains a challenge throughout the county. The Directorate will continue to prioritise:

- Town Centre First implementation
- Vacancy activation measures
- Derelict site interventions to assist Compulsory Purchase initiatives where appropriate
  with a focus on bringing underutilised properties back into productive use

Economic Competitiveness

Global economic uncertainty, labour market constraints, rising business costs and competitiveness continue to present challenges for local businesses. Key priorities for 2027 will include:

- Supporting indigenous enterprise growth

- Encouraging innovation and digital transformation
- Supporting sustainability and energy efficiency measures
- Attracting inward investment
- Developing key industry clusters
- Strengthening strategic cross-border collaboration
- Promoting County Louth as a location for investment and employment growth through the LEO, Economic Development Unit and strategic partnerships.

Tourism Growth

While tourism performance continues to strengthen, the challenge now is to move from strategy development to project delivery. The Directorate will focus on:

- Implementing the Louth Tourism Strategy
- Delivering tourism infrastructure projects
- Expanding destination marketing
- Developing experiential tourism products
- Supporting festivals and events
- Enhancing the county's food tourism offering
- Strengthening links with Fáilte Ireland investment programmes

Conclusion

The Economic Delivery Directorate has continued to make a significant contribution to the growth and development of County Louth throughout 2026. Strong progress has been achieved across economic development, enterprise support, tourism, planning, and land activation.

Looking ahead to 2027, the Directorate will continue to focus on delivering sustainable growth, supporting economic development, implementing major legislative reforms, securing investment, and ensuring that County Louth is well positioned to capitalise on its strategic location within the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor and its role as one of Ireland's fastest growing counties.

Thomas McEvoy

Director of Service

OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT DELIVERY DIRECTORATE REPORT

The Operations & Environment Delivery Directorate provides frontline and regulatory services across the county. Its remit includes roads and local services, public realm operations, environmental regulation and enforcement, climate action and biodiversity, sustainable energy, facilities and fleet, animal control, fire and rescue, major emergency management, building control and Civil Defence.

Looking forward to 2027 this department will aim to maintain dependable frontline services while strengthening climate resilience, regulatory compliance, emergency preparedness, asset management and the transition to lower-carbon Council operations. Delivery will remain closely linked to central government allocations, grant programmes and the availability of appropriate technical and operational capacity.

OPERATIONS

Roads & Local Services: 2026 Delivery

Operations teams delivered a substantial countywide programme during 2026, combining planned road works with routine maintenance, public-realm services and rapid response to severe weather. The work programme covered Dundalk and North Louth, Mid Louth and Ardee, Drogheda and South Louth, supported by countywide engineering, roads, parks, event and harbour functions.

- National roads grant allocations of €15 million and regional and local road allocations of €10.81 million supported the 2026 programme
- Road resurfacing and surface-dressing programmes progressed across the county, including Hill Street Bridge and Anne Street in Dundalk, Beamore Road, Crosslanes and Thomas Street in Drogheda, and schemes throughout Cooley, Mid Louth, Ardee and South Louth
- Community Involvement Scheme funding of €286,550 and Local Improvement Scheme funding of €372,890 supported works on local roads and lanes
- Footpath and accessibility works included dropped kerbs, tactile paving, crossings, bus-stop works and the removal of trip hazards in urban and village locations
- Routine services continued, including pothole repairs, drainage and gully cleaning, road sweeping, litter collection, maintenance of bins, signs, bollards, traffic lights, playgrounds, parks and ring buoys

- Operations teams supported licensed events, community clean-ups, beach and harbour services and seasonal demands across the three municipal areas.



Road and footpath Works were undertaken at Hill Street Bridge, Dundalk



Bridge Rehabilitation at Fords Bridge, Killin, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Severe Weather, Flooding and Coastal Resilience

Storm Chandra and subsequent high-tide and rainfall events required a sustained operational response during early 2026. Teams deployed sandbags, pumps and tankers, cleared gullies and open drains, removed fallen trees and debris, introduced temporary traffic management and completed emergency repairs.

Storm-related coastal damage included erosion affecting the Omeath–Carlingford Greenway and damage along exposed coastal roads. Temporary measures were

installed to restore access while design and assessment work progressed. Coastal protection and drainage interventions also advanced at locations including Salterstown, Ballagan, Whitestown, Gyles Quay and the Cooley peninsula.





Storm damage at Salterstown and cleaning up in Port

Road Safety

Louth County Council continued to advance its road safety objectives through the implementation of the County Louth Phase 2 Road Safety Action Plan, supporting the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030.

Working in partnership with An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and local stakeholders, the Council delivered a range of road safety awareness and education initiatives throughout the year. Emphasis was placed on engaging with young road users through two large-scale Transition Year Road Safety events held in Dundalk and Drogheda, attended by approximately 850 students. These events helped to promote responsible road user behaviour and increase awareness of the consequences of unsafe road use.



'Just 1 Life' Road Safety Awareness Event

Key Priorities and Challenges for Operations in 2027

- Maximise the road restoration, maintenance and bridge rehabilitation programme within available Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland allocations
- Strengthen drainage maintenance, flood-response readiness and climate-resilience interventions, informed by the experience of severe weather during 2026
- Progress the next phase of speed-limit implementation and associated signage, road-safety and traffic-management measures
- Maintain the countywide public-realm service, including street cleaning, litter collection, public bins, parks, playgrounds, traffic signals, signage, car parks and public lighting
- Progress Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project activity and further LED conversion, subject to the regional programme and available funding
- Improve asset data, inspection regimes and work planning for roads, drainage, coastal infrastructure, piers, harbours and public-realm assets
- Retain capacity for emergency response while managing increased materials, plant, energy and contractor costs

ENVIRONMENT

Waste and Litter Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers and Litter Wardens maintained an active programme of complaint investigation, inspections, fixed-payment notices, prosecutions, multi-agency engagement and targeted clean-ups. By September 2026, 249 waste complaints had been received year to date, 249 investigations had been completed under waste legislation, and 191 fixed-payment notices had been issued under the Litter Pollution Act.

Illegal dumping continued to create operational and financial pressures. Diesel-laundering waste remained a recurring issue, with 68 intermediate bulk containers recovered by the end of September. The Council continued to work with relevant agencies and to pursue available recoupment arrangements.

The 2026 Anti-Dumping Initiative supported targeted interventions. Three mattress and sofa amnesty events collected 2,410 mattresses and 2,351 couches at locations in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee. CCTV, enforcement, community clean-ups and focused foot patrols supplemented routine investigation work.

Environmental Regulation and Water Quality

The Environmental Regulation team implemented the 2026 Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections plan. Work included water, air and noise complaint investigation, farm inspections, discharge-licence monitoring, landfill aftercare, septic-tank functions, planning reports, rural-water grants, bathing-water monitoring and small-stream investigative surveys.

- Monthly and quarterly monitoring continued at the closed landfills in Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver, including groundwater, surface water, leachate, perimeter gas and gas-balancing activity
- Bathing-water monitoring was completed across the designated bathing waters. Port, Templetown and Clogherhead retained Blue Flag status, with Seapoint awarded a Green Coast Award
- The Council continued to administer Individual Domestic Water Supplies and Domestic Lead Remediation grant functions
- Environmental assessments supported agricultural, commercial and one-off dwelling planning applications and Section 4 discharge-licence compliance

Key Priorities and Challenges for Environment in 2027

- Deliver the annual RMCEI programme and respond to evolving national inspection priorities across waste, water, air, noise, farm, producer-responsibility and landfill functions
- Maintain effective litter and waste enforcement, including targeted use of intelligence, CCTV, fixed-payment notices, prosecutions and multi-agency operations
- Continue closed-landfill aftercare and progress longer-term options for safe and beneficial use, subject to EPA requirements and funding
- Protect bathing-water quality and maintain robust sampling, incident response and public information arrangements
- Provide for the uncertain and potentially significant cost of diesel-laundering waste and other unauthorised waste incidents
- Sustain rural-water grant administration and environmental input to planning and development management

CLIMATE ACTION & BIODIVERSITY

Climate Action Delivery in 2026

Implementation and monitoring of the Louth Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 continued during 2026. The Climate Action Team supported cross-directorate delivery through the internal Green Team and reported progress to elected members. The team also contributed to the national working group preparing guidance for the next generation of local authority climate action plans.

The EU-funded CLIMAAX project completed its phase-two climate risk assessment, which was approved by the funder and project board. This evidence base will support the prioritisation of future adaptation actions.

The PEACEPLUS Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation Planning project moved into delivery. A project officer commenced, saltmarsh monitoring equipment was installed in Dundalk Bay and site-selection surveys progressed for further monitoring and habitat assessment. The Ramparts River regeneration project also advanced through design review and environmental screening.

Community Climate Action

Phase 1 of the Community Climate Action Fund completed in 2026, with Phase 2 allocating €604,000 to 17 community groups, with projects moving into delivery during 2027. Climate Action Week, the Local Environmental Action Fund and the Community Climate Innovation Programme broadened public and community participation in practical climate action.

Sustainable Energy Communities continued to be supported through Energy Master Plans, with Dromiskin progressing stakeholder engagement and the tender process commencing for Blackrock.



Community Climate Action programme

Biodiversity

Preparation of the Louth Biodiversity Action Plan progressed during 2026. Seven projects received support under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund, including practical conservation, survey, education and community initiatives. The Hare's Corner programme generated strong demand and supported large-scale planting and nature actions across private, school, farm and community lands.

Council-supported biodiversity activity included the Baltray Little Tern Conservancy Project, pollinator initiatives, National Biodiversity Week events, nature-focused community engagement and the Faith Communities Return to Nature programme.

Key Priorities and Challenges for Climate and Biodiversity in 2027

- Continue implementation and monitoring of the Climate Action Plan, with clear ownership of actions across all directorates
- Translate the CLIMAAX climate-risk evidence into prioritised, fundable adaptation projects and service-level resilience measures
- Progress CMAP coastal monitoring, habitat assessment and partnership actions under PEACEPLUS
- Complete and commence implementation of the Louth Biodiversity Action Plan, subject to the relevant statutory and funding processes
- Support the delivery, governance and financial administration of funded community climate and biodiversity projects
- Build a pipeline of projects capable of securing national and European climate, biodiversity and adaptation funding, including appropriate match funding

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY, FACILITIES & FLEET

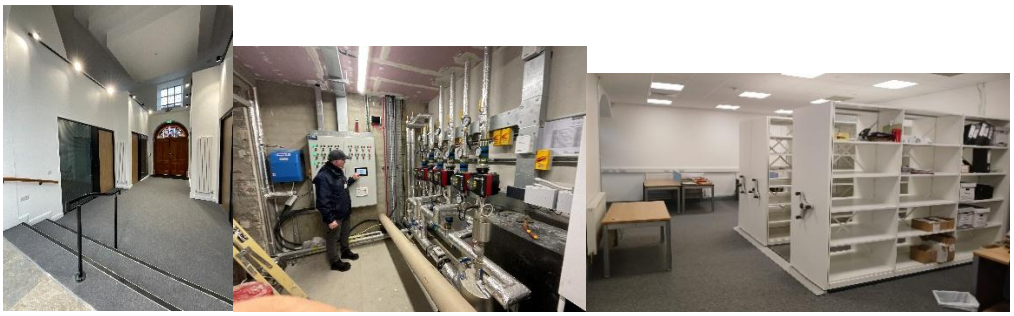
Energy Performance and Decarbonisation

The Council continued to strengthen its energy-management systems in 2026. The SEAI annual report, based on 2024 data, recorded a 52% improvement in energy performance from baseline and a 36% reduction in carbon emissions. The ISO 50001 Energy Management System underwent a four-day audit in September, supported by a detailed review of documentation, processes and performance data.

The Distributed Solar Farm programme expanded solar photovoltaic capacity across the Council estate. By May 2026, installed capacity under the programme had reached 563.7 kWp. Energy upgrades and behaviour-change initiatives also continued through the Optimising Power @ Work programme and work with the Mid-East Energy Unit.

Facilities and Corporate Estate

Facilities projects progressed across the Council estate. The Dundalk athletics track reached practical completion, providing a new eight-lane 400-metre track and associated field-event facilities. The North Louth Operations Base upgrade secured Part 8 approval, and a construction contract was awarded, with works scheduled to commence in October 2026. Works also progressed at Fair Street, Millmount, Council offices and other operational buildings.



Improvement Works at Civic Office at Drogheda were completed in Q1 2026

Fleet

The transition to a more centralised and lower-carbon fleet continued. Electric-vehicle charging capacity was expanded across the county. The Fleet Section has also continued to expand the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as an alternative fuel. To date, more than 35 vehicles have been transitioned to HVO, helping to reduce the fleet's carbon footprint while maintaining operational requirements. We intend to further increase HVO usage as fuel availability and infrastructure continue to improve. Fleet planning will continue to balance decarbonisation, operational suitability, whole-life cost, charging infrastructure and service resilience.

Key Priorities and Challenges for Energy, Facilities and Fleet in 2027

- Maintain ISO 50001 certification and embed stronger energy-performance monitoring across Significant Energy Users
- Complete outstanding solar PV and optimise the output of installed renewable-energy assets
- Progress energy upgrades at priority buildings through the Mid-East Energy Unit and other suitable procurement and funding routes
- Advance the North Louth Operations Base project and planned maintenance of the wider corporate estate

- Continue phased fleet renewal and electrification where operationally and financially appropriate, supported by charging infrastructure and consistent fleet governance
- Manage the ongoing pressures arising from construction inflation, specialist-contractor availability, utility connections and the need for local match funding

ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE

The Animal Control and Welfare service continued to manage dog licensing and enforcement, dog-pound operations, control of horses and registration of dog-breeding establishments. The three dog wardens maintained a significant programme of house calls, Section 16 notices and fixed-payment notices during 2026, while rehoming activity continued through direct placement and welfare organisations.

Key Priorities and Challenges for 2027

- Maintain dog-licensing enforcement, public response and responsible-dog-ownership activity under the Control of Dogs legislation
- Provide safe, compliant and welfare-focused pound services, including required remedial and maintenance works
- Sustain arrangements for control of horses and inspection of registered dog-breeding establishments
- Manage the operational impact of restricted breeds and any further national policy or legislative change

EMERGENCY SERVICES & BUILDING CONTROL

Fire and Rescue Service

Fire and Rescue Service recruitment, training, fleet renewal and capital planning advanced during 2026. New full-time and retained recruits completed core training, while operational personnel undertook breathing-apparatus, compartment-fire-behaviour, pump, driving, medical and officer-development courses. Familiarisation was completed for two new Scania fire appliances serving Dundalk and Drogheda.

The Dundalk Regional Training Centre progressed through Stage 2 design and the statutory Part 8 process. The project includes new training facilities, improved access and the refurbishment of the breathing-apparatus training house. Capital funding was also approved for replacement water tankers for Dundalk and Ardee. A new turntable

ladder for Drogheda, funded through the NDFEM capital programme, neared completion during 2026.

Fire-safety certification, inspections, pre-incident planning and community fire-safety programmes continued throughout the year. The service maintained ISO 45001 health-and-safety accreditation arrangements and ongoing engagement with the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.

Major Emergency Management, Building Control and Civil Defence

Major Emergency Management activity included regional multi-agency training, community-support-centre generator arrangements and ongoing emergency planning. Building Control continued to process commencement notices and disability access certificates, undertake site and market-surveillance work and participate in regional and national professional networks.

Civil Defence maintained weekly training, medical and search capability, drone and flood-response support, public-event cover and Community First Responder activation with the National Ambulance Service. Volunteer recruitment and instructor development continued during 2026.

Key Priorities and Challenges for Emergency Services in 2027

- Continue recruitment and retention across retained and full-time fire-service arrangements and provide the necessary training, protective clothing and equipment
- Progress the Dundalk Regional Training Centre and associated NDFEM approval, planning, procurement and delivery stages
- Bring the new Drogheda turntable ladder and replacement water tankers into service and maintain a planned approach to fleet and equipment renewal
- Sustain fire-prevention, community fire-safety and building-control functions
- Maintain compliance with ISO 45001 and support continued improvement in operational safety and preparedness
- Strengthen Major Emergency Management and Civil Defence capability, including severe-weather response, volunteer development, medical support, search, drone and flood operations

DIRECTORATE-WIDE OUTLOOK FOR 2027

The 2027 programme will require the Directorate to balance high-volume frontline delivery with increasing statutory, regulatory and climate-related demands. Roads, drainage, public realm, environmental enforcement, emergency services and facilities management are all exposed to rising labour, plant, materials, energy and contractor costs. At the same time, the Council must continue to invest in resilience, decarbonisation and modernisation.

Many elements of the work programme will depend on national and European funding, departmental allocations and the availability of local match funding. The Directorate will therefore continue to maintain a strong pipeline of deliverable projects, prioritise expenditure against risk and service need, and maximise external funding while ensuring robust governance, procurement, financial control and service delivery.

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HR, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY DELIVERY DIRECTORATE REPORT

Corporate Function

The Corporate Function provides the governance, democratic, customer service, communications and corporate support framework necessary for the effective operation of the Council. The Directorate is responsible for Democratic Services, Customer Services, Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Information Governance, Electoral Administration, Corporate Estate Management, Corporate Communications and Irish Language initiatives.

Governance, FOI and Information Compliance

The Directorate continues to support the Council in fulfilling its statutory governance, transparency and compliance obligations. This includes the administration of Council and committee meetings, management of Freedom of Information and Access to Information on the Environment requests, oversight of Data Protection requirements and the continued development of information governance practices.

Key Activity 2026

- **190** Freedom of Information requests processed
- **17** Access to Information on the Environment requests processed
- **16** Subject Access Requests managed
- **25** Data Protection incidents assessed and managed

Civic and Democratic Functions

The Directorate provides governance and administrative support to the County Council, Municipal Districts, Corporate Policy Group and Audit Committee. Civic, ceremonial and representational functions were also coordinated in support of the democratic process and the wider role of the Council within the community.

Key Activity 2026

- **18** County Council meetings supported
- **38** Municipal District meetings supported
- **11** Corporate Policy Group meetings supported
- **5** Audit Committee meetings supported
- **3** Civic and ceremonial events coordinated

Electoral Register

A significant milestone during 2026 was the successful migration of the Register of Electors to the national **Voter.ie** platform. The Directorate also continues to support voter registration and democratic participation through ongoing public awareness and engagement initiatives. The statistics below are a combination of figures from iReg, which was used from 1st January to 17th August 2026, and Voter.ie, which was introduced on 18th August 2026. The data therefore reflects activity recorded across both systems during the year.

Key Activity 2026

- **99,919** registered electors (dated 22.10.26)
- **1,096** Additions
- **4,089** Modifications
- **1,641** Deactivations and deletions
- **76** Pending Electors

Irish Language

The Council continues its commitment to supporting and promoting the Irish language through the administration of the annual Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme.

Key Activity 2026

- **15** scholarships awarded
- **€4,500** allocated in scholarship funding
- **307** eligible applications received

Customer Services and Digital Transformation

Customer Services continues to provide an accessible and responsive interface between the Council and the public across a range of communication channels. The Directorate also advanced a number of digital transformation initiatives, including the ongoing implementation of the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Programme, aimed at enhancing customer experience, service accessibility and operational efficiency.

Key Activity 2026 (Q1-Q3)

- **73,135** telephone calls managed
- **10,525** emails processed
- **69,717** public counter enquiries facilitated
- **64%** of customer enquiries resolved at first point of contact
- Average call answer time of **14 seconds**
- **24,957** recorded CRM cases

Corporate Estate

The Corporate Estate Team continues to manage the Council's property portfolio, ensuring the effective stewardship, utilisation and development of corporate assets. This includes the administration of leases and licences, progression of property transactions and the provision of property-related support services across the organisation.

Key Activity 2026

- **89** leases and licences managed
- **11** new leases and licences completed or renewed
- **38** property acquisitions and disposals progressed
- **79** land ownership and boundary matters addressed

Communications and Public Engagement

The Communications Team supports the Council's strategic objectives through media relations, public information, stakeholder engagement and digital communications. During 2026, the function was further strengthened through the appointment of an Assistant Communications Officer and a Digital Communications Officer, enhancing the Council's capacity to support corporate communications, public engagement and service promotion across all Directorates.

The Team continues to coordinate media relations, public information campaigns, stakeholder engagement initiatives and digital communications, supporting increased awareness of Council services, projects, consultations and community initiatives. A new media buying framework was approved during the year and a cross-directorate Communications Working Group was established to support a more coordinated and strategic approach to communications across the organisation.

Key Activity 2026

- **188** press releases issued
- **360** media enquiries managed
- **114** interview requests coordinated
- Social media audience of over **31,000** followers and subscribers across Council platforms
- Ongoing support provided for public consultations, information campaigns, events and community engagement initiatives

Priorities for 2027

The principal priorities for 2027 include:

- Continued enhancement of customer service delivery and digital transformation initiatives
- Further strengthening of Information Governance, Freedom of Information and Data Protection frameworks
- Ongoing support for electoral registration and franchise management functions
- Effective management and optimisation of the Council's property portfolio
- Strengthening of corporate communications and public engagement activities
- Continued investment in systems and processes that support organisational effectiveness, service integration and customer-focused service delivery

Provision has been made within the 2027 Budget to support the continued delivery of governance, democratic, customer service, communications, electoral, compliance and corporate estate functions. The allocation will support the Council's commitment to maintaining high standards of governance, enhancing customer experience, advancing digital transformation and ensuring the efficient management of corporate resources in support of service delivery across the county.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Council remains a significant employer within the County and currently employs approximately 870 staff across a wide range of professional, technical, administrative and outdoor roles. The Human Resources Section continues to deliver a broad range of services including recruitment, employee relations, learning and development, attendance management, health and wellbeing, industrial relations, payroll liaison and superannuation administration. National pay agreements and associated salary adjustments are reflected in the pay provisions included within the proposed budget.

Recruitment activity continued at a significant pace during 2026, reflecting both organisational growth and the need to maintain service delivery across all Directorates. Despite continuing challenges in attracting suitably qualified candidates in certain specialist areas, the Council has continued to fill critical vacancies and support the delivery of key services to the public.

The Training and Development Section remained active throughout the year, delivering a range of mandatory, professional and developmental learning programmes. Particular emphasis has been placed on management and leadership development, health and safety training, and ensuring that staff have the skills required to respond to the evolving demands on local government services.

The Council's Staff Wellbeing Programme continued to expand during 2026, with ongoing investment in initiatives aimed at supporting employee health, wellbeing and engagement. These initiatives play an important role in fostering a positive workplace culture and supporting employee attendance, resilience and performance.

The Council also devoted significant resources during 2026 to managing industrial relations issues and supporting service continuity during periods of industrial action. Constructive engagement with trade unions and employees remained a priority, ensuring that essential services continued to be provided while maintaining positive employee relations.

Priorities for 2027

During 2027, the Human Resources Section will continue to focus on workforce planning, recruitment, talent development, employee wellbeing and organisational effectiveness to ensure that the Council is well positioned to meet both current and future service delivery challenges.

COMMUNITY, SPORTS & INTREGRATION

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2029

The current LECP covers the years 2024-2029. It is a 6-year plan to guide and promote economic and community development.

A revised and updated Two-Year Implementation Plan containing 35 priority actions has been prepared and is being implemented during 2026-2028.

LEADER 2023-2027

The LEADER Programme continues to support rural development and local communities through the delivery of the County Louth Local Development Strategy. In 2026 the Local Action Group approved 20 projects across the county.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028

SICAP continues to support social inclusion and community development objectives across County Louth during the year, with a particular focus on addressing poverty, inequality and social exclusion through targeted local interventions.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Louth PPN representatives contributed to a range of fora, including Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), the Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and Louth Sports Partnership. Throughout the year, new PPN representatives were ratified to positions across a number of representative structures, supporting the participation of PPN member groups in local policy development and decision-making processes.

Age Friendly County Programme

The Louth Age Friendly Programme is hosted under the leadership of Louth County Council and is supported by Age Friendly Ireland and operates within the World Health Organisation framework.

During the year the Age Friendly Strategy 2026 – 2031 was launched, having been developed by the Age Friendly Alliance. The vision of the strategy is for Louth to be a place where ageing is valued, life experience celebrated, and resources of society are designated to support the wellbeing and quality of life for people of all ages.

Comhairle Na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg continues its works on representing the voice of young people in the decision-making processes in Co. Louth. Comhairle activity includes networking, regular consultations on youth policy and the development of projects on a youth related theme. Comhairle na nÓg members delivered locally on their respective projects and the Comhairle na nÓg AGM and Annual Conference were greatly attended.

Environmental Awareness and Tidy Towns

Throughout 2026, the Community Support Team worked with schools, community groups, residents' associations, Tidy Towns committees and businesses across County Louth to support environmental improvements and strengthen community engagement.

A key highlight was Blackrock Tidy Towns' Gold Medal achievement at the Entente Florale Europe Awards 2026, recognising the group's commitment to environmental excellence, biodiversity and community participation. Another notable success was Dundalk Youth Centre being named Runner-Up in the IPB Pride of Place Awards, recognising its contribution to youth development, inclusion and community engagement.

Key initiatives included the Amenity Grant Scheme and Tidy Towns Project Scheme, which supported community-led projects, alongside National Spring Clean, National Tree Week, the Green Schools Programme and a range of environmental awareness initiatives. The team also provided practical support and resources to volunteers and community groups throughout the county.

Community achievements were further celebrated through competitions such as, Louth in Bloom and Slí Ghlas an Lú, promoting environmental improvement, biodiversity and civic pride.

Sports Development

Throughout the year, the Sports Unit collaborated with local clubs, schools, National Governing Bodies, and stakeholders to boost participation, improve sports access, and build healthier, more inclusive communities across Co. Louth.

A core priority was delivering age-friendly and inclusive programmes targeting older adults, women and girls, people with disabilities, and disadvantaged groups facing barriers to participation.

A major 2026 milestone was expanding the SportUile Programme, a five-year joint initiative with Meath Local Sports Partnership. Supported by three Development Officers, it uses sport for youth engagement and social change across Drogheda and East Meath. Additionally, our 'Youth Leadership programme' has received 'Leadership Skills Foundation Centre of Excellence' status, the Partnership provided education, volunteer training, and school initiatives to foster youth leadership and lifelong participation.

Progress also advanced on the new Muirhevnamor Park athletics track in Dundalk, a significant infrastructure investment for the county.

Water Safety

The Council continue to provide for a water safety officer and for lifeguard cover at our blue flag beaches in summer months. This will continue for the coming year.

PEACEPLUS

Significant progress was made during the year to establish the foundations for programme delivery. Work focused on governance, programme planning, procurement and stakeholder engagement to support the implementation of a range of projects and initiatives under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Throughout the year, preparatory work continued across the approved themes and investment areas, including the development of project specifications, partnership arrangements and delivery structures.

A total of 11 projects commenced under the programme across all of the themes.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Throughout 2026, the Louth County LAIT team continued to play a vital role in supporting individuals and families across the county by providing information, guidance and signposting to a wide range of services and supports available within their local communities.

A key success during 2026 was the strengthening of collaborative partnerships with statutory agencies, community and voluntary organisations, education providers and other local stakeholders. Through this coordinated approach, the LAIT team contributed to the delivery of a range of initiatives and events that promoted social inclusion, community participation and integration, while supporting positive outcomes for both established and newly arrived communities.

Through ongoing engagement, outreach activities and participation in local forums, the LAIT team supported initiatives that fostered intercultural understanding, celebrated diversity and encouraged greater involvement in community life. Overall, the achievements of the LAIT team in 2026 reflected a strong commitment to partnership working, community engagement and the promotion of equality, inclusion and social cohesion across County Louth.

Healthy Louth

The Healthy Louth programme continues to support the delivery of actions identified within the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025 Local Strategy for Louth, which was extended by a year. Working through a partnership approach, Healthy Louth brought together statutory agencies, community and voluntary organisations and local stakeholders to promote health and wellbeing across the county.

Key achievements for **2026** include:

- Homeless Street Leagues initiative, facilitated by Healthy Louth, shortlisted for 2026 LAMA Awards in the category of Community Wellbeing
- Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD, visited Healthy Louth's Boxing Clever programme at the Red Door Project in Drogheda
- Supported the launch of the Sanctuary Runners Ireland initiative at the Dundalk Park Run, marking the group's first official run in the town
- Collaborator on "Moving from Despair to Hope" initiative, contributing to collaborative discussions aimed at strengthening youth mental health and wellbeing supports across County Louth
- Healthy Louth-funded positive mental health initiative, delivered by Dundalk Youth Centre in cooperation with Louth Youth Network and Louth Comhairle na nÓg, has progressed in 2026 by expanding opportunities for young people to engage in outdoor adventure activities and mental health supports
- Hosted its inaugural "CommUnity Connect: Together for Hope" event to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. The event provided a valuable platform for community organisations, service providers, support agencies and members of the public, to come together, share expertise, showcase available services and foster greater collaboration in supporting mental health and wellbeing within County Louth
- Hosted a Community Connect Training Day, bringing together a wide range of partner organisations to increase awareness of local mental health, wellbeing and community support services available across County Louth
- Launch of new CommUnity Connect Louth Meath website - representing a significant strategic milestone for the CommUnity Connect initiative, developed through collaboration between Healthy Louth, Healthy Meath and the Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention (ROSP) for Louth and Meath
- Dear Future Me – initiative facilitated by Healthy Louth, nominated for Local Government Excellence Awards 2026



Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD at Healthy Louth's Boxing Clever Programme Red Door Project in Drogheda

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is a national programme that aims to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in communities facing greater levels of disadvantage.

The programme is a Healthy Ireland initiative funded by the Department of Health and coordinated locally by Louth County Council and the HSE. In County Louth, the programme focuses on communities in Dundalk and Drogheda. It supports people of all ages to live healthier lives through local services, community projects, and wellbeing initiatives.

Key initiatives delivered in Dundalk

A €75,000 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Seed Fund was awarded in 2026 for Dundalk and was used to address local health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing through community-led, place-based initiatives. The community services funded to deliver such initiatives included TURAS Counselling, Family Addiction Support Network, Louth Traveller Movement, Craobh Rua (Youth Work Ireland), Muirhevnamor Youth Project & finally Redeemer Football Club.

The Sláintecare LDO also engaged in several cross-stakeholder initiatives to build relationships and trusts with communities and stakeholders within the Dundalk area including facilitating a Place standard tool event within the Muirhevnamor area to assist development of the Muirhevnamor Masterplan alongside on-going development of stakeholder implementation committees in Muirhevnamor & Coxes Demesne.

A presentation from the RESPECT Project based in Newry has also taken place in the community with a view to starting a similar model in the Dundalk area. Dundalk has also been selected as one of only 3 towns nationally for a community health needs assessment by the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland in Partnership with Sláintecare Healthy Communities & being led out on by the LDO.

Key Initiatives delivered in Drogheda

A €75,000 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Seed Fund was awarded in 2026 for Drogheda and was used to address local health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing through community-led, place-based initiatives.

The community services funded to deliver such initiatives included The Red Door Project, Connect FRC, Foroige Cable project, Lifestyle development and Drogheda United. The Sláintecare LDO also engaged in several cross-stakeholder initiatives to build relationships and trusts with communities and stakeholders within the Drogheda catchment area including the late-night street football, submitting a business case on behalf of youth services for ACRA accredited training and facilitating a Place standard tool event within the Moneymore area.

Community Safety

The inaugural meeting of the Community Safety Partnership took place on 27th January 2026, and a further five meetings have been held throughout 2026.

A LCSP Plan subgroup has been established and continues to meet regularly and are actively laying the groundwork for the development of the two-year LCSP plan. The wide-ranging consultation process has commenced. It involves a collaborative codesign approach by working together with end-users and stakeholders to create solutions that are inclusive, user-centred, and effective and included:

- Nine community-based consultation events throughout Co Louth
- Forty-five targeted focus group meetings
- Outreach work with specific groups
- Distribution and analysis of a questionnaire

2027 Priorities for Community & Sport

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Focus will be placed on implementing the next phase of priority actions under the LECP and reviewing the Implementation Plan to identify priorities for the forthcoming two-year period. Continued partnership working will be central to delivering outcomes

across community development, health and wellbeing, social inclusion, community safety, climate action and economic development.

Age Friendly Programme

The Louth Age Friendly Alliance and the Louth Older People's Council will continue to be facilitated by the Community Section throughout 2027. Work will commence under the URBACT Programme Digital Health for Active Ageing Communities. This work will be undertaken in partnership with older people, community organisations and statutory agencies to support healthy ageing, social inclusion and improved quality of life for older people across the county.

Environmental Awareness and Tidy Towns

In 2027, the Community Support Team will continue to support communities across County Louth to enhance local environments, improve public spaces and promote sustainable development. Priorities will include supporting Tidy Towns and community groups, improving biodiversity, reducing litter and waste, promoting climate action, and assisting communities to access funding opportunities.

Through grants and practical support, the team will encourage community-led initiatives that contribute to cleaner, greener and more vibrant places to live, work and visit.

Community Safety

The Louth Community Safety Plan will be finalised and launched in Q1 2027. Following the adoption of its first Community Safety Plan, the Partnership's priority in 2027 will be to deliver on the agreed actions and outcomes contained within the Plan. Members will continue to strengthen governance and collaborative working arrangements, further embedding the Community Safety Partnership across County Louth and enhancing coordination between agencies, communities and stakeholders in addressing local safety concerns.

Healthy Communities

For 2027 the Healthy Ireland County Coordinator will continue their work with implementing partners, to deliver on the final year of the Round 4 Healthy Ireland Fund.

Other focus areas for 2027 include the development of a Healthy County strategy, in line with new National Healthy Ireland Framework 2026 – 2031.

A key priority will be supporting the implementation of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme across County Louth. This will include strengthening community-based health and wellbeing initiatives, supporting engagement with priority communities and maximising opportunities arising from the appointment of Local Development Officers (LDOs).

Working in partnership with the HSE, community organisations and other stakeholders, the programme will focus on improving health and wellbeing outcomes, reducing health inequalities and increasing access to health-promoting activities and supports within local communities.

Future Focus & Investment in Sport & Physical Activity

Promoting sport remains vital for the health, wellbeing, and quality of life in Co. Louth. To meet rising demand, sustained investment is essential to support participation, maintain infrastructure, and collaborate with local communities.

In 2027, a primary focus will be maximising the benefits of new facilities like the Dundalk Athletics Track, ensuring they remain high-quality and accessible for clubs, schools, and residents.

The Sports Unit will continue partnering with key stakeholders to deliver all-ages programming, specifically targeting strong community demand from youth, older adults, women, and people with disabilities. Ultimately, investing in local sport drives social inclusion, improves physical and mental health, and strengthens the volunteer networks underpinning Co. Louth's sporting sector.



New Dundalk Athletics Track

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HOUSING & CULTURAL DELIVERY DIRECTORATE REPORT

Housing

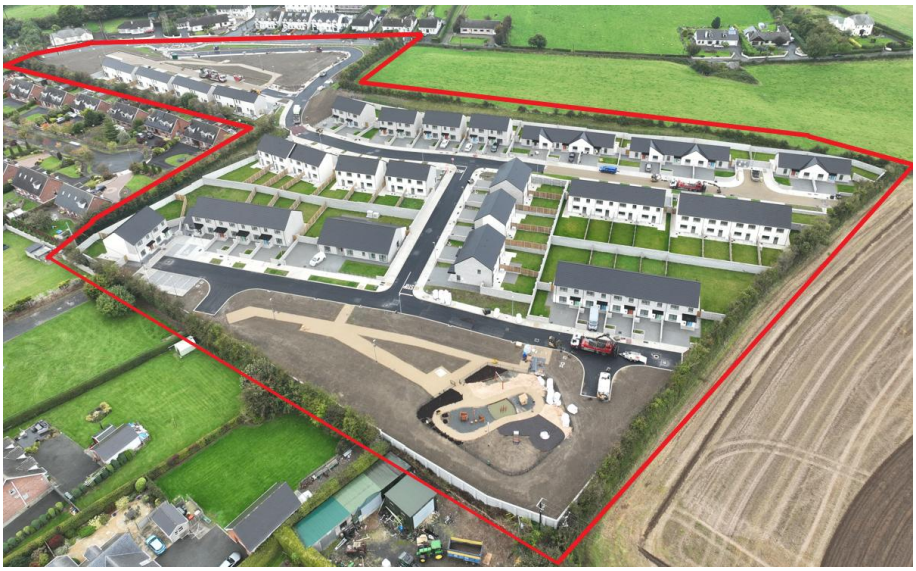
Housing Supply – Social Housing & Starter Home Programme

In 2026, a new national Housing Plan 'Delivering Homes, Building Communities: 2025 – 2030' was introduced, in which local authorities were set new housing targets. Louth County Council exceeded the previous 'Housing for All' targets, 16 months ahead of programme with the delivery of in excess of 2,100 social homes.

Under the new Housing Plan, Louth County Council (LCC) has been set a Social Housing sub-target of 827 units for the period 2027 – 2030. In this regard, the Council has submitted a draft 'Housing Delivery Action Plan' (HDAP) 2027 – 2030 figures to the DHLGH, with specific targets for Starter Homes and Social Homes with particular emphasis on disability and older applicants.

The Housing Capital Delivery team continues to progress the objectives set out in the Housing Plan. In 2026, the delivery of social houses surpassed the annual target, with more than 558 new social homes being delivered, more than treble the target of 175 units for the year. This success is being accomplished through a combination of LCC direct-build projects (including infill schemes), Approved Housing Body (CALF / CAS) led developments, as well as units delivered by LCC via Part V and turnkey acquisitions at various locations throughout the county.

In 2026, direct build housing Social Housing schemes were completed in Boice Court (72 units) and Greenhills Grange (46 Units) in Drogheda as well as Mount Avenue Phase 1 (52 Units) in Dundalk. An Mullach (58 Units) was completed in Louth Village. This delivery included two supported living homes for eight separate tenants in Greenhills Grange & An Mullach.



Above: An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village (LCC Direct Build of 58 Social Homes)

In 2027, the Housing Capital Delivery team will focus on completing the remaining LCC direct build schemes including Fulacht Fia Phase 2 (41 Units) at Mount Avenue in Dundalk, Bakery View (97 Units) at Ballymakenny Road in Drogheda, and Ravel Drive (70 Units) in Dunleer. The team will also focus on commencing and advancing new direct build schemes in Dundalk, Ardee and Drogheda. Similar to previous years, through strong partnership and collaboration with our Approved Housing Body (AHB) partners, we will continue to deliver much needed social homes and in particular one, and two-bedroom units as per the draft HDAP.



Above: Ravel Drive, Dunleer (70 Social Homes including 12 no. Age Friendly Bungalows)

Louth County Council Direct Build Housing Projects

Louth County Council welcomed Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD, and Minister of State for Older Persons & Housing, Kieran O'Donnell TD, to County Louth on Friday, 1st May 2026, where they officially opened three social housing developments in Dundalk (Fulacht Fia Phase 1 – 52 units) and Drogheda (Boice Court – 72 units and Greenhills Grange – 46 units), delivering a combined 170 new social homes for communities across the county.

The developments, delivered directly by Louth County Council with funding support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Social Housing Capital Investment Programme (SHCIP), represent a significant milestone in the Council's ongoing delivery of high-quality social housing.



David Conway Chief Executive, Louth County Council welcoming Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD & Minister of State for Older People and Housing, Kieran O'Donnell TD



Phase 1 Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk, Co. Louth (52 Units)



Greenhills Grange, Drogheda, Co. Louth (46 Age Friendly Units)





Above: Minister James Browne & Minister Kieran O'Donnell with LCC Chief Executive David Conway, Deputy Paula Butterly, Oireachtas Members, Senator Alison Comyn, Senator Erin McGreehan, Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council Cllr Sean Kelly & Cathaoirleach of Drogheda Borough Council Cllr Michelle Hall, with Cllr James Byrne, Cllr Declan Power, Cllr Ejiro O'Hare Strattan, Cllr Kevin Meenan



Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda, Co. Louth (72 Units)

An Mullach, Louth Village consists of 58 no. units comprising of a mix of 2, 3 & 4-bedroom two storey homes and was completed in October 2026. It also consists of several bungalows which will be allocated to persons on the disability social housing list. The Council was also pleased to work with St John of Gods who will manage a 4-bedroom supported living dwelling in the Scheme.



Above: Oireachtas Members with Louth County Council Councillors, Housing Staff with the Main Contractor Cunningham Contracts at the St. John Of Gods Supported Living House in An Mullach

Age Friendly Award for Greenhills Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme

The recently completed Greenhill's Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme received a National Age Friendly Achievement Award in the Housing Category. Judges from across the country visited the estate in July where the scheme was showcased and attended by St. John of Gods, Council staff and a number of the new tenants. The allocations for the 45 no. 2 bedroom bungalows and supported living house are now complete.

The continued strong progress across these developments reflects the Council's commitment to accelerating the delivery of high-quality social housing and increasing housing supply across the county.



Above: Louth County Council representatives at the National Age Friendly Awards 2026 in Limerick with Members of the Old Persons Committee (OPC), and Age Friendly Ireland

Social Homes Delivery through Part V & Turnkey Acquisitions

In 2026, Louth County Council delivered 200 social homes via Part V & Turnkey acquistions. The schemes included the purchase of homes at Ferrard Park, Twenties Lane, Drogheda, 34 no. houses and duplex apartments at Bruach na hAbhann, Dundalk. Overall, in Drogheda 98 no. homes were completed in Schemes such as Ushers Mill, Ballymakenny Park, Fitzgerald Gardens, Listoke, Elwood Park, Gort Mell, Beaulieu Village, Beaulie Banks and The Chesters. In Ardee, a total of 12 no. houses were acquired in Pottersfield and Bridgegate, with 59 no. in Dundalk at Bruach Na Habhann, St Furseys Gardens, and Bayview on the Red Barns Road.



Above: Ferrard Park, Drogheda



Above: Bruach na hAbhann, Dundalk



Above: Seven Winds, Drogheda



Above: Pottersfield, Ardee

Starter Home Purchase Schemes (former Affordable Purchase) by Louth County Council for Private Buyers

Under the 'Delivering Homes Building Communities' housing plan, Louth County Council were set a Starter Home Targets for 2027 – 2030 of 224 units. This target includes both Starter homes and CREL/Affordable Rental. The Starter Homes Scheme is a rebrand of the 'Affordable Housing Scheme'. Louth County Council Housing Section is committed to delivering both Starter Homes and CREL homes.

The Starter Homes programme includes schemes such as affordable private rental, known as 'CREL' (Cost Rental Equity Loan). This Scheme with the support of Louth County Council provides homes to the private rental sector at a reduced rate and mainly delivered by the AHB Sector. In 2025 and 2026, the Council delivered 73 no. Starter homes in schemes in Quarry Court in Ardee, Ballymakenny and Ushers Mill in Drogheda and Seven Winds, Drogheda. In the same period there were 54 no. CREL units delivered in collaboration Tuath Housing, and 24 no. CREL units in Tullybrook, Drogheda with Cluid Housing.

In terms of CREL, 24 apartments were completed in 2026 in Hearthfield, Dundalk, and there are currently 58 no. apartments under construction in Ferrard Park Drogheda by CFS Construction for Tuath Housing. We expect additional CREL units in both Dundalk and Drogheda over the lifetime of the new Housing Plan. The Council has identified a further 86 Starter homes in 2027 & 2028 and are continuously engaging with private developers for additional Starter homes.



Above: Official launch of Dowdalls Court, Dundalk 17 no. Affordable Houses by Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council Cllr Sean Kelly, with LCC Chief Executive David Conway, Director of Services Ger Murphy, Affordable Houser Office Mary Reilly, with the Builder Thomas Kieran (Kieran Projects)



Bellfield, Dundalk (8 Houses)



Ushers Mill, Drogheda (6 houses)

In 2027, the Council will launch new Starter Homes Schemes in the following developments:

Development	**Location**	**Starter Homes**
Ushers Mill	Drogheda	12
Beaulieu Village	Drogheda	8
Glenbrook	Drogheda	8
Hearthfield	Dundalk	16

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

The vacant property refurbishment grant facilitates the revitalisation of vacant and derelict properties. To date in 2026, over 460 applications have been received, with 344 applications approved. Interest is expected to continue throughout 2027 as the grant is proving an effective scheme in addressing dereliction and delivering starter homes/affordable housing. The local authority home loans team continues to process mortgage applications with a view to facilitating access to the housing market for applicants where relevant criteria are met.

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. In 2026, a number of module extension were utilised to meet the requirements of tenants with disability requirements.



Above: Modular extension installation in Dundalk in 2026

Land Acquisition

While current land holdings are sufficient to meet existing social housing delivery targets, in 2026 scoping of further landbank opportunities to support delivery targets for 2027 – 2030 and beyond, will be explored and actioned where appropriate.

As significant progress continues in terms of social housing, emphasis will be placed on advancing affordable purchase schemes in 2026. We will also continue to pursue opportunities to acquire turnkey and second-hand properties in line with the second-hand acquisition scheme. All acquisitions will remain subject to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) approval and the continuation of relevant schemes and delegated sanction for purchases.

Homelessness Services

The continuing challenge of homelessness presentations, particularly families with children, has remained a significant concern during 2026. It is noted that addressing such homelessness is a key concern for Government as outlined in 'Delivery Homes, Building Communities: 2025 – 2030'. In this regard, targeted initiatives aimed at preventing homelessness, such as Homeless HAP Placefinder model, continue to provide vital support for those seeking accommodation. Other programmes such a tenancy sustainment continue to be play an important role in addressing long-term homelessness in particular.

Given the trend and demographics arising in presentations throughout 2026, we have pursued and secured additional options for managed emergency accommodation. Collaboration with homelessness service providers and partners remains a priority as we seek innovative approaches to address the range of cases. In this regard the work of the Northeast Region Homelessness Forum is particularly important. Their work will be guided by a new Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2027 – 2029 which is currently being drafted in consultation with regional partners and stakeholders.

Throughout 2026, we will continue to identify and develop pathways for individuals and families to exit homelessness. However, this will remain a significant challenge.

Addressing Vacancy, Refurbishment & Maintenance

Void and re-let units are a routine aspect of managing a housing stock exceeding 4,800 units. Our housing maintenance programme remains contingent on the availability of resources, particularly in light of escalating construction and associated costs. Funding from the DHLGH, which supports the return of void units to use (over 50 units in 2025) (81 units in 2026), continues to be an essential asset. The continuation of this scheme will be important as we transition towards a more planned maintenance model.

Ongoing investment in both our reactive and planned maintenance initiatives, including support for our maintenance teams, continues to meet operational demands – especially regarding heating systems that incorporate both legacy and modern technologies such as heat-pumps. As additional new units become available, associated costs are anticipated to rise. We plan to sustain investment in this area, maintaining robust support for our overall maintenance programme into 2027.

Louth has achieved considerable success under the energy efficiency retrofit scheme. It is projected that by year end 2026 the total of energy retrofit units delivered under this program for the period 2021-2026 inclusive will be over 1,000 units. The team is

well-positioned to achieve similar output in 2027, subject to DHLGH allocations and related funding. Effective and efficient delivery of these works relies on continued collaboration and goodwill from our tenants.



Mayfield Drive, Dundalk (example of Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme)

The private rental inspection team continues their work. It is projected that they will exceed the inspection target of 25% of private rental units – The team has experienced challenges this year in respect of staffing. It is expected that the team will come close to achieving the inspection target of 25% of private rented units.

Traveller Accommodation

Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029 commenced on 1st January 2025. Targets for supplying standard social housing units to Traveller households have already been surpassed for 2026.

In 2027 a mid-term review of the programme will be carried out no later than the 30th June. Housing applicants who identify as Travellers will be consulted about their housing needs and preferences and the allocation targets may need to be amended for the remaining years of the programme.

The work of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee continues. The committee meets on a periodic basis.

Provide Suitable, Accessible Housing

Implementation of the Local Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022–2027 remained on track, with the 2026 targets for allocating social housing to people with disabilities exceeded. Accommodation provided included standard, adapted and wheelchair-accessible houses and apartments, together with a supported housing unit. Close collaboration with the Health Service Executive continued to coordinate housing provision with the necessary support services.

Work also continued on processing housing adaptation grant applications from private homeowners, supported by an allocation of more than €4 million.



Bedroom and Bathroom extension completed in Dundalk, with funding provided with a HAG

Tenancy Engagement & Customer Support

Rent collection remained a challenge throughout the year, and it will remain a central focus for our team in 2027. A number of new procedural measures targeting addressing rent collection and associated arrears were implemented during 2026 as well as an increase in staff complement to focus on rent management and collection. In this regard, the continuation of the reduction of rent arrears, and measures to support this, will remain a priority.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a vital social housing support. The team continued to assist existing and new customers in this regard throughout 2026.
Social housing applications, and the associated assessments, continued to be received on an ongoing basis throughout 2026. It is anticipated that housing

allocations and new tenancies will be the highest in recent years in 2026 with a high proportion of these allocations in local authority managed stock. New tenancy allocations will continue at a significant number in the remainder of 2026, driven by the completion of local authority managed and AHB projects at year-end. The outlook for 2027 is encouraging given the delivery programme with the completion of three further local authority management projects in the first half of the year. The Allocations team will continue to allocate social housing in line with the requirements of the Allocation Scheme, utilising the Choice Based Letting platform as the main form of allocation and adhering to the allocation proportions assigned to older persons, medical/disability, homelessness and transfer as best as practicably possible.

The Tenant Engagement team was particularly active throughout the year assisting and engaging with both new and existing tenants as well as following up on tenant issues and anti-social behaviour. The team has also been very active in developing a new Tenant Engagement & Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy in consultation with a range of stakeholder. The strategy which aims to further develop proactive engagement with tenants, residents' associations and other stakeholders. A new tenant handbook was also developed and will play a key part in ensuring that tenants understand their both their rights and their obligations.

Challenges & Opportunities:

- Implementation of new Delivering Homes, Building Communities: 2025 – 2030 targets under new Housing Delivery Action Plan: 2027 – 2030
- Projected to exceed Housing for All 2022 – 2026 targets by over 50% by end 2026
- Continued social housing & starter home programme delivery via partnership with AHBs, turnkey acquisition and maximising Part V opportunities
- Continued success in delivery Energy Retrofit Programme – currently 4th highest in delivery outside of Dublin – expect to deliver 1,000th unit by end 2026
- Build on the success of recent starter home programme/affordable purchase schemes
- Addressing homelessness, particularly homeless families, and increasing exits for long-term homelessness
- Debt Management and continuing to address rent arrears
- Continued focus on housing maintenance and stock improvement
- Future housing provision: setting ourselves up for success in terms of available landbank. Work with stakeholders regarding infrastructure capacity

Cultural Services

Library Service

2026 saw the Library Service provide growth, innovation, and community engagement across our Service.

A key highlight and achievement, was the launch in Ardee Library in August of *Louth County Council Library Service Development Programme 2026 - 2030: Building for the Future*



Amanda Branigan, County Librarian and Head of Cultural Services; Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council, Cllr Dolores Minogue; and Ger Murphy, Director of Services, at the launch of the Louth County Council Library Service Development Programme 2026-2030: Building for the Future at Ardee Library.

The strategy sets out a vision for inclusive, innovative and community-focused library services, building on a period of significant growth, including extended opening hours, the opening of Dunleer Library, and Library of Sanctuary status.

Library Capital Projects

The Library Service was awarded €79,930 under the Libraries Capital Programme in 2026 to support improvements in library infrastructure, accessibility and customer experience. Projects included the replacement of shelving in Dundalk Children's Library, the installation of a Sensory Cubbie in Drogheda Library, and the introduction of a self-service RFID kiosk in Dunleer Library.

Progress was made on the proposed redevelopment of the former St. Magdalen's Church as a new flagship library for Drogheda. This project will deliver a modern, accessible and vibrant library space to serve the needs of the growing community, with work towards this development continuing in 2027.

Work advanced on the new Library in the Community mobile library vehicle which is undergoing conversion and expected to enter service in early 2027. The vehicle will enhance the Library Service's outreach capacity, improving access to library

resources and community supports, particularly for rural and underserved communities.

National Strategic Programmes

Healthy Ireland at your Library

Healthy Ireland at Your Library supported the Library Service's commitment to community wellbeing and health literacy through a range of initiatives across the county. Highlights included the *Ageing Well* talk series and monthly Memory Cafés in Dundalk and Drogheda Libraries.



Physiotherapist Anne Orr delivering the Ageing Well series of talks

The service also participated in the pilot Radon Monitor Initiative, enabling library members to borrow digital radon monitors from branches and access trusted health information.

Skills for Life

Louth Libraries supported digital inclusion and lifelong learning through programmes delivered in partnership with Louth PPN, Louth County Council Age Friendly Programme and Louth Local Development. Initiatives focused on digital, media, financial and health literacy, including the *Online Safety for Parents* project delivered with a Louth Women's Traveller group through Adult Literacy for Life funding.



Executive Librarian Yvonne Duggan with participants from the project

Right to Read

Louth Libraries continued to support literacy, lifelong learning and reader development through programmes for children and families, including Summer Stars, Spring into Storytime, Children's Book Festival and Family Time at Your Library. In 2026, 1,141 children participated in Summer Stars. Highlights throughout the year included creative writing and comic making classes, book clubs, Irish language, bilingual and sensory story times, parent, toddler and baby book clubs, all of which contributed to fostering a lifelong love of reading and learning.



Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council, Cllr Sean Kelly &, County Librarian, Amanda Branigan launching Summer Stars 2026

School's Library Service

The School's Service continues to provide a service to primary schools across County Louth, with access to class sets of books and information sessions that support curriculum and learning objectives. We have expanded our outreach by visiting Early

Learning Childcare settings and secondary schools, enabling us to engage with a wider range of children and young people.



Storytime at Eimile's Little People Pre-School in Carlingford

Louth Science Festival

The Library Service was again successful in a funding application to Research Ireland and Creative Ireland through the Arts Office for LSF, with the central Science Week theme of "Water, from Molecule to Ocean" forming the basis for the 2026 festival. Over 60 events took place across all libraries, as well as a family fun day in the Dolmen Centre Omeath.



Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council, Cllr Dolores Minogue, CE of Louth County Council, David Conway, County Librarian, Amanda Branigan & Dr. Niamh Shaw launching LSF 2026 in Ardee Library

LIT LÚ Festival

Following the success of the 2025 festival, LIT LÚ took place from September 23rd – 29th. This event celebrates the thriving reading culture in County Louth with a programme of literary discussions, panels, and conversations brought to library branches across the county. It was funded and supported by Creative Ireland through the Arts Office.

Arts Service

The Arts Service continued to support artists, communities and audiences across County Louth through strategic investment, cultural programming and opportunities for creative participation.

Investment in public art remained a significant area of activity, with extensive commissioning and development through the Per Cent for Art Scheme. These projects enhance public spaces across the county while creating a lasting cultural legacy for future generations.

A key highlight was *Legendary Together*, County Louth's cultural programme celebrating Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. As part of the County Pairing initiative, Louth was partnered with Portugal. The programme strengthened cultural links with Portugal through performances, exhibitions and community initiatives.

A highlight of the programme was the visit of Irish Ambassador to Portugal, H.E. Alma Ní Choigligh, and Portuguese Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. João Pedro Fins do Lago, who attended the *Picturing the Border: 1921–2026* exhibition at Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda, and a performance by the Music Generation Louth Harp Ensemble.



Ambassadors H.E Alma Ní Choigligh, H.E. João Pedro Fins do Lago, Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda, Cllr Declan Power, CE of Louth County Council, David Conway, Director of the Highlanes Gallery, Aoife Ruane, members of Louth County Council & Music Generation

The unveiling of the Liam Reilly Commemorative Bench in Dundalk was a notable event in 2026. It generated significant local and national media attention, showcasing County Louth's commitment to celebrating cultural achievement and strengthening public awareness of the county's rich artistic heritage.



Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council, Cllr Sean Kelly, Cathaoirleach of Dundalk Municipal District, Cllr Robert Nash, CE of Louth County Council, David Conway with members of the Reilly family

Ferdia Festival

The Service continued to support Ferdia Festival's growth and development in Ardee, building on last year's success to establish a two-day multidisciplinary community arts festival over the Halloween weekend. The festival brought together local artists, community groups and diverse audiences through a programme of visual arts, music, performance and family-friendly events.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg remained a priority for engaging young people with the arts, with more than 40 events delivered across Ardee, Carlingford, Drogheda, Dundalk, Dunleer and Lordship. A notable feature of the programme was a collaborative initiative between Louth and Meath County Councils, developed in response to recommendations arising from the Drogheda Implementation Board process.

Culture Night

Culture Night continued to showcase the strength and diversity of County Louth's cultural sector, with more than 40 events delivered across the county in Ardee, Drogheda, Dundalk, Dunleer, Lordship and, for the first time, Collon, providing broad public access to high-quality cultural experiences. The programme also received national recognition through coverage on the *Hot Press* website, highlighting the quality and diversity of cultural activity in Louth.



Chop at Market Square

The Arts Service remains committed to supporting artistic excellence, strengthening community participation, and ensuring arts and culture continue to enrich the social, cultural, and economic life of County Louth.

Archives Service

The strategic aims of Louth County Council Archive Service is to safeguard the identification, management, preservation and access to the Council's rich archive collections. In 2026, the service received €5,000 in funding from the Heritage Council's Heritage Stewardship Fund to provide conservation treatment on a group of volumes from the poor law union archive collection that were in very poor condition. A grant was also received from the Commemorations Fund 2026 for conservation and digitisation work.

Throughout 2026, the service provided assistance to a variety of users accessing the archive collections and answered many enquiries. These included Council staff, family historians, students, local historians, academic historians, professionals, and private individuals. Upgrade work on the online archive catalogue was completed in late 2026. This greatly improves access for users.

In 2027, additional collections will be catalogued to ISAD(G) standard and added to the online catalogue. The Archivist will assist on the revision of the remaining National Retention Policy schedules which supports the Council's statutory obligations for managing and preserving records and archives.

The preservation of archives in the most optimal conditions will continue to be maintained through monitoring environmental conditions while supporting our Climate Action goals.

Conservation treatment will be carried out on archives in poor condition to help prevent any further deterioration, and to improve their accessibility. Digitisation of archives will also be carried out in 2027, for preservation, security and access purposes.

The Archives Service will participate in occasional outreach projects including the Year of the Normans to promote and raise awareness of the archive collections.

County Museum

The Museum delivered a number of significant heritage initiatives during 2026, providing opportunities for public engagement with both local and national history. A notable highlight was the visit of the Merryweather Fire Engine**,** organised in partnership with the Old Dundalk Society. The event commemorated the role of Dundalk firefighters in the relief effort following the Belfast Blitz and engaged visitors of all ages in exploring an important chapter of local history and civic service.

The Museum also presented *All the Way Home*, an exhibition celebrating the achievements of The Corrs and their enduring connection to County Louth. Featuring a unique collection of personal instruments and memorabilia, the exhibition attracted strong public interest and highlighted the county's contribution to Ireland's cultural and musical heritage.



Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council, Cllr Sean Kelly, and the Corrs

Looking Ahead to 2027 the Museum will continue to build on its role as a custodian and interpreter of County Louth's heritage through the development of new exhibitions, collections and public engagement initiatives. Plans for 2027 include the creation of a dedicated display area in the First-Floor Gallery showcasing the county's rich contribution to music and the performing arts, including a planned exhibition celebrating the work of singer-songwriter Liam Reilly.

The Museum will also continue to expand and develop its collections while delivering a programme of exhibitions and events aligned with key national initiatives, including Seachtain na Gaeilge, Heritage Week, Science Week, Culture Night, International Museums Day and International Archaeology Day. Popular programmes such as Local History Week and the County Quiz will also return, supporting the Museum's ongoing commitment to preserving, promoting and sharing the story of County Louth.

Ger Murphy

Director of Service

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS 2026

Significant work programmes were advanced during 2026 across all teams within the Directorate, including those pertaining to Placemaking, Town Centre First and Physical Development.

A summary of key achievements under each team is outlined below.

PLACEMAKING

Urban Regeneration Development Fund

- Capital funding secured under the Towns & Cities Regeneration Investment Fund for the George's Square and Medieval Wall character areas of West Gate Vision, Drogheda
- Completion of designs for the redevelopment of the 'backland' area of St Nicholas Quarter (Phase 2), with commencement of Part 8 Planning process
- Capital funding secured under the Towns & Cities Regeneration Investment Fund for St Nicholas Quarter Phase 2
- Completion of Masterplan for the Longwalk area, Dundalk
- Under URDF Call 3 (Vacant/Derelict Units) - engagement ongoing with owners of vacant properties with a view to moving properties back to productive use, with priority properties identified in both Drogheda and Dundalk for progression. Internal cross directorate group established to ensure efforts are coordinated and maximised, with the completion of high-level strategy for key derelict sites in Drogheda and Dundalk



Visit of Minister James Browne TD to St. Nicholas Quarter

Rural Regeneration Development Fund

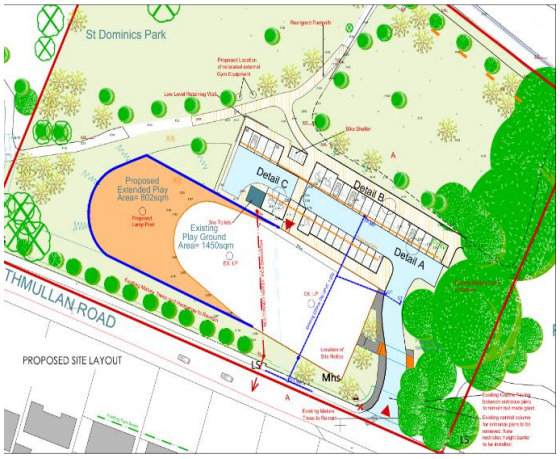
- Planning submission made to An Coimisiún Pleanála regarding Ardee 2040
- Commencement of refurbishment of Ardee Castle
- Completion of detailed design of the 'Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford' Public Realm scheme and submission of capital funding application under RRDF Call 6
- Design team appointed to progress the design and planning stage of Dunleer Public Realm scheme funded through RRDF Call 4



Contract Signing for Refurbishment of Ardee Castle

Play Facilities

- Completion of Part 8 Planning process for enhanced play facilities, additional parking and toilets at St Dominic's Park, Drogheda
- Funding secured under Town & Renewal Scheme in respect to Collon playground
- Completion of masterplan for the rejuvenation of the Omeath play area following public consultation events, with the preparation Part 8 Planning commenced



Overview Plan for St Domnic's Park Playground



Omeath Play Area Masterplan

Rural Capital Delivery Team

- Delivery team continued to focus on delivery and funding applications with respect to ORIS, T&V Renewal, CLAR, Community Recognition Fund and RRDF
- A total of 26 funding applications were submitted by the Team during 2026 to a total value of €12,348,215, with funding announcements awaited

TOWN CENTRE FIRST

- Design development for the library square public realm project, Dunleer advanced (Dunleer Town Centre First Plan)
- Completion of Town Centre First Plan for Clogherhead, in conjunction with Town Team
- Completion of Rainwater Management Strategies for Dunleer and Clogherhead
- Commencement of Digital Town Reviews for Dunleer and Clogherhead
- Completion of detailed design phase of THRIVE funded West Gate House project as well as all necessary safeguarding works to the building. Preparation of tender documentation has begun with a view to construction commencing in 2027



Clogherhead Town Centre First Plan


Visual Impression of Dunleer Library Square

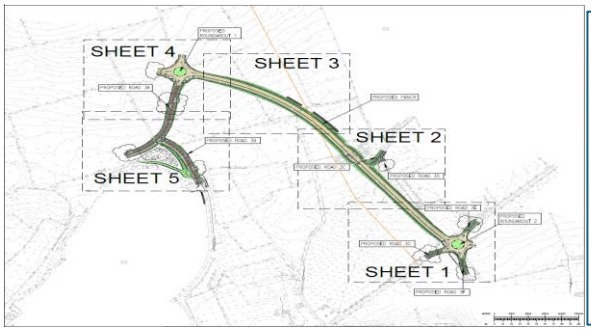

THRIVE West Gate House Visual

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

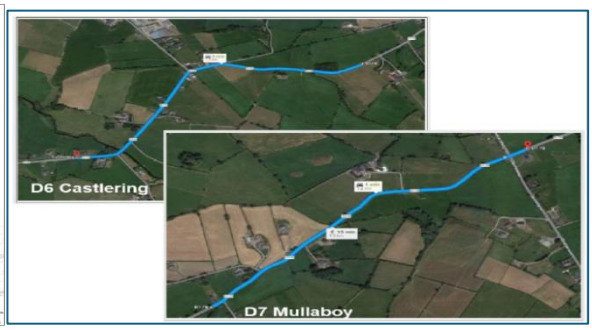
Capital Road Projects

- Completion of Boyne Enterprise Link Road
- Commencement of construction works of PANCR Phase 2, with expected completion Q1 2027
- Successful acceptance into the Housing Infrastructure Investment Programme of PANCR Phase 3 (€23.9m), Leonard's Cross, Drogheda (€1.5m) and Ash Walk, Ardee (€1.7m)
- Commencement of construction works of the N53 realignment from Hackballscross to Rassan scheme

- Selection of preferred route in respect of the R178 Improvement Scheme and progression to Stage 3 – Preliminary Design & Environmental Evaluation
- Conclusion of the Ardee Bypass judicial review proceedings, which now allows the project to recommence



Extent of PANCR Phase 2



R178 Improvement Scheme

Cross Border Projects

- Progression of works in relation to the Narrow Water Bridge project, with key milestones reached. The project is funded through the Shared Island Fund, with completion date in Q1 2028



Fixed span - Arrival of Pylon and Deck 2 at Warrenpoint Harbour 20th October 2026

Greenways

- Following public consultation no. 3, the Options Report on the Preferred Roure Corridor, in respect of the proposed Dundalk Carlingford Greenway was published in Q4 2026, with TII approval received to proceed to the next stage
- Works commenced on the upgrade of the Boyne Greenway (north bank) through funding secured under ORIS Measure 3

Louth Flood Defence & Coastal Erosion Projects

- Louth County Council in conjunction with the Office of Public Works and appointed consultants continue to progress Stage 1 of the Dundalk and Ardee Flood Relief Schemes, the Drogheda & Baltray Flood Relief Scheme and the Carlingford Greenore Flood Relief Projects, with continued progress in respect of environmental surveys and reports which will feed into emerging options. Public Consultation Days were held in March/April for the Blackrock and Dundalk schemes respectively
- Approved funded OPW Minor Work Projects in Bellurgan and Ballagan completed
- OPW funded Minor Flood Relief works in Ardee completed

Active Travel

- Several non-statutory public consultation events associated with Active Travel projects in Drogheda and Dundalk were conducted during 2026, as well as ongoing meetings with key stakeholders. The statutory Planning Part 8 process was completed for the Drogheda Bridge of Peace to Train Station project, Xerox Junction to Greengates project and the Hoey's Lane project, Dundalk
- The draft Local Transportation Plan for Drogheda was developed in conjunction with Meath County Council, with non-statutory publication commencing in Q4 2026
- Works were completed in 2026 in respect of the Safe Routes to School Programme (Round 2 schools). The Section 38 process was complete in respect of Safe Routes to School Programme (Round 3 schools), with works due to commence in 2027
- Part 8 process complete for the proposed pilot mobility hub. Through engagement with the Department of Transport, Dundalk had been selected as a location for the delivery of a pilot mobility hub. The hubs will provide short term access to a variety of modes of travel including e-bikes, e-scooters and electric vehicles



Dundalk Active Travel Part 8 visual (Hoey's Lane)



Draft Drogheda Local Transportation Plan

Priorities & Challenges for 2027

There will be a continued focus on the progression of all our capital projects in 2027 through their respective stages of development, to ultimate completion and fulfilment of project objectives.

The total value of capital projects contained in the Capital Programme 2027-2029 to be progressed by the Directorate is circa €679m across 50 projects, under the Programme headings of Roads, Town Projects, Buildings, Flooding & Coastal Erosion and Recreation & Amenity.

Concentration will be placed on the attainment of further key milestones in respect to priority urban and rural regeneration projects.

A provision of circa €67m has been made in the Capital Programme for our key public realm/regeneration projects in Drogheda, Dundalk Ardee, Carlingford and Dunleer, including the necessary match funding requirement of circa €25m. This is in addition to the circa €15m already expended by the Council in recent years on both the design phases, and in the case of Omeath and St Nicholas Quarter, construction phase, of our key placemaking initiatives throughout the county.

Attention will be maintained on tackling vacant/derelict properties through the URDF Call 3 fund as the focus of activity continues to move from the initial engagement phase with property owners to targeted direct intervention by the Council where appropriate. Separately, targeted interventions in rural towns, where dereliction is prevalent will also be considered.

Realisation of additional playground facilities in the County will be advanced, with accessibility for all being a central focus in the provision of same. A provision in the Capital Programme of €1,955,310 has been made in respect of same.

Close engagement will continue with the national Housing Activation Unit in terms of progressing key road infrastructure that have been identified by the Council as enabling infrastructure in the County that will support housing provision.

Strategic engagement with the key utility companies will continue in 2027 to ensure any deficits in utility provision are prioritised for resolution by the respective provider and thereby ensure that the future development of the County in terms of housing provision and economic development is not restricted.

Further details are outlined below in respect of the **key priorities for 2027** for each of the Directorate's teams:

PLACEMAKING

- Progression of George's Square and Medieval Wall character areas of West Gate Vision through detailed design stage to commencement of construction under the approved Towns & Cities Regeneration Investment Fund
- Progress detailed design of the amenity lands element of Ardee 2040 (subject to An Coimisiún Pleanála planning consent) through own resources, in order to be project ready for future capital funding
- Completion of refurbishment works on Ardee Castle
- Continued programme of enhanced play facilities within the County
- Progression of St Nicholas Quarter – Phase 2 through detailed design stage to commencement of construction under the approved Towns & Cities Infrastructure Fund
- Through our Rural Capital Delivery Team, to accelerate implementation of rural development capital projects funded through the Department of Community & Rural Development & Gaeltacht throughout the County (ORIS/CLAR/Town & Village Renewal/ Community Recognition Fund)

TOWN CENTRE FIRST

- To progress identified projects contained with the developed Town Centre First Plans in association with the respective Town Centre First Town Teams
- URDF Call 3 Dereliction and Vacancy fund to be utilised to begin to leverage targeted properties back to productive use as part of a coordinated cross Directorate response to the issue of dereliction/vacancy in the County, including the use of CPO powers as necessary
- Progression of West Gate House refurbishment project through to tender for construction and contractor appointment

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Completion of PANCR Phase 2 through the Development Agreement approach as entered between the parties and further engagement with the Department of Transport regarding their potential funding of PANCR Phase 4
- Progression of the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund Road projects, including PANCR Phase (rail line under bridge section)
- Ongoing advancement of the Narrow Water Bridge project in conjunction with all project stakeholders

- Commencement on site of the prioritised Active Travel projects in Drogheda and Dundalk respectively and completion of works under Safe Routes to School Round 3
- Advancement of each of the major flood relief schemes to Stage 2
- Progression of Ardee Bypass in terms of the required further land acquisition and detailed design as part of the recommencement of the project
- Progression of the Dundalk Carlingford Greenway proposals in consultation with all stakeholders and in accordance with the National Code of Practice on the Development of Greenways
- Completion of the Drogheda Local Transportation Plan
- Development and advancement of an implementation plan in respect of our Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy in association with the ZEVI unit within the Department of Transport
- Advance Feasibility Study for North Drogheda Rail Station

Many of the priorities and initiatives that are to be progressed in 2027 are dependent on national funding streams, as set out in the Capital Programme 2027-2029, with provision made for match funding from own resources as required.

The extent of grants allocated and/or funding secured will in many cases determine the extent of works identified that can be progressed in 2027.

Every effort will be made to maximise the level of grant funding for the various programmes as detailed above.

David Jones

Director of Service

TABLES

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Summary by Service Division		Expenditure €	Income €	Budget Net Expenditure 2027 €	%	Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2026 €	%
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income							
A Housing and Building		102,081,697	103,261,107	(1,179,410)	(2.1%)	(1,044,824)	(2.0%)
B Road Transport & Safety		31,198,364	17,590,647	13,607,717	24.6%	13,098,582	25.0%
C Water Services		4,010,039	2,142,941	1,867,098	3.4%	1,075,892	2.1%
D Development Management		27,677,632	14,636,864	13,040,768	23.5%	11,761,391	22.4%
E Environmental Services		28,223,683	4,859,085	23,364,598	42.2%	22,163,074	42.3%
F Recreation and Amenity		14,109,706	2,068,963	12,040,743	21.7%	11,461,397	21.9%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,517,383	469,902	1,047,481	1.9%	887,617	1.7%
H Miscellaneous/ Shared Services		11,552,043	19,957,968	(8,405,925)	(15.2%)	(6,948,539)	(13.2%)
		220,370,547	**164,987,477**	**55,383,070**	100.0%	**52,454,590**	100.0%
Provision for Debit Balance		-		-			
ADJUSTED GROSS EXPENDITURE AND INCOME	**(A)**	**220,370,547**	**164,987,477**	**55,383,070**		**52,454,590**	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances							
Provision for Credit Balance			2,500,000	2,500,000			
Local Property Tax			11,966,198	11,966,198			
SUB-TOTAL	**(B)**			**14,466,198**			
AMOUNT OF RATES TO BE LEVIED	**C=(A-B)**			**40,916,872**			
Net Effective Valuation	**(E)**			177,741,021			
GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION	**(C/E)**			**0.2302**			

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A Housing and Building								
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units		19,274,589		9,483,341	17,192,810	21,878,161	8,216,889	12,804,882
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer		1,398,887		21,525	1,244,240	1,270,909	22,558	21,525
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		1,733,882		19,334,351	1,578,100	1,418,776	17,133,758	17,534,351
A04 Housing Community Development Support		1,245,557		13,185	1,122,976	1,111,862	48,454	13,185
A05 Administration of Homeless Service		8,520,169		7,619,619	9,462,357	8,440,352	8,637,543	7,522,835
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.		4,022,346		2,334,916	4,027,923	3,861,125	2,393,167	2,242,536
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme		49,351,829		50,917,288	42,018,419	43,727,176	43,552,348	45,305,288
A08 Housing Loans		2,162,723		1,093,135	2,159,304	2,135,747	1,024,480	1,093,135
A09 Housing Grants		13,023,170		11,642,759	10,897,456	8,915,676	9,778,286	7,718,446
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services		698,991		237,019	674,500	630,031	230,003	229,519
A12 HAP Programme		649,554		563,969	665,792	615,032	629,740	563,969
Division A Total		**102,081,697**		**103,261,107**	**91,043,877**	**94,004,847**	**91,667,226**	**95,049,671**

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Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B Road Transport & Safety								
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement		614,207		397,583	579,010	541,163	337,729	319,583
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement		1,150,375		783,206	627,963	1,725,368	258,484	1,372,206
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement		9,075,083		5,376,584	8,420,256	9,108,001	4,979,774	5,160,584
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		12,872,863		6,872,273	13,174,819	14,465,394	7,319,521	8,621,093
B05 Public Lighting		2,775,542		81,168	2,245,782	2,414,163	81,273	83,168
B06 Traffic Management Improvement		541,000		-	529,000	542,000	-	-
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement		813,227		226,282	737,831	780,758	226,459	284,082
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education		558,054		47,610	540,379	438,105	48,137	47,610
B09 Car Parking		1,778,844		2,869,320	1,568,216	1,566,835	2,869,738	2,869,320
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog		675,290		12,050	700,801	724,683	12,663	12,050
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services		343,879		924,571	600,168	608,405	1,094,926	1,046,597
Division B Total		**31,198,364**		**17,590,647**	**29,724,225**	**32,914,875**	**17,228,704**	**19,816,293**

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	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
C Water Services								
C01 Water Supply		-		-	3,284,435	2,777,229	2,800,890	2,498,855
C02 Waste Water Treatment		-		-	1,689,195	1,509,653	1,456,500	1,371,291
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges		-		-	56,694	59,052	40,776	48,902
C04 Public Conveniences		475,460		4,132	455,430	481,961	4,291	4,132
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations		261,057		91,932	180,541	199,862	91,033	103,932
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme		-		-	470,581	394,632	381,472	337,551
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services		-		-	116,302	117,973	90,116	99,807
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services		3,273,522		2,046,877	-	-	-	-
Division C Total		**4,010,039**		**2,142,941**	**6,253,178**	**5,540,362**	**4,865,078**	**4,464,470**

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Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D Development Management								
D01 Forward Planning		2,048,513		217,566	1,944,432	1,942,240	63,449	62,366
D02 Development Management		3,418,741		991,496	3,233,838	3,304,144	1,043,860	983,296
D03 Enforcement		1,443,634		30,681	1,361,982	1,329,710	31,809	32,681
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities		862,347		800,170	797,991	891,375	705,328	800,170
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion		925,638		3,073	832,461	830,606	3,229	14,973
D06 Community and Enterprise Function		9,105,799		7,126,351	8,541,928	7,577,822	7,012,596	6,058,565
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates		683,343		361,889	670,656	664,019	361,985	361,889
D08 Building Control		596,333		78,378	488,382	522,700	88,702	80,878
D09 Economic Development and Promotion		8,122,095		4,634,728	6,964,707	6,364,961	4,086,974	3,448,391
D10 Property Management		9,000		101,000	-	-	45,000	52,000
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services		462,189		291,532	439,591	495,967	161,339	266,944
Division D Total		**27,677,632**		**14,636,864**	**25,275,968**	**23,923,544**	**13,604,271**	**12,162,153**

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	2027				2026			
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Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E Environmental Services								
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare		1,820,849		91,883	1,668,322	1,638,457	92,233	91,883
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations		311,271		55,877	159,032	160,165	56,921	55,877
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations		603,801		8,931	533,460	523,614	9,385	8,931
E05 Litter Management		1,564,708		133,541	1,468,283	1,498,644	134,772	143,541
E06 Street Cleaning		4,064,248		46,496	3,673,899	3,911,031	48,860	46,496
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		1,123,819		290,701	1,013,982	1,032,443	291,697	296,126
E08 Waste Management Planning		22,500		-	22,500	21,000	-	-
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds		759,768		151,710	748,896	754,372	154,153	149,710
E10 Safety of Structures and Places		473,910		120,958	441,735	466,787	271,083	336,624
E11 Operation of Fire Service		14,563,347		2,352,684	14,064,410	13,982,571	2,355,039	2,186,047
E12 Fire Prevention		480,075		309,657	574,618	577,743	260,097	309,657
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution		593,304		204,977	597,686	586,458	205,175	218,177
E15 Climate Change and Flooding		1,842,083		1,091,670	1,750,934	1,866,689	963,924	1,013,831
Division E Total		**28,223,683**		**4,859,085**	**26,717,757**	**27,019,974**	**4,843,339**	**4,856,900**

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
F Recreation and Amenity								
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations		353,000		60,000	353,000	353,000	60,000	60,000
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service		5,010,072		195,204	4,826,485	4,751,430	172,451	117,320
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations		2,833,634		127,364	2,662,702	2,691,520	28,654	61,095
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development		3,207,300		1,075,431	3,090,321	2,904,839	1,185,234	1,017,481
F05 Operation of Arts Programme		2,705,700		610,964	2,575,548	2,589,966	524,971	573,462
Division F Total		**14,109,706**		**2,068,963**	**13,508,056**	**13,290,755**	**1,971,310**	**1,829,358**

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours		669,180		188,486	565,754	571,996	193,087	186,986
G03 Coastal Protection		44,259		-	14,259	14,259	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service		780,944		269,621	739,491	810,339	269,927	333,471
G05 Educational Support Services		23,000		11,795	23,000	21,620	11,795	10,140
Division G Total		**1,517,383**		**469,902**	**1,342,504**	**1,418,214**	**474,809**	**530,597**

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	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H Miscellaneous/ Shared Services								
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account		2,070,858		2,050,065	1,719,227	2,212,343	1,720,141	2,203,065
H03 Adminstration of Rates		3,529,281		382,626	3,982,180	3,513,923	484,285	382,626
H04 Franchise Costs		399,751		106,438	354,630	363,499	106,644	106,438
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses		339,125		4,203	320,932	334,809	4,417	4,203
H06 Weighbridges		1,500		-	1,500	1,500	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading		71,311		11,692	68,403	66,184	11,752	11,692
H08 Malicious Damage		5,000		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership		1,817,452		-	1,788,540	1,812,729	-	-
H10 Motor Taxation		1,321,575		30,399	1,281,076	1,219,678	41,437	30,399
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services		832,458		16,203,813	265,211	258,940	15,017,221	13,993,721
H12 Shared Services		1,163,732		1,163,732	-	-	-	-
Division H Total		**11,552,043**		**19,957,968**	**9,786,699**	**9,788,605**	**17,390,897**	**16,737,144**
OVERALL TOTAL		**220,370,547**		**164,987,477**	**203,652,264**	**207,901,176**	**152,045,634**	**155,446,586**

TABLE C - SERVICE DIVISION EXPENDITURE, INCOME & TRANSFERS 2027						
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Budget Excluding Transfers 2027 €	Budget Transfers 2027 €	Total Budget 2027 €	Budget Excluding Transfers 2027 €	Budget Transfers 2027 €	Total Budget 2027 €
Housing and Building	101,911,697	170,000	102,081,697	101,186,107	2,075,000	103,261,107
Road Transport & Safety	30,623,364	575,000	31,198,364	15,590,647	2,000,000	17,590,647
Water Services	3,986,039	24,000	4,010,039	2,142,941	-	2,142,941
Development Management	26,260,632	1,417,000	27,677,632	14,636,864	-	14,636,864
Environmental Services	26,931,183	1,292,500	28,223,683	4,779,085	80,000	4,859,085
Recreation and Amenity	13,749,194	360,512	14,109,706	1,768,963	300,000	2,068,963
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,307,383	210,000	1,517,383	469,902	-	469,902
Miscellaneous/ Shared Services	10,867,043	685,000	11,552,043	17,375,900	2,582,068	19,957,968
Total Divisions	**215,636,535**	**4,734,012**	**220,370,547**	**157,950,409**	**7,037,068**	**164,987,477**

Table D	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2027 FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	**2027** **€**
Rents from Houses	20,931,130
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	965,292
Parking Fines & Charges	2,859,900
Uisce Éireann	-
Planning Fees	864,000
Fire Charges	1,127,000
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	355,000
Local Authority Contributions	107,250
Superannuation	1,179,997
Other income	15,303,364
Total Goods & Services	**43,692,933**

Table E	
ANALYSIS OFBUDGET INCOME 2027 FROM GRANTS & SUBSIDIES	
	2027
	€
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Housing and Building	78,814,411
Water Services	1,951,295
Development Management	387,125
Environmental Services	1,745,839
Recreation and Amenity	9,075
Miscellaneous/ Shared Services	12,102,841
Sub-total	**95,010,586**
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	11,186,336
Culture, Communications, & Sport	268,000
Social Protection	156,000
Defence	112,000
Education & Youth	-
Arts Council	80,000
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	167,681
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	90,000
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment	1,554,000
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	7,006,593
Climate, Environment, & Energy	890,000
Other	4,773,348
Sub-total	**26,283,958**
Total Grants & Subsidies	**121,294,544**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
A0101 Maintenance of LA Housing Units		16,735,970	14,763,746	19,457,347
A0102 Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units		97,000	97,000	97,000
A0103 Traveller Accommodation Management		202,310	192,828	158,338
A0199 Service Support Costs		2,239,309	2,139,236	2,165,476
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units		**19,274,589**	**17,192,810**	**21,878,161**
A0201 Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.		689,245	607,041	622,966
A0299 Service Support Costs		709,642	637,199	647,943
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer		**1,398,887**	**1,244,240**	**1,270,909**
A0301 Debt Management & Rent Assessment		1,058,653	971,209	800,126
A0399 Service Support Costs		675,229	606,891	618,650
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		**1,733,882**	**1,578,100**	**1,418,776**
A0401 Housing Estate Management		407,705	353,286	352,000
A0402 Tenancy Management		411,484	384,077	368,147
A0403 Social and Community Housing Service		3,500	3,500	3,500
A0499 Service Support Costs		422,868	382,113	388,215
A04 Housing Community Development Support		**1,245,557**	**1,122,976**	**1,111,862**
A0501 Homeless Grants Other Bodies		7,270,000	8,258,476	7,200,593
A0502 Homeless Service		620,000	620,000	620,000
A0599 Service Support Costs		630,169	583,881	619,759
A05 Administration of Homeless Service		**8,520,169**	**9,462,357**	**8,440,352**
A0601 Technical and Administrative Support		1,934,968	1,931,874	1,843,732
A0602 Loan Charges		1,211,900	1,305,486	1,211,900
A0699 Service Support Costs		875,478	790,563	805,493
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.		**4,022,346**	**4,027,923**	**3,861,125**
A0701 RAS Operations		627,904	631,986	625,653
A0702 Long Term Leasing		6,556,502	6,231,336	6,443,847
A0703 Payment & Availability		42,077,889	35,076,165	36,575,026
A0799 Service Support Costs		89,534	78,932	82,650
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme		**49,351,829**	**42,018,419**	**43,727,176**
A0801 Loan Interest and Other Charges		1,852,874	1,862,874	1,852,874
A0802 Debt Management Housing Loans		117,255	122,423	102,000
A0899 Service Support Costs		192,594	174,007	180,873
A08 Housing Loans		**2,162,723**	**2,159,304**	**2,135,747**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
A0904 Other Housing Grant Payments		12,470,639	10,203,157	8,423,194
A0905 Mobility Aids Housing Grants		50,000	222,654	60,720
A0999 Service Support Costs		502,531	471,645	431,762
A09 Housing Grants		**13,023,170**	**10,897,456**	**8,915,676**
A1101 Agency & Recoupable Service		373,858	379,937	333,413
A1199 Service Support Costs		325,133	294,563	296,618
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services		**698,991**	**674,500**	**630,031**
A1299 HAP Service Support Costs		649,554	665,792	615,032
A12 HAP Programme		**649,554**	**665,792**	**615,032**
Division A Total		**102,081,697**	**91,043,877**	**94,004,847**

Table F - Income				
Division A - Housing and Building				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		78,814,411	69,996,340	72,553,975
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**78,814,411**	**69,996,340**	**72,553,975**
Goods & Services				
Rents from Houses		20,931,130	18,672,154	19,127,630
Housing Loans Interest & Charges		965,292	896,492	965,292
Superannuation		164,574	172,941	164,574
Other income		2,385,700	1,929,299	2,238,200
Total Goods & Services		**24,446,696**	**21,670,886**	**22,495,696**
Division A Total		**103,261,107**	**91,667,226**	**95,049,671**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
B0103 NP - Winter Maintenance		30,000	30,000	30,000
B0105 NP - General Maintenance		59,700	59,700	59,700
B0106 NP - General Improvements Works		305,000	245,000	227,000
B0199 Service Support Costs		219,507	244,310	224,463
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement		**614,207**	**579,010**	**541,163**
B0204 NS - Winter Maintenance		50,000	50,000	55,000
B0206 NS - General Maintenance		727,742	202,742	1,316,742
B0299 Service Support Costs		372,633	375,221	353,626
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement		**1,150,375**	**627,963**	**1,725,368**
B0301 Regional Roads Surface Dressing		400,000	400,000	265,000
B0302 Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay		2,500,000	2,300,000	2,619,000
B0303 Regional Road Winter Maintenance		533,620	353,120	633,620
B0304 Regional Road Bridge Maintenance		300,000	300,000	300,000
B0305 Regional Road General Maintenance Works		2,190,500	2,000,341	2,183,287
B0306 Regional Road General Improvement Works		835,000	815,000	828,000
B0399 Service Support Costs		2,315,963	2,251,795	2,279,094
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement		**9,075,083**	**8,420,256**	**9,108,001**
B0401 Local Road Surface Dressing		800,000	840,000	2,817,820
B0402 Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay		3,000,000	3,500,000	2,906,000
B0405 Local Roads General Maintenance Works		2,519,000	2,514,200	2,572,320
B0406 Local Roads General Improvement Works		1,085,000	883,000	841,000
B0499 Service Support Costs		5,468,863	5,437,619	5,328,254
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		**12,872,863**	**13,174,819**	**14,465,394**
B0501 Public Lighting Operating Costs		2,495,000	1,989,000	2,146,000
B0599 Service Support Costs		280,542	256,782	268,163
B05 Public Lighting		**2,775,542**	**2,245,782**	**2,414,163**
B0602 Traffic Maintenance		541,000	529,000	542,000
B06 Traffic Management Improvement		**541,000**	**529,000**	**542,000**
B0701 Low Cost Remedial Measures		475,000	455,000	512,800
B0799 Service Support Costs		338,227	282,831	267,958
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement		**813,227**	**737,831**	**780,758**
B0801 School Wardens		322,000	318,800	224,000
B0802 Publicity and Promotion Road Safety		3,500	3,500	3,500
B0899 Service Support Costs		232,554	218,079	210,605
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education		**558,054**	**540,379**	**438,105**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
B0901 Maintenance and Management of Car Parks		78,700	78,700	78,700
B0902 Operation of Street Parking		580,200	580,200	586,200
B0903 Parking Enforcement		775,527	597,188	586,466
B0999 Service Support Costs		344,417	312,128	315,469
B09 Car Parking		**1,778,844**	**1,568,216**	**1,566,835**
B1001 Administration of Roads Capital Programme		334,765	392,214	411,857
B1099 Service Support Costs		340,525	308,587	312,826
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog		**675,290**	**700,801**	**724,683**
B1101 Agency & Recoupable Service		170,552	442,225	447,723
B1199 Service Support Costs		173,327	157,943	160,682
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services		**343,879**	**600,168**	**608,405**
Division B Total		**31,198,364**	**29,724,225**	**32,914,875**

Table F - Income				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		-	-	144,019
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland		11,186,336	10,901,336	13,543,963
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht		375,000	375,000	375,000
Other		-	-	50,000
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**11,561,336**	**11,276,336**	**14,112,982**
Goods & Services				
Parking Fines & Charges		2,859,900	2,859,900	2,859,900
Superannuation		196,961	206,977	196,961
Local Authority Contributions		37,250	207,250	91,250
Other income		2,935,200	2,678,241	2,555,200
Total Goods & Services		**6,029,311**	**5,952,368**	**5,703,311**
Division B Total		**17,590,647**	**17,228,704**	**19,816,293**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division C - Water Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
C0101 Water Plants & Networks		-	1,182,988	700,000
C0199 Service Support Costs		-	2,101,447	2,077,229
C01 Water Supply		**-**	**3,284,435**	**2,777,229**
C0201 Waste Plants and Networks		-	700,800	580,000
C0299 Service Support Costs		-	988,395	929,653
C02 Waste Water Treatment		**-**	**1,689,195**	**1,509,653**
C0399 Service Support Costs		-	56,694	59,052
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges		**-**	**56,694**	**59,052**
C0401 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences		411,202	396,202	420,516
C0499 Service Support Costs		64,258	59,228	61,445
C04 Public Conveniences		**475,460**	**455,430**	**481,961**
C0599 Service Support Costs		261,057	180,541	199,862
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations		**261,057**	**180,541**	**199,862**
C0601 Technical Design and Supervision		-	154,510	72,000
C0699 Service Support Costs		-	316,071	322,632
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme		**-**	**470,581**	**394,632**
C0701 Agency & Recoupable Service		-	19,500	17,200
C0799 Service Support Costs		-	96,802	100,773
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services		**-**	**116,302**	**117,973**
C0899 Local Authority Service Support Costs		3,273,522	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services		**3,273,522**	**-**	**-**
Division C Total		**4,010,039**	**6,253,178**	**5,540,362**

Table F - Income				
Division C - Water Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		1,951,295	2,059,876	2,471,623
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**1,951,295**	**2,059,876**	**2,471,623**
Goods & Services				
Uisce Éireann		-	2,605,879	1,789,200
Superannuation		170,646	179,323	170,647
Other income		21,000	20,000	33,000
Total Goods & Services		**191,646**	**2,805,202**	**1,992,847**
Division C Total		**2,142,941**	**4,865,078**	**4,464,470**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division D - Development Management				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
D0101 Statutory Plans and Policy		1,540,737	1,489,812	1,477,036
D0199 Service Support Costs		507,776	454,620	465,204
D01 Forward Planning		**2,048,513**	**1,944,432**	**1,942,240**
D0201 Planning Control		2,084,898	2,033,871	2,080,852
D0299 Service Support Costs		1,333,843	1,199,967	1,223,292
D02 Development Management		**3,418,741**	**3,233,838**	**3,304,144**
D0301 Enforcement Costs		846,199	818,738	779,269
D0399 Service Support Costs		597,435	543,244	550,441
D03 Enforcement		**1,443,634**	**1,361,982**	**1,329,710**
D0403 Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs		45,000	75,000	75,000
D0404 General Development Promotion Work		808,565	714,985	808,301
D0499 Service Support Costs		8,782	8,006	8,074
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities		**862,347**	**797,991**	**891,375**
D0501 Tourism Promotion		836,429	751,236	748,431
D0599 Service Support Costs		89,209	81,225	82,175
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion		**925,638**	**832,461**	**830,606**
D0601 General Community & Enterprise Expenses		4,188,540	3,080,875	2,175,935
D0603 Social Inclusion		4,178,295	4,788,869	4,722,947
D0699 Service Support Costs		738,964	672,184	678,940
D06 Community and Enterprise Function		**9,105,799**	**8,541,928**	**7,577,822**
D0701 Unfinished Housing Estates		633,589	625,337	617,852
D0799 Service Support Costs		49,754	45,319	46,167
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates		**683,343**	**670,656**	**664,019**
D0801 Building Control Inspection Costs		388,383	298,746	333,674
D0802 Building Control Enforcement Costs		17,250	17,250	14,000
D0899 Service Support Costs		190,700	172,386	175,026
D08 Building Control		**596,333**	**488,382**	**522,700**
D0903 Town Twinning		10,000	10,000	10,000
D0905 Economic Development & Promotion		5,382,484	4,270,575	3,784,560
D0906 Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation		1,738,777	1,782,523	1,655,813
D0999 Service Support Costs		990,834	901,609	914,588
D09 Economic Development and Promotion		**8,122,095**	**6,964,707**	**6,364,961**
D1001 Property Management Costs		9,000	-	-
D10 Property Management		**9,000**	**-**	**-**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division D - Development Management				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
D1101 Heritage Services		248,633	245,747	359,506
D1102 Conservation Services		79,270	71,089	5,500
D1103 Conservation Grants		19,000	19,000	25,000
D1199 Service Support Costs		115,286	103,755	105,961
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services		**462,189**	**439,591**	**495,967**
Division D Total		**27,677,632**	**25,275,968**	**23,923,544**

Table F - Income				
Division D - Development Management				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		387,125	233,913	285,595
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment		1,554,000	1,645,000	1,561,000
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht		6,631,593	6,505,312	5,364,808
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration		162,681	-	153,779
Other		3,567,326	2,576,170	2,421,357
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**12,302,725**	**10,960,395**	**9,786,539**
Goods & Services				
Planning Fees		864,000	924,000	860,300
Superannuation		163,581	171,899	163,581
Other income		1,306,558	1,547,977	1,351,733
Total Goods & Services		**2,334,139**	**2,643,876**	**2,375,614**
Division D Total		**14,636,864**	**13,604,271**	**12,162,153**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
E0101 Landfill Operations		1,144,797	965,862	966,261
E0103 Landfill Aftercare Costs.		265,000	265,000	265,000
E0199 Service Support Costs		411,052	437,460	407,196
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare		**1,820,849**	**1,668,322**	**1,638,457**
E0201 Recycling Facilities Operations		283,500	133,500	133,500
E0204 Other Recycling Services		5,000	5,000	5,000
E0299 Service Support Costs		22,771	20,532	21,665
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations		**311,271**	**159,032**	**160,165**
E0301 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations		327,408	282,850	269,454
E0399 Service Support Costs		276,393	250,610	254,160
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations		**603,801**	**533,460**	**523,614**
E0501 Litter Warden Service		490,000	480,000	480,000
E0502 Litter Control Initiatives		35,000	35,000	35,000
E0503 Environmental Awareness Services		462,000	445,400	456,648
E0599 Service Support Costs		577,708	507,883	526,996
E05 Litter Management		**1,564,708**	**1,468,283**	**1,498,644**
E0601 Operation of Street Cleaning Service		3,325,850	2,991,850	3,211,850
E0699 Service Support Costs		738,398	682,049	699,181
E06 Street Cleaning		**4,064,248**	**3,673,899**	**3,911,031**
E0701 Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)		568,113	508,923	530,449
E0702 Enforcement of Waste Regulations		11,900	11,900	3,900
E0799 Service Support Costs		543,806	493,159	498,094
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		**1,123,819**	**1,013,982**	**1,032,443**
E0801 Waste Management Plan		22,500	22,500	21,000
E08 Waste Management Planning		**22,500**	**22,500**	**21,000**
E0901 Maintenance of Burial Grounds		592,600	592,600	594,917
E0999 Service Support Costs		167,168	156,296	159,455
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds		**759,768**	**748,896**	**754,372**
E1001 Operation Costs Civil Defence		216,256	196,033	227,629
E1002 Dangerous Buildings		35,000	30,000	20,000
E1004 Derelict Sites		15,000	15,000	10,000
E1005 Water Safety Operation		129,237	129,237	134,877
E1099 Service Support Costs		78,417	71,465	74,281
E10 Safety of Structures and Places		**473,910**	**441,735**	**466,787**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
E1101 Operation of Fire Brigade Service		11,356,440	11,082,440	10,909,902
E1199 Service Support Costs		3,206,907	2,981,970	3,072,669
E11 Operation of Fire Service		**14,563,347**	**14,064,410**	**13,982,571**
E1201 Fire Safety Control Cert Costs		249,773	366,291	366,291
E1299 Service Support Costs		230,302	208,327	211,452
E12 Fire Prevention		**480,075**	**574,618**	**577,743**
E1301 Water Quality Management		409,652	442,929	427,891
E1302 Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality		31,000	18,000	18,000
E1399 Service Support Costs		152,652	136,757	140,567
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution		**593,304**	**597,686**	**586,458**
E1501 Climate Change and Flooding		1,785,213	1,699,330	1,814,879
E1599 Service Support Costs		56,870	51,604	51,810
E15 Climate Change and Flooding		**1,842,083**	**1,750,934**	**1,866,689**
Division E Total		**28,223,683**	**26,717,757**	**27,019,974**

Table F - Income				
Division E - Environmental Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		1,745,839	1,668,363	1,472,363
Defence		112,000	112,000	153,194
Climate, Environment, & Energy		890,000	890,000	904,000
Other		280,000	280,000	308,000
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**3,027,839**	**2,950,363**	**2,837,557**
Goods & Services				
Fire Charges		1,127,000	1,037,000	1,112,000
Superannuation		299,546	314,776	299,546
Local Authority Contributions		70,000	102,500	114,000
Other income		334,700	438,700	493,797
Total Goods & Services		**1,831,246**	**1,892,976**	**2,019,343**
Division E Total		**4,859,085**	**4,843,339**	**4,856,900**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division F - Recreation and Amenity				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
F0101 Leisure Facilities Operations		320,000	320,000	320,000
F0199 Service Support Costs		33,000	33,000	33,000
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations		**353,000**	**353,000**	**353,000**
F0201 Library Service Operations		2,802,800	2,751,890	2,685,806
F0202 Archive Service		185,351	189,970	169,203
F0204 Purchase of Books, CD's etc.		330,000	330,000	330,000
F0205 Contributions to Library Organisations		16,000	20,598	15,405
F0299 Service Support Costs		1,675,921	1,534,027	1,551,016
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service		**5,010,072**	**4,826,485**	**4,751,430**
F0301 Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces		2,021,550	1,810,000	1,894,441
F0302 Playgrounds		194,800	194,800	194,800
F0303 Beaches		40,000	40,000	40,000
F0399 Service Support Costs		577,284	617,902	562,279
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations		**2,833,634**	**2,662,702**	**2,691,520**
F0401 Community Grants		405,218	419,917	419,803
F0402 Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium		1,465,195	1,246,666	1,211,534
F0404 Recreational Development		819,636	953,890	789,626
F0499 Service Support Costs		517,251	469,848	483,876
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development		**3,207,300**	**3,090,321**	**2,904,839**
F0501 Administration of the Arts Programme		994,697	960,368	937,248
F0503 Museums Operations		445,431	386,785	392,012
F0504 Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations		440,000	355,700	358,551
F0505 Festivals & Concerts		484,000	565,000	584,000
F0599 Service Support Costs		341,572	307,695	318,155
F05 Operation of Arts Programme		**2,705,700**	**2,575,548**	**2,589,966**
Division F Total		**14,109,706**	**13,508,056**	**13,290,755**

Table F - Income				
Division F - Recreation and Amenity				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		9,075	11,500	11,849
Culture, Communications, & Sport		268,000	218,000	265,500
Arts Council		80,000	85,000	80,000
Other		848,227	909,896	727,348
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**1,205,302**	**1,224,396**	**1,084,697**
Goods & Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture		355,000	330,000	335,000
Superannuation		111,161	116,814	111,161
Other income		397,500	300,100	298,500
Total Goods & Services		**863,661**	**746,914**	**744,661**
Division F Total		**2,068,963**	**1,971,310**	**1,829,358**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
G0201 Operation of Piers		169,633	169,633	169,633
G0203 Operation of Harbours		350,600	275,600	255,000
G0299 Service Support Costs		148,947	120,521	147,363
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours		**669,180**	**565,754**	**571,996**
G0301 General Maintenance - Coastal Regions		2,759	2,759	2,759
G0302 Planned Protection of Coastal Regions		40,000	10,000	10,000
G0399 Service Support Costs		1,500	1,500	1,500
G03 Coastal Protection		**44,259**	**14,259**	**14,259**
G0404 Operation of Dog Warden Service		422,743	422,388	485,218
G0405 Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)		5,000	5,000	5,000
G0499 Service Support Costs		353,201	312,103	320,121
G04 Veterinary Service		**780,944**	**739,491**	**810,339**
G0507 School Meals		23,000	23,000	21,620
G05 Educational Support Services		**23,000**	**23,000**	**21,620**
Division G Total		**1,517,383**	**1,342,504**	**1,418,214**

Table F - Income				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Education & Youth		-	11,795	-
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine		90,000	90,000	90,000
Other		62,795	51,000	124,990
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**152,795**	**152,795**	**214,990**
Goods & Services				
Superannuation		8,007	8,414	8,007
Other income		309,100	313,600	307,600
Total Goods & Services		**317,107**	**322,014**	**315,607**
Division G Total		**469,902**	**474,809**	**530,597**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division H - Miscellaneous/ Shared Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
H0101 Maintenance of Machinery Service		55,788	55,868	64,068
H0102 Plant and Machinery Operations		1,613,067	1,289,407	1,763,541
H0199 Service Support Costs		402,003	373,952	384,734
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account		**2,070,858**	**1,719,227**	**2,212,343**
H0301 Administration of Rates Office		327,214	327,941	367,084
H0302 Debt Management Service Rates		957,047	1,123,030	1,109,030
H0303 Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates		1,400,000	1,760,000	1,260,000
H0399 Service Support Costs		845,020	771,209	777,809
H03 Adminstration of Rates		**3,529,281**	**3,982,180**	**3,513,923**
H0401 Register of Elector Costs		240,635	208,139	213,792
H0402 Local Election Costs		35,000	35,000	35,000
H0499 Service Support Costs		124,116	111,491	114,707
H04 Franchise Costs		**399,751**	**354,630**	**363,499**
H0501 Coroner Fees and Expenses		291,366	276,191	289,162
H0599 Service Support Costs		47,759	44,741	45,647
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses		**339,125**	**320,932**	**334,809**
H0601 Weighbridge Operations		1,500	1,500	1,500
H06 Weighbridges		**1,500**	**1,500**	**1,500**
H0701 Operation of Markets		34,400	33,400	33,400
H0702 Casual Trading Areas		6,000	6,000	2,000
H0799 Service Support Costs		30,911	29,003	30,784
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading		**71,311**	**68,403**	**66,184**
H0801 Malicious Damage		5,000	5,000	5,000
H08 Malicious Damage		**5,000**	**5,000**	**5,000**
H0901 Representational Payments		929,712	909,325	924,246
H0902 Chair/Vice Chair Allowances		24,000	24,000	53,289
H0904 Expenses LA Members		423,740	408,840	383,334
H0905 Other Expenses		88,000	103,000	93,000
H0906 Conferences Abroad		35,000	35,000	35,000
H0907 Retirement Gratuities		150,000	150,000	164,000
H0908 Contribution to Members Associations		167,000	158,375	159,860
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership		**1,817,452**	**1,788,540**	**1,812,729**
H1001 Motor Taxation Operation		602,545	633,261	565,097
H1099 Service Support Costs		719,030	647,815	654,581
H10 Motor Taxation		**1,321,575**	**1,281,076**	**1,219,678**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division H - Miscellaneous/ Shared Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
H1101 Agency & Recoupable Service		832,458	265,211	258,940
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services		**832,458**	**265,211**	**258,940**
H1201 Housing and Building		1,163,732	-	-
H12 Shared Services		**1,163,732**	**-**	**-**
Division H Total		**11,552,043**	**9,786,699**	**9,788,605**
OVERALL TOTAL		**220,370,547**	**203,652,264**	**207,901,176**

Table F - Income				
Division H - Miscellaneous/ Shared Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage		12,102,841	10,696,218	10,656,218
Social Protection		156,000	120,000	166,000
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration		5,000	5,000	5,000
Other		15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Government Grants & Subsidies		**12,278,841**	**10,836,218**	**10,842,218**
Goods & Services				
Superannuation		65,521	68,854	65,521
Other income		7,613,606	6,485,825	5,829,405
Total Goods & Services		**7,679,127**	**6,554,679**	**5,894,926**
Division H Total		**19,957,968**	**17,390,897**	**16,737,144**
OVERALL TOTAL		**164,987,477**	**152,045,634**	**155,446,586**

APPENDIX 1	
SUMMARY OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR YEAR 2027	
Description	**2027** **€**
Corporate Affairs Overhead	3,933,363
Corporate Buildings Overhead	6,065,286
Finance Function Overhead	2,068,182
Human Resource Function Overhead	2,684,602
IT Services	3,150,718
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	445,000
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	10,800,295
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	**29,147,446**

APPENDIX 2		
SUMMARY OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2027		
Description	**2027** **€**	**2027** **€**
Discretionary		
** Discretionary Local Property Tax (Table A)	11,966,198	
		11,966,198
Self Funding - Revenue Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	-	
		-
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget		**11,966,198**
Self Funding - Capital Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	-	
		-
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget		**-**
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)		**11,966,198**

**This amount includes an equalisation contribution of €441,094 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of Louth County Council held this 16th day of November, 2026 the Council, by Resolution, adopted for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 2027 the budget set out in Tables A to F and by Resolution determined, in accordance with the said budget, the Rate set out in Table A to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposed set out in those Tables.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned _____

Chief Executive

Dated this 16th day of November 2026.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

2027 TO 2029

Summary
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept. / Other Depts.	Funding from ICR (Hsg only)	Funding Development Levies	Funding Other (Loans /EU Funding)	Funding from Revenue Account	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029
	TOTAL HOUSING	792,514,395	791,244,602	1,269,792	0	0	0	341,483,891	132,769,780	119,570,705	198,690,019
	TOTAL ROADS	278,246,682	249,725,881	0	16,203,796	12,317,005	0	133,637,218	50,344,837	44,214,945	26,451,020
	TOTAL TOWN PROJECTS	80,835,333	51,175,556	0	18,024,616	0	11,635,161	3,007,817	9,415,000	30,814,614	23,647,902
	TOTAL BUILDINGS	22,593,056	17,093,000	0	0	0	5,500,056	2,795,347	7,667,056	8,780,653	3,350,000
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	8,305,000	6,180,000	0	0	0	2,125,000	2,975,000	3,630,000	1,050,000	650,000
	TOTAL SURFACE WATER / FLOODING & COASTAL EROSION	302,638,314	302,377,879	0	0	0	260,435	9,197,325	3,600,000	2,380,000	2,620,000
	TOTAL CLIMATE & LANDFILL	22,176,910	2,625,000	0	0	0	19,551,910	6,636,571	3,718,766	1,228,613	1,235,346
	TOTAL RECREATION & AMENITIES	37,152,988	15,865,324	0	20,545,264	0	742,400	4,463,982	8,590,028	15,550,000	8,548,978
	OVERALL TOTAL	1,544,462,678	1,436,287,242	1,269,792	54,773,676	12,317,005	39,814,962	504,197,151	219,735,467	223,589,530	265,193,265

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	Social Housing Projects (LA Build)											
1	Mount Avenue, Dundalk - 93 units	37,550,998	37,550,998	0	2023	2028	33,751,288	2,734,748	1,064,962	0	Contract	Phase1 Q3 2026 / Phase 2 Q1 2027.
2	Boice Court Phase 2, Drogheda - 72 units	24,666,735	24,666,735	0	2023	2026	24,524,616	142,119	0	0	Contract	Project Completed - Retention in 2027
3	Rathmullen Infill, Drogheda - 4 units	1,879,891	1,879,891	0	2021	2028	992,016	817,875	70,000	0	Contract	Construction to Commence Q3 2026
4	64/65 Anne Street, Dundalk - 16 units	6,795,364	6,795,364	0	2023	2029	828,707	1,500,000	2,250,000	2,216,657	Contract	Pre-Planning Stage
5	Willowbrook, Dromiskin CPO - 3 sites/units	1,350,000	1,350,000	0	2026	2030	129,366	80,000	570,317	570,317	Contract	Feasibility Stage
6	O'Reillys Yard, Drogheda - 50 units	500,000	500,000	0	2029	2033	0	0	0	500,000	Contract	Feasibility Stage
7	Ramparts Road, Dundalk - 50 units	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	2026	2029	250,000	750,000	1,000,000	18,000,000	Contract	Feasibility Stage
8	Lands in Ardee (HSE site) - 85 Units	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	2026	2030	1,250,000	750,000	1,000,000	32,000,000	Contract	Feasibility Stage
9	Dunleer Site (adjacent ADP site) - 6 units	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	2026	2030	250,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	Contract	Feasibility Stage
10	Ballymakenny - East, Drogheda - 130 units	48,505,501	48,505,501	0	2022	2030	10,251,510	750,000	2,000,000	35,503,991	Contract	Former PPP Scheme. Stage 2 Approval.
	Part V Acqusitions (Approved)											
11	Ushers Mills, Tewnties, Drogheda (Castlethorn) - 14 units	€4,767,771	€4,767,771	0	2026	2026	4,767,771	0	0	0	Part V	Project Completed
12	Beaulieu Village, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda (Ravala Developments) - 25 Units	€9,063,119	€9,063,119	0	2026	2026	9,063,119	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
13	Beaulieu Banks (Phase 1), Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda (Dwellings Developments Ltd.) - 19 units	€5,421,938	€5,421,938	0	2026	2027	740,000	4,681,938	0	0	Part V	In Progress
14	Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda (Lorcan Greenan) - 4 units	€1,325,401	€1,325,401	0	2027	2027	0	1,325,401	0	0	Part V	In Progress
15	Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda (Apolloseven Properties One Ltd.) - 24 units	€7,964,367	€7,964,367	0	2025	2026	7,964,367	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
16	Gort Mell, Old Slane Road, Drogheda - 13 units (Phase 2 & 3)	€4,402,645	€4,402,645	0	2025	2026	4,402,645	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
17	Pottersfield, Ardee - 6 Units	€2,125,309	€2,125,309	0	2025	2026	2,125,309	0	0	0	Part V	Project Completed
18	Ferrard Pk (Phase 2) The Twenties, Drogheda - 16 units	€6,800,000	€6,800,000	0	2026	2026	6,800,000	0	0	0	Part V	Project Completed
19	The Chesters, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda (Lorrac Developments) - 3 units	€1,129,652	€1,129,652	0	2026	2026	1,129,652	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
20	Linenfield, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda (Genus) - 14 units for remaining (Phase 2 & 3)	€5,040,000	€5,040,000	0	2027	2027	0	5,040,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
21	Listoke Wood, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda - 10 units	€4,035,000	€4,035,000	0	2026	2026	4,035,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
22	Listoke Drive, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda - 6 units (Phase 1)	€2,475,000	€2,475,000	0	2026	2026	2,475,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
23	Listoke Drive, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda - 11 units (Phase 2)	€4,400,000	€4,400,000	0	2027	2027	0	4,400,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer

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24	Ellwood Park Phase 2, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda - 16 units	€6,400,000	€6,400,000	0	2027	2027	0	6,400,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
25	Ellwood Court, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda - 3 units	€1,200,000	€1,200,000	0	2027	2027	0	1,200,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
26	Fitzgerald Gardens (Phase 1 & 2), Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda (Propchain) - 13 units	€4,670,000	€4,670,000	0	2026	2026	4,670,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
27	Earlsfort, Dundalk (Phases 1 - 3) - 22 units	€7,920,000	€7,920,000	0	2026	2027	720,000	7,200,000	0	0	Part V	Part V Agreement Signed - On-site
28	St. Furseys, Dublin Road, Dundalk (Wonderglade) - 6 units	€2,392,615	€2,392,615	0	2026	2026	2,392,615	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
29	Bay View, Red Barns Road, Dundalk - (Wonderglade) - 4 units	€1,430,000	€1,430,000	0	2026	2026	1,430,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
30	Saltown, Dundalk (JEMCB) - 4 units	€1,440,000	€1,440,000	0	2026	2027	0	1,440,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
31	Cois Farraige, Dundalk - 15 units	€5,400,000	€5,400,000	0	2026	2026	5,400,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
32	Bridgegate, Ardee (Ashcroft) - 7 units	€2,590,000	€2,590,000	0	2026	2026	2,590,000	0	0	0	Part V	Project Completed
33	Belmont Lawns, Carlingford - 1 unit	€360,000	€360,000	0	2027	2027	0	360,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
34	Chuirt Naomh Mhuire, Louth Village - 2 units	€590,000	€590,000	0	2026	2026	590,000	0	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
35	Bellingham Manor, Castlebellingham - 12 units	€4,400,000	€4,400,000	0	2027	2027	0	4,400,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
36	Bellfield, Dundalk Phase 1 - 8 units	€2,500,000	€2,500,000	0	2027	2027	0	2,500,000	0	0	Part V	Part V Agreement Signed - On-site
37	Ushers Mills, Tewnties, Drogheda (Phase 11 & 12) - 36 units	€13,194,631	€13,194,631	0	2026	2027	11,276,443	1,918,188	0	0	Part V	Part V Agreement Signed - On-site
38	Tobar Muire, Marshes Upper, Dublin Road, Dundalk - 6 Units	€2,400,000	€2,400,000	0	2027	2027	0	2,400,000	0	0	Part V	Part V Agreement Signed - On-site
39	Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk - 7 units	€2,850,000	€2,850,000	0	2026	2026	2,850,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
40	Boyne Road Site (Lagan Homes) Drogheda - 39 units	€15,600,000	€15,600,000	0	2027	2029	0	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
41	Lisdoo (Johnson site), Armagh Road, Dundalk - 41 Units	€16,400,000	€16,400,000	0	2028	2029	0	0	8,000,000	8,400,000	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
42	Armagh Road (William site) - 20 Units	€8,000,000	€8,000,000	0	2028	2029	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
43	Ballymakenny Way & Crescent (Phase 9) - 11 units	€5,425,000	€5,425,000	0	2027	2027	0	5,425,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
44	Lios Dubh, Dundalk - 10 units	€3,270,000	€3,270,000	0	2026	2026	3,270,000	0	0	0	Part V	Near Completion
45	Knockbridge - 6 units	€2,800,000	€2,800,000	0	2027	2027	0	2,800,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
46	Westdalk, Dublin Road, Dundalk - 5 units	€2,400,000	€2,400,000	0	2027	2027	0	2,400,000	0	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
47	Tullybrook, Drogheda (Phase 3) - Bermulla - 9 units	€3,600,000	€3,600,000	0	2028	2028	0	0	3,600,000	0	Part V	In Discussions with Developer
48	Other Part V - 180 units	€72,000,000	€72,000,000	0	2027	2029	0	8,000,000	32,000,000	32,000,000	Part V	Projected Part V Units
	Turnkey Acquisitions											
49	Mullagh Close, Clogherhead - 4 units	€1,384,000	€1,384,000	0	2026	2026	1,384,000	0	0	0	Direct Sales	Project Completed

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50	Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock - 12 units	€3,696,000	€3,696,000	0	2026	2026	3,696,000	0	0	0	Direct Sales	Project Completed
51	Gort Mell, Old Slane Road, Drogheda (Phase 3) - 4 units	€1,506,240	€1,506,240	0	2026	2026	1,506,240	0	0	0	Direct Sales	In Progress
52	Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk - 27 units	€9,557,440	€9,557,440	0	2026	2026	9,557,440	0	0	0	Direct Sales	Near Completion
53	Hearthfield, Mount Avenue, Dundalk - 4 units	€1,600,000	€1,600,000	0	2026	2026	1,600,000	0	0	0	Direct Sales	In Progress
54	Tobar Muire, Marshes Upper, Dublin Road, Dundalk - 25 units	€8,750,000	€8,750,000	0	2027	2027	0	8,750,000	0	0	Direct Sales	Feasibility Stage
55	Dowdalls Court, Dundalk - 4 units	€1,600,000	€1,600,000	0	2027	2027	0	1,600,000	0	0	Direct Sales	Near Completion
56	Other Turnkey units - 130 units	€34,650,000	€34,650,000	0	2027	2029	0	4,650,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	Direct Sales	Projected Turnkeys Units
	Other Acquisitions											
57	Targeted Acquisitions 2026 - 2029 (Homelessness, Disability and Tenant in Situ) - Approx. 100 units	44,000,000	44,000,000	0	2026	2029	11,000,000	11,000,000	11,000,000	11,000,000	Direct / Contract	Subject to Dept. Funding
	Accelerated Delivery Programme Projects											
58	Point Road, Dundalk - 44 units	€17,177,198	€17,177,198	0	2023	2030	423,507	1,000,000	4,000,000	11,753,691	Contract	Stage 2 Approval - Judical Review.
59	Ravel, Dunleer - 70 units	€25,271,466	€25,271,466	0	2023	2026	24,725,247	546,219	0	0	Contract	In Progress
60	Mullavalley, Louth Village - 58 units	€27,684,526	€27,684,526	0	2023	2026	26,797,213	887,313	0	0	Contract	Project Complete
61	Ballymakenny West, Drogheda - 97 units	€32,637,672	€32,637,672	0	2023	2027	28,191,007	3,710,393	736,272	0	Contract	In Progress
62	Greenhills, Drogheda - 46 units	€18,772,214	€18,772,214	0	2023	2026	18,035,434	736,780	0	0	Contract	Project Complete
	Social Housing Projects (Other) CALF & CAS											
63	Tierney Street, Ardee - 2 units	2,059,332	2,059,332	0	2026	2029	0	686,444	686,444	686,444	CAS AHB Contract	DHLGH Stage 3 Approved
64	St John Home, Peter Hill, Drogheda - 4 units	965,786	965,786	0	2026	2029	37,052	309,578	309,578	309,578	CAS AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
65	Womens Aid, Newry Road Dundalk - 12 Units	6,799,560	6,799,560	0	2026	2027	3,111,976	3,687,584	0	0	CAS AHB Contract	In Progress
66	Riverwell Close, Dundalk - I unit	536,366	536,366	0	2026	2028	0	268,183	268,183	0	CAS AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
67	Barrack St, Dundalk - 30 units	8,460,760	8,460,760	0	2026	2029	211,237	2,749,841	2,749,841	2,749,841	CAS AHB Contract	Planning Stage
68	1A McArdle Green, Drogheda - 1 Unit	336,541	336,541	0	2024	2026	336,541	0	0	0	CAS AHB Contract	Project Completed
69	Mortgage to Rent	7,081,187	7,081,187	0	2025	2029	941,187	2,301,600	2,816,400	1,022,000	CALF AHB Contract	DHLGH Funding Element Only
70	Castlebellingham - 20 Units	1,427,500	1,427,500	0	2025	2026	1,427,500	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Near Completion
71	Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda - 50 Units	5,059,421	5,059,421	0	2025	2026	5,059,421	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Near Completion
72	Gullion Park, Finnabair, Dundalk - 142 Units	16,004,427	16,004,427	0	2025	2026	16,004,427	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Project Completed
73	Racecourse Meadows, Dundalk - 26 Units	4,047,477	4,047,477	0	2024	2026	4,047,477	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Near Completion
74	MacNeill View, Ecco Road, Dundalk - 45 Units	4,550,100	4,550,100	0	2024	2026	4,550,100	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Project Completed

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75	Bayview Gardens, Drogheda - 58 Units	5,864,406	5,864,406	0	2025	2026	5,864,406	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Project Completed
76	Crushrod Avenue, Drogheda - 52 Units	6,246,684	6,246,684	0	2024	2026	6,246,684	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Project Completed
77	Hearthfield Dundalk- 42 units	4,464,000	4,464,000	0	2024	2026	4,464,000	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Near Completion
78	Eden Hill Mews Blackrock - 29 Units	3,173,122	3,173,122	0	2024	2026	3,173,122	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Near Completion
79	Boat Trench Ardee- 21 units	1,645,644	1,645,644	0	2026	2028	658,258	822,822	164,564	0	CALF AHB Contract	In Progress
80	Bayview Red Barns Road -33 Units	3,588,324	3,588,324	0	2025	2027	0	3,588,324	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	In Progress
81	St Furseys Dublin Road Dundalk - 24 units	2,574,140	2,574,140	0	2025	2026	2,574,140	0	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Near Completion
82	Termon Abbey, Drogheda- 43 units	3,991,193	3,991,193	0	2027	2028	0	1,330,398	2,660,795	0	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
83	Boyne Cottages Cord Road Drogheda -40 units	4,229,031	4,229,031	0	2027	2027	0	4,229,031	0	0	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
84	Ushers Mill Ballymakeney Drogheda-38 units	4,084,080	4,084,080	0	2027	2028	0	0	4,084,080	0	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
85	Hardmans Gardens Drogheda -42 units	4,520,000	4,520,000	0	2029	2029	0	0	0	4,520,000	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
86	Connollys Field Dundalk -56 units	6,660,864	6,660,864	0	2028	2028	0	0	6,660,864	0	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
87	LinenField Ballyamkeny Road Drogheda -19 units	2,042,025	2,042,025	0	2026	2028	0	0	2,042,025	0	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
88	Galligan Court Dublin Road Dundalk-20 Units	2,378,880	2,378,880	0	2027	2028	0	0	2,378,880	0	CALF AHB Contract	Feasibility Stage
	Other Housing Projects											
89	Long-term Lease - End of Lease Refurbishment	240,000	0	240,000	2025	2028	150,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	Contract	
90	Greenhills Site (Phase 2) - proposed 32 no. Affordable Units	13,000,000	13,000,000	0	2026	2029	250,000	750,000	1,000,000	11,000,000	Contract	Feasibility Stage
91	Affordable Housing Schemes 2027-2029	6,725,000	5,967,500	757,500	2027	2029	0	3,770,000	1,477,500	1,477,500	Contract	Delivery of 'Delivering Homes, Building Communities: 2025 - 2030'
92	Approved Affordable Housing Schemes 2026	4,540,850	4,268,558	272,292	2025	2026	4,540,850	0	0	0	Contract	Projects Complete
	TOTAL HOUSING	**792,514,395**	**791,244,602**	**1,269,792**			**341,483,891**	**132,769,780**	**119,570,705**	**198,690,019**		

ROADS
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	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept./ TII / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Funding Other	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
	NATIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS												
1	N52 Ardee By Pass	43,000,000	43,000,000	0	0	2018	2030	1,651,337	250,000	2,500,000	15,000,000	Contract	Subject to TII Funding
2	N53 HBX to Rassan	31,459,086	31,459,086	0	0	2025	2028	6,690,000	16,000,000	8,769,086	0	Contract	TII Funded
	NATIONAL ROAD SURFACE RENEWAL												
3	Road works program (Rolling Program)	3,000,000		3,000,000		2026	2029	600,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	Contract	Annual Transfer to Road Works Programme
	REGIONAL & LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS												
4	Narrow Water Bridge (Construction Stage only)	128,543,715	128,543,715	0	0	2021	2028	104,288,876	15,160,000	7,094,839	2,000,000	Contract	Shared Island Funding
5	R178 Dundalk to Carrickmacross Rd (2 identified sections to Planning Permission Only)	1,448,080	1,448,080	0	0	2025	2028	794,162	453,918	200,000	0	Contract	DOT Funded
	PARKING & PUBLIC TRANSPORT												
6	Louth Bus Shelters	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	2026	2029	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	Contract	Subject to NTA Funding
	STRATEGIC ROAD SCHEMES												
7	Port Access Northern Cross Route Phase 2 (Construction)	13,700,000	0	8,100,000	5,600,000	2025	2027	10,700,000	3,000,000	0	0	Developer Agreement	Development Levies Funding
8	Port Access Northern Cross Route Phase 3 (Detailed Design Phase)	24,000,000	24,000,000	0	0	2025	2029	100,000	3,000,000	17,000,000	3,900,000	Contract	Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund Funding
9	Ash Walk Link Road, Ardee	1,700,000	1,700,000	0	0	2027	2028	0	700,000	1,000,000	0	Contract	Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund Funding
10	Leonard's Cross, Drogheda	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	0	2027	2028	0	500,000	1,000,000	0	Contract	Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund Funding
11	Link between the L-3161 Marlbog Roundabout and L-7163 Chapel Road Roundabout (Planning Stage only)	75,000	75,000	0	0	2026	2027	35,000	40,000	0	0	Consultant	DOT Initial Seed Funding
12	Link Rd Between R177 Armagh Rd to R215 Red Cow, Dundalk. (Consultancy Services Only to Planning Stage)	853,060	0	853,060	0	2025	2029	100,000	251,020	251,020	251,020	Contract	Development Levies Funding
13	R132 Sexton Junction Traffic Management Scheme to compliment Active Travel Scheme to faciliate traffic movements Rathmullen Junction	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	2026	2027	0	1,200,000	0	0	Contract	Development Levies Funding
14	Rathmullen Rd/R132 Junction	2,200,000	0	2,200,000	0	2027	2028	0	1,100,000	1,100,000	0	Contract	Development Levies Funding

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	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept./ TII / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Funding Other	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
	FOOTPATHS, CYCLEWAYS & GREENWAYS												
15	Dundalk Active Travel - R132 Inner relief Road Dundalk - Zerox Junction	3,100,000	3,100,000	0	0	2022	2028	200,000	1,450,000	1,450,000	0	Contract	Subject to NTA Funding
16	Drogheda Active Travel - Rathmullen & Marley's Lane	4,600,000	4,600,000	0	0	2023	2028	200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	0	contract	Subject to NTA Funding
17	NTA Active Travel Programme (Numerous Projects including Safe Routes to School)	8,300,000	8,300,000	0	0	2021	2029	3,600,000	350,000	350,000	4,000,000	Contract	Subject to NTA approvals of individual schemes
18	Rock Road Footpath	850,736	0	850,736	0	2025	2027	50,000	800,736	0	0	Contract	Development Levies Funding
19	N52 Footpath Widening Ardee	217,005	0	0	217,005	2025	2027	5,843	211,163	0	0	Contract	Revenue Account Funded
	PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING												
20	Public Lighting National Efficiency Project	6,500,000	0	0	6,500,000	2020	2027	4,122,000	2,378,000	0	0	Contract	Loan Financed through the HFA
	TOTAL	**278,246,682**	**249,725,881**	**16,203,796**	**12,317,005**			**133,637,218**	**50,344,837**	**44,214,945**	**26,451,020**		

TOWN PROJECTS
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept./ TII / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Revenue Funding	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
1	Backlands (Phase II St Nicholas Quarter)	9,191,117	7,733,230	1,457,887	0	2021	2029	1,228,000	600,000	3,681,559	3,681,558	Contract	TCRIF
2	Drogheda Westgate (Construction Phase 1)	12,976,924	7,500,000	5,476,924	0	2027	2029	0	1,000,000	6,500,000	5,476,924	Contract	TCRIF
3	Long Walk (Design Phase)	710,000	532,500	177,500	0	2019	2027	190,000	520,000	0	0	Contract	URDF Funded
4	Project Ardee 20240 (Detailed Design Phase for Railway Lands & Amenity Lands	800,000	0	800,000	0	2027	2028	0	400,000	400,000	0	Contract	Own Resources Funded
5	Project Ardee 2040 (RRDF) Construction Phase 1	10,800,000	7,500,000	3,300,000	0	2027	2031	0	0	0	800,000	Contract	Subject to RRDF Capital Funding
6	Carlingford RRDF (Detail Design Phase)	688,000	312,000	376,000		2025	2026	688,000	0	0	0	Contract	Grant & Development Levy Funding
7	Carlingford RRDF (Car Park / Tennis Courts Construction Phase)	5,282,473	0	4,282,473	1,000,000	2028	2028	0	0	5,282,473	0	Contract	Revenue & Development Levy Funding
8	Carlingford RRDF (Public Space & Plaza Construction)	11,390,000	10,000,000	1,390,000	0	2028	2029	0	0	2,000,000	9,390,000	Contract	Subject to RRDF Capital Funding
9	St. Laurence's Gate Plaza	1,100,000	800,000	300,000	0	2021	2028	81,881	150,000	868,119	0	Contract	Capital Phase Subject to Funding
10	Clogherhead - TCF - Project Development	800,000	600,000	200,000	0	2028	2029	0	0	400,000	400,000	Contract	Subject to Funding
11	Future Towns - Town Centre First Plan	100,000	30,000	0	70,000	2027	2028	0	50,000	50,000	0	Contract	Subject to Funding
12	TCF Streetscape Activation Scheme	100,000	0	0	100,000	2027	2029	0	30,000	30,000	40,000	Contract	Painting/ Mural Project in Town Centre First Plan
13	TCF - Dunleer Library Square (Design Phase)	75,000	50,000	0	25,000	2025	2027	50,000	25,000	0	0	Contract	DRCD Funded via the T&V Project Development Measure & Revenue Funding
14	TCF - Dunleer Library Square (Construction Works)	750,000	500,000	0	250,000	2027	2029	0	0	500,000	250,000	Contract	Subject to DRCD Funding
15	Westgate House (Thrive Drogheda) (Construction phase)	13,852,661	7,000,000	0	6,852,661	2026	2029	689,936	4,000,000	8,162,725	1,000,000	Contract	THRIVE & Revenue Funding
16	URDF Call 3 - Vacant/Derelict Units	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0	2025	2030	50,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		URDF Call 3 Funding
17	County - Vacant/Derelict Units	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	2026	2029	0	300,000	300,000	400,000		Revenue Funding
18	Dunleer - Energising the Community (Design Stage)	759,738	607,790	151,948	0	2026	2028	30,000	190,000	539,738	0	Contract	RRDF Funded
19	Louth Village -Creating a Liveable Future (Design Stage)	559,420	447,536	111,884		2028	2029	0	0	100,000	459,420	Contract	Subject to RRDF Funding approval
20	Millmount - Handball Alley (Design Concepts)	150,000	0	0	150,000	2026	2027	0	150,000	0	0	Contract	Project Assessment
21	Tholsel - Building Restoration	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	2026	2028	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
22	Tholsel - Tourism Experience	750,000	562,500	0	187,500	2029	2029	0	0	0	750,000	Contract	Subject to Failte Ireland Funding
	TOTAL	**80,835,333**	**51,175,556**	**18,024,616**	**11,635,161**			**3,007,817**	**9,415,000**	**30,814,614**	**23,647,902**		

BUILDINGS
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept./ TII / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Revenue Funding	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
	CORPORATE BUILDINGS												
1	Ardee Castle	5,032,056	3,147,000	0	1,885,056	2018	2027	1,200,000	3,582,056	250,000	0	Contract	DRCD (RRDF) Funding
2	Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub - Phase 2	900,000	0	0	900,000	2026	2027	0	700,000	200,000	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
3	Dundalk Fire Service Training Centre upgrade	6,026,000	6,026,000	0	0	2022	2028	748,275	1,500,000	3,777,725	0	Contract	Subject to Dept. Funding
4	Dunleer Fire Station (new)	4,300,000	4,300,000	0	0	2023	2029	47,072	300,000	1,452,928	2,500,000	Contract	Subject to Dept. Funding
5	Bush Yard Upgrade	700,000	0	0	700,000	2025	2027	350,000	350,000	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
6	Drogheda Fire Station Fascade Works	500,000	0	0	500,000	2026	2027	0	500,000	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
7	Town Hall Arts Roof	300,000	0	0	300,000	2025	2026	300,000	0	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
8	Millmount	285,000	120,000	0	165,000	2025	2027	150,000	135,000	0	0	Contract	Dept. Funding
9	Upgrade of Dundalk Machinery Yard	750,000	0	0	750,000	2026	2028	0	150,000	600,000	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
10	Dundalk Fire Station Refurb	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	0	2027	2029	0	150,000	2,500,000	850,000	Contract	Dept. Funding
11	Glazed Walkway & External Walls - Fair Street	300,000	0	0	300,000	2027	2027	0	300,000	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
	TOTAL	**22,593,056**	**17,093,000**	**0**	**5,500,056**			**2,795,347**	**7,667,056**	**8,780,653**	**3,350,000**		

OPERATIONS
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept. / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Funding Other	Funding from Revenue Account	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
1	Traffic Lights Replacement Programme Phase 2	1,400,000	0	0	0	1,400,000	2025	2029	350,000	400,000	350,000	300,000	Contract	Revenue Funding
2	L-3057-44 Road widen at junction with R132 (BUSH)	430,000	430,000	0	0	0	2025	2027	0	430,000	0	0	Contract	Dependant on Dept. Funding
3	Cornamucklagh Bridge Widening	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	2027	2028	0	500,000	0	0	Contract	Dependant on Dept. Funding
4	Shilling Hill storm damage reapir	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	2027	2028	0	300,000	0	0	Contract	Dependant on Dept. Funding
5	Juction Sightline improvements	400,000	400,000	0	0	0	2027	2028	0	400,000	0	0	Contract	Dependant on Dept. Funding
6	St. Patrick's Cemetery Improvements	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	2026	2027	150,000	100,000	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
7	Harbours	820,000	600,000	0	0	220,000	2025	2026	200,000	200,000	200,000	220,000	Contract	Dependant on Dept. Funding
8	Dundalk Market Square Upgrades	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	2026	2026	75,000	0	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funding
9	Fire Vehicle Purchases	4,130,000	3,950,000	0	0	180,000	2025	2029	2,200,000	1,300,000	500,000	130,000		Dept. Funding
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	**8,305,000**	**6,180,000**	**0**	**0**	**2,125,000**			**2,975,000**	**3,630,000**	**1,050,000**	**650,000**		

SURFACE WATER FLOODING & COASTAL EROSION
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept./ TII / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Revenue Funding	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
	SURFACE WATER , FLOODING & COASTAL EROSION												
1	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Ballaghan	75,883	68,295	0	7,588	2024	2026	75,883	0	0	0	Contract	Project Complete
2	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Belurgan	93,068	83,762	0	9,306	2024	2026	93,068	0	0	0	Contract	Project Complete
3	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Omeath	95,935	86,342	0	9,593	2024	2026	95,935	0	0	0	Contract	Project Complete
4	Ardee Minor Flood Relief Scheme	373,428	339,480	0	33,948	2025	2026	373,428	0	0	0	Contract	Project Complete
5	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Ballaghan, Ballynamony, Greenore	550,000	495,000		55,000	2027	2029	0	50,000	20,000	480,000	Contract	OPW Funded and subject to approval
6	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Rampark, Lordship	340,000	306,000	0	34,000	2027	2029	0	50,000	20,000	270,000	Contract	OPW Funded and subject to approval
7	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Whitestown	360,000	324,000	0	36,000	2027	2029	0	50,000	20,000	290,000	Contract	OPW Funded and subject to approval
8	Coastal Erosion Protection Works Seabank, Castlebellingham	750,000	675,000		75,000	2027	2029	0	50,000	20,000	680,000	Contract	OPW Funded and subject to approval
9	Drogheda / Baltray Flood Relief Schemes	120,000,000	120,000,000	0	0	2020	2033	2,918,815	1,200,000	900,000	200,000	Contract	OPW Funded Scheme
10	Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme	170,000,000	170,000,000	0	0	2020	2033	4,351,054	1,200,000	900,000	200,000	Contract	OPW Funded Scheme
11	Carlingford / Greenore Flood Defence Scheme	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	0	2024	2033	1,289,142	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	Contract	OPW Funded Scheme
	TOTAL	**302,638,314**	**302,377,879**	**0**	**260,435**			**9,197,325**	**3,600,000**	**2,380,000**	**2,620,000**		

CLIMATE ACTION & ENVIRONMENT
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept. / Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Funding from Revenue Account	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
	CLIMATE												
1	Decarbonising Fleet	1,950,000	0	0	1,950,000	2025	2029	1,350,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	Direct Purchase	Revenue Funded
2	Solar Panel Install	650,000	300,000	0	350,000	2025	2026	650,000	0	0	0	Contract	Part Funded by SEAI
3	Gap the Target Climate Actions	2,600,000	1,300,000	0	1,300,000	2023	2029	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	Contract	SEAI Pathfinder and Revenue Funding
4	Rampart River Works	300,000	0	0	300,000	2024	2027	50,000	250,000	0	0	Contract	Revenue Funded
5	Library / Drogheda Fire Station / County Museum Climate Works	1,500,000	750,000	0	750,000	2027	2027	0	1,500,000	0	0	Contract	SEAI and Own Resource Funding
	TOTAL	**7,000,000**	**2,350,000**	**0**	**4,650,000**			**2,700,000**	**2,600,000**	**850,000**	**850,000**		
	LANDFILL												
1	Whiteriver Landfill	11,190,328	0	0	11,190,328	2015	2044	3,297,609	290,637	296,450	302,379	Contract	CRAMP 2015 to 2044
2	Dundalk Landfill Works	3,211,582	0	0	3,211,582	2003	2032	608,962	83,129	82,163	82,967	Contract	CRAMP 2003 to 2032
3	Drogheda Landfill Works	500,000	0	0	500,000	2020	2027	0	500,000	0	0	Contract	Land Purchase to be finalised
4	Carlingford Historical Landfill	175,000	175,000	0	0	2020	2027	30,000	145,000	0	0	Contract	Dept Funded
5	Ardee Historical Landfill	50,000	50,000	0	0	2025	2027	0	50,000	0	0	Contract	Dept Funded
6	Bolies Historic Landfill	50,000	50,000	0	0	2026	2027	0	50,000	0	0	Contract	Dept Funded
	TOTAL LANDFILL	**15,176,910**	**275,000**	**0**	**14,901,910**			**3,936,571**	**1,118,766**	**378,613**	**385,346**		

RECREATION & AMENITY
3 Year Capital Programme 2027 - 2029

	Details	Total Project Estimated Costs*	Funding Dept./ Other Depts.	Funding Dev Levies	Funding Other	Funding from Revenue Account	Actual /Estimate Start Date	Estimate Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure to 31/12/2026	Expected Expenditure 2027	Expected Expenditure 2028	Expected Expenditure 2029	Contract/ Direct/ Other	Comment
	RECREATION & AMENITIES													
1	Swimming Pools Capital Replacement including decarbonisation	1,200,000	600,000			600,000	2025	2028	0	600,000	600,000	0	Contract	SEAI Pathfinder & Revenue Funding
2	Carlingford Greenway Repair	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	2027	2028	0	600,000	400,000	0	Contract	Tii Funded
3	Dundalk Athletics Track	2,269,530	125,000	2,144,530	0	0	2022	2026	2,269,530	0	0	0	Contract	Grant & Development Levy Funding
4	Local Authority Play Facilities - North Drogheda	500,000	0	500,000	0	0	2025	2029	9,000	0	0	491,000	Contract	Development Levy Funding
5	Local Authority Play Facilities- St Dominics Park	1,000,000	220,000	780,000	0	0	2025	2027	10,947	989,053	0	0	Contract	Development Levy Funding
6	Local Authority Play Facilities - New Provision - Collon	455,310	300,000	155,310	0	0	2026	2027	0	455,310	0	0	Contract	Town & Village Funding
7	Outdoor Recreation Projects (ORIS)	840,000	756,000	84,000	0	0	2028	2029	0	0	420,000	420,000	Contract	Subject to ORIS Funding
8	Outdoor Recreation Projects (ORIS) - Boyne Greenway	600,000	500,000	100,000	0	0	2026	2027	100,780	499,220	0	0	Contract	ORIS Funding
9	Dundalk Bay Greenway (including Carlingford to Templetown) - Design Stage Only	3,900,000	3,900,000	0	0	0	2023	2029	1,150,000	950,000	1,000,000	800,000	Contract	Subject to TII Funding
10	Navvy Bank / Point Road Project Design Phase Only	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	2021	2027	40,958	359,042			Contract	Development Levy Funding
11	Linear Park - Ballymakenny Rd	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0	0	2027	2029	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	Contract	Development Levy Funding
12	Small Urban and Village Projects	500,000	375,000	125,000	0	0	2028	2029	0	0	250,000	250,000	Contract	Subject to T&V Approval
13	Drogheda Municipal Pitches (Design)	100,000	92,000	0	0	8,000	2018	2027	0	100,000	0	0	Contract	Subject to DTTAS Funding
14	Mobile Library Van	356,248	178,424	73,424	0	104,400	2025	2026	356,248	0	0	0	Other	DRCD & Revenue Funding
15	Drogheda Library (former Dominican Church)	16,538,000	3,000,000	13,538,000	0	0	2024	2029	406,519	1,543,503	10,000,000	4,587,978	Contract	DRCD & Development Levy Funding
16	The Dale, Drogheda	230,000	230,000	0	0	0	2026	2028	0	0	230,000	0	Contract	Subject to Funding
17	Lourdes Stadium Athletics Track & Carpark	1,300,000	1,040,000	260,000	0	0	2026	2028	0	150,000	1,150,000	0	Contract	Subject to Dept. Sport Funding
18	Battle of the Boyne Site	373,900	373,900	0	0	0	2026	2027	0	373,900	0	0	Contract	PEACE PLUS Funded Project
19	Masterplan for Muirheavnomore Park Implementation	150,000	0	150,000	0	0	2026	2027	10,000	140,000	0	0	Contract	Development Levy Funding
20	Moneymore Townland Community Hub (To Planning Stage)	110,000	80,000	0	0	30,000	2026	2026	110,000	0	0	0	Contract	DRCDG Funding to Planning Stage
21	Three by Three Basket Ball	180,000	95,000	85,000	0	0	2026	2027	0	180,000	0	0	Contract	Sport Ireland & Development Levy Funding
22	Dundalk Sport Centre Pitches	650,000	0	650,000	0	0	2026	2027	0	650,000	0	0	Contract	Development Levy Funding
23	Carlingford Louth Shared Island Project	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	0	2027	2029	0	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	Contract	Shared Ireland Funding
	Total Recreation & Amenity	**37,152,988**	**15,865,324**	**20,545,264**	**0**	**742,400**			**4,463,982**	**8,590,028**	**15,550,000**	**8,548,978**		