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# A Few Words From The County Manager



MARTINA MOLONEY, COUNTY MANAGER

It gives me great pleasure as County Manager in welcoming the publication of the 2004 Annual Report of Louth Local Authorities.

The report highlights the critical role played by Louth Local Authorities in the economic, social and cultural development of County Louth.

2004 saw the production of our Corporate Plan which provides the framework for the implementation of a coherent strategy for the development of County Louth for the next five years.

In terms of infrastructural development, there was substantial progress made under a number of headings in 2004. Significant advances were made in the provision of social and affordable housing, the Dundalk Western Bypass and the Newry-Dundalk link road and the R173 at Rockmarshall.

Tenders were also received for the upgrading of the Drogheda Waste Water Treatment Plant to a population equivalent of 101,000 to cater for the projected growth in the area in the coming years.

Plans were also advanced, with the assistance of significant grant aid from the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, for a major project to upgrade Port Oriel.

The planning area has continued to generate a lot of interest in 2004. Work was advanced on the preparation of the Greater Drogheda Area Strategy, the Drogheda Northern Environs Local Area Plan and the Dundalk South West Sector Local Area Plan.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank communities, schools, members and staff for the involvement and commitment in the area of Litter management and Tidy Towns during 2004. The Civic Amenity Site

in Dundalk has continued to go from strength to strength and I would like to thank the operators and users for their continued efforts in this area. Plans are at an advanced stage for a similar facility in Drogheda.

The Recreation and Culture areas made great progress during 2004 including the commencement on the long awaited Swimming Pool for Drogheda. The Drogheda Arts Service, in conjunction with the Rapid programme received national acclaim for social inclusion activities and organised a wonderful event for the day of Welcomes on May 1st, to mark Latvia's accession into the European Union and the Ardee Baroque Festival.

2004 saw the introduction of the Motor Tax on-line service, with almost 6,000 transactions completed on-line and expected to grow.

I want to take this opportunity to compliment and pay tribute to the elected members and staff of the Councils for their commitment and performance on behalf of Louth. We have many challenges facing the county but are fortunate to have a dedicated team committed to addressing the needs of the County.

The year 2004 saw local elections and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge those members who are no longer members of the Councils. In particular I would like to remember Councillor Nicholas McCabe who served the Council for almost fifty years and can look back on his contribution to Louth County Council with great pride.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martina Moloney".

Martina Moloney  
County Manager

# Joint Address by the Cathaoirigh / Mayor

The publication of Louth Local Authorities' Annual Report for the year 2004 provides us with an ideal opportunity to inform the public of the many activities Louth Local Authorities have been engaged in during the last year. Continued progress in the Housing Programme, the major Roads, Water and Sewerage Schemes and Environmental Infrastructure all contribute to improve the quality of life for the people of County Louth and those who visit our county each year.

While the provision of infrastructure is essential for the development of our county, Louth Local Authorities also view development in the area of Arts and Recreation equally important and we are delighted with the commencement of the new swimming pool in Drogheda, the opening of playgrounds in Drogheda and Omeath, the launch of the Learning Centre in Dundalk Library and a number of new Arts Festivals in the county.

We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our County Manager, her Management Team and staff for the tremendous work they carry out on a daily basis for the development of this county.

No doubt 2005 will be an equally busy year with many challenges for Louth Local Authorities but we are confident we will be able to meet these challenges.



TERRY BRENNAN



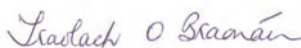
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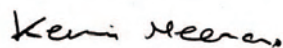
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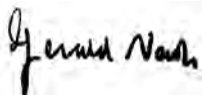
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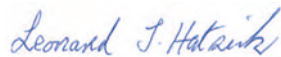
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Cathaoirleach  
Louth County Council



Kevin Meenan  
Cathaoirleach  
Dundalk Town Council



Gerald Nash  
Mayor of Drogheda



Leonard Hatrick  
Cathaoirleach  
Ardee Town Council

# Electoral Areas 2004



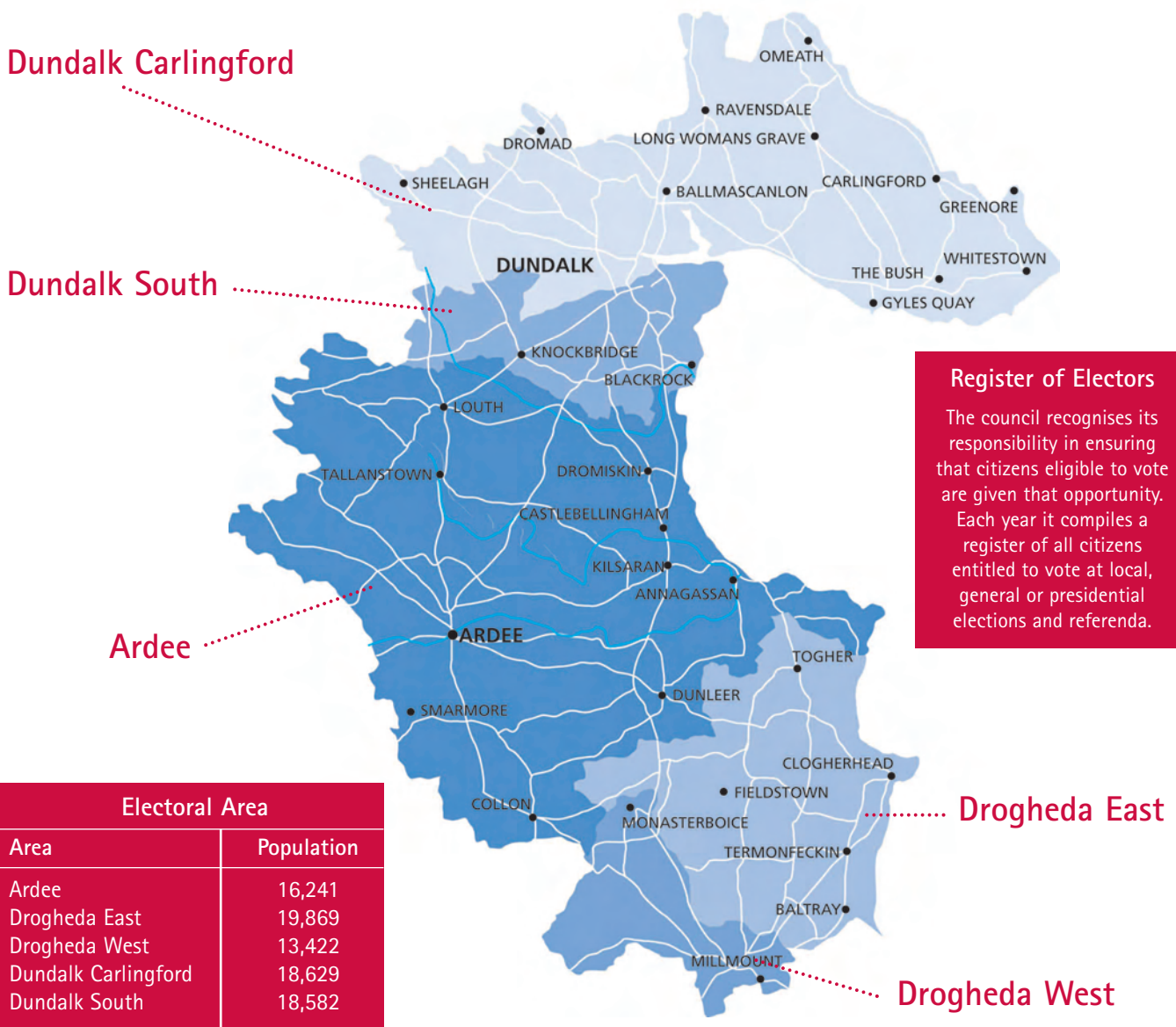
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DROGHEDA BOROUGH COUNCIL, DROGHEDA



TOWN HALL DUNDALK



## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

### DUNDALK/CARLINGFORD



Fine Gael  
Terry Brennan



Fianna Fáil  
Seamus Keelan



Sinn Féin  
Jim Loughran



Non Party  
Jim Ryan



Fianna Fáil  
Peter Savage



Sinn Féin  
Tomás Sharkey

### DUNDALK SOUTH



Non Party  
Martin Bellew



Fianna Fáil  
Declan Breathnach



Fine Gael  
Jim D'Arcy



Non Party  
Mary Grehan



Fianna Fáil  
Donal Lynch



Sinn Féin  
Kevin Meenan

# Louth County Council Members 2004

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

### ARDEE



Fine Gael  
Finnan McCoy



Fianna Fáil  
Thomas Clare



Fine Gael  
Jim Lennon



Sinn Féin  
Pearse McGeough



Fianna Fáil  
Tommy Reilly

### DROGHEDA EAST



Fianna Fáil  
Jacqui McConville



Fianna Fáil  
Jimmy Mulroy



Sinn Féin  
Imelda Munster



Fine Gael  
Michael O'Dowd



Fine Gael  
Oliver Tully

### DROGHEDA WEST



Fine Gael  
Anthony Donohoe



Fianna Fáil  
Frank Maher



Labour  
Gerald Nash



Non Party  
Ken O'Heiligh

## STAFF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Martina Moloney – County Manager

M. Curran – Director of Service

J. Martin – Director of Service

J. McGuinness – Director of Service

R. Kenny – Director of Service

A. Davis – Head of Finance

### SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

C. Moss – (Corporate Services)

M. Murtagh – (Environment)

P. Fitzsimons – (Housing & Emergency Services)

P. Donnelly – (Roads & Marine)

W. Walsh – (Planning and Development)

E. Mulholland – (Information Technology)

B. Woods – (Financial Accountant)

A. Ward – (County Librarian)

### SENIOR ENGINEERS

R. McKenna – (Housing)

P. Fallon – (Roads & Marine)

D. O'Neill – (Environmental Services)

M. O'Callaghan – (Sanitary Services)

### SENIOR PLANNER

G. Duffy – (Planning)