

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



Dated: 7th August 2026



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Iúil 2026

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st July 2026

A Chara,

I enclose the above report for your statutory consideration, this report has also been prepared under Section 136 & 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The attached report is the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for July 2026, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

1. Finance and System Support

- Expenditure to 31 July 2026 was €103.5m (51% of annual budget). Housing, roads, and environmental services are the largest spend areas.
- Income to 31 July 2026 was €111m (55% of annual budget), with full rates demand already invoiced.
- Budget 2027: Public consultation on Local Property Tax is underway.
- ICT:
 - 11% of inbound emails flagged as potentially harmful.
 - Cybersecurity training focused on QR code and URL risks.
 - Dowdallshill Graveyard Map Viewer saw a spike in use during the Blessing of the Graves.

2. Economic Delivery

- **Economic Development:**
 - Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme open until October.
 - Age Friendly Business Accreditation ongoing.
- **Tourism:**
 - New PR contract awarded for Visit Louth and Sea louth brands.
 - Blackrock promoted in Entente Florale Europe competition.
 - Food culture events and business development ongoing.
- **Drogheda Night-Time Economy:**
 - Launch of 'Sound Town' vision and support for diverse night-time events.
- **Local Enterprise Office:**
 - Digitise Drogheda digital skills workshops well attended.
 - Two Louth companies selected for Kilkenny Design Makers' Academy.
 - 33 business advice clinics and 22 mentoring appointments in July.
- **Planning:**
 - 103 planning applications received in June, 74 valid, 68 applications determined, 17.65% refused.
 - 10 enforcement complaints investigated in June; 27 cases closed through negotiation.

3. Operations & Environment Delivery

- **Roads & Maintenance:**
 - Extensive road resurfacing, repairs, drainage, and footpath upgrades across Dundalk, Mid Louth, Ardee, Drogheda, and South Louth.
 - Ongoing cleaning, litter picking, and maintenance of public spaces and playgrounds.
- **Waste Management & Environment:**
 - 188 litter investigations, 21 fixed penalty notices in July.
 - 10 water pollution and 9 air pollution complaints investigated.
 - 3 blue flag beaches and 1 green flag beach; water quality excellent.
 - Biodiversity plan drafting and Magic Meadows project nominated for award.
- **Facilities:**
 - Dundalk Athletics Track nearing completion.
 - North Louth Operations Base upgrade approved.
- **Animal Control:**
 - 14 dogs through the pound in July; 553 dog licences sold.
 - No horses seized in July.
- **Fire Service:**
 - 810 incidents year-to-date (down from 980 last year).
 - New fire appliances put into service.

- **Civil Defence:**

- Supported multiple events and emergency responses.

4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery

- **Customer Services:**

- 16,117 queries handled in July; 66% resolved at first contact.
- 2,966 valid CRM cases, 24% unresolved by month-end.

- **Community Support:**

- Age Friendly Louth Strategy launched.
- 82 projects approved under Local Enhancement Programme (€239k).
- Youth and community engagement through Comhairle na nÓg, PEACEPLUS, and sports initiatives.

- **Sport:**

- Active Ageing Week and Bowls Tournament held.
- Louth Local Sports Partnership secured research grant with DCU.

5. Housing & Culture Delivery

- **Housing:**

- 290 people presented as homeless, 47 placed in emergency accommodation.
- 54 LA and 35 AHB allocations in July; 7 transfers.
- 759 maintenance requests received in July; 676 completed.
- 220 units allocated for Energy Efficiency Retrofit in 2026.
- 437 vacant property grant applications submitted; 325 approved.

- **Cultural Services:**

- €80k library capital funding secured for accessibility and digital upgrades.
- Summer Stars reading programme and outreach events ongoing.
- Arts office launched 'Legendary Together' EU cultural programme.
- Museum hosted popular Corrs exhibition and received new donations.

6. Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery

- **Placemaking & Urban Regeneration:**

- Progress on URDF and RRDF projects in Drogheda, Dundalk, Dunleer, Carlingford, and Ardee.
- Ongoing engagement with property owners to address vacancy.

- **Physical Development:**

- Major road projects: Narrow Water Bridge, N53, N52 Ardee Bypass, Boyne Enterprise Link Road, and PANCR.
- Greenway and Active Travel projects progressing, though some delayed due to budget constraints.
- Flood defence schemes advancing in Dundalk, Drogheda, Carlingford, and Ardee.
- Coastal protection works completed at Drummullagh and Bellurgan; ongoing at Ballagan.
- School projects and playground upgrades underway.

The above highlights the breadth of activity and progress across all directorates, reflecting Louth County Council's ongoing commitment to service delivery, community engagement, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability. I would like again expressing my sincere appreciation for the exceptional commitment by the entire Louth County Council team.

I encourage all members to read the report in full.

Regards



David Conway
Chief Executive
Louth County Council

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An Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

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

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

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director



Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports

Caiteachas go dtí 31^ú Iúil 2026 / Expenditure to 31st of July 2026

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 31/07/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 31/07/2026	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026	% Caite go 31/07/2026 / % Spent to 31/07/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€47,451,233	€91,043,877	52%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€15,279,690	€29,724,225	51%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€3,300,486	€6,253,179	53%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€10,872,193	€25,275,969	43%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€13,844,771	€26,717,755	52%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€6,405,909	€13,508,055	47%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€546,846	€1,342,504	41%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€5,822,607	€9,786,701	59%
	€103,523,735	€203,652,265	51%

Ioncam go 31^ú Iúil 2026 / Income to 31st of July 2026

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 31/07/2026 / Actual Income to 31/07/2026	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 31/07/2026 / % Invoiced to 31/07/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€44,413,877	€91,667,227	48%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€4,126,042	€17,228,704	24%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€2,910,561	€4,865,078	60%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€4,263,810	€13,604,272	31%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€1,807,249	€4,843,340	37%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€794,797	€1,971,310	40%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€208,766	€474,809	44%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€6,766,741	€17,390,895	39%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,752,140	€39,640,432	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€5,983,099	€11,966,198	50%
	€111,027,082	€203,652,265	55%

The above is the current position as of the 31st of July 2026. The allocation of the Central Management Charge is estimated in the above figures as the allocation is not completed till mid-month. The full rates demand for 2026 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 31st of July 2026 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31^ú Iúil 2026 / Debtors as of 31st of July 2026

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€11,390,493	€142,727,450	(€130,255,209)	€Nil	€23,862,734
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€229,656	€1,170,328	(€1,251,652)	(€Nil)	€148,332
Rataí / Rates	€5,273,449	€39,752,140	(€29,364,758)	(€820,917)	€14,839,914
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,368,616	€10,586,432	(€10,780,525)	(€84,893)	€3,089,630
Iasachtal / Loans	€273,054	€1,321,241	(€1,344,003)	(€Nil)	€250,292
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€6,998,721	€5,100,704	(€1,449,405)*	(€1,290,421)	€9,359,599
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€934,463	€496,161	(€397,963)	(€11,653)	€1,021,008
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,968,292	€4,290,330	(€3,506,795)	(€36,402)	€3,715,425
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€31,436,744	€205,444,786	(€178,350,310)	(€2,244,286)	€56,286,934

Above are the debtor balances as of 31st of July 2026. The Miscellaneous debtor figure includes the Irish Water SLA recoupments, Corporate, Community & Enterprise, LEO, Planning, Enforcement, Environment, Sports, Arts, Roads, Library, Museum and Finance miscellaneous billings.

*The development levy receipts figure is net of repayment of Govt Waiver to the Department.

The report will go to you, the members, at the September meeting where you can decide to set a local adjustment factor within the range of +25% to – 15% of the basic rate or may decide not to adjust the basic rate. If the rate is varied upwards 100% of the additional income will be available for the authority's own use. Similarly, if the rate is varied downwards the loss of income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

Budget 2027 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

The budget process for 2027 has begun with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation in July. The deadline for submissions from the public is Friday 21st of August 2026.

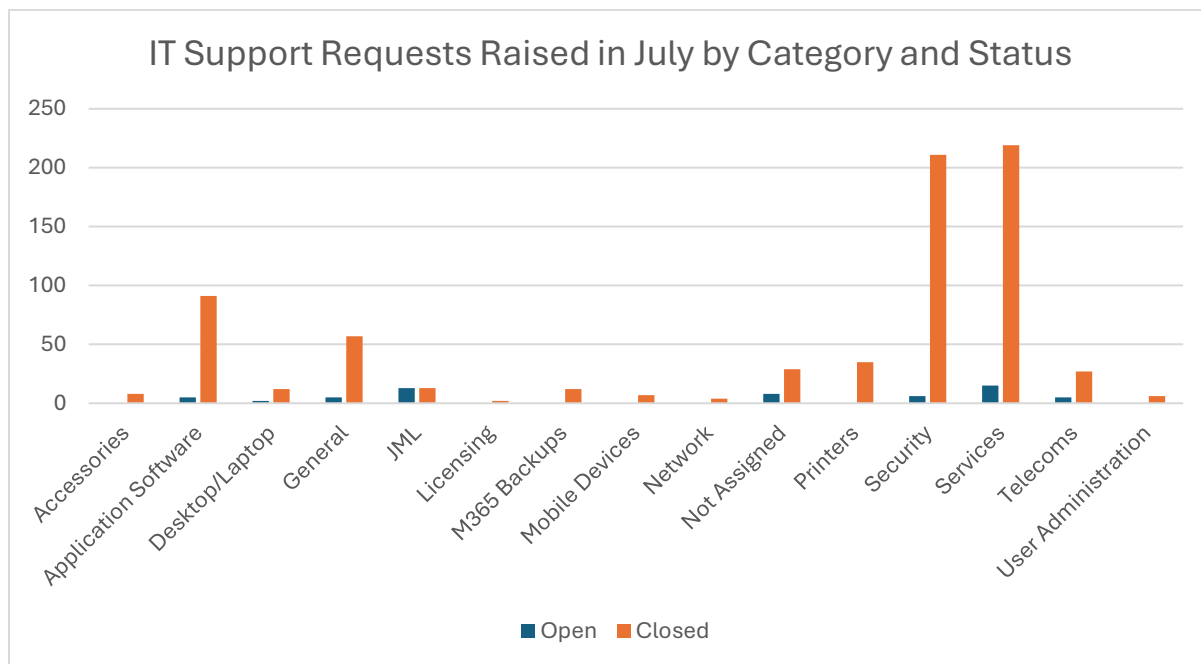
Budget Workshop

We are proposing to hold a budget workshop for the members in September. Confirmation of the dates will issue shortly.

Technolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/07/2026 and the 30/07/2026 there were 792 support calls logged in the IT support system. 93% of these calls have been completed.



Security and Services were the highest categories of support requests in July.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. From 01/07/2026 – 29/07/2026 11% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
580,715	160,952	419,763
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
6,674	28,307	27,886
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
1,138	11.0%	59

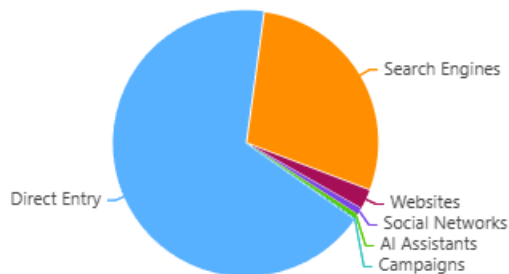
Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

Website analytics for July indicate continued strong engagement with the Council's online services. While overall visitor numbers remained stable, users spent longer on the website, with average visit duration increasing by 11.4% to 3 minutes and 26 seconds. Visitors also interacted more actively with online resources, with significant increases in document downloads, website searches and links to external services. A reduction in bounce rate suggests that users are successfully navigating between pages and accessing the information and services they require, reinforcing the website's role as a key self-service channel for the public.

Most Accessed Online Services - July 2026

- 1 Planning & Maps
- 2 Housing
- 3 Library Services
- 4 Customer Information
- 5 Dog Pound
- 6 Development Plans

Entry Channel Types



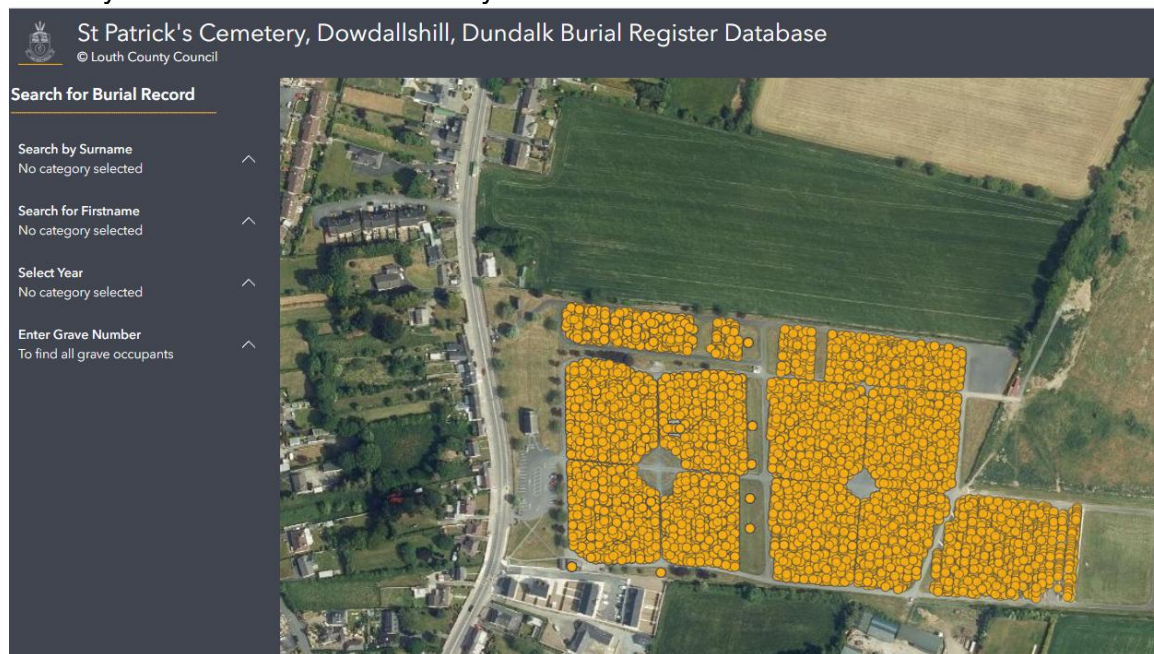
Most website visitors accessed www.louthcoco.ie directly during July 2026, demonstrating strong public recognition of the Council website as a trusted source of information and services. Search engines also remained a significant source of traffic, reflecting the importance of the website's visibility in online search results. The continued presence of visits originating from social media, referral websites and AI-powered assistants highlights the growing range of digital channels through which residents discover and access Council services.

Cyber Security Training

The July Cyber Security Awareness training highlighted the risks associated with QR codes and shortened URLs, which can hide the true destination of a link and be exploited by cybercriminals to steal personal information, financial details, or install malware. Staff were reminded to remain vigilant, use tools that preview QR code destinations or expand shortened URLs, and verify suspicious links through a trusted source before opening them. The key message was simple: if you cannot confidently identify where a link or QR code will take you, do not trust it.

ArcGIS Online – Dowdallshill Graveyard Map Viewer

The Dowdallshill Graveyard Mapping application continues to receive many visitors. The application received a spike in visitors in July coinciding with the Blessing of the Graves. 225 visitors accessed the application on the 26th July. It is available on the Graveyard Section of www.louthcoco.ie Home>Services>Graveyards.



There were 1,531 views of the Graveyard Dashboard in July.

Item views
1,531

Average item views per day
52.79

Usage time series between 7/1/2026 and 7/30/2026



An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

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

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

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2026

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is open for applications until Friday, 30th October 2026. The scheme is open to all non-domestic commercial property in County Louth. For full details of the scheme please visit: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/economic-development/shopfront-improvement-grant-scheme/>.

Age Friendly Business

The Age Friendly Business Accreditation Programme accredits businesses that introduce simple, low-cost changes to improve accessibility and service for older customers. The programme raises awareness of the needs of older members of the community which in turn improves services for all. Accredited businesses are listed on the [Age Friendly Business Directory](#). To take part, and for further information please email econdev@louthcoco.ie.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth & sea louth Public Relations Contract

Following the tender process, a contract relating to the provision of services for the delivery of an integrated Public Relations (PR), Digital Marketing and Social Media campaign, promoting the Visit Louth and sea louth tourism brands, and including the promotion of the Night-time Economy was awarded to Team Sequoia Limited. The Services Contract commenced on 25th June 2026 for a period of 18 months.

Blackrock Entente Florale

As part of the presentation to the Entente Florale judges 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 also presented on the day, promoting Blackrock as a vibrant and attractive traditional seaside destination.



Entente Florale Europe Judges at the Tourism Stand

Business Development & Promotion

Member engagement and business development activities continue, alongside preparations for the upcoming Visual Merchandising Masterclass. Ongoing marketing and PR activity is promoting members, upcoming events and the Boyne Valley food and drink offering, with planning also underway for our presence at the National Ploughing Championships in September.



Centre of Food Culture Ireland

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland has held five Meet the Maker and Farm Walks to date this year (four events selling out) across Ireland highlighting different crafts including beekeeping, cider making, brewing and cheesemaking.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland went live with its inaugural Food Networks Gathering scheduled for 22nd September in the Midlands Park Hotel, with great interest to date from the regional food networks and groups across Ireland

The Development Manager for The Centre of Food Culture Ireland was appointed to the FSAI Artisan Forum.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Launch of Sound Town: Drogheda's Night-Time Vision

The launch of a new vision positioning Drogheda as *Ireland's East Coast Alternative*, Sound Town, took place on 31st July, it brings together the town's independent creative community behind a shared ambition to strengthen Drogheda's music, arts, culture, and night-time economy. Backed by a new interactive map and funding programme, the full document can be found via [sound-town-vision-final-digital-copy.pdf](#).



Night Curation Fund – July Programme

Support for a series of recurring night-time events across the town through the Night Curation Fund, focused on building a consistent and diverse evening offer and increase in dwell time. Events delivered in July included:

17th July (7pm) | Ceol le Clapsolas: Songs in the Gloaming - In partnership with Highlanes Gallery and Drogheda Traditional Singers, supported an evening of traditional singing that celebrated Drogheda's musical heritage while bringing together performers and audiences across generations.



Highlanes Traditional Singers

24th July (8.30pm – 11.00pm) | Night Moves: Night Cafés at The Coffee Box - In partnership with Droichead Arts Centre, supported an evening of intimate live music featuring Seán Mathews, Shannon McArdle and Dubh Lee as part of the

ongoing Night Cafés programme, helping to diversify Drogheda's late-evening cultural offer and activate non-traditional night-time venues.



Night Moves at The Coffee Box

25th July (5pm) | The Faa Side Showcase Preview Session - A collective of young promoters behind Drogheda Groove Movement and Torann Promotions held a preview of their upcoming *The Faa Side Showcase* at the Railway Tavern, featuring an open jam session and acoustic performances that showcased emerging local talent and built momentum for the main festival on 8th August.

31st July (7pm) | Alternative Music Night - Supported a showcase of experimental and DIY music at The Watchtower, McHughs, featuring Bahfiddle, Swin-Hunter, Enola Christ, and Metaliser, providing a platform for Drogheda's growing independent music scene.

31st July (6.30pm) | Makers Space at The Bare Food Café - Creative evening of hands-on craft activities, including micro flower sculpting and clay slab building, encouraging participation in accessible night-time cultural experiences.



Makers Space at The Bare Food Café

31st July (7.30pm) | Deadly Craic Comedy Club - Live comedy performance by Fred Cooke at McHughs, contributing to the town's growing programme of regular night-time entertainment.

31st July (7pm) | Midsummer Clay Night - Creative workshop led by Gatothor Cerámica at Secret Garden Sauna, combining arts participation and social engagement within a unique night-time venue setting.

Please visit www.visitlouth.ie for more information on future nightlife events and activities.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Digitise Drogheda

The July edition of the Digitise Drogheda series was a resounding success. This series, delivered through a partnership between Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce, Drogheda Digital Hub and the Local Enterprise Office Louth, has attracted a full house on each occasion and is generating outstanding feedback from participants. The initiative was developed to provide local businesses with practical, accessible digital skills and expert guidance to support growth, competitiveness and digital transformation.

Hosted at the Drogheda Digital Hub, the July programme featured three highly engaging sessions delivered by experienced industry professionals, each focusing on a key aspect of business digitalisation. The first was held on the 1st July and explored how small businesses can harness AI tools to improve productivity, streamline operations, enhance customer engagement and identify new growth opportunities. Attendees gained practical insights into the real-world applications of artificial intelligence and left with actionable ideas they could implement within their own organisations.

On 8th July, businesses returned to the Hub for Social Media Strategies That Generate Enquiries, delivered by Colm Hanratty of Six-Two Digital, Drogheda. The session focused on developing effective social media approaches that move beyond likes and follows to generate genuine business leads and customer enquiries. Participants learned practical techniques for creating engaging content, understanding their audience and converting online engagement into measurable business outcomes.

The final July workshop took place on 15th July, with Keith Byrne of Create 108 leading a session on Website and Google Fundamentals. This popular

workshop provided businesses with a clear understanding of the essential elements required for an effective online presence. Topics included website best practice, search visibility, Google Business Profile optimisation and the key factors that help customers find and engage with businesses online.

The strong attendance across all three workshops highlights the growing demand among local businesses for practical digital skills delivered in an accessible and supportive environment. Participants welcomed the opportunity to learn directly from local experts, network with fellow business owners and gain knowledge that could be applied immediately within their organisations.

The success of the July programme reinforces the value of collaborative initiatives such as Digitise Drogheda, which was developed in response to the need for practical, locally delivered digital supports for SMEs. Through the combined efforts of Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce, Drogheda Digital Hub and Local Enterprise Office Louth, local businesses are being equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to embrace digital technologies, strengthen competitiveness and prepare for future growth. Two more sessions are planned for August and already have a huge number of businesses signed up to attend.



Attendees enjoying the Digitise Drogheda Event

Kilkenny Design Makers' Academy

25 finalists announced for the inaugural Kilkenny Design Makers' Academy.

Following an outstanding response from makers, designers and crafters across Ireland, 25 creative

businesses have been selected for the first-ever Makers' Academy, a new management development programme delivered through a partnership between [Kilkenny Shop](#) and the [Local Enterprise Offices](#). LEO Louth are delighted that two Louth Companies have been chosen, Caroline Duffy Designs & Cosy Life Ireland.



Kilkenny Design Makers' Academy

LEO Workshops and Training Held:

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 33 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in July.
- **LEO Mentoring** – 22 Mentors were appointed to businesses in July to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

Funding Approved:

- 1 Green for Business Approved
- 2 Digital for Business Approved
- 2 Energy Efficiency Grants Approved

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of June 2026 are given below in tabular form. There were 103 planning applications received during the month of June of which 74 were valid. In addition, there were 25 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 16 Pre-Planning Requests received. The service indicator figures in relation to **planning decisions and decisions on appeals made** during the month, broken down by category, and with a total figure for all categories (Column F), are given below:

(A) <i>Cur Síos / Description</i>	(B) <i>Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developm ents</i>	(C) <i>Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses</i>	(D) <i>Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other applicatio ns-not requiring EIA</i>	(E) <i>Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applicatio s- requiring EIA</i>	(F) <i>An Tríú Treoir maidir le Fuinneamh In-athnuaite / Renewable Energy Directive (RED) III</i>	(G) <i>Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area</i>
(i) Líon na n-iarratas cinneadh / Number of applications determined	7	19	41	0	1	68
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	4	7	13	0	0	24
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	14.29% (1)	31.58% (6)	12.20% (5)	0% (0)	0% (0)	17.65% (12)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	1	1	2	1	0	5
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc /	100% (1)	100% (1)	50% (1)	100% (1)	0% (0)	80% (4)

Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal						
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Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraíthe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

Cur Síos / Description	Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	Meitheamh 2026 / June 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Meitheamh 2025 / June 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	10	121	21	144
Líon na gcásanna Fhorfheidhmithe Pleanála nuair nár ghá obair bhreise / Number of Planning Enforcement cases received which did not require follow up	0	0	0	0
Líon na gcásanna dúnta / a réitíodh le hidirbheartaíocht / Number of cases closed / resolved through negotiation	27	113	15	133
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	21	128	17	131
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	4	11	2	7
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	1	2	1	3
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Stiúrthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

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

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

David Hanratty
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Operations & Environment Delivery Monthly Report for July 2026 Oibríochtaí / Operations

DUNDALK & NORTH LOUTH

Road Works Resurfacing

- R132 Hill Street Bridge



Hill Street Bridge

Road Surface Dressing Prep edge scrapping and patching:

- Flailing works at dangerous junctions and footpaths ongoing this week:
 - Ardee Road
 - Carrick Road
 - Toblerone
 - Fatima
 - Dowdallshill Graveyard
 - Mount Avenue
 - Castletown Road
- Glenmore
- Ravensdale Park
- Ravensdale
- Cooley
- Rathcor

Road and Pothole Repairs

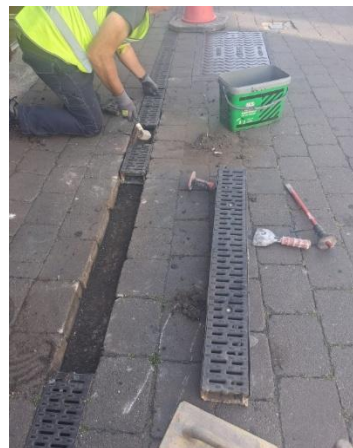
- Patching works
- Rathcor
- Cooley
- Mount Hamilton

Cleaning of Gullies/ Open drains

- Ramparts carpark

Drainage Works

- Park Street Drain Repairs



Road Sweeping

All town routes around Dundalk Town

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Hill street Bridge
- Accessibility works at Longwalk Shopping Centre entrance



- St Alphonsus Road
- Gateway hotel junction

Other Works

N/A

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/ Dog Waste

- All routes in Dundalk Town (5km per day)
- Routes in towns and villages within rural area of Dundalk and North Louth

MID LOUTH & ARDEE

Road Works Resurfacing

Road and Pothole Repairs

- L-6224, Dillonstown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-2295, Corrisbane (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-1228, Richardstown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-1228, Draghtstown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- Sliabh Bragh, Ardee
- Castle Lane, Ardee
- 74tonne of Tar Installed over month
- LS-7184 Dunmahon Haggardstown
- LS-5137 Little Ash Knockbridge
- LS-7127 Balrobin Kilkerley
- LS-3122 Milltown Kilkerley
- LS-7107 Tateetra
- LS-7114 Killin Brid A Crinn
- Rd 205 Flowery Cross – Monaghan Border
- Rd 196 Mills of Louth – Tallanstown



Accessibility footpath works Anne Street junction with Mary Street.



Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Earl Street Bollards Repaired



Traffic Lights Repairs

- Hill Street Bridge



Milltown Surface Dressing

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Ardee, Collon, and Dunleer.
- Gullies cleaned and repaired on Sean O'Carroll Street
- Outlets and drains cleaned of fallen trees and debris at Draghtstown and Richardstown
- Springhill – Knockabbey road and on the Reaghstown – Mills of Louth,
- Drainage Works
- Channonrock & R171 Little Mills opening outlets at Seabank, Rd 189 Castlebellingham, Rd 176 Corderry – Killcrouney and Rd 181 Cuillenstown

Drainage Works

- R165, Shanlis to Blakestown
- L-2239, Mountain Road
- R169, Collon Road
- L-2226, Charleville
- Outlets and drains cleaned of fallen trees and debris at Draghtstown and Richardstown

Road Sweeping

- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)
- Blackrock
- Knockbridge
- Castlebellingham
- Dromiskin
- Tallanstown

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock
- Repairs to Footpaths in Ballygassan, Annagassan



Ballygassan, Annagassan

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Signage Cleaned and repaired in area.
- New Line Walkway sign in situ.



Traffic Lights Repairs

- Repairs to Traffic Lights at Pedestrian Crossing, Ardee

Playground & Gym Equipment

- Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at the Fairgreen, Ardee
- Vandalism cleared up in Ardee Playground
- Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Dunleer

Other Works

- Washing and Clearing Salterstown Pier
- Assisted with Clearance of Major Vehicle Fire in Ardee, N52
- Line Marking;
 - L- 2225, Finvoy Cross, Togher
 - L-1297, Leabhys Cross

- L-1297, Kells Road
- Pedestrian Crossings in Collon
- Cleanup and restoration of paving at Ardee Civic Offices in advance of European Presidency Ceremony



Preparation Works at Ardee Civic Office for European Presidency Ceremony 01.07.2026

- Flail mowing cutting back grass verges at dangerous junctions to improve sight lines, with carried out from Haynestown Marlbog Road to Dungooly Cross, plus LS-7098 Faughart Upper Graveyard ropads, LP_3095 Claret Rock, LS100 Faughart Shrine.
- New pencil bollards installed in kilcurry school

Illegal Dumping

- Sludge Dumped on HGV Lorry at R121 at Dunleer
- R132 Dublin Road
- LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown
- LS-7103 Carn More Kilcurry.

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste

- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)
- Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles
- Emptying of Public Bins at;
 - Ardee Town
 - Dunleer town
 - Collon
 - Riverside Walk
 - Link Road
- R177 Armagh Road
- LS-7103 Carn More
- LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown.



New bin in situ in Tallanstown Village

Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards

Ring Buoy Checking in;

- Ardee Town - River Dee
- Salterstown
- Port Beach

DROGHEDA & SOUTH LOUTH

Road Works Resurfacing

- Road works Program Drogheda Town – Road Surfacing Contractor has now been appointed and we have meet with contractor to agree the scope of works on the following roads, with the intend to commence works in mid August.
- Crosslanes
- Crushrod Ave
- Hardman Gardens
- Thomas St
- Georges St
- Beamore Rd.

Road and Pothole Repairs

- L-2244, Port Coast Road
- L-2304, Sheetland Road
- R167, Baltray Road
- R166, Walshestown
- R167, Strand Road/Baltray
- L-6252, Maryville
- L-6328 - Almondstown

- L-6251, Gallagher Road (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-2321, Tullyallen (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- R170, Reynoldstown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-6252, Trean Road (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-2290, Priestown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- 155tonne of Tar Installed over month
- Rathmullan rd
- R166
- Old hill car park
- Trinity Gardens
- Money more
- Ash field
- Brookeville
- Ashfield
- Elmwood
- Laburnam Square



Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Clogherhead, Termonfeckin, Tullyallen and in the rural areas
- Cleaning of Gullies in Town Centre and areas that flood during prolonged rainfall.
- Preparing for the appointment of 2026 Gully Cleaning Contract – it is the intention to extent 2025 contract which includes for 1200 no. Gullies.

Drainage Works

- Drainage Works at R170
- L-6251, Gallagher Road (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-2321, Tullyallen (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- R170, Reynoldstown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-6252, Trean Road (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-2290, Priestown (Surface Dressing Preparation)
- L-2290, Rathdaniel
- Cleaning of Gullies in Town Centre and areas that flood during prolonged rainfall

Road Sweeping

- Routes in towns and villages within Area

Sweeper 1

- All approach Roads Daily
- Plus Hotspots
- As per Cleaning routes previously advised.

Sweeper 2

- As per Cleaning routes previously advised

Multi-Hog Sweeper

- town centre and central areas

Green Machines x2

- Town Centre daily and multiple locations as per cleaning routes previously advised.

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades

- Trinity st
- West st
- Ballsgrove
- Checks to ensure no trip hazards at Kings St, Williams St, Fair St, Duke St, West St, St Laurence St, Fr Connolly Way and Abbey Carpark.
- Tender for Consultant, design of Dropped Kebs and Tactile Paving at various locations in Drogheda, locations agreed with Irish Wheelchair Association.

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- A number of Signs cleaned, repaired, straighten and replaced in area
- Bolton Square Painting Bollards
- New signs at Boyne river, Meat Market Lane
- Mary St.
- Flexi bollards at Beechwood

- Sign upgrades on Laurence St
- Marley Court
- Cleaning of all Back alleys
- Bryanstown school and Greenhills school signage upgrade



Bryantown & Greenhills schools

- Oil Spill on Dublin Rd & Southgate.
- Monitoring of traffic / pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, O Reilly Carpark, West St, Post Office West St & Cord Graveyard.
- Monitor sand bags at Wellington Quay during High Tides.
- Boundary wall at Mell Carpark – Repaired.
- Stone wall at Cord Graveyard – seek quotations to carry out repairs.
- Maintenance of litter bins throughout town centre.
- Umbrellas and benches washed down on West St during summer months.
- Removal of graffiti in town centre.
- Bring banks in Drogheda are checked and cleared daily during working week, also all bring banks in Drogheda and check and cleared on Saturday pm.



Mell Road Carpark boundary wall

Traffic Lights Repairs

- General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and lamps.
- Bullring junction upgrade to LED heads

Playground & Gym Equipment

- Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Clogherhead

Other Works

- Empty Public Facilities at; Monasterboice, Port and Clogherhead
- Painting Public Facilities at Port and Clogherhead
- Cleaning Sand from Port and Clogherhead Beaches
- Preparations for Blue Flag Ceremony at Clogherhead Beach
- Line Marking;
 - L-2307, Newtownstaban
 - Clogherhead Village
 - R167, Beullieu Junction
 - R173, Kilineer and Monasterboice
- Cleaning of Pitcher Hill Steps and reinstatement of potholes.

Illegal Dumping

- Alleyways at Rathmullen
- Skelly's Lane
- Bessexwell Lane
- Ballsgrove
- Collon Rd
- Slane Rd
- Boyne Rd
- Murdock's Carpark
- Marsh Rd
- Dummy's Lane
- Barrack Lane
- Marleys Court.

- Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area (Dummies Lane and other repeated hotspots)
- Assistance with Tidy Towns clean ups in Monasterboice.
- Removal of Bags Collection from;
 - Baltray
 - Twenties Lane
 - PANCR/Ballymakenny Road
 - Townrath
 - Sandpit
 - Galroostown
 - Clogherhead

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste

- Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins
- Rubbish and Dumping
- Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles at;
 - Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
 - Clogherhead Beach
 - Port Beach
 - Termonfeckin
 - Baltray
 - Seapoint Carpark
- Emptying of Public Bins As per listings.
- County Bins and Rubbish done daily (including all beaches) with Villages done on alternative days.
- Bottlebanks cleaned Daily in County Areas
- Collected Skips from Community Groups from Multiple Groups
- Collection of bags of litter from community groups / TUS / Tidy Towns

Playground & Gym Equipment

Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards

Ring Buoy Checking in;

- Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
- Clogherhead Beach
- Port Beach
- Termonfeckin
- Baltray
- Seapoint

89 Ring buoys checked each week.

Operations Countywide

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

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



Events Preparations

- Preparation for Event in July, Tall ship at Drogheda port pedestrian barriers, reinstatement potholes and cleansing crews.

Schedule – Event Licences issued for July 2026

- The Pan Celtic Race took place on between 11th and 22nd July, 2026 in the area
- Kupala Night – The Unity Rushny Event held in Annagassan on 11th July, 2026
- St Feichins GAA 1/2 Marathon & 4 mile race
- Knockbridge 5K
- Beach Yoga/ Pilates (Termonfeckin)
- Louth Plein Air Arts Festival
- Townley Woods Filming Application
- Water Safety Course - Gyles Quay
- Water Safety Course – Port Beach
- Filming in Carlingford - Bender Films
- Learn to Cycle St Dominics Park - Drogheda
- Kupala Night - Annagassan
- Pan Celtic Race
- Music Generation - Market Square

Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

- Tender documents are now complete and procurement procedure will now commence, for lanes at Rossmakea, Bellurgan Point, Lee Cottages Clogherhead, Carrickmond Killcurry & Ballyoonan Omeath.



Louth Harbours & Ports

- Repairs commenced on Carlingford Harbour Wall.



Environmental Delivery Waste Enforcement Waste and Litter Enforcement

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	188
FPNs under Litter Pollution Act in July	21
FPN under Litter Pollution Act year to date	154
Waste complaints received year to date	177
Investigations under waste legislation	249

Diesel Laundering Waste

There was 1 callout in July 2026, 12 IBCs and 1 fuel tank were located in the Dunleer area.

Legal Action for Unpaid Fixed Penalty Notice

The Litter team had a successful prosecution resulting from an unpaid Fixed Penalty Notice. This individual was fined €750.

Litter Foot patrol

A 5-hour foot patrol was carried out at Templetown Blue Flag Beach and the Greenore area. There was a particular focus on dog fouling and keeping our beaches clean.

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and complaints

10 Water pollution complaints were received in July 2026. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

9 air pollution complaints were received this month. 5 noise pollution cases were received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm survey Inspections

During the month of July 2026 4 farm GAP inspections were carried out along with 1 re-inspection.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 10 monitoring results received by the Council in July 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences. 4 on-site inspections were carried out to assess licence compliance.

Licensed landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in July at Dundalk landfill. Monthly gas balancing was carried out at Whiteriver, Dundalk & Drogheda.

Septic Tanks

4 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in July. 2 septic tank advisory notices remain open with 1 closed in July.

Planning

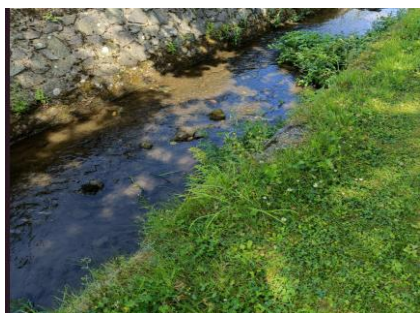
35 planning reports completed for July 2026. 2 supervised percolation tests were completed in July in Annagassan area. These reports related to agricultural, commercial and one-off dwelling planning permissions where assessment of site suitability based on the underlying soil/subsoil, geology and hydrogeology takes place.

Bathing Water Regulations

Louth has received 3 blue flags for Port, Templetown and Clogherhead. A green flag was awarded to Seapoint beach in Termonfeckin. Bathing water season has commenced, and weekly sampling is taking place by the environment team. All results have been excellent thus far. All results are available to see on beaches.ie by entering the beach name.

Small Stream Investigation Surveys

Sampling has begun on a subcatchment of River Dee which the council has within their remit. From site inspections – lack of OPW cleaning has allowed excessive algal growth and at Cherrybrook Ardee – structural defects observed.



Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

There have been 3 payments made in the sum of €10,655.00 (as of 23rd July 2026) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

There have been no payments made for Lead Replacement.

Climate Action

Climate Risk Assessment

The European Funded CLIMAAX risk assessment delivered its phase two risk assessment for the Council.

Community Climate Action Programme

A total of €651,374.78 has been allocated to 17 community groups under the second phase of the Community Climate Action Programme. Please see the attached link which contains further information on each project under the Programme <https://louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>

The Community Climate Action Officer would like to acknowledge the work of all community groups who are currently working on projects as part of the Community Climate Action Programme. If you would like to know further information on the Community Climate Action Programme, please email climateaction@louthcoco.ie

Climate Action Funding

The Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) is currently open for applications and will close on the 7th of August. The LEAF Fund is a nationwide initiative by Local Authorities and IPB Insurance supporting Tidy Towns and similar groups to deliver Climate Action Projects.

Climate Action Week will take place from the 12th-18th of October this year. Grant aid of up to €500 will be available to community groups to apply for to carry out events during this week.

Further details on both of the above funding streams can be found on the PPN Webpage here - <https://louthppn.ie/>

Biodiversity Action

The Biodiversity action plan drafting continued. The Magic Meadows project was nominated for a Working with Nature Awards 2026.

Coastal Monitoring & Adaptation Planning (CMAP)

The Peace Plus project CMAP project officer commenced work at the Council. This is a coastal environmental and climate change project.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Powering Ahead – Louth County Council Distributed Solar Farm

⚡ POWERING LOUTH – AT A GLANCE ⚡

☀️ 18 Sites Installed

🔋 540kWp Renewable Capacity

⚡ 142,000+ kWh Generated (2026)



Summer Energy Newsletter

A Summer Energy Newsletter was prepared and circulated to all staff and elected members, highlighting recent energy management activities and initiatives across the organisation. The newsletter also provides practical energy-saving tips for both the workplace and home, helping to promote energy awareness and support continued efforts to reduce energy consumption. The initiative encourages staff to make small changes that collectively contribute to improved energy performance across the Council.

🔗 **Read the newsletter here:**

<https://louthcoco.ie/en/services/sustainability/energy-news/energy-updates/>

Facilities

Dundalk Athletics Track

Significant progress has been made on the development of the new athletics track in Dundalk, with the project on course for completion in summer 2026.

Upon completion, the facility will feature a new 8 lane, 400-metre synthetic running track, a central field space, and dedicated long jump/triple jump, shot put, high jump, pole vault, and javelin facilities. The track will initially open without floodlighting, which is scheduled to be installed in September.

The Synthetic surface has now been installed. The long jump and shot-put areas are complete, and pole vault sockets have been installed. Line marking in accordance with IAA standards is ongoing and expected to be completed imminently.

This phase of the project is highly weather-dependent, and maintaining progress in the weeks ahead will be heavily dependent on good weather. Any prolonged period of adverse weather may impact the overall completion date.



Dundalk Athletics Track

North Louth Operations Base

Part 8 Planning Permission has been approved for the proposed upgrade of North Louth Operations Base at Ballaverty. The proposed development will consist of the removal of existing temporary storage containers and the construction of a single-storey building comprising office accommodation, canteen and associated sanitary facilities, and all associated site development works.

A letter of Intent has been issued to the Successful Tenderer, and it is anticipated works will commence in Q3 2026.



The existing Bush Depot at Ballaverty

Carlingford Library Clearance Works

Clearance works were completed throughout the grounds of Carlingford library, with access improved and vegetation removed from rear of premises.



Rear of Carlingford Library

Animal Control and Welfare

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound July 2026

Total dogs through the pound	14
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	9
Surrendered by owners	5
No of dogs reclaimed by owners	2
No of dogs rehomed direct	1
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	8
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/07/2026	5

Dog Licences July 2026

No of Licences sold	553
Licence Checks:	
House calls	1230
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	308
Fixed Penalty Notices	32

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound July 2026

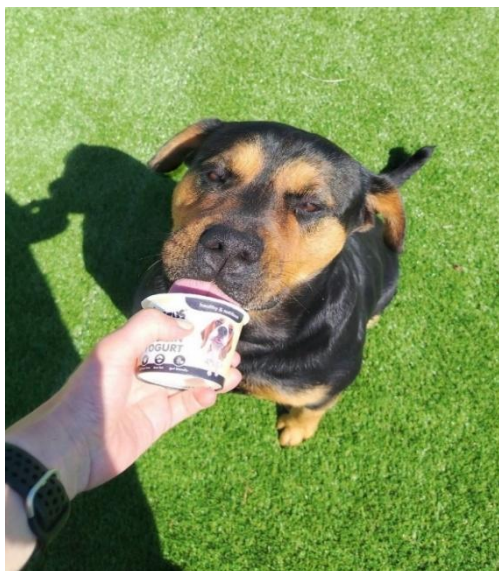
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/07/2026	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments July 2026

Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 31/07/2026)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



Roxy the Rottie enjoying some dog-friendly Froyo during the recent heatwave!

Fire Service

There were 810 Incidents logged with ERCC for Louth YTD. This compares with 980 incidents for the same period last year.

The following training courses took place this month;

- 12 students completed their Pump Operators Course
- Cardiac First Responder Refreshers
- Emergency First Responder Initial

The Dundalk Regional Training centre design has completed both Stage 2(a) Preliminary Design and Stage 2(b) Planning and Public Consultation. The project has now moved in the statutory Part 8 Planning phase with public submissions or comments on the plans over this phase which is due to be completed by end of August. The design includes new entrances to the training yard, a new training building and a refit of the existing Breathing Apparatus house. Plans are available online or in County Council offices.

Familiarisation training was completed by all crews in both Dundalk and Drogheda two new fire appliances. Funded through the NDFEM capital program, the new vehicles will help firefighters respond to emergencies across the county including major road networks and in the growing communities of both Dundalk and Drogheda.



Fire Safety

During the reporting period, 7 fire safety certificate applications were received bringing the annual total to 88 applications received.

Operational crews carried out pre-incident planning on 2 large buildings to improve familiarity with layouts and risks. Risk identification and management remain central to all fire service activities. Fire Safety inspections under the Fire Services Act also continued to support compliance and enforcement, with a Section 18(7) issued on a building.

Community engagement activities remained a central focus. A fire service presence was provided at the Skypark community event. The event featured three key elements: a Community Fire Safety display, a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) demonstration, and the deployment of the Community Protection Unit (CPU). RTC training equipment and electric vehicle rescue tools were displayed and demonstrated. Crews attended on site throughout the event, engaging with members

of the public and promoting fire safety awareness and emergency response capabilities.

Major Emergency Management

Nothing of note this month.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates June	11
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	222
Total Number of Commencement Notices for July submitted	39

Civil Defence

Training

Cardiac First Response Advanced Recertification
Drone Training

Duties

Emergency Services Day, Carlingford x 10 volunteers

Monaghan Country Music Festival. 13 volunteers aided Monaghan Civil Defence for this 2-day music festival.

Slane Concerts. 25 volunteers aided Meath Civil Defence over the 2 days of the Luke Combs concerts. These were 17 hour days each day.

Other

Civil Defence Community First Responders were activated 3 times by NAS. 5 volunteers treated 3 patients.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail

Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

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

This Directorate is responsible for the organisational core areas of HR including Health & Safety, Corporate Services, Communication and Community Activities.

Joanna Kelly

Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director

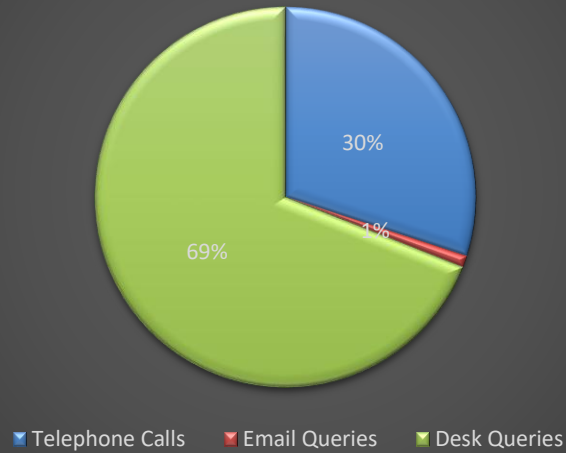


Seirbhísí Corporáideacha / Corporate Services

Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

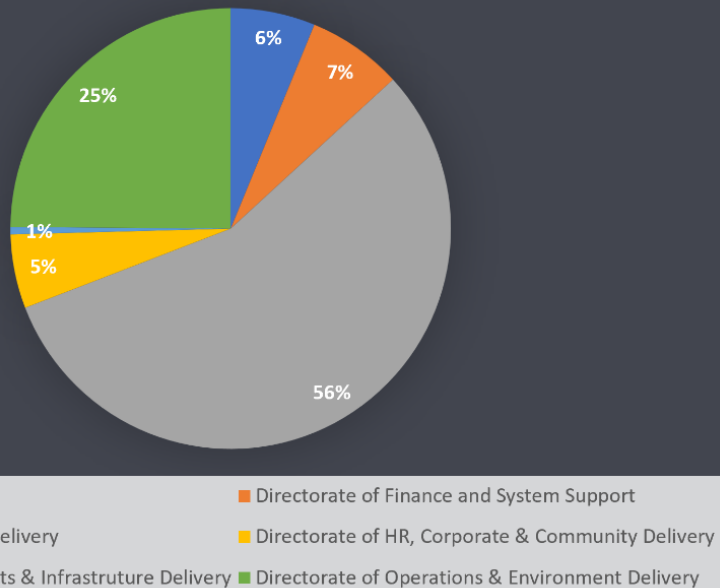
During the month of July 2026 Customer Services dealt with 16,117 queries inclusive of 8,699 calls, 7,324 counter queries and 94 e-mails. 10,600 (66%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:

% queries dealt with at first point of contact

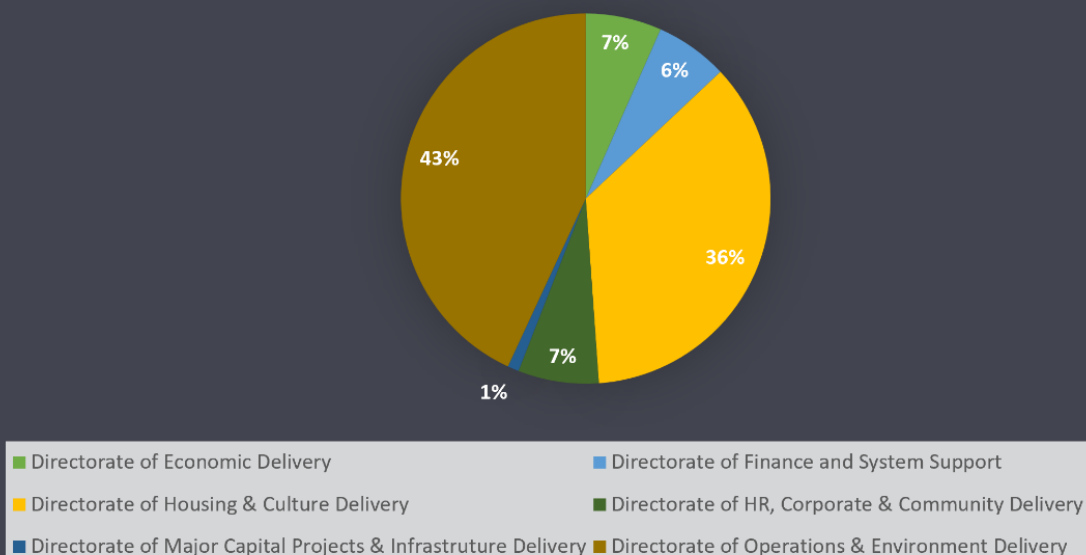


There were 2,966 valid CRM cases recorded during July 2026 of which 326 were received from elected members. A total of 708 (24%) remain unresolved by end of July.

All Cases



Open Cases (July 2026)



Data Protection, Information Compliance and Complaints

The table below illustrates activity in Data Protection, Information Compliance and Complaints for the month of July.

	2025 Total January – July	2026 Total January- July	2026 Total July Only
DSARS	16	8	3
DATA PROTECTION	25	19	3
FOI REQUEST – RECORDS	85	139	20
AIE – INFORMATION	7	12	1
RPSI	0	0	0
COMPLAINTS	10	36	7
OMBUDSMAN	16	9	2

Franchise Section

The Franchise Section successfully participated in the test migration phase of the new voter.ie system, which is being introduced on a phased basis across the country. The migration process for Louth is progressing as planned, with the system scheduled to go live on 17th August 2026. Following implementation, a promotional campaign will be undertaken to raise public awareness of voter.ie and encourage engagement with the new service.

Communications

The Communications Team supported a broad range of services, projects and events throughout July. Key activity included communications support for Ireland's EU Presidency programme, including county-wide flag-raising ceremonies and the launch of the Legendary Together, cultural programme.

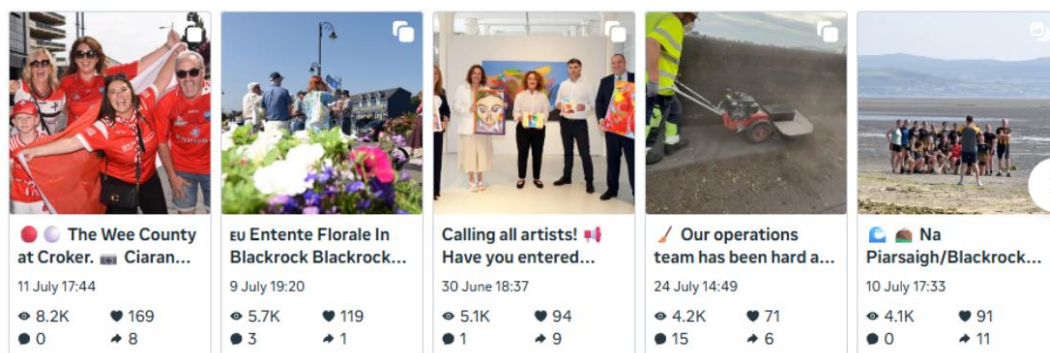
Significant support was provided for Blackrock's Entente Florale Europe judging visit, including promotional materials, event support and digital coverage.

The Team also assisted with PEACEPLUS contract signing events, public consultation campaigns, the launch of two new fire engines, and promotion of water safety initiatives culminating in a campaign for World Drowning Prevention Day.

Public information activity included a communications campaign supporting the six-week Hill Street Bridge roadworks programme in Dundalk, ensuring timely updates for residents, businesses and road users. Internal communications continued to support staff engagement initiatives and promote awareness of the Council's WhatsApp channel.

During the month, the Team issued 18 press releases, responded to 34 media queries, and facilitated four staff interviews.

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Community Support



Age Friendly Louth Strategy Launched at Community Safety Event

Age Friendly Louth has formally launched its new five-year Strategy, placing the needs, voices and wellbeing of older people at the heart of community planning and service delivery across the county. The strategy was launched at a Community Safety Event hosted in partnership with the Louth Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) on Wednesday, 1st July at the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk. The event brought together older people from Dundalk and North Louth, alongside

statutory agencies and community organisations, to focus on key issues including road safety and community safety.

The Cathaoirleach of the Council, Cllr. Dolores Minogue, formally launched the Age Friendly Louth Strategy at the event supported by Rodd Bond, Chair of the Louth Age Friendly Alliance, Joe Grogan, Chair of the Louth Older People's Council and Gavin Duffy, Louth Age Friendly Ambassador.

Attendees also enjoyed presentations from the Road Safety Authority, Louth Fire and Rescue Service and An Garda Síochána who delivered expert advice and practical information. They were joined by more than 30 organisations supporting older people and communities in Dundalk and North Louth, including

The Irish Red Cross, MABS, Louth Sports Partnership, Women's Aid and a wide range of community and voluntary groups.



Rodd Bond Chair of Louth Age Friendly Alliance, Cllr Dolores Minogue Cathaoirleach, Joe Grogan Chair of Louth OPC, Gavin Duffy Louth Age Friendly Ambassador with staff from LCC

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

On 2nd July, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Jerry Buttimer TD, announced the successful projects under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026. A total of 82 projects were approved for County Louth, with Capital funding of €239,207.33 allocated.

All successful applicants have been notified of their grant awards and have been asked to submit additional required documentation. These submissions will be reviewed and followed up as needed. The deadline for receipt of this information is Friday 25th September. Unsuccessful applicants have also been informed of the outcome.

2 groups have already submitted their relevant documents and will receive their Capital funding shortly.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dail Eireann Study Visit

The Youth Leadership and Mentoring PEACEPLUS Project visited Dáil Éireann on 1st July, providing young people from the border region with an opportunity to highlight key issues and engage directly with decision-makers. Issues raised included social media, The European Union, violence against young women and transport for young people in the region. Many thanks to Erin McGreehan TD for inviting the young people and to Paula Butterly TD for taking part in a very robust

debate. The Youth Leadership and Mentoring project is funded by Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership supported by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).



Dail Eireann Study Visit

Regional Networking Event in Dublin

4 Louth Delegates attended the third Comhairle na nÓg Regional Networking Event in Dublin on 9th July. Overall, 123 young people attended the three Regional Networking Events in July 2026. The delegates discussed the topics for the National Executive 2026-2028, networked and shared ideas and thoughts about the work of their local Comhairlí.



Regional Networking Event in Dublin

Violence Against Young Women Event in Newry

The Youth Leadership and Mentoring PEACEPLUS Project held a Cross Border Dialogue Event on the topic of violence towards young women on the 10th July in Newry. The young people took part in workshops with Women's Aid and with White Ribbon, both determined to end violence against women.



Cross Border Dialogue Event in Newry

Public Participation Network (PPN)

On 6th July, Ms. Anna Ryan, PPN Resource Worker, was interviewed by Dundalk FM to help promote the opening of nominations for Louth PPN's Community & Voluntary awards and to discuss upcoming events through Louth PPN such as the Community Expo on 30th September, MD meetings and Plenary meeting.

A Secretariat meeting took place in Drogheda on 8th July to discuss and agree allocation of resources and supports for members to end of 2026.

On 17th July nominations opened for Louth PPN Community & Voluntary Awards 2026 which are due to take place on 18th November in Monasterboice. The closing date for nominations will be 30th September and this year's categories are:

- Community Support
- Health & Wellbeing
- Social Inclusion
- Environmental & Conservation

Healthy Louth

Different Doors Trauma-Informed Workshop

Healthy Louth attended the Different Doors workshop, hosted by Red Door in Drogheda, alongside key cross-sector stakeholders delivering frontline community services across County Louth. The workshop provided practical, trauma-informed approaches designed to strengthen personal resilience, wellbeing and effective decision-making in demanding service environments.

Participants were introduced to the Different Doors framework, a structured methodology that supports individuals to manage complex situations more effectively by compartmentalising challenges, transitioning between roles and responsibilities and maintaining a balanced, present-focused approach. Key learning outcomes included enhanced strategies for managing pressure, improving focus, supporting wellbeing and fostering greater emotional resilience in both professional and personal contexts.

Moving from Despair to Hope Initiative

Healthy Louth has continued its engagement with the "Moving from Despair to Hope" initiative, contributing to collaborative discussions aimed at strengthening youth mental health and wellbeing supports across County Louth. As the initiative progresses, Healthy Louth will play an active role within the newly established Louth Youth Wellbeing Alliance, supporting a coordinated, multi-agency approach to addressing the needs of young people.

Following agreement at the most recent Alliance meeting, the programme is now moving into an implementation phase through a series of targeted working groups. Healthy Louth will be sitting on the Interagency Cooperation Working Group, which will focus on identifying and progressing practical, achievable actions over the next 12 months. This work will support enhanced collaboration between services, improve pathways for young people and families, and contribute to more integrated and responsive wellbeing supports across the county.

Sláintecare

Sláintecare Drogheda

A Sláintecare Local Development Officer has now been appointed for the Drogheda area and will work in close partnership with the Healthy Ireland Coordinator to drive delivery of the core principles and priority focus areas of the Healthy Ireland agenda.

Sláintecare Dundalk

A Shared Learning and Information Evening was held in the Dundalk Sláintecare Area, showcasing the impact of the RESPECT Project in using sport and physical activity to support healthier, safer and more connected communities. The event brought together community, voluntary and statutory stakeholders to share learning and explore opportunities for future collaboration.



RESPECT Project Shared Learning & Information Evening

In addition, the Dundalk Sláintecare Area was successful in securing the maximum allocation of €75,000 available under the Department of Health SEED Funding Programme, with six local projects approved for funding. Service Level Agreements have been completed with the successful groups and projects will commence over the coming weeks, with Turas Counselling's Sailing into Wellness project commencing on 29th July.

Ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders continues to support the development of future funding opportunities and Sláintecare initiatives across the area.

Entente Florale

Blackrock welcomed the Entente Florale Europe jury on the 8th July as part of its participation in the prestigious European competition Entente Florale. The visit marked the culmination of over a year of preparation and collaboration between the Council, Blackrock Tidy Towns, community groups, businesses and residents.

The programme commenced at Blackrock and Haggardstown Community Centre with a presentation and exhibition highlighting achievements in biodiversity, planning, tourism and community development, followed by a flag-raising ceremony on the promenade.

The jury then toured Blackrock and the surrounding area, meeting representatives from a range of community, education, environmental and sporting organisations and learning about local initiatives in biodiversity, heritage, recreation and sustainability.

Strong community participation was evident throughout the visit, with local businesses, schools, residents, volunteers and community groups all contributing to the presentation of the village and supporting Blackrock's entry. The results of the competition will be announced at the Entente Florale Europe awards ceremony on the 19th September in Carlow.



Jarek Brzák, Chair of Entente Florale Europe, raising the Entente Florale Flag at Blackrock Promenade



Members of the Jury Team and Blackrock Tidy Towns at Blackrock Park

Launch of the Louth Play Policy

The Council launched its Play Policy 2026–2031 on National Play Day at Cooley Kickham's GFC Grounds, Co. Louth. The policy provides a five-year framework to support accessible, inclusive and high-quality play opportunities for people of all ages across the county.

The policy adopts a lifelong approach to play, recognising its role in supporting physical health, mental wellbeing, social connection and community development for children, young people, adults and older people. Its vision is for Louth to become a county where everyone can play everywhere by 2031.

The policy will guide future investment and collaboration to enhance play opportunities across the county, enabling people of all ages and abilities to play, connect and thrive within their communities.



Ruairí Ó Murchú TD, Cllr Antoin Watters, Cllr Andrea McKeivitt & staff of LCC at the Launch of the Louth Play Policy in Cooley



PEACEPLUS

PEACEPLUS Partnership

The 18th County Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership committee meeting took place in the Civic Offices in Drogheda. This meeting authorised the PEACE Office to contact a group that has expressed a willingness to provide the Ex Political Prisoner/ Irish Language Engagement Project, to explore how and when this project can be implemented.

Contract Signings

On 10th July, two contracts for “PEACEPLUS Multicultural/Intercultural Programme” and “Entrepreneurship/Social Entrepreneurship for the Traveller Community and Ethnic Minorities Communities Project”—under the Celebrating Cultures & Diversity Programme within the PEACEPLUS Action Plan—were signed in the Civic Offices in Drogheda.

These programmes will highlight cultural diversity in County Louth through music, dance, arts and literature as well as seeking to enhance social entrepreneurship skills through training, mentoring and site visits as well as combating discrimination and racism.

The total contract values are €140,846 and €82,146 respectively.



Signing ceremony for the Multicultural and the Entrepreneurship contracts in Civic Offices, Drogheda

A contract for the “LGBTQAI+ Capacity Building Project” was signed with Outcomers in County Hall on 27th July. This project has a budget of €102,991 and will engage with 106 participants over two years in outreach activities and public sector awareness raising, to promote inclusion and combat prejudice.



Contract Signing in County Hall for the LGBTQAI+ Capacity Building Project

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme Property Figures as of 22/07/2026

Properties offered in July	0
Families moved into properties in July	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in July	8
Property offers recorded to date	87
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	34
Beneficiaries currently assigned	113
Assessments carried out to date	60
Assessments currently underway	0
Properties assessed as suitable to date	45
Properties with minor works required	0
Properties withdrawn to date	20
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team

Intercultural Football Tournament & Family Fun Day

Celebrating diversity through sport, the All-Ireland Intercultural Football Tournament and Family Fun Day was held on 18th July in Dundalk. 23 teams from across Ireland took part with football matches, cultural stalls, interactive performances and community-focused activities throughout the day.

The event presented a unique opportunity to connect both local and visiting communities in a high-energy, family-friendly environment.



Intercultural Football Tournament & Family Fun Day



Louth Community Safety Partnership

Louth Community Safety Plan

The LCSP Plan Subgroup continues to meet regularly and are actively laying the groundwork for the development of the three-year LCSP plan.

The procurement process to appoint a consultant is complete and the wide-ranging consultation process will commence shortly. It will involve a collaborative co-design approach by working together with end-users and stakeholders to create solutions that are inclusive, user-centered and effective and will include:

- A detailed questionnaire for dissemination both electronically and manually to a wide range of stakeholders
- Consultation events throughout Co. Louth
- Targeted focus group meetings
- Outreach work with specific groups

Louth Community Safety/Age Friendly Event

Many LCSP members attended the Community Safety / Age Friendly Event held on 1st July.

The Louth Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2031 will be extremely useful and informative for Louth Local Community Safety Partnership in the development of the local community safety plan, particularly the outcomes of the consultation process, as there are a lot of synergies and connections with community safety.

The speakers at the event included Superintendent Michael Dorrigan AGS, a member of the Louth Community Safety Partnership, and Ms. Grainne Berrill, Director of the National Office of Community Safety.



Ms. Grainne Berrill, Director of the National Office of Community Safety

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Active Ageing Week

Active Ageing Week took place at Dundalk Sports Centre from 13th to 17th July and offered a range of activities promoting physical health, mental wellbeing, social connection and active lifestyles for older adults. The programme included educational talks, cognitive challenges, exercise sessions, and a social day trip, all of which were very well received.

The week began with a Falls Prevention Talk delivered by Mona Branigan, HSE Physiotherapist, and Aileen Murray, Senior Occupational Therapist. Participants received practical advice on reducing falls risk, maintaining independence and improving safety at home and in daily activities. Tuesday's Mind Fitness Event challenged participants' memory, concentration and coordination through fun, interactive activities, encouraging mental stimulation in a social setting.

On Wednesday, participants attended the regular Strength and Balance Class, focusing on mobility, muscle strength, balance and confidence in movement. A highlight of the week was Thursday's day trip to Carlingford, where participants joined either a Greenway walk or a village walk. The groups later came together for tea and scones at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The week concluded with a Racket Sports Session, providing enjoyable exercise and friendly competition. Active Ageing Week was a great success, with all events fully booked and participants reporting highly positive experiences throughout the programme.

Lourdes Stadium

Summer Bowls Tournament

The Annual Bowls Tournament took place at the Lourdes Stadium on the 15th July. The tournament consisted of 6 teams playing against one another until 2 teams were left standing to take home the title. With the help of SportsUile we were able to give out awards for Winning Team, Best Player and Team Spirit. Over 40 bowlers participated in the event which was a fantastic day out filled with laughter, chats and teamwork.



Summer Bowls Tournament at Lourdes Stadium

Louth Senior, U20 & Masters' Track & Field Championships

The Louth Senior, U20 and Masters Track and Field Championships took place on 21st July at Lourdes Stadium, bringing together athletes from clubs across County Louth to compete in a variety of track and field events. As many local clubs use the stadium as their main training venue, it was rewarding to see athletes showcase the results of their hard work and dedication in a competitive environment.



Track & Field Championships at Lourdes Stadium

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education courses in July 2026.

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	2 nd July	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	16 th July	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	30 th July	Online

National Play Day

In line with the 2026 theme "Play for All," Louth Local Sports Partnership hosted a Family Fun Play Day on 11th July in partnership with Cooley Kickhams GFC. The event welcomed children of all ages, including those with additional needs, and their families, offering a range of inclusive activities that promoted physical literacy, movement skills and active play.

The local GAA club provided an ideal community setting, while support from the Council's Integration Committee ensured families from the IPAS Centre in

Dundalk could attend through organised transport, helping to strengthen inclusion and community connections.

The day highlighted the value of outdoor play in building confidence, resilience, creativity and social interaction, with parents and families encouraged to participate alongside children. The event also celebrated inclusion through activities involving the All-Stars GAA group. Adding to the festive atmosphere, attendees wore Louth colours and jerseys in support of the county's All-Ireland Football Semi-Final appearance. With over 400 people attending, the event was a vibrant and memorable celebration of play, community and inclusion.



National Play Day 2026 at Cooley Kickhams GAA Club

Football4All Camp

Drogheda United, in partnership with Louth Local Sports Partnership, successfully hosted two Football For All Summer Camps from 12th to 15th July, at Sullivan & Lambe Park, Drogheda, with support from community partners Fitz Scientific and Funtasia Theme Park.

Over the three-day camps, 28 participants enjoyed a fun-filled programme of football, outdoor games, skill development and social activities. A special highlight came on the final day when Drogheda United first-team players visited the camp to meet participants, creating lasting memories for everyone involved.

At Drogheda United, Football For All is more than a programme—it reflects the club's commitment to ensuring football is inclusive, accessible and enjoyable for people of all abilities, providing opportunities for everyone to participate and thrive in the sport.



Football4All Camp at Sullivan & Lambe Park, Drogheda

Louth Local Sports Partnership Secures Research Grant with DCU

Louth Local Sports Partnership has secured Sport Ireland funding to partner with DCU on a research project evaluating the GAA All-Stars programme in County Louth.

Delivered with the support of Louth GAA, the research will help inform best practice and support the continued growth of inclusive Gaelic games for children and young people with additional needs, building on Louth's reputation as a national leader in inclusive sport



Researchers from Dublin City University's School of Health and Human Performance with Louth Local Sports Partnership (LLSP).

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

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

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

Ger Murphy
Stiúrthóir / Director



Titíocht / Housing

Ag Déileáil le hEaspa Dídine / Addressing Homelessness

As the Responsible Housing Authority for the Northeast Region, Louth County Council continues to manage this area and achieve the goals set out in the Northeast Homelessness Strategy 2024-2026. The following work done within County Louth in the period 13th June – 12th July 2026 can be summarised as follows:

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

13th June to 12th July 2026	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	3	131	108	242
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	19	28	47
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	0	1	1
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	3	150	137	290

Tábla 2: Iarratais Íocaíocht Cúnaimh Tithíochta do Dhaoine Gan Dídean Próiseáilte / Table 2 Homeless HAP Applications Processed

June 2026	7
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Total for 2026	61
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Tábla 3: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 3 - Housing First

Number of tenancies established	57
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	39

Tables 4 - 7 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on 12th July 2026. Also included at Table 5 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 4: Inscne / Table 4: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	89
Female	49
Total	138

Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	23
25-44	72
45-64	37
65+	6
Total	138

Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín / Table 6: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	48
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	90
Total unique individuals	138

Tábla 7: Teaghlaigh le paistí cleithiúnaí / Table 7 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	12	14	25
Couples with dependent children	3	6	13
Total	15	20	38

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Iúil 2026 / Housing Allocations, July 2026

18th June 2026 – 20th July, 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocation YTD
Ardee	2	11	0	0	26
Drogheda	42	14	5	0	195
Dundalk	10	1	30	2	214
Total	54	26	35	2	435

Aistrithe / Transfers

18th June, 2026 – 20th July, 2026	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	3
Dundalk	4
Total	7

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

As at 20th July, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	358	696	1156	2210
HAP Transfer List	267	766	1473	2506

Total Housing List	625	1462	2629	4716
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There are **327** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **66** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíos / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears at 23 rd of July 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	186	€85,908
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	176	€147,017
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	910	€3,470,426
TOTAL	1272	€3,703,351

Rent arrears are monitored on an ongoing basis and letters are issued to customers within two weeks of their falling into arrears. Failure to address these arrears will result in a second letter being issued and if necessary, a third and final reminder. Failure to respond at that point will result in an escalation to tenancy warning. The following correspondence was issued in July 2026.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1st Reminder	July 2026	148
2nd Reminder	July 2026	37
Final Reminder	July 2026	26
Total issued		211

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **€10,358,953**. This is an 8% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€9,605,577) and an 18% Increase on 2024 (€8,798,721).

The total number of rents currently paying by Household Budget is **936**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period

of time. **36** new payment plans commenced in July 2026 (up to and including 23rd of July 2026).

Airionna Athligeran & Neamhni / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 24/07/2026

Relet / Void Properties on 24th July 2026	Total
Ardee Municipal District	4
Dundalk Municipal District	20
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	24
Total No. of Relet/Void Properties	48

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

Iarratais Cothabhála / Maintenance Requests

Maintenance	23rd June 2026 – 23rd July 2026	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	759	7114
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	676	6179
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	40	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	43	434

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

Our finalised EERP allocation & funding for 2026 by DHLGH have been confirmed as 220 units. Four packages of works have now been appointed and are expected to commence imminently, and one further package is currently out for tender. Estates/streets where houses are expected to be included in this year's EERP are listed below.

Due to efficiencies in scale and careful property selection, additional units will be completed within the original funding allocation. Tenant engagement is ongoing in a small number of properties and numbers may still be subject to change.

No further units can be accommodated under this year's programme.

Municipal District
<u>Ardee MD:</u> Seaview, Annagassan=9 (Onsite) De La Salle Terrace, Ardee=19 (Onsite) Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown=4 (Onsite) St. Mary's Court, Louth Village=1 (Onsite) Ferdia Park, Ardee=1 (Completed) Sliabh Breagh, Ardee=1 (Appointed) Cherrywood Park, Tallanstown=2 (Onsite) Rockfield Close, Ardee=1 (Appointed) Clonmore, Ardee=1(Appointed)
<u>Dundalk MD:</u> Aghameen Park=12 (Onsite) Doolargy Avenue=38 (Onsite) Castlehill, Carlingford=4 (OPDs) (Onsite) Dundalk St, Carlingford=6 (OPDs) (Onsite) Mayfield, Haggardstown=10 (OPDs) (Onsite) Clooneevan, Haggardstown=10 (OPDs) (Appointed) St. Fursey's Terrace Blackrock= 8 (OPDs) (Onsite) Gort na Glaise=44 (Appointed) Lios Dubh=5 (Appointed) Cooley Park, Dundalk=4 (Onsite)

Barton Park=1 (Onsite)
Woodview Park=1 (Onsite)
Aisling Park=2 (Appointed)
Villas 1= 1(Onsite)
Oldbridge=1 (Complete)
Churchview, Dromiskin= 20 (Onsite)

Drogheda BD:

Moneymore=17(Onsite)
Rathmullan Park=36 (Onsite)
Marian Park=7 (Onsite)
Scarlet Crescent=10 (Onsite)
Acorn Way=1 (Complete)
Fr. O'Donnell Park=5 (Onsite)
Flanagans Terrace=3 (Onsite)
Beechwood Drive=1 (Completed)
Brickfields, Drogheda=9 (Appointed)
Pitcher Hill, Drogheda=1 (Complete)
Chord Road=3 (Complete)

Drogheda BD:

Rathview Termonfeckin= 24 units.

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha ar cíós / Private Rental Inspections

PRI Stats 2026

For 24th June 2026 – 23rd July 2026	June	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	148	1061
Advisory letters issued	79	830
Improvement notices issued	2	17
Prohibition notices issued	1	4
Private Inspections	1	6
HAP First Inspections	38	267
RAS First Inspections	0	2
AHB First Inspections	56	371
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	2	5
HAP Re-inspections	31	280
RAS Re-inspections	0	3
AHB Re-inspections	18	93
SSA Re-inspections	0	5
Inspections from Complaints	2	7

Cothabháil Phleanáilte / Planned Maintenance

DHLGH has allocated Louth County Council €447,140 for 2026 for Planned Maintenance and Stock Condition Surveys. This funding is to aid transition from a primarily reactive-based approach to a more planned-based approach for maintenance of local authority housing stock. As part of this, DHLGH intends that the national stock of social housing units will be surveyed by Local Authorities over the next four to five years; in Louth, these surveys have commenced and are ongoing.

For 2026, the Planned Maintenance funding will be used to target replacement of windows and doors in houses that are not otherwise eligible for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (EERP). Procurement has been completed and works are expected to take place in September; tenants have now been notified A stock condition survey of the property is a mandatory requirement with this funding . A summary is provided, below.

Dundalk MD:

Mullaharlin Park= 24 units

Properties Made Compliant	16	103
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Páirtíocht Tionóntachta /Tenancy Engagement

24th June 2026 -21st July 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	36	7	6	49	215
Post-tenancy inspections	9	9	36	54	289
Tenancy Investigation Visits	14	2	0	16	140

Anti-Social Behaviour

24th June 2026 -21st July 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	7	7	13	27	148
ASB cases Ongoing	8	7	21	36	-
ASB cases complete	1	1	3	5	119

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

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

24th June 2026 -21st July 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
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Verbal Warnings	0	0	0	0	17
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	0	2	2	7
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	0	0	0	3

Abandonment Notifications & Illegal Occupiers

Category	Brief Description	Year to Date
Section 15(1) Notifications Issued	Initial notice – tenant has 4 weeks to make contact and confirm occupancy.	9
Section 15(2) Notifications Issued	Final notice – property reverts to Council possession	9
Properties Surrendered Following Tenancy Compliance Engagement	Voluntary surrender after compliance discussions.	0
Illegal Occupants	Instances where properties were found to be occupied without lawful tenancy and action was taken in line with legislation.	4

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

Application portals for both Dowdall's Court and Bellfield went live on July 13th. Applicants are currently being assessed.

The portals for both Bayview and St Furseys closed on July 12th. Viewings are currently taking place in both schemes. Some deposits have already been paid, and some houses are at the early stage of the conveyancing process.

Gnóthaithe/ Acquisitions

Louth County Council are acquiring homes under the 2nd hand acquisition scheme which will be allocated as appropriate to Tenant In Situ, persons with disabilities, and homeless.

In July, the Council purchased one property.



Recently acquired property in Dundalk

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

Active MTR Applications Total	25
AHB MTR Applications Active	7
AHB MTR completed 2026	3
Private MTR Applications Active	17
Private MTR completed 2026	5
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	1

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

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2026 Budget Allocation	€6,730,000
LAHL Approvals at 24/07/2026	€1,874,740
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 24th July 2026	
Total Number of Applications 22/06/2026	30
LAHL carried over from 2025	4
Invalid/Returned	8
Approved	13
Declined	6
For Review	3
Outstanding – waiting on further information	4

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

There are no applications for the Repair & Lease scheme.

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	437
Approved:	325
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	57
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	26
Funding Issued to Applicant	173
Principal Private Residence	316
Rental Applications	121
Vacant Grant Applications	212
Derelict top-up Applications	225

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

The Grants Section is currently not accepting new grant applications, as it continues to prioritise the processing of existing applications already received.

At present, new applications will only be considered where a Priority 1 (emergency) medical need exists. Priority 1 applications will continue to be accepted and assessed on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of funding.

In accordance with Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) guidelines, Priority 1 applications relate to cases where the applicant:

- Is terminally ill;
- Is primarily dependent on family members or a carer for support and care; or
- Requires adaptations to their home that would support their discharge from hospital or residential care and enable them to live independently at home.

The Housing Grants team will continue to process existing Housing Adaptation Grant (HAG) and Mobility Aids Grant (MAG) applications in order of priority, date received, and subject to the availability of funding.

Applicants who have already received grant approval are reminded to ensure that approved works are completed within the timeframe specified in their approval letter. Once the works have been completed, a completion certificate should be submitted to the Grants Section as soon as possible to facilitate payment and the finalisation of the grant process.

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed



Accessible Bathroom completed in Drogheda with funding provided with a HAP



Level access shower in Ardee, with funding provided provided with a HAG

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 21/07/2026	194	9	301		504
Grants Approved 25/06/2026 – 21/07/2026	31	2	19	52	187

Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants with a disability. The 2026 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totalling €838,610. This includes €754,749 (90%) in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and €83,861 (10%) Louth County Council Contribution.

Works Appointed	37 minor adaptations	2 extensions 3 modular extensions 1 extension funded under TAP
Of these Works onsite/ completed	22 minor adaptations	2 extensions/ 2 modular extensions/ 1 TAP extension

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units 2026 - 2030	
SHIP	740
CALF	228
CAS	40
TOTAL	1008

Housing for All Social Housing Build Delivery				
Year	Target	Actual	Projected	Total
2022	660	227	-	227
2023	156	365	-	365
2024	160	438	-	438
2025	172	562	-	562
2026	175	199	286	485
Total	1,323	1,791	286	2,077

Capital Housing Delivery

Ferrard Park, Twentys Lane, Drogheda

Louth County Council have completed the purchase of 16 no. 4 bedroom homes at Ferrard Park, Twenties Lane, Drogheda. The houses will be allocated in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities, where approximately 10 houses will be advertised on CBL, and the remainder allocated for transfers, overcrowding and those with medical needs.

Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk

Louth County Council have completed the purchase of 20 no. houses and duplex apartments at Bruach na hAbhann, Dundalk. The properties consist of a mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed homes, which have already been advertised on CBL. The remaining 14 no homes will be completed in the coming months.



Ferrard Park, Drogheda



Bruach na hAbhann, Dundalk

Greenhills Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme, Drogheda

The recently opened Greenhill's Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme has been shortlisted for The National Age Friendly Achievement Awards. 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 some of the new tenants. The allocations for the 45 no. 2 bedroom bungalows are almost complete, and St John of Gods are in the process of fitting out the supported living house for the four individual tenants. The winners of the award will be announced in October 2026.



Greenhill's Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme



SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	52	Complete	20/05/2026	20 * 2 bed, 17 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	41	On Site	28/02/2027	3 * 2 bed, 12 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Contract Awarded	30/09/2027	2 * 2 bed, 1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Blackwater Meadow, Point Road, Dundalk	1/1	44	Stage 2 Approved	30/06/2028 - TBC	31 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed
Ravel Drive, Ravel, Dunleer	1/1	70	On-Site	31/03/2027	45 * 2 bed, 20 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed
Bakery View, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	97	On-Site	31/03/2027	52 * 2 bed, 32 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed
An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village	1/1	58	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/03/2028	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved On-hold	31/12/2029	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	1/2	20	Complete	30/06/2026	3 * 2 bed, 10 * 3 Bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 3 bed duplex
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	2/2	14	On-site	31/08/2026	6 * 4 bed, 4 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 3 bed duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/08/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex

Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/09/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	1	On-site	31/07/2026	1 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/4	7	On-site	31/07/2026	2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	4/4	7	On-site	31/08/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	2	On-site	31/07/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	17	On-site	30/06/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	16	Complete	14/07/2026	16 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	4	Completed	23/04/2026	4 * 2 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	2	Completed	19/05/2026	2 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda Co. Louth	3/3	8	On-site	30/06/2026	8 * 3 bed
Bridgegate, Ardee, Co. Louth	1/1	7	On-site	31/07/2026	3 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Fitzgerald Gardens	1/1	13	On-site	31/08/2026	8 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed

Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda					
Bayview Red Barns Road, Dundalk	1/1	4	On-site	31/08/2026	2 * 2 bed, 2 * 3 bed
St Furseys Gardens, Old Dublin Road, Dundalk	1/1	6	On-site	30/09/2026	6 * 2 bed Duplex Apartments

Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
Tierney Street, Ardee, Co Louth	St John of Gods	7	Stage 3 Approved	31/12/2027	One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	15/12/2027	Twenty one * 1 Bed apartments
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	Women's Aid Dundalk	12	On Site	31/05/2027	Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments

Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name	Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part V/ Part V	Project Status	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing Ireland	2/2	94	0	Complete	31/12/2025	• 36 x 1 Bed Apt • 52 x Two Bed Apt • 6 x Three Bed
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/10/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Co. Louth Tuath	1/2	12	0	Complete	17/07/2026	• 6 Two Bed House • 6 Three Bed House
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	2/2	30	0	On Site	31/10/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 12 Two Bed Apt
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/08/2026	• 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth	1/1	29	26/3	Onsite	31/08/2026	• 6 Three Bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 5 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadow, Racecourse Road,	3/3	19	0	On Site	30/09/2026	• 10 Three Bed Houses

Dundalk, Co. Louth with Circle						9 Two Bed Apartments
St Furseys, Dublin Road, Dundalk Co. Louth with Cluid	1/1	24	17/7	Proposal	31/08/2026	24 Two Bed Apartments
Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth with North & East	1/3	8	4/4	Proposal	1/4/2024	6 One Bed Bungalows 2 Two bed Bungalows
Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth with North & East	2/3	11		Proposal	31/10/2027	10 One Bed Bungalows 1 Two Bed Bungalows
Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth Ardee with North & East	3/3	2		Proposal	24/04/2028	2 One Bed Bungalows
Bayview, Red Barns Road Dundalk Co. Louth with Cluid	1/1	33	28/5	Proposal	31/03/2027	18 One Bed Apartments 15 Two Bed Apartments

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives

Online Catalogue Upgrade

The County Archives is working with its IT company on the upgrade of its online catalogue. The new online catalogue will be hosted on the Cloud. Testing work is scheduled for late July, and the installation of the final version is due to be completed in August.

Collections Management

Cataloguing and cleaning work on approximately 700 early Drogheda Corporation leases dating from 1652 to the 1780s continues to take place.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Louth County Council Library Service secures nearly €80,000 in Library Capital Funding

Louth County Council Library Service has been awarded €79,930.45 under the DRCDG Libraries Capital Programme, part of a national allocation of

just over €3 million announced by Minister of State for Community Development and Charities, Jerry Buttimer TD, and Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, on 26th June 2026.

The national investment will fund a range of improvements in public libraries, including sensory equipment, accessibility enhancements, ICT hardware upgrades to improve broadband connectivity, modern furniture, and operational equipment. The initiative aims to ensure that libraries continue to develop as inclusive, accessible, and digitally connected community hubs.

Funding was applied for to support a number of key projects across Louth libraries:

- Refurbishment and replacement of shelving in the children's library at Dundalk Library, to create a more accessible and welcoming environment for children and families.
- A sensory Cubbie for Drogheda Library, to enhance inclusive and sensory-friendly spaces for library users.
- A self-service RFID kiosk for Dunleer Library, to improve customer service and access to library resources.

Right to Read Programming and Outreach

Summer Stars reading programme During the school holidays, Louth County Council Library Service is once again running the annual Summer Stars reading programme. This free national initiative encourages children to maintain and improve their reading skills while discovering the joy of books and reading throughout the summer.

Children can join Summer Stars by visiting any Louth library branch. Each participant will receive a free Summer Stars pack containing:

- A reading card to track their summer reading adventures
- An activity book filled with fun, literacy-friendly activities
- A bookmark to record their progress
- A Summer Stars bag to help keep their library books safe

Summer Stars is open to all children and participation is completely free, making it a wonderful opportunity for young readers to stay engaged, explore new books and enjoy a summer filled with reading and creativity.



Harry Potter Day Quiz participants, Dundalk Library

A highlight of this year's programme was the Harry Potter Day Quiz on 24th July in Dundalk Library, which proved popular with young readers and fans of the magical series. It was just one of a wide range of free events and activities taking place throughout the summer, including story times, arts and crafts sessions, and other family-friendly events.

Events Outreach and Cultural Programming

Illustrator and author Alan O'Rourke visited each library branch to celebrate Summer Stars with his Dinosaur Pie and Comics session. Throughout the month, library branches welcomed DEIS camps and community groups, promoting literacy through tailored visits and activities.

Library staff provided an information stand in collaboration with Louth Traveller Movement in the Redemeer Family Resource Centre promoting Summer Stars and My Little Library Bag. In collaboration with Louth Local Development, library staff attended the Welcome Café in Dundalk to showcase and promote the extensive range of library services available to the community.

Na hEalaíona / Arts

EU Cultural Programme

In July, the Arts office, alongside colleagues from the library service, launched 'Legendary Together', Louth's cultural programme to mark the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council, Cllr Dolores Minogue, joined Director of Services, Ger Murphy, at the event to officially open the programme and provide an overview of what is to come. As part of the EU Presidency each local authority is partnered with another EU country, and Louth has been partnered with Portugal. The team were very pleased to welcome the Deputy Chief of Missions from the Portuguese Embassy, Mr Henrique Sousa de Azevedo to the launch event which took place in the Oriel Centre, Dundalk Gaol.

Mr de Azevedo was very receptive to the evening's entertainment as guests were treated to an evening of music and song from members of the Northeast branch of Comhaltas. Speaking at the event the Cathaoirleach encouraged everyone in Louth to join in and take part in the cultural programme that is happening over the next 6 months which will celebrate Ireland's rich heritage. For details on all upcoming events under the Legendary Together programme please go the website <https://louthartsoffice.ie/louth-eu-presidency-culture-program-legendary-together/>



Deputy Chief of Missions Mr. Henrique Sousa de Azevedo, Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council Cllr Dolores Minogue and staff of LCC

Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Bursary

This is the 4th year in which Louth arts office have teamed up with Meath arts office and the Age and Opportunity team on a bursary for a weeklong residency in the renowned Tyrone Guthrie Centre. This bursary is specifically for artists over 55 years of age and is open to artists who have been in practice for many years, artists diversifying their practice or artists who have started their practice later in life. We are delighted to announce that the 2026 Louth recipient is Una Curley. Una, who has a studio in the Dundalk Bó Studios, recently completed a post grad in digital making and is aiming to use the residency to further explore how she can incorporate this new skill into her current practice, diversifying her work.

Music Generation

Music Generation made use of the glorious July weather and took over Market Square in Dundalk on Friday 17th July as they recorded a new music video in partnership with Nós Nua Youth Orchestra. There was a great turnout to watch the event and the music mixture of harps, uilleann pipes, electric guitars, cellos, flutes and singers was just fantastic to hear! Well done to all involved!

An Iarsmalann / Museum

The exhibition charting the success of The Corrs will close on Saturday, 1st August. It has been exceptionally popular and generated significant online interest.

The Museum continues to receive donations, the latest including a beautiful collection of 1950s and 1960s children's toys and a magnificent pocket watch designed to help children learn to tell the time.



Educational toy pocket watch

The Museum is also preparing a series of family screenings of historically themed films for August.

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

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

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

David Jones
Stiúrthóir / Director



Comhfhorbairt Áite / Placemaking

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

Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF)

The outcome of applications made by LCC under category 1B of the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (formerly URDF) in respect of Westgate, Drogheda and St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk is awaited. The scheme was launched on 5th March and the closing date for applications was 1st May. A category 1A (project development) application was made in respect of the Park Street area of Dundalk.

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Following the completion of Phase 1 works at St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk, the design phase is approaching completion for Phase 2. BDP Ltd are the appointed consultant design team and the concept will be brought forward to Part 8 planning with full public consultation in the coming weeks.

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan is approaching completion. This will form a framework plan for regeneration of the Longwalk area, that supports town centre growth, and meets the needs of the town's residents, visitors and businesses. LUC is the appointed Integrated Urban Design Team lead.

For project updates visit the Longwalk Urban regeneration Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Long-Walk>

or email longwalkregeneration@tbla.eu

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

Direct engagement with property owners in **Drogheda** and **Dundalk** continued throughout the reporting period under the **URDF Call Three Fund**. This work has already resulted in several property sales and the initiation of early-stage development activity. Recent meetings with owners in both towns have progressed constructively, supporting the preparation of plans aimed at returning these buildings to productive use.

A mid year full review of all properties included in this programme has been completed, providing an updated and accurate assessment of progress to date and identifying priority actions for the period ahead. A summary of the review is outlined below:

<i>Property Occupied</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Refurbishment Works Ongoing</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Activation Progressing*</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Awaiting Engagement</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Property Sold - Engagement Commenced with New Owner</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Possible Direct Intervention by Council</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Social Housing Project</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>SNQ Phase 2 Regeneration Project</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>CPO Complete</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>CPO Commenced</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Pending CPO process Withdrawn following Action by Owner</i>	<i>2</i>
TOTAL	133

** For Sale/Relet – 11, Planning Permission – 9, Refurbishment grant – 3, VHO Engagement - 3*

This ongoing engagement will contribute to a clearer understanding of properties successfully brought back into use, as well as those that remain vacant, ensuring a more targeted and effective approach to addressing vacancy in both towns.

New **Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs)** are also under consideration for Dundalk and Drogheda. While the CPO process can be lengthy due to potential objections and negotiations with property owners, preparatory work is advancing and will continue over the coming period.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (RRDF)

Dunleer – Energising the Community

A tender process is underway to appoint a design team to this project. Following the completion of their Town Centre First Plan, Dunleer was successful in attaining RRDF funding to support bringing elements of the Plan to Part 8 stage.

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

The heritage-led design consultants, Urban Agency, is currently working to finalise the detailed design in

line with the Part 8 permission received. The project was submitted by the Council as an application under Call 6 (Capital Funding Round) of the recently closed Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

Ardee 2040

Turley Planning, the Design Team lead, has completed the planning pack and it was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in mid-December 2025.

An Coimisiún Pleanála - Ref: ACP-323972-25

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda

Engagement with the National Monuments is progressing as part of the consultation for the Part 8 process. Archaeological investigations are also ongoing in parallel and Ministerial Consent has been obtained in respect of these works (trail trenches).

Play Spaces

The proposed extension and refurbishment of the play park at St. Dominic's Park, Drogheda, received Part 8 planning at the June meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda.

The Public Display period for the Part 8 proposals for a new playground at The Glen, Drogheda has ended. Submissions are currently being reviewed, and the project will go to the September meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda for consideration.

An online briefing was held for members of the Dundalk Municipal District to introduce the proposed redevelopment of the lands owned by the Council at the Navvy Bank, Dundalk. The Part 8 proposals for the redevelopment of the Navvy Bank, Dundalk is currently on public display. The redevelopment includes camper van parking, a playground and a car park.

Omeath

A design team has been appointed to develop a plan for the rejuvenation of the Omeath Playground and its surrounds. An initial consultation event with the public took place on 15th July and the design team are currently working their way through the feedback received.

Dundalk Demense

The Dundalk Demense refurbishment and enhancement project is approaching completion. This project was funded by the Community Recognition Fund and the works are being

undertaken by Mullacurry. Seating is to be installed in early August.



Demense works

Merryweather Building, Dundalk

Part 8 documents have been prepared for the redevelopment of the former pumphouse at Meadow Grove, Dundalk. Upon completion it is proposed that the building will display the Dundalk Fire Station Merryweather fire tender.

The proposal will go on public display in the coming weeks and a briefing for the Dundalk MD members has taken place in advance of publication.

Capital Delivery Team

Funding streams

A new round of CLÁR funding for 2026 has recently closed. In addition to the Cooley Peninsula, the electoral division of Castlebellingham has also been included in the scheme this year. The Council has submitted 13 applications under measure 1 of the scheme, *Developing Community Facilities & Amenities*.

The DRCDG has recently launched the SÍOL programme which targets small areas of disadvantage in specific towns and cities across the country. The Westgate and Fairgate areas of Drogheda have been included in the scheme for 2026. Applications are currently being developed.

It is anticipated that this will be an annual funding call and in total there is €31.5m to be allocated to 2030.

The Capital Delivery Team is continuing to work with community groups around the county to deliver the various projects currently funded under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, CLÁR, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and Community Recognition Fund.

Blue Flag Beaches

Changing cabins and electric digital signage have been installed at the county's three blue flag beaches. Funding has also been received under the

2026 Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Fund to install showers and locker facilities at these locations.



Digital signage at Port Beach



New changing cabins

Boyne Greenway - North Bank

With the support of ORIS funding of €500,000, the Capital Delivery Team is finalizing plans for widening, resurfacing and relining of paths and installation of lighting along the North Bank of the Boyne Greenway in Drogheda. A tender process has been completed and Phase 1 of works will commence in September.

The enhancement and extension of the Boyne Greenway support land-based outdoor recreation activities including walking, leisure cycling and running, and will deliver on the objectives set out in the Embracing Ireland's Outdoors strategy.

Clogherhead Cliff Walk

Following approval of Project Development Measure (PDM) funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for Clogherhead Cliff Walk, work continues on the preliminary design of the walk. Surveys such as topographical and Wintering Birds have been completed. Mulroy Environmental has been appointed to take the project up to Part 8 approval.

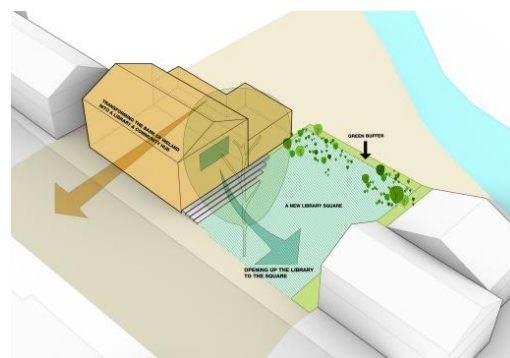
Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects



Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

The Town Centre First Plan is to be officially launched later this summer. The plan which has been designed in collaboration with Louth County Council, the local community and Town Team provides a pipeline of projects ranging from access and mobility to community uses. The plan builds upon opportunities presented through the towns coastal location and built heritage and Council will be exploring funding options for the various plans and schemes within the plan.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer



Survey work is being undertaken with regards to the creation of a new pocket square in Dunleer. The square will be situated beside the Towns library and will create a public space connecting the Main Street with the Whitewater River. This survey work will inform design options that will be informed with input from the Dunleer Town Team. This project is one of the proposals from the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan.

Vacant Homes Officer

The Vacant Homes Officer (VHO) continues to deliver proactive and impactful engagement with property owners across the county, promoting the wide range of funding supports available to assist in bringing vacant and underutilised properties back into productive use. This includes the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and other Government-supported initiatives designed to

address vacancy, tackle dereliction, and encourage the sustainable reuse of existing housing stock.

A visit by a group of students from the Danish School of Media and Journalism was facilitated by the Vacant Homes Officer as part of their research into Ireland's approach to tackling vacancy and dereliction. Their focus was on exploring what Denmark can learn from Ireland's efforts to bring vacant homes back into use and revitalise local communities.

During their study tour of Ireland, the students visited County Hall, where they met with the Vacant Homes Officer to gain first-hand insight into the operation and effectiveness of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant. The VHO provided a comprehensive overview of the scheme, outlining its objectives, eligibility criteria, and the positive impact it is having in supporting homeowners and communities. To further enhance their understanding, the students were also directed to areas where refurbishment projects are currently underway, allowing them to see the practical benefits of the scheme in action.

The growing international recognition of the work being carried out locally highlights the effectiveness of the Council's vacant homes initiatives and the commitment of the Vacant Homes Office to addressing vacancy and supporting housing delivery. Members of the public are also encouraged to play an active role in this ongoing work by reporting vacant or derelict properties through the VacantHomes.ie platform. This enables the Council to identify, inspect, and engage with property owners where appropriate, helping to maximise opportunities for the reuse of vacant housing and the regeneration of local communities.



Danish students, Noah Bøtker, Oni Andreas Reiter & Markus Risgaard Suurballe with staff from LCC

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

Construction works on site and fabrication works in Belgium continue to be progressed.

Southern embankment: - Works have begun on the installation of the temporary bracing for the skid track system.

Northern embankment works on the final wall pours within the bascule chamber and plant room are ongoing.

Bridge fabrication works: - Fabrication of the fixed span bridge continue in Ghent, Belgium and painting of completed sections of bridge has commenced. Fixed Deck Section 1 was moved onto its barge and moored for transport in Sept. Cutting of steel plate on the bascule span has commenced. At this stage the majority of the project activities will be carried out in the fabrication yards.

The fixed span date of arrival has moved to Sept. due to the availability of the large barge. However the Contractor has confirmed that currently the project is still on programme.



Load out of Fixed Deck 1 onto Barge



Fixed Deck 1 moored at Sarens Yard



Temporary skid beam bracing installed.

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

The Contractor Jons Civil Engineering have set up their site compound off the L-7120 road in Annavackey and construction works commenced May 2026 .

The Civils contract duration is 14 months and works are currently progressing on programme.



Construction Works of realigned N53 overview

The Employers Representatives for Louth County Council are Atkins Realis and they will undertake the day to day supervision and administration of the project in conjunction with LCC and WMNRO.

LCC, the design team (WMNRO) and valuers are continuing to engage with the landowners, their agents, and all stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

A notice of intention to close the L-7120 road from Monday 24th August 2026 to Friday 23rd April 2027 to facilitate the construction of the N53 Hackballscross to Rassan Road was published in local newspapers on the 14th July 2026 and LCC Portal and Social Media and Stakeholders informed.

N52 Ardee Bypass

The scheme is currently in the Supreme Court with the Court adjourning the matter generally pending

the outcome of the CJEU reference in Power v An Bord Pleanála

The CJEU (C-27/25) has issued their judgement on the Power v An Bord Pleanála case on the 16th July 2026 and there is a Supreme Court case management hearing on 23rd of July 2026 hearing in relation to the N52 Ardee Bypass Scheme.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

As agreed, ESB (to deliver major capital power supply works) fast-tracked and completed their ducting works which commenced early May within our site boundaries to safeguard the need not to excavate through our new road/footpath in the future and to allow our works to commence.

The works in relation to the Council's project commenced on the 19th May. Works are ongoing and progressing well. Its is programmed that all works will be substantially complete by end of August 2026.



New Footpath



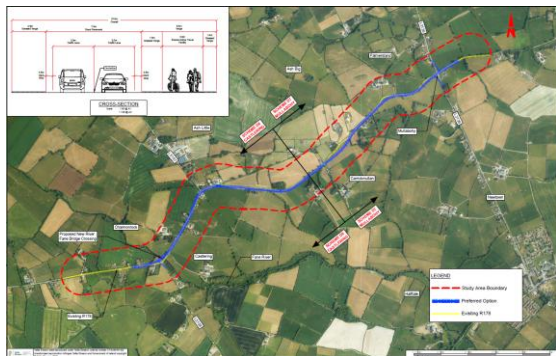
Newly laid kerb line

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route

Improvement Scheme

The Public Consultation Summary Report for the preferred route option has been completed and will be issued to Department for their information/comment – end of phase 2. Commencement of Phase 3 (preliminary design and environmental evaluation) began in May. Phase 3 Ecological walkover survey has been completed,

along with the FWD and pavement coring along this stretch of roadway – both to aid the final design.



Emerging Preferred Route

Ground Investigation Contractors commenced onsite following engagement with Landowners on 27th July for a four-week duration.

Works include the following: 11 Trial Pits 4.5m deep, 4 slit trenches across the R178 3.0m deep and 9 boreholes ranging from 10-20m in depth.

Soil Analysis Samples and Water Table Depths will be recorded.

A Stop/Go will be in operation during the slit trench excavation works.

Environmental Assessments are continuing along with Preliminary Design Drawings on preferred options

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is developer led. The developer has completed site clearance works in February and works have commenced by the main contractor in March, with a site compound being set up and topsoil stripping substantially complete.

Pavement capping and drainage works are continuing.

Works are currently progressing on programme.

The Council Team continue to engage with the affected and neighbouring landowners.



CH300 – 1200mm Culvert

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 3 (rail line section).

The Department have allocated c.€350k toward commencing detailed design for Phase 3. The preparation of tender documentation for a competent designer has commenced and is ongoing. In parallel, the Council has submitted a funding application (€23.9m) to the Housing Activation Office under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund for the delivery of Phase 3 (inclusive of rail line underpass), which has been successful.

Housing Investment Infrastructure Fund

In addition to PANCR Phase 3, the Council was successful in securing acceptance into the HIIF programme for our other two applications, namely Ash Walk Link Road, Ardee and Leonards Junction, Slane Road, Drogheda. Each projects will now be progressed.

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The emerging preferred route public consultation closed on the 27th of Feb, with 510 submissions received. The design team are currently collating the submissions to feed into the completion of the Options Selection Report which is planned to be published in the coming weeks.

Further details on the project can be found on the dedicated website:-

www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie including contact details for the Project Liaison Officer and the independent appointed agronomist.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

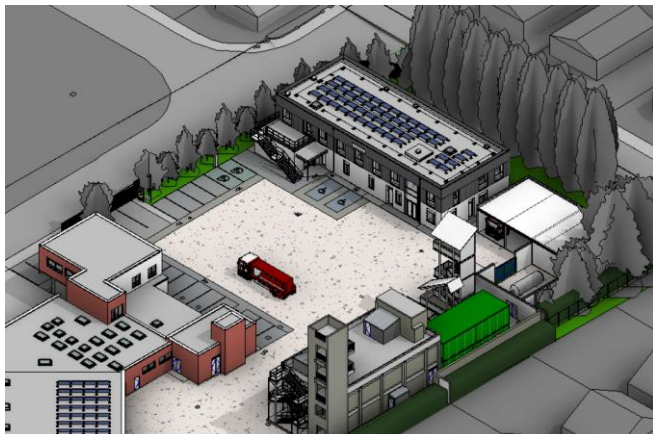
Dominican Church/Library

Design works are ongoing for the proposed conversion of the Church to a library. The design team has provided a draft Stage 1 Report with the preferred optioneering. This is currently being considered in the context of cost and floor space that is achievable within the confines of a listed building of this nature.

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

Part 8 Documentation has been completed and has been advertised in the various platforms with the public display duration to commence from 14th July 2026 until the 11th August 2026. Public submissions can be made up until 25th August 2026. A briefing for

the Dundalk MD members was provided in advance of Part 8 publication as well as a non-statutory public consultation event for adjoining residents to the Training Centre, which was well attended.



3D view of proposed Regional Training Centre

Ardee Castle

The Castle has been cleared out of unfixed furniture. The main demolition to subsidised Judges Chamber House on southside of castle has been completed and various door openings are currently under construction.

In terms of progress, significant medieval archaeology has been uncovered under the Judges' Chambers extension including a large well or kiln and associated pits, and a medieval wall which will result in short delay until the National Monuments Dept. review and give direction on same. A new design to incorporate these 'finds' may be required.



Archaeological Find



Completion of Rubble Stone Walls



Exhibition Room Stripped Back to original Wall



Manhole Construction

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

Following the awarding of €7 Million towards the restoration of Westgate House and the former DYD Building in Drogheda, Louth County Council have commenced preliminary safeguarding and archaeological investigations.

Archaeological investigations, surveys and structural safeguards measures commenced in March and are now 100% complete. The works programme was extended due to the discovery of asbestos which had to be professionally removed and due to the building being found to be in very poor condition structurally, meaning additional safeguarding works were

required. All asbestos record keeping has been put in place. The Ministerial Consent was approved for these safeguarding works, and the National Monuments have attended site in April, May & June.

Following on from Certificate of Reoccupation being issued by the asbestos removal company, Archaeologist returned to site and completed trial holes with Contractor and openings in DYD building. Internal Safeguarding works were completed to walls and ceilings inside Westgate House which also included additional propping to SW corner of Westgate House due to deteriorating condition of walls. Trial Pits in cobbled areas were reinstated under the supervision of the Archaeologist in Westgate basement area. Roof repair works were also undertaken by Main Contractor.

The full safeguarding work for the buildings has now been completed. The final survey and site investigation have been closed out, which now allows the architectural led Design Team to complete their final design prior to going to design freeze with Louth County Council and Part 8 Planning submission.

THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 21-27. Further information is available on the www.southernassembly.ie



Roof Repairs



Structural bracing to roof

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

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

The Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme remains at Stage 1, with the project team currently progressing the Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) for each flood cell and undertaking the associated environmental assessment of options. Draft MCA assessments are being prepared and will be shared with Louth County Council on completion. In parallel, work is continuing on the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA), Climate Change Adaptation considerations, and the Draft Options Development Report, which will bring together the technical, environmental and economic assessments to support the identification of preferred flood relief measures.

The Blackrock and Dundalk Public Participation Day (PPD) Reports provide a summary and analysis of the feedback received during the public consultation process. These reports form an important part of the option appraisal stage, helping to ensure that stakeholder views, local knowledge and community priorities are considered alongside engineering, environmental and economic factors in the assessment and selection of preferred flood relief measures. The Dundalk PPD Summary has recently



Roof Safeguarding Works



Trial Holes

been completed and issued as part of the ongoing stakeholder engagement process.

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

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

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Scheme

The Flood Relief Scheme has progressed significantly, with the identification of viable scheme options. The Preliminary Buildability and Operations and Maintenance Report has been reviewed by Louth County Council and the OPW, and comments arising from a technical review meeting held in June 2026 are currently being addressed by the Consultant Team. The Draft Option Development Report has also been reviewed by both Louth County Council and the OPW, with consolidated comments issued to the Consultant Team for incorporation into a revised report.

The Options Development Report sets out the technical assessments undertaken to inform the selection of the preferred scheme option. These assessments include hydraulic modelling, multi-criteria assessment, flood damage analysis, cost estimation, cost-benefit analysis, and climate change adaptation considerations. The final confirmation of the preferred option will be informed by ongoing heritage and archaeological investigations, consultation with relevant statutory bodies, and feedback received through the Public Participation Day programmed for Q4 2026 and broader stakeholder engagement process.

Environmental and heritage assessments are continuing and include breeding bird surveys, hydromorphological surveys, and archaeological investigations. Additional specialist studies, including arboricultural and noise impact assessments, are also being considered to support the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the ongoing development of the scheme.

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

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

Detailed design for culvert upgrade work in central Carlingford have now commenced and will be delivered in conjunction with the proposed Public Realm Scheme.

A business case for interim improvement works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Seasons Hotel is currently being updated. In parallel, hydraulic

modelling of the proposed scheme is ongoing to further refine the design, while site investigation works have been commissioned to inform ground conditions and assess constructability.

The brief for the appointment of a Consultant Engineer for the delivery of the larger flood relief scheme is currently being developed.

Ardee Minor Works

The proposed works to provide enhanced flood protection to properties along the existing watercourses at Stoney Lane and John Street have continued to advance. Delivery of this element of the scheme remains coordinated with ongoing Uisce Éireann works, helping to maximise efficiencies and minimise disruption to the local community.

Works adjacent to the N2 have progressed, with the detailed design and cost estimates now complete. Engagement with affected landowners has also continued to ensure that access requirements, site constraints and local considerations have been appropriately addressed.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works – Drummullagh (Omeath), Bellurgan and Ballynamoney / Ballagan.

Coastal protection works are now on site and progressing well. Works at Drummullagh and Bellurgan have been completed, while construction works at Ballagan are currently underway and advancing as planned.



Coastal Protection Measures Bellurgan

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School. Works are progressing on site towards achieving substantial

completion by the end of July 2026. The main outstanding significant works are:

- *Completion of M&E – ongoing*
- *Testing of M&E control systems – 29/07/2026*
- *Demonstrations of M&E control systems with end -user (DOEy) – 31/07/2026*
- *Bitmac to main access road and school site roads ongoing – works commenced 20th July 2026 and projected to be completed by 31st July 2026.*
- *Substantial completion - 31st July 2026.*
- *Scheme Certifier to submit BCAR application to LCC Building Control Section – no later than 14th August 2026*
- *Snagging ongoing*
- *Handover to DOEy – Mid / late August 2026*

Phase 1: Scope and Purpose

Phase 2: Concept Development & Option Selection

Phase 3: Preliminary Design

Phase 4: Statutory Processes

Phase 5: Detailed Design and Procurement

Phase 6: Construction and Implementation

Phase 7: Close-out and Review



Bitmac works to Access Road 20th July 2026

Active Travel Investment Program

2026 Budget Allocation

On the 19th January 2026, the Council received an allocation of €4m for Active Travel and Safe Routes to School projects and €500k for the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (delivered through Operations). The NTA has indicated an annual Active Travel allocation of circa €4m for the next number of years.

The programme and extent of works to be delivered under Active Travel in the short term has accordingly been revised to reflect the reduced annual allocation.

Project funding is approved through defined phases under the NTA Project Approval Guidelines. Approval at any one phase does not constitute a commitment by the NTA to fund beyond that stage.

The seven different phases are as outlined below:

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	July 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€30,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	At the end of May 2026, the NTA gave approval to LCC to advance to Part 8 Public Display as per Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. At this juncture the Design Team have prepared all the necessary Public Display material, i.e. Video Fly Through, information leaflets etc. An on-line briefing of the Part 8 proposals was given to Drogheda MD elected members on 17th June 2026. All feedback / commentary is reflected in Part 8 Public Display material. The Part 8 proposals were placed on public display in Drogheda and Dundalk , advertised in the local newspapers and shared on LCC Social Media on the 21st July 2026.  Photo Montage of Donore Rd Junction Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 process.	Part 8 on display July 2026
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€37,500	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team have finalised all Planning Documents i.e. Part 8 Proposals at the end of June 2026 and are now preparing the video fly-through of the scheme for public display. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors in Aug 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	Proposed Part 8 Q3 2026

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Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€45,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team have finalised all Planning Documents i.e. Part 8 Proposals at the end of June 2026 and are now preparing the video fly-through of the scheme for public display. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councilors in Aug 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	Proposed Part 8 display Q3 2026
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's Lane	€550,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5	The Design Team at this juncture i.e. end of June, have finalised the Tender Package for Phase 1, namely Marley's Lane Section inclusive of section in front of St. Olivers Community Colleges on Rathmullan Rd. To accord with NTA approval protocols, the Tender Package has been Peer Reviewed, and the successful QS Consultant will be officially appointed in the coming weeks.	Part 8 approved on 10 th February 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€10,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, these projects will be suspended at their Current Phase until further notice.	
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd.	€800,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Due to budgetary limitations, the Xerox Junction upgrade (Phase 1) only will be brought forward as a standalone project, (due to its key position linking 3 projects). At start of June 2026, the Tender Package for Phase 1, was finalised. To accord with NTA approval protocols, the Tender Package is currently being Peer Reviewed.	Part 8 Approval already granted

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Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€2,500	Band 2 €5- €20m	Phase 4	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on 10 th December 2024. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Part 8 Approved December 2024
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€110,000	Band 2	Phase 3	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to expedite the Safe Routes to School infrastructure on McEntee Avenue etc., with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure Q3 2026.
Drogheda Local Transport Plan	-	-	Phase 3	The Transport Consultants have prepared the first Draft of Drogheda Local Transport Plan in early June 2026. The Active Travel Team are currently reviewing with a workshop anticipated to be held with the consultants at the end of June 2026. It is anticipated that a briefing will be given to elected members on the draft Local Transport Plan in q3 2026.	
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 2 was approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 deliverables were received from the Design Team in mid-June 2026. These are currently being reviewed and will be forwarded to the NTA for sign-off in early July 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in Q3 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€20,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	On-line briefing on the proposed scheme was given to Dundalk Municipal District Councilors in May 2026 and Part 8 Public Display commenced on 2 nd June 2026. Deadline for formal submissions was Tuesday 14th July 2026.	Proposed Part 8 for Hoey's Lanes Active Travel Scheme is Q3 2026.

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				 Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to design the Safe Routes to School element of this project for Mill Street, to facilitate Realt Na Mara National School and Louth Rehab in Quay Side Business Park, with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure in 2026.
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 approved by NTA on the 13 th April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	Part 8 CE Report was proposed and recommended at Dundalk MD Meeting in April 2026. It is intended to bring sections, namely Sextons Junction forward to Detailed Design. At the end of May 2026, the Design Team have been commissioned to undertake Detailed Design and prepare Tender Documents to advance Sextons Junction to Construction Stage.	Part 8 approved April 2026
Moneymore, Active Travel elements`	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb 2026. The subsequent notices were issued to the relevant parties. Deadline for submissions / objections expired on 13th May 2026. Notice to Treat Letters were issued on the 8 th June 2026. The Active Travel Team will now proceed to Issue Tender Documents for the appointment of a contractor to construct the Permeability Link.	N/A

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	July 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 1) St Brigid's & St Patrick's Bothar Brugha Drogheda				 New Roads Markings and anti-skid surface to highlight safe zones.	
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Construction works commenced at Bellurgan, Callystown and Knockbridge National Schools. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by mid-August prior to schools returning from summer holidays.  New pedestrian crossing @ Callystown NS New footpaths under construction @ Bellurgan NS	Section 38's completed
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1. SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa , Kilcurry 3. Mullaghboy NS.	€66,500	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Design Consultant appointed in February 2026 for Philipstown NS & Kilcurry NS and have commenced initial Preliminary Designs . NTA have approved the combine Gateway 2/3 reports for SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown and Scoil Phadraig Naofa , Kilcurry Construction Works Tender package issued for Mullaghbuoy NS and Letter of Intent issued to the contractor in mid-June 2026. Appointment of the contractor to take place in Q3 2026.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's

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Safe Routes to Schools (Round 4 1. Dromiskin Mixed School) 2. Marymount NS 3. Scoil Mhuire na nGael 4. Tallanstown NS	€10,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	Active Travel Team consulting with An Taisce who will undertake initial high level Outline Delivery Plans for each School. Site visits at each school in Round 4 have been undertaken in March / April 2026. Active Travel Team awaiting Outline Delivery Plans from An Taisce.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	This pilot project is being led by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with the Department of Transport with funding being provided by the Climate Action Fund. Part 8 Documentation was placed on public display on 3rd February 2026 and deadline for submissions expired on Wednesday 18th March 2026. 120 submissions have been received.  CE Part 8 Report was recommended to the members at Dundalk MD Meeting on 12th May 2026. A total of 41 individual sites formed part of the	Part 8 Approved 12 th May 2026

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	July 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
				Part 8 proposal. 36 of these sites were granted approval by the Elected Representatives. The 5 sites not approved are: Site 15 – Centra Car Park, Blackrock. Site 45 – Cluda Enda Site 60 – St. Fursey's Terrace Site 65 – Fatima Park Site 68 – Park View	