

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



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Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Lúnasa 2026

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st August 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 August 2026, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

1. Finance and System Support

Finance

- Expenditure to 31 August 2026 amounted to **€119.9m (59%)** of the annual budget, with Housing, Roads and Environmental Services accounting for the largest share of expenditure.
- Income to 31 August 2026 totalled **€121.5m (60%)** of the annual budget, with the full commercial rates demand invoiced and collected.

ICT and Digital Services

- 615 ICT support requests were processed during August, with an 85% completion rate.
- Cybersecurity monitoring remains a priority, with **14% of inbound emails identified as potentially harmful** through filtering systems.
- A new GIS-based interactive Night-Time Economy map was launched to support the Drogheda Sound Town initiative.

2. Economic Delivery

Economic Development

- The Louth Economic Forum considered Drogheda Port Company's long-term development vision and future masterplan proposals.
- The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme remains open until October.

Tourism

- Louth continued to strengthen its tourism profile through:
 - D'Arcy McGee Summer School in Carlingford.
 - Promotion of the Boyne Valley and Louth tourism offering internationally.

Local Enterprise Office

- More than **160 participants** attended the Digitise Drogheda programme.
- Significant support continued for local SMEs through mentoring, advice clinics and business grants.

Planning

- 111 planning applications were received during July, of which 93 were valid.
- 76 applications were determined, with an overall refusal rate below 8%.
- Planning Enforcement investigated 15 new complaints and resolved 21 cases through negotiation.

3. Operations and Environment Delivery

Roads and Public Realm

- Major resurfacing and maintenance works were completed throughout Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee and Mid-Louth.
- Ongoing drainage, road safety, footpath and accessibility improvements were delivered countywide.

Environment and Climate Action

- 120 litter investigations and 24 fixed penalty notices were issued during August.
- Environmental teams responded to:
 - 13 water pollution complaints
 - 7 air pollution complaints
 - 3 noise complaints
- The Louth Biodiversity Action Plan continues to progress.
- SEAI data confirms Louth County Council has now achieved a **52% improvement in energy performance**, surpassing the national 2030 target.

Facilities and Operations

- Planning approval was secured for the North Louth Operations Base upgrade.
- Coastal protection works at Bellurgan and Drummullagh were completed, with Ballagan nearing completion.

Fire & Civil Defence

- Fire incidents remain lower than 2025 levels, with 963 incidents year-to-date compared with 1,102 last year.
- Civil Defence supported numerous emergency responses, sporting events and missing person searches.

4. HR, Corporate and Community Delivery

Customer and Corporate Services

- Customer Services handled over **16,000 public queries** during August.
- 3,364 customer cases were processed through the CRM system.
- Transition to the new national electoral registration system (Voter.ie) was successfully completed.

Community Development

- Community and voluntary projects continued to receive support through LEADER and SICAP programmes.
- New sports facilities and inclusion initiatives launched, including Variety Ireland's Cycling Inclusion Centre of Excellence at Dundalk Sports Centre.
- The Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2026–2031 was launched.

5. Housing and Culture Delivery

Housing Delivery

- 341 people presented as homeless during the reporting period, with 48 placed in emergency accommodation.
- Housing First continues to support vulnerable households, with 57 tenancies established.
- Total housing output year-to-date reached **560 allocations**.

Housing Supply and Maintenance

- The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is progressing strongly and is expected to upgrade approximately **300 homes** in 2026.
- 42 re-let/void properties are currently being progressed.

Housing Capital Programme

- Strong progress continues across the Accelerated Delivery Programme schemes at:
 - Bakery View, Drogheda
 - Ravel Drive, Dunleer
 - An Mullach, Louth Village.
- Social housing delivery continues to exceed Housing for All targets, with 526 units expected in 2026.

Vacant and Derelict Property Supports

- Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant applications reached, 454 submitted, 331 approved and 182 funded.

Cultural Services

- Heritage Week delivered extensive countywide participation through libraries, museums, archives and biodiversity initiatives.
- More than 1,100 children participated in the Summer Stars reading programme.
- Funding of €50,000 was secured under Creative Ireland for a new cross-border cultural project.

6. Major Capital Projects and Infrastructure Delivery

Urban Regeneration and Placemaking

- Active vacancy reduction measures resulted in multiple property activations, refurbishments and acquisitions.
- Additional properties were acquired through compulsory purchase processes to support regeneration.

Major Infrastructure Projects

Key strategic projects continue to progress:

- N53 Dundalk to Castleblayney Road Phase 4 under construction.
- Boyne Enterprise Link Road nearing completion and expected to open following safety audit.
- PANCR Phase 2 progressing significantly, with Phase 3 approved and entering detailed design.

Flood Relief and Coastal Protection

- Progress continued on Dundalk, Drogheda/Baltray, Carlingford/Greenore and Ardee flood relief schemes.
- Coastal protection works at Bellurgan, Drummullagh and Ballagan are substantially complete.

Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

- €4 million Active Travel allocation secured for 2026.
- Safe Routes to School projects are nearing completion at multiple locations.

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



Thomas McEvoy
Deputy 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 Lúnasa 2026 / Expenditure to 31st of August 2026**

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 31/08/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 31/08/2026	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026	% Caite go 31/08/2026 / % Spent to 31/08/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€56,637,628	€91,043,877	62%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€17,344,094	€29,724,225	58%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€3,708,000	€6,253,179	59%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€12,298,003	€25,275,969	49%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€15,645,959	€26,717,755	59%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€7,349,612	€13,508,055	54%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€598,169	€1,342,504	45%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€6,286,993	€9,786,701	64%
	€119,868,458	€203,652,265	59%

Ioncam go 31^ú Lúnasa 2026 / Income to 31st of August 2026

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 31/08/2026 / Actual Income to 31/08/2026	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 31/08/2026 / % Invoiced to 31/08/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€50,785,082	€91,667,227	55%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€5,686,295	€17,228,704	33%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€3,283,108	€4,865,078	67%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€5,221,423	€13,604,272	38%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€2,026,569	€4,843,340	42%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€936,577	€1,971,310	48%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€228,964	€474,809	48%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€7,552,059	€17,390,895	43%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,770,135	€39,640,432	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€5,983,099	€11,966,198	50%
	€121,473,311	€203,652,265	60%

The above is the current position as of the 31st of August 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 August 2026 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31^ú Lúnasa 2026 / Debtors as of 31st of August 2026

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€11,388,113	€157,238,312	(€148,718,342)	(€Nil)	€19,908,083
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€229,656	€1,661,010	(€1,324,441)	(€Nil)	€566,225
Rataí / Rates	€5,273,449	€39,770,135	(€31,267,286)	(€831,677)	€12,944,621
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,368,616	€12,423,883	(€12,494,311)	(€74,939)	€3,223,249
Iasachtal / Loans	€273,054	€1,511,035	(€1,530,410)	(€Nil)	€253,679
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€6,998,721	€6,708,055	(€947,322)*	(€2,484,546)	€10,274,908
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€934,463	€564,564	(€421,904)	(€11,653)	€1,065,470
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,970,672	€4,939,062	(€4,044,286)	(€39,767)	€3,825,681
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€31,436,744	€224,816,056	(€200,748,302)	(€3,442,582)	€52,061,916

Above are the debtor balances as of 31st of August 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.

Budget 2027 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

The public consultation process on the Local Property Tax (LPT) adjustment factor for Budget 2027 concluded on 21 August. A report on the submissions received will be presented to Elected Members at the September Council meeting, where members will consider whether to vary the LPT rate within the statutory range or retain the existing rate. Any increase in the rate would generate additional income for local services, while a reduction would result in a corresponding decrease in LPT funding available to the Council.

Budget Workshop

A Budget 2027 workshop for Elected Members is scheduled to take place on 10 September at 4.00pm in County Hall.

Budget 2027

Preparations for Budget 2027 are underway. In accordance with the prescribed budget timetable, the Council will consider the 2027 Budget during November 2026. Dates for the Annual Budget Meeting and for Borough District/Municipal District meetings to consider Draft Budgetary Plans will be presented for approval at the September Council and District meetings respectively.

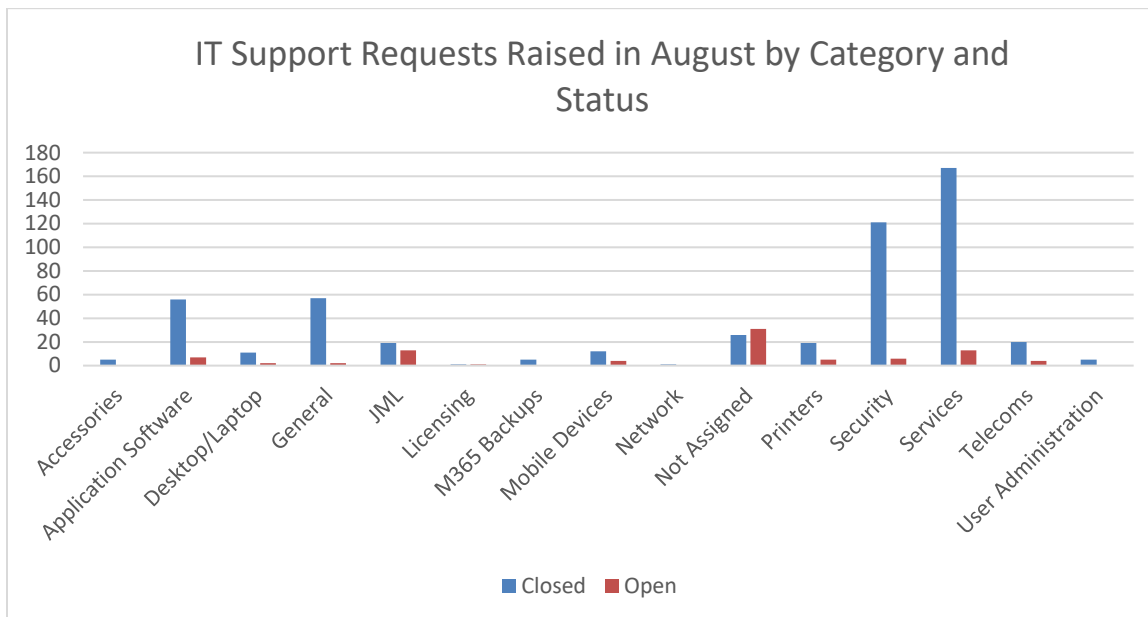
Overdraft for 2027 Financial Year

Approval will be sought from Elected Members at the September Council meeting to continue the Council's €5 million overdraft facility for the 2027 financial year.

Technolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/08/2026 and the 31/08/2026 there were 615 support calls logged in the IT support system. 85% of these calls have been completed.



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

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 01/08/2026 – 30/08/2026 14% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
521,534	161,595	359,939
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
7,746	39,055	26,592
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
995	14.3%	7

Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

Website engagement remained strong during August 2026. The homepage recorded 2,816 page views, broadly in line with July (2,795), while average time spent on the homepage increased from 35 to 47 seconds. Planning and mapping services continued to attract the highest level with Online Planning and Maps pages recording 1,564 unique page views, up 5% on July. Housing and Library Services also saw increased engagement, while

Dog Pound and Development Plan content remained among the most frequently accessed pages, highlighting continued public demand for planning, housing and other core Council services online.

Most Accessed Online Services – August 2026

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

Cyber Security Training

Cyber Security Awareness training during August reinforced staff awareness of phishing, ransomware, and social engineering threats, highlighting the importance of vigilance, compliance with security procedures, and reporting suspicious activity to strengthen the Council's cyber resilience.

ArcGIS Online – Drogheda Nighttime Economy Map

In August, the GIS Team, in collaboration with the Nighttime Co-ordinator, developed and launched [an interactive map](#) to support the *Sound Town* initiative. The map showcases Drogheda's night-time economy, highlighting local hospitality, cultural, entertainment and tourism attractions, and is available through the Council website.

An Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

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

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

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

The Louth Economic Forum met on 25th August, with Drogheda Port Company hosting the meeting and presenting its long-term vision for the future development of the Port. Members were advised that a draft Port Masterplan is expected to be published for consultation in Q4, presenting significant opportunities for future development in Drogheda.

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

A meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC took place in Ardee Civic offices on Tuesday, 18th August. Members approved an amendment to the Rates Waiver Scheme, introducing a new condition requiring successful applicants to commence commercial activity within 90 days of approval under the scheme.

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/>.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth

Information on upcoming events are available on: <https://www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/>.

Submissions for events or attractions can be made via this [link](#).

D'Arcy McGee Summer School

The annual **D'Arcy McGee** summer school, supported by the Council, took place in Carlingford on the 26th & 27th August. The theme of this year's event was 'Culture, Identity and Inclusion in a Turbulent World' with an array of speakers such as Heather Humphreys, Professor Diarmuid Ferriter, Daniel Mulhall and Dr Claire Mitchell. Full programme available: <https://www.darcymcgeesummerschool.com/>.

Professor David Wilson also delivered a talk on Carlingford native '**Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Irish Rebel to Canadian Father of Confederation**' to Council members and guests on Friday, 28th August in the Council Chamber in County Hall.



Centre of Food Culture Ireland

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland's Development Manager and the Drogheda Night-Time Economy Adviser represented the Louth/Meath Hub at Irish Fest in Milwaukee this year as part of the Fáilte Ireland's *Home of Halloween* promotional campaign. The event provided an opportunity to showcase the region and collaborate with the other participating tourism hubs from across Ireland.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Sound Town Vision Launch

The Council launched the Sound Town Vision on 31st July, setting out a long-term strategy to position Drogheda as Ireland's East Coast Alternative and support the growth of its night-time economy. Attended by over 60 local stakeholders, the launch introduced key initiatives including the Night-Time Curation Fund, which will support local promoters and venues, and the Sound Town Map, Ireland's first comprehensive map of a town's night-time economy. The Vision also establishes a distinct identity for Drogheda, aimed at strengthening its cultural and economic appeal.

Milwaukee Irish Fest

The Night-Time Economy Adviser participated in Milwaukee Irish Fest from 14th to 17th August as part of a Fáilte Ireland delegation promoting the Boyne

Valley Home of Halloween initiative. Working with Meath County Council, the programme positioned the Boyne Valley as the birthplace of Halloween, with Drogheda promoted as a key gateway destination through its heritage, festivals and night-time economy offering. The visit also provided opportunities to engage with civic leaders and tourism operators to strengthen international tourism and business links.

Night Curation Fund Events

A number of events supported through the Night Curation Fund took place during August, contributing to Drogheda's growing night-time economy and cultural offering. Events included *Night Moves Late Café*, *Flavours of the Cottage Market*, *The Faa Side Showcase* and *Deadly Craic Comedy*, providing opportunities for local musicians, food producers, performers and creatives to engage with new audiences and showcase their work.

Drogheda Retains Culture Night Late Status

Drogheda was confirmed as one of eight national flagship locations for Culture Night Late 2026, securing €16,500 in Arts Council funding, supplemented by €10,000 through the Night-Time Economy Pilot. The programme, led by Droichead Arts Centre, will support late-night cultural activity and provide opportunities for emerging artists, promoters and creative practitioners.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Digitise Drogheda – Wednesday 19th August

Local Enterprise Office Louth supported the successful *Digitise Drogheda* workshop series, delivered in partnership with Drogheda & District Chamber and Drogheda Digital Hub. The programme attracted over 160 participants across six workshops, providing practical guidance on digital technologies, AI, cybersecurity, digital marketing, productivity tools, and business transformation. The final workshop focused on the digital supports and grant funding available through Local Enterprise Office Louth to assist SMEs in adopting new technologies, improving competitiveness and supporting business growth.

Business Networking Event

Louth LEO sponsored the Drogheda & District Chamber *Mix and Mingle* networking event at Omniplex Cinema, Scotch Hall, on 13th August. The event provided an opportunity for local businesses, entrepreneurs, and start-ups to network, build connections and explore opportunities for collaboration.



Mix and Mingle Event

Blas na hÉireann 2026 Finalists

Nine County Louth food producers have been named as finalists in the 2026 Blas na hÉireann Irish Food Awards, achieving significant recognition for the county's food sector. The strong representation reflects the quality, innovation and entrepreneurship of local producers and further enhances Louth's growing reputation as a centre for premium food production. Winners will be announced at the national awards event in Dingle in October.

Funding Approved:

- [2] Green for Business Approved
- [1] Energy Efficiency Grants Approved
- [2] Digital for Business Approved
- [2] Grow Digital Vouchers Approved
- [1] Lean for Business Approved

LEO Workshops and Training Held:

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 35 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in August.
- **LEO Mentoring** – 20 Mentors were appointed to businesses in August to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

Oidhreacht / Heritage

Heritage Week 2026

August saw Louth's largest-ever Heritage Week, with over 50 events and more than 100 event days delivered across the county through open days, guided tours, exhibitions and community activities. The programme was made possible through the significant contribution of volunteers, community organisations, and Council staff, including the Biodiversity Officer, County Museum, Library

Service and Highlanes Gallery, demonstrating strong public engagement with Louth's heritage.

Walled Towns Day events funding

The Irish Walled Towns Network (the IWTN), a programme of the Heritage Council, approved funding to support 'Walled Towns Festivals' events in Drogheda. As part of the programme, the Seán Corcoran Series will take place from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September, with support from the Heritage Office.

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

During July 2026, the Planning Authority received 111 planning applications, of which 93 were deemed valid. The Planning Service also received 44 responses to Requests for Further Information and 23 pre-planning consultation requests. Details of planning decisions and appeal decisions made during the month are set out in the accompanying performance tables.

(A) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developments	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other applications-not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications- requiring EIA	(F) An Tríú Treoir maidir le Fuinneamh In-athnuaite / Renewable Energy Directive (RED) III	(G) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas cinneadh / Number of applications determined	12	11	52	0	1	76
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	9	7	13	0	1	30
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of	8.33% (1)	27.27% (3)	3.85% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	7.89% (6)

applications refused	2	2	2	0	0	6
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined						
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	50% (1)	100% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	50% (3)

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	
	Iúil 2026 / July 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Iúil 2025 / July 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	15	136	22	166
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	21	134	27	160
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	17	145	23	157
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	3	14	0	6
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	2	0	6

Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	1

Pleanáil Chun Cinn / Forward Planning



Louth County Council on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the scheme offers grants of between €50,000 and €200,000, covering up to 50% of eligible project costs. The closing date for applications is 27 November 2026.

Chief Executive's Report on Proposed Variation No. 4 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied)

A Chief Executive's Report on submissions received during the public consultation for Proposed Variation No. 4 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 was completed and circulated to Elected Members on 20th August. A total of 162 submissions were received during the consultation process, reflecting significant public engagement with the proposed variation.

Caomhnú / Conservation



Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2027 & Historic Thatched Buildings (HTB) Stream 2027

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2027 and Historic Thatched Buildings (HTB) Stream 2027 have opened for applications. The schemes provide grant assistance for the conservation and repair of protected structures, historic shopfronts, vernacular buildings and thatched properties, with grants ranging from €2,500 and €50,000 and funding up to 80% of eligible costs. Applications must be submitted by 30th October 2026.

The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2027

Applications are now open for the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2027, which provides grant assistance for the conservation, enhancement and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. Administered by

Stiúirtheoireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúirtheoireacht 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 August 2026 Oibríochtaí / Operations

Dundalk & North Louth

Road Works Resurfacing

- R132 Hill Street Bridge Phase 1 and 2 complete. Currently working on Phase 3 and plan to have road fully opened for 1st September
- R171 – Anne Street full resurfacing completed



Hill Street Bridge + Anne Street Resurfacing

Surface Dressing and pothole patching:

- 10km of Surface dressing completed in Cooley (Willville Rathcor etc.)



Pothole works

Pothole repairs in Cooley

- Rathcor
- Mucklagh
- Trinity Close
- Ardagh School
- R173 Carlingford Road

• Dundalk:

- Bachelors Walk,
- Mount Hamilton
- Railway Terrace
- Vincent Avenue
- Carrick Road
- Grange drive
- Sliabh Foy Pk
- Chapel Street
- Fr Murray Park
- Ashbrook
- Ard Easmuinn
- Goslings Tce
- Riverside Drive

- Flailing works at dangerous junctions throughout Cooley (Howes Hill, McGuire's Cross, Bellurgan straight etc.)

Cleaning of Gullies/ Open drains

- Distillery Lane
- Pearse Park
- The Crescent
- Castleross
- Ravensdale - blocked culvert jetted

Drainage Works

- Ballinmara Drainage soak pits installed historical flooding issue



- Repair works to open drain on River Lane, Carlingford

Road Sweeping

All town routes around Dundalk town

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Hill street Bridge footpaths

- NTA Bus stops Longwalk



Accessibility footpath works:

- Anne Street junction with Mary Street.
- Gosling terrace
- Hughes Park

Signs & Bollards Maintenance + Line marking

- Cleaning signs Boyd's carpark road signs repaired
- Bollards along cycle lane at Mo Chara
- Damaged barriers Inner Relief Road
- Mary street pay-parking signs replaced
- Damaged island bollards at Dublin Road replaced
- Line marking at Willville, Monksland school, Grange, Crossalaney junctions
- Monksland bollards installed at school
- Dublin Road Hospital crossing
- Red slows marked at Maguires cross and McGraths cross



Other Works

- Landscaping works at Ladywell Shrine ahead of the annual feast day
- Deep cleaning of Market Square and Clanbrassil Street

- CCTV installed at Redeemer alley way
- Path works commenced at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Dowdallshill.
- Void filled and stabilised at Gyles Quay



Path works at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/ Dog Waste

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

Traffic Lights Repairs + Upgrades

- Hill Street Bridge new upgrade works ongoing Marshes pedestrian crossing

Mid Louth & Ardee

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Rd 174 Nicholastown 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 – Kilcronney.
- Rd 181 Cullenstow.

Surface dressing completed

- Pepperstown Cross – N2.
- Flowery Cross – Churchtown Cross. Charleville.
- Drumleck.
- Knockbridge – Louth Village.
- 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.
- Grange Rd, Tallanstown – Mills of Louth.

- LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown,
- LS-7103 Carnmore Kilcurry.

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste

- R177 Armagh Road,
- LS-7103 Carnmore, and
- LS-7162 Clermont Road

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Ardee, Collon, and Dunleer.
- Outlets and drains cleaned of fallen trees and debris

Road Sweeping

- Blackrock.
- Knockbridge,
- Castlebellingham,
- Dromskin & Tallanstown

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades

- Old Golf Links Road

Traffic Light Repairs

- Xerox Junction,
- Haynestown
- Felda Junction

Other Works

Flail mowing cutting back grass verges at dangerous junctions to improve sight lines carried out on

- Haynestown/Marlbog Road to Dungooly Cross.
- LS-7098 Faughart Upper to Graveyard Rd.
- LP_3095 Claret Rock.
- LS100 Faughart Shrine.
- New pencil bollards installed at Kilcurry school

Illegal Dumping

- R132 Dublin Road,

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 Dysert, Castlethomas and Townparks

Road and Pothole Repairs

Surface dressing at

- L-6224, Dillonstown
- L-2295, Corrisbane
- L-1228, Richardstown
- L-1228, Draghtstown

Road and pothole repairs at

- L- 1209 , Glack
- L-5235, Townparks
- LS-6238, Castlethomas

Road Sweeping

- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km p/d)

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades

- Repairs to Footpaths in Dunleer

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Signage cleaned and repaired in area. New chevrons installed on N52

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 at low tides.

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

Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards

Ring Buoy Checking in;

- Ardee Town - River Dee
- Salterstown
- Port Beach

Drogheda & South Louth

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Preparing for the appointment of 2026 Gully Cleaning Contract – it is the intention to extend 2025 contract which includes for 1200 no. Gullies. We are currently preparing health &

safety documents, schedule and intent to discuss with 2025 contractor in relation to contract extension for 2026.

Drainage Works

- Repairs to road gullies on the Byranstown Cross route.
- Gullies and surface water manholes surveyed, jetted and cleaned on the Boyne Rd – R167.
- Clean Gullies at Beamore Rd & Silk Park.

Road Resurfacing

- Drogheda Road works Program has commenced on the 17th August 2026. Works are currently on going on the Beamore Road, excavation of soft spots and overlay commencing on week 24th August 2026.
- Working will commence on Crushrod Ave 25th August and on Crosslanes on Week 31st August.
- Road markings up-graded at West St, Duke St, Shop St, Dyer St / Haymarket / Trinity St, Laurence St, Palace St, William St, Peter St, Drogheda Arts Centre, Fair St & Church St.

Road and Pothole Repairs at

- L2307 Newtown
- Whitethorn Estate.
- Beechwood Crescent

Road Sweeping

Sweeper 1

All approach Roads Daily
Plus, Hotspots
Gully Cleaning Town Area
Housing Estates on Southside
Mount St Oliver
Congress Ave

Priest Lane
Morans Tce
Roscoill
Castlewood

Sweeper 2

North Rd to M1 Including Link Rd. (Mon and Friday Weekly)
Housing Estates Northside
Broadmeadows
Brookville
Maston Lodge
Castlemanor
Yellowbatter
Newfield
Ballypark
Westcourt
College Rise

Multi-Hog Sweeper – town centre and the following areas



- Dominick Pk/Ramparts
- Mell Carpark
- Donore Rd
- King St
- Bolton Square
- Washing of Umbrellas and Benches on West St (every fri)
- Meatmarket Lane
- Bachelors Lane
- Mayoralty St
- Ballsgrove Hill
- Windmill Rd
- Boyle O Reilly

- Newtown Cemetery
- Fair Green
- Reillys Carpark
- Abbey Carpark
- North Rd (In between the Bollards)
- Bryanstowncross Route.
- Wheaton Hall
- College Rise
- Harmony Heights
- Riverwalk Mell

Green machines x 2 Town Centre daily and following locations

- Dominick's Pk
- Dominick's Bridge
- Lourdes's square
- Market Square
- Fr Connolly Way.
- Abbey Carpark.
- Patrickwell lane.
- King St.
- Mell.
- Francis St.
- Millmount
- Mount St Oliver
- Duleek St
- Old Hill
- Fair Green
- Dublin Rd
- Dublin Rd Steps
- Marsh Rd
- Watery Hill steps
- Dale Steps
- Curry Hill
- Pitcher Hill

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades

- Survey footpath included on National Services Day Event & Event at St Laurence's Gate.
- Tender for Consultant, design of Dropped Kebs and Tactile Paving at various locations in Drogheda, locations agreed with Irish Wheelchair Association, tender

documents are expected to be complete early September.

- Pitcher Hill footpath repairs.
- Footpath reinstatements at Francis St, Old Bridge Estate, Newtown Meadows, Windmill Road & Glenmore Drive.

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Painting bollards at Duke St, Trinity Gardens, & Bolton Square.
- No Litter sign erected at Slane rd.
- New bollards at Clogherhead boat house.
- New signage at Meatmarket Lane.
- New load bay sign at Windmill Rd
- New bollard installed at Pitcher Hill Steps.
- Sign cleaning & graffiti removal in town centre.
- Traffic light junction signage inspections.

Traffic Light Repairs

- General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and lamps.
- Up-grade of traffic light signal heads and directional arrows at the Bull Ring Junction.

Playground & Gym Equipment

- Removal of damaged playground equipment at St Dominics Pk and the Glen, Yellowbatter.

Other Works

- Removal of Pallets & Tyres at Rathmullen & Donore Rd.
- Monitoring of traffic / pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, O Reilly Carpark, West St & Cord Graveyard.

- Reinstatement of boundary wall at Mell carpark including signage on wall is now complete.
- Stone wall at Cord Graveyard – in the process of appointing contractor.
- Maintenance of litter bins throughout town centre, including the replacement of 4 no. compactor bins on West St.
- Removal of graffiti in town centre.
- Bring banks in Drogheda are checked and cleared daily during working week, also all bring banks in Drogheda are checked and cleared on Saturday pm.
- Reinstatement of handrails following RTA at Pitcher Hill Steps.
- Pedestrian barriers reinstated at junction of R132 and Crosslanes, following RTA.
- Repairs to pedestrian barriers at Dyer St.
- Attending to Oil spills at Trinity St.
- Attending to grain spill on St Marys Bridge from Drogheda Port.
- Removal of Graffiti at St Dominic;s Pk.
- Power washing West St.
- Up-garde of road markings town centre Drogheda.
- Bins washed on West St every second week.
- Replacement of 6 no.bins on West St.
- Weeding at Dublin Rd, Flaxmill Lane, Marsh Rd & Moneymore /Twenties.

Illegal Dumping

- Removal of dumping at Rathmullen, Skelly's Lane, Bessexwell Lane, Ballsgrove, Collon Rd, Slane Road, Dummy's Lane, Donore Rd, Rathmullen Rd and IDA Rd.

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste

Collection of bags of litter from community groups / TUS / Tidy Towns at

- Termonfeckin
- Slane Road
- Togher
- Newfoundwell Rd
- Aston Village
- Dale
- Forest Grange
- Glenmore Drive
- Yellowbatter
- Maple Drive
- Greenhills
- Oulsterlane
- Chord Road
- Termonfeckin Rd
- Ballymakenny Rd
- Dublin Road
- Finian's Park
- Priory Lodge Termonfeckin
- Flaxmill Lane
- Rathmullen Park
- Hillview.
- Riverbank
- Ashfield
- Melifont Park
- Cement Road
- Brickfield/Trinity Gardens
- Mellifont Park
- Blackbush
- Forest Park

Litter picking at the following locations

- Fair Street
- St Peters Church of Ireland square
- Williams Street
- Abbey Carpark
- Reillys Carpark
- Duke Street
- Scholes Lane
- Georges Square
- Fairgreen
- Dominick's Bridge/Park
- Ballsgrove Hill
- Watery Hill

- Bolton Square
- Rope Walk
- Patrick Street
- Bothar Brugha
- Park View
- John Paul Court
- Windmill Road
- Skelly's Lane
- Hand Street
- Thomas Street
- Chord Road
- Sandyford Tce
- Sycamores
- Glenmore Drive
- Glenview
- Oulsterlane
- Scarlet Street
- Riverwalk Mell
- Riverwalk Rathmullen Road

Ring Buoys – Drogheda Town

- 89 Ring buoys checked each week.

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Tenders have now been submitted, and tender report will be issued 26th August, for lanes at

- Rossmakea,
- Bellurgan Point.
- Lee Cottages Clogherhead.
- Carrickmond Killcurry.
- Ballyoonan Omeath.

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in

- Clogherhead,
- Termonfeckin,
- Tullyallen and in the rural areas

Drainage Works

Surface dressing preparation at

- L-6251, Gallagh Road
- L-2321, Tullyallen
- R170, Reynoldstown

- L-6252, Trean Road
- L-2290, Prieststown

Road Resurfacing

- L-6281, The Dales, Clogherhead
- L-6313, Coolfore
- L-6305, Strand Road

Road and Pothole Repairs

- L-6305, Strand Road
- L-6293 - Timullen, Monasterboice
- R167, Baltray Road / An Grianan
- R167, Strand Road/Baltray
- L-6251, Gallagher Road (Surface Dressing)
- L-2321, Tullyallen (Surface Dressing)
- R170, Reynoldstown (Surface Dressing)
- L-6252, Trean Road (Surface Dressing)
- L-2290, Prieststown (Surface Dressing)



New Road Resurfacing at The Dales, Clogherhead

Road Sweeping

- Routes in towns and villages within Area

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades

- A number of signs cleaned, repaired, straightened and replaced.

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.

Illegal Dumping

- Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area (Miltown Lane, Sandpit)
- Assistance with Tidy Towns as required

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

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

- Seapoint Carpark
- PANCR Route Drogheda

County bins and rubbish cleared and emptied daily (including all beaches) with villages covered on alternative days.

Bottle banks cleaned daily in County areas

Collected Skips from Community Groups from Multiple Groups

Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards

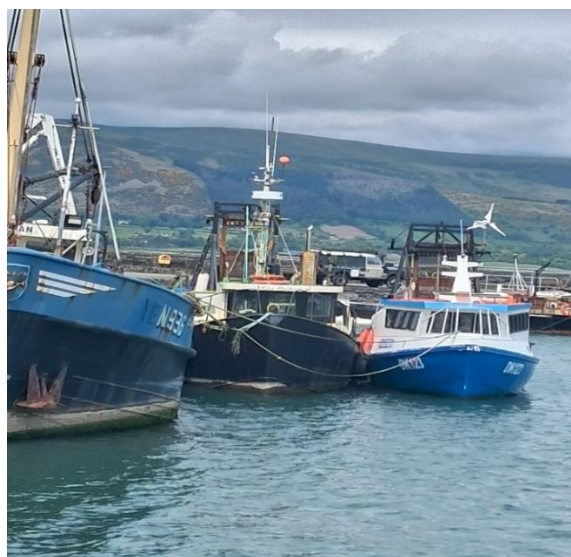
Checking of Ring Bouys in;

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

Ports & Harbours

- Tank cleared from Port Oriel

Operations – Countywide



Abandoned Boats at Carlingford Pier.

The Council continues to address vessels that may be abandoned, derelict, or inappropriately berthed

within the Carlingford harbour. Engagement is ongoing with vessel owners to secure voluntary removal where appropriate, with enforcement action being pursued where necessary to protect public infrastructure and maintain safe access to harbour facilities. The condition of harbour infrastructure is also being monitored as part of the Council's ongoing asset management programme.

Repair works to address damage at Greers Quay, Omeath, and to the pier and slipway in Carlingford were completed during the reporting period.

Events

The following licences were issued in August 2026

Carlingford (Glenmore AC)	5K	Carlingford	7th August
LCC - Gum Litter Task Force Roadshow		Ardee	7th August
Blackrock Summer Festival		Blackrock	13th-16th August
Sarah Fagan Women's Lap of Louth		North/Mid Louth	16th August
Dundalk Brass Band 2026		Dundalk	16th August
Paws in the Park 2026		Ice House Hill	23rd August
Film Application Carlingford Greenway 2026		Carlingford	24th August
Blackrock Social Group - Family Fun Day		Blackrock	29th August

Waste Enforcement

Waste and Litter Enforcement

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	120
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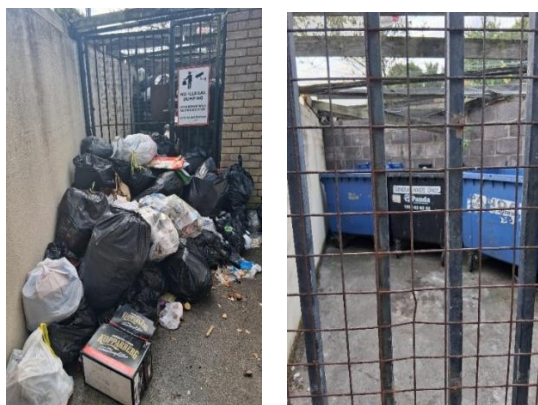
FPNs under Litter Pollution Act in August	24
FPN under Litter Pollution Act year to date	180
Waste complaints received year to date	216
Investigations under waste legislation	249

Diesel Laundering Waste

There were 3 callouts in August 2026, with 9 IBCs located. The number of IBC's recovered in 2026 to date is 68.

Waste Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers and Litter Wardens worked jointly to address an issue of waste accumulation at Flaxmill Court apartment complex in Drogheda. Enforcement action was pursued through the issuance of warning letters and a number of Fixed Payment Notices to property management company. Following engagement with the management company, all waste was successfully removed from the estate resulting in a significant improvement in the condition of the area.



Flaxmill Court – Before & after Waste removal

Litter Foot patrol

A 5 hour foot patrol was carried out with particular attention to dog fouling in the Drogheda area, more patrols will be carried out over the coming weeks.

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and complaints

13 water pollution complaints including water agricultural complaints were received in August 2026. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

7 air pollution complaints were received this month. 3 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm survey Inspections

During the month of August 2026 2 farm GAP inspections were carried out along with 1 re-inspection. One non-compliance letter was issued.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 11 monitoring results received by the Council in August 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences.

Licenced landfills

Quarterly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in August at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Quarterly gas balancing carried out at Whiteriver, Dundalk & Drogheda. Monthly perimeter gas monitoring was carried out at all three sites.

Septic Tanks

5 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in August. 3 septic tank advisory notices remain open with 2 closed in August.

Planning

4 planning reports completed for August 2026. 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 in place 3 blue flags for Port, Templetown and Clogherhead. A green flag was awarded to Seapoint beach in Termonfeckin. Bathing water season is scheduled to finish on the 1st of September 2026. Weekly sampling by the environment team has found the waters quality to be good to excellent so far this season. All results are available to see on beaches.ie by entering the beach name.

Small Stream Investigation Surveys

August SSIS is continuing on a subcatchment of the River Dee which the Council has within its remit.

Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

There have been 4 payments made in the sum of €14,646.50 (as of 25th August 2026) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

There has been no payments made for Lead Replacement.

Climate Action

Louth Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Monitoring of the delivery of the actions contained within the LCC CAP continued.

Community Climate Action Programme

A total of €651,374.78 has been allocated to 17 community groups under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme. Projects are now progressing across the county, supporting community-led climate action initiatives and contributing to local sustainability and environmental objectives.

Climate Action Funding

The Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) closed on the 7th of August with 43 applications received from community groups across the county. The fund supports Tidy Towns and other community organisations in delivering local climate action initiatives, with applicants due to be notified of the outcome of their application in September.

Biodiversity Action

Preparation of the Louth Biodiversity Action Plan is progressing.

National Heritage Week

Almost 40 National Heritage Week events took place across Louth, showcasing the wide range of natural, cultural and built heritage initiatives being delivered by the Council and community groups. The programme included seed saving workshops, bat walks and a Baltray Little Tern Conservancy Walk, highlighting local biodiversity and promoting public engagement with the county's natural heritage.

Community Biodiversity Funding

The Community Foundation Ireland Biodiversity Fund is now open for applications from community groups. Funding of up to €10,000 is available to support the development of Community Biodiversity Action Plans (CBAP), while up to €12,000 is available for the implementation of actions contained in existing plans.

The deadline for applications is Friday 2nd October 2026.

Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation Project

The PeacePlus-funded Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation Project (CMAP) progressed during August with the appointment of a dedicated Project Officer. Saltmarsh monitoring has commenced in Dundalk Bay with Surface Elevation Table (SET) equipment installed on the marsh at the Shore Road.

The monitoring programme will assess whether local saltmarsh habitats are keeping pace with sea level rise, helping to inform future coastal resilience and climate adaptation measures.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

SEAI Annual Report 2025

The SEAI Annual Report 2025 highlights Louth County Council's strong progress in energy management and sustainability. Based on 2024 energy data, the Council achieved a 52% improvement in energy performance, surpassing the national public sector target of 50% by 2030, while carbon emissions have reduced by 36% from baseline levels. This reflects the Council's continued commitment to energy efficiency, emissions reduction and climate action across its operations.

Louth County Council – Public Sector Energy Performance (2024)

Metric	Baseline	2024	Change Since Baseline	2030 Target
Final Energy Consumption (MWh)	-	16,608	-	-
Fossil CO ₂ (tCO ₂)	1,997.5	1,972.1	-1%	978.8
Total CO ₂ (tCO ₂)	6,101.9	3,930.3	-36%	1,855.7
Energy Performance Indicator (EnPI)	100.0	47.6	-52%	50.0

Table: Extract from SEAI's Annual Report 2025



Photo: Kate O'Connor



Dundalk Athletics Track

Pathfinder Funding

The Council's Energy Team continues to progress the Pathfinder-funded energy upgrade project for the County Museum and Library in collaboration with appointed consultants and key stakeholders.

During August, work focused on reviewing the proposed designs to ensure compliance with energy efficiency requirements and progressing planning and project delivery arrangements.

FACILITIES

Dundalk Athletics Track

Construction of the Dundalk Athletics Track has reached Practical Completion and the facility is now complete. The development includes an eight-lane lane, 400m synthetic running track, central field space, and facilities for long jump, triple jump, shot put, high jump, pole vault, and javelin events. Floodlighting is scheduled for installation in September.

A homecoming event, hosted by Dundalk St Gerard's Athletic club was held at the track to celebrate Kate O'Connor's European Heptathlon gold medal success.

North Louth Operations Base

Part 8 planning approval has been secured for the upgrade of the North Louth Operations Base at Ballaverty. The project will replace existing temporary storage units with a new single-storey building incorporating office accommodation, canteen and staff facilities. A letter of Intent has been issued to the Successful Tenderer, and it is anticipated works will commence in Q3 2026.

Millmount

Repair works at Millmount were completed during August as part of ongoing site improvements. The project addressed structural deterioration and the partial collapse of sections of the retaining wall surrounding the tower, restoring the affected area and enhancing the safety and integrity of the site.

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Wall Repairs at Millmount

County Hall Carpark Relining Works

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the appearance and accessibility of our core buildings, car park line marking works were completed at County Hall this month, providing clearly designated parking spaces for people with mobility impairments.

Animal Control and Welfare

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound August 2026	
Total dogs through the pound	19
Seized under Section 16	1
Strays	10
Surrendered by owners	8
No of dogs reclaimed by owners	5
No of dogs rehomed direct	0
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	4
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2026	8

Dog Licences August 2026	
No of Licences sold	507
Licence Checks:	
House calls	1007
Section 16 Notices issued (request to	336

produce licence within 10 days)

Fixed Penalty Notices	30
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Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound August 2026	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
	0
No of horses on hand in Pound on 31/08/2026	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments August 2026	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 31/08/2026)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



Fire Service

A total of 963 Incidents were logged with the Eastern Region Communications Centre (ERCC) for Louth year-to-date, compared with 1,102 incidents for the same period in 2025.

Training & Development

A total of 71 training days were delivered during August across 11 training courses. Key developments included:

- 8 personnel completed Cardiac First Responder (Advanced) and Emergency First Responder training.
- 24 personnel completed Cardiac First Responder (Advanced) recertification.
- 1 firefighter achieved RSA Emergency Services Driving Standard (ESDS) recertification.
- 2 personnel commenced ESDS driver training and successfully completed theory assessments.
- 7 newly appointed officers commenced Managing Fire Service Incidents (Module 1) training.

Fleet Investment

Tender documentation has been finalised for the procurement of two new water tankers for Ardee and Dundalk Fire Stations. Funded by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) to a value of €950,000, the vehicles will replace ageing appliances and enhance water delivery capability at major incidents and in rural areas.

Fire Safety

A total of 7 Fire Safety Certificate applications and 6 Dance Licence applications were received during August, bringing the total number of Fire Safety Certificate applications received in 2026 to 98.

Operational crews undertook pre-incident planning exercises at two large premises in Dundalk to enhance operational preparedness and familiarisation with site-specific risks. Fire safety inspections under the Fire Services Act also continued during the month, with one Section 18(7) Notice issued.

Community engagement remained a key focus, with Dundalk Fire Brigade delivering fire safety awareness sessions for children attending the Coral Care Services Summer Camp. The initiative provided an opportunity to promote fire safety education and increase awareness of the role of the Fire Service in a positive and interactive setting.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates August	4
Number of Commencement Notices submitted for August	22
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	244

Civil Defence

Duties

All Ireland Poc Fada
John Boyle O'Reilly festival
Kate O'Connor homecoming
Boyne Valley Camino
Assistance to Dublin Civil Defence in the Aviva Stadium

Training

EMT workshop in Dublin
Volunteer faculty training in Roscrea
Portable pump training

Other

Missing person search in Drogheda
Drone survey of a large complex site for the Fire Service.

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

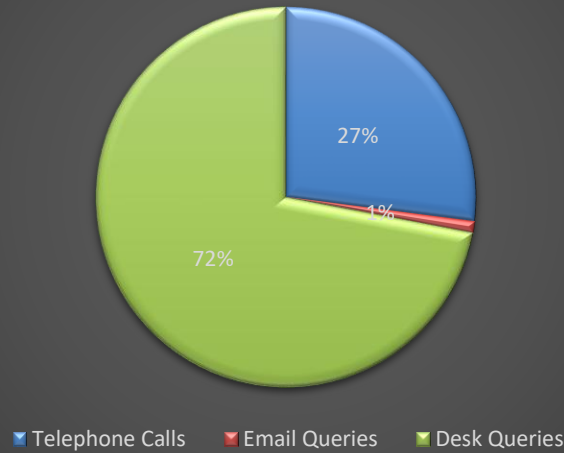


Seirbhísí Corporáideacha / Corporate Services

Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

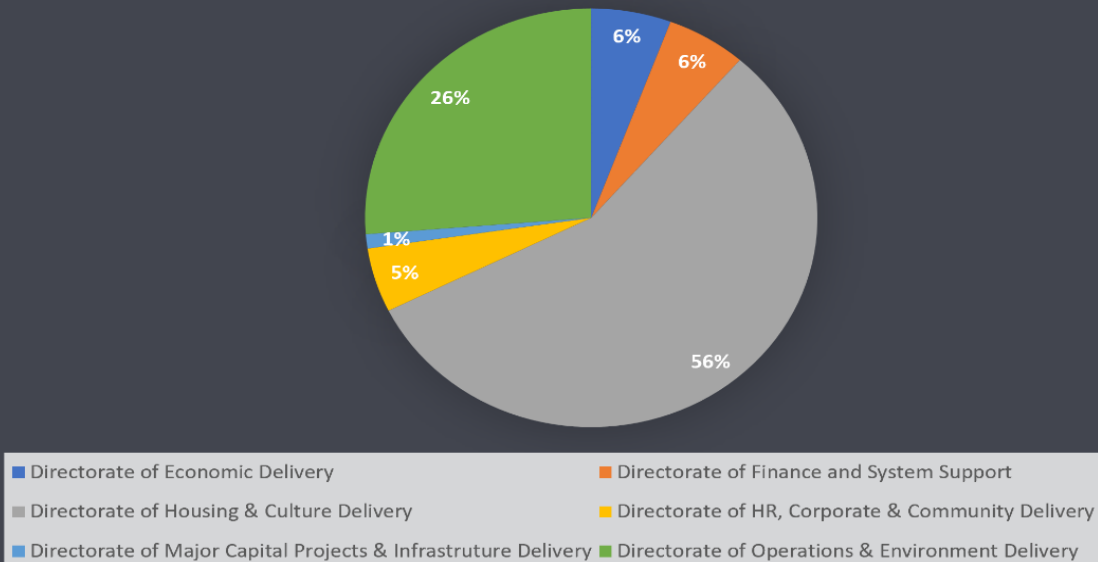
During the month of August 2026 Customer Services dealt with 16,011 queries inclusive of 7,575 calls and 8,286 counter queries and 150 e-mails. 10,981 (69%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:

% queries dealt with at first point of contact

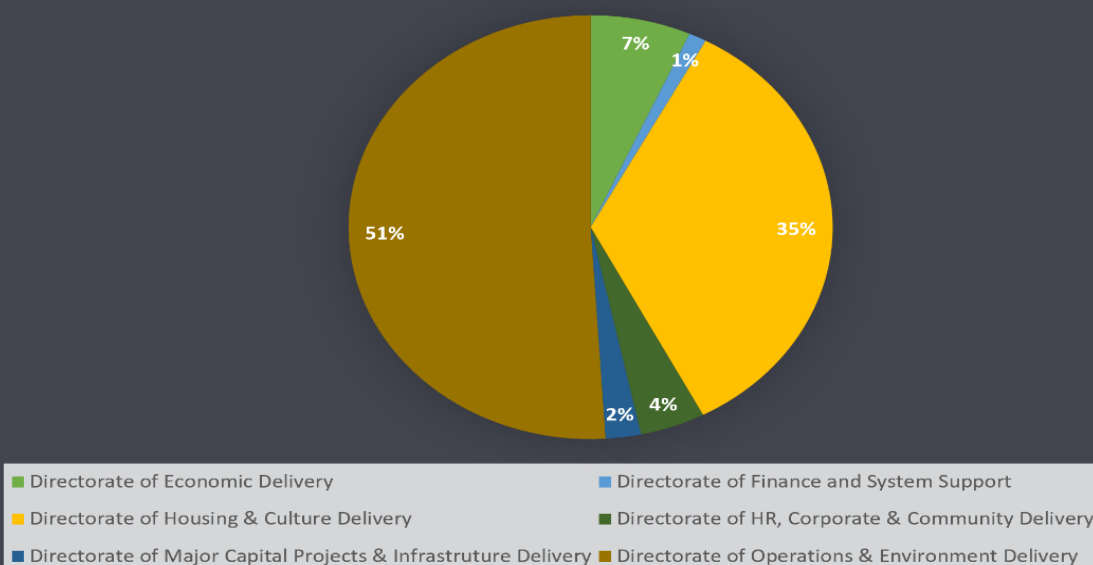


There were 3,364 valid CRM cases recorded during Aug 2026 of which 338 were received from elected members. A total of 761 (23%) remains unresolved by end of August.

All Cases



Open Cases August 2026



Data Protection, Information Compliance and Complaints

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

	2025 Total January – August	2026 Total January- August	2026 Total August Only
DSARS	19	12	4
DATA PROTECTION	26	20	1
FOI REQUEST – RECORDS	98	158	18
AIE – INFORMATION	8	14	1
RPSI	0	0	0
COMPLAINTS	16	44	6
OMBUDSMAN	22	13	3

Franchise Section

Louth County Council has successfully completed the transition to the new national electoral registration system, Voter.ie. The move follows extensive work by Franchise staff over the past 18 months to review, update and verify elector records. The new platform makes it easier for residents to manage their electoral registration details while supporting a more accurate and up-to-date Register of Electors.

Communications

The Communications Team supported a wide range of Council services and initiatives during August,

delivering public information campaigns, event promotion, media relations and digital content. Key activities included communications support for the Hill Street Bridge improvement works, the launch of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme, the Library Services Development Programme and Culture Night 2026, as well as coverage of Kate O'Connor's European Athletics Championship success. The Team also coordinated public information campaigns on scam awareness, the transition to Voter.ie, and Heritage Week activities, including a feature on recent archaeological excavations at Ardee Castle.

Community Support



Louth Older People's Council

The Louth Older People's Council (OPC) met on 30 July in Drogheda and received presentations from RESPOND and the Patient Advocacy Service on supports available to older people in County Louth. Members also progressed plans for a cross-border engagement with representatives from Lisburn & Castlereagh Council, who have been invited to attend the September OPC meeting in Dundalk.

In August, representatives of the Louth OPC met with Louth GAA to explore opportunities to promote age-friendly initiatives through the county's network of GAA clubs and facilities. Discussions focused on enhancing participation, wellbeing and social inclusion for older people, and identifying opportunities to maximise the use of community facilities across the county.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Community Wellbeing Statement Review

The review of the Louth Community Wellbeing Statement, last adopted in 2023, commenced during August to ensure it continues to reflect the priorities of communities across County Louth. The review is examining community priorities across six wellbeing themes, including health, community development, participation, culture, environment and economic wellbeing. An online survey launched on 13 August, with a programme of in-person consultation events to follow.

Videographer contract

Louth PPN progressed a project to develop a series of promotional videos showcasing PPN member groups and the valuable work being undertaken by community organisations across County Louth. The procurement process for the appointment of a videographer concluded during August.

Louth PPN Community & Voluntary Awards 2026

Nominations for the Louth PPN Community & Voluntary Awards 2026 remained open throughout August across four categories: Community Support,

Health & Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, and Environmental & Conservation. The awards recognise the contribution of community and voluntary organisations and individuals across County Louth. The awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in Monasterboice in November.

Healthy Louth

Dundalk Youth Centre – Positive Mental Health Initiative

The Healthy Louth-funded Positive Mental Health Initiative, delivered by Dundalk Youth Centre in partnership with Louth Youth Network and Louth Comhairle na nÓg, continued during August with a programme of outdoor adventure and wellbeing activities in Rostrevor. Building on the success of the 2025 programme, the initiative supports young people's mental health, resilience and social connection through participation in outdoor activities and skills development.

The programme also provides accredited training opportunities in areas such as kayaking and archery, supporting participants to progress towards leadership and trainee instructor roles. A strong emphasis is placed on co-design, ensuring activities reflect the needs and experiences of participating young people.



Positive Mental Health Initiative Participants in Rostrevor

Not Around Us Campaign – Drogheda United

The Council and Healthy Louth continue to partner with Drogheda United FC in delivering the Not Around Us campaign, promoting smoke-free and vape-free environments where children and young people are present. Through matchday engagement and community outreach, the initiative supports healthier lifestyles, raises awareness of the impacts of smoking and vaping, and encourages positive role modelling across the county.

Community Gardens Collaboration

A knowledge-sharing visit to the Muirhevnamor Allotments and Community Garden brought together community development representatives from Dundalk and Drogheda to exchange experience and best practice in community-led initiatives. The visit highlighted the success of the project to date and explored opportunities for future collaboration, supporting community empowerment, social inclusion and the development of stronger, healthier communities across County Louth.



Muirhevnamor Allotments and Community Garden Visit

Sláintecare Drogheda

Drogheda United Homeless Street League

The Drogheda United Homeless Street League is now underway as a 25-week wellbeing and capacity-building programme supporting people experiencing homelessness through sport, health education and social connection. Funded through Healthy Ireland Sláintecare SEED funding, the initiative promotes inclusion, improves wellbeing, and supports participants in developing skills, confidence and connections to community supports.



Homeless Street League Initiative in Drogheda

Sláintecare Dundalk

Results from the Place Standard Tool survey have been received alongside feedback gathered during the community consultation event held in Muirhevnamor in May. The findings will inform the next phase the Park Masterplan and support evidence-based decision-making in the development of the project.

LEADER

Development led by local communities

LEADER Project Funding Approved

The LEADER Programme continues to support community and enterprise development projects across County Louth. To date, €1,82m has been allocated to approved projects, representing 49.5% of the total programme budget. Recent approvals and payments have supported the delivery of a range of community, economic and rural development initiatives throughout the county.

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
John & Marian King (Phase 4) Glamping at Cornamucklagh	€39,111.89
Ardee & District Cancer Support (Phase 4) Peregrine House Cancer Support Centre	€37,261.54
Louth Local Development CLG Garden Design Principals for Biodiversity Training	€14,821.50
TOTAL	€91,194.93



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

Mid-Year Review

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) delivered locally by Louth Local Development, continues to support individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage across County Louth. With a 2026 programme budget of almost **€2 million**, SICAP provides targeted interventions aimed at addressing poverty, social exclusion and inequality.

As part of its governance and oversight role, the LCDC completed the 2026 Mid-Year Review, assessing programme performance and delivery progress. Following consideration of the review findings and supporting analysis, the LCDC approved the SICAP Mid-Year Review and Financial and Monitoring Report, confirming that the programme is progressing in line with planned targets and objectives.

Pride of Place

Council representatives welcomed the Pride of Place judges to County Louth on 13 August to meet this year's nominees and view the work being undertaken within their communities. County Louth is represented in the 2026 competition by **Dundalk Youth Centre** in the *Youth Initiative* category and the **Ardee Care and Repair Scheme** in the *Age Friendly Communities* category. The competition results will be announced at the national awards ceremony in October.



Representatives from Ardee Care & Repair Scheme with Pride of Place Judges and Council Staff

Gum Litter Taskforce Campaign – Ardee

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT), in partnership with Louth County Council, brought its national awareness campaign to Ardee on 7th August. The initiative promoted responsible gum disposal and highlighted the environmental impact of gum litter through a programme of interactive community engagement activities. The campaign also raised awareness of the €150 fine for improper disposal of chewing gum.

Launch of the Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2026-2031

The Community Support team launched the Louth Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2026-2031 at Carlingford Adventure Centre during a Teen Girls Sea Kayaking event as part of HER Outdoors Week. Developed following consultation with more than 500 participants, the plan provides a strategic framework

to increase participation in sport and physical activity across County Louth over the next five years.



Launch of Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan 2026-2031 in Carlingford



PEACEPLUS

Two projects under the PEACEPLUS Celebrating Cultures & Diversity Programme were launched in Drogheda on 12 August: the Multicultural/Intercultural Programme and the Entrepreneurship/Social Entrepreneurship for Traveller and Ethnic Minority Communities Project. Collectively valued at over €220,000, the projects will promote cultural diversity, social inclusion and community participation, while supporting entrepreneurship, skills development and anti-racism initiatives across County Louth.

Procurement – St Nicholas' Church of Ireland, Dundalk

The procurement process for the appointment of a Conservation Architect-led Multidisciplinary Team for the detailed design, construction management and handover of renovation and upgrade works at St Nicholas' Church of Ireland, Dundalk progressed during August. Following completion of the second-stage evaluation process, a Letter of Intent was issued to the successful tenderer.

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as of 28/08/2026

Properties offered in August	0
Families moved into properties in August	0

Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in August	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



Louth Community Safety Partnership

Louth Community Safety Partnership Meeting

The Louth Community Safety Partnership held its fourth meeting on 28th July in the Redeemer Centre, Dundalk. Key items discussed included progress on the development of the Louth Community Safety Plan, the proposed schedule of public engagement events across the Municipal Districts, emerging issues relating to e-scooter legislation, and a presentation by the Louth Youth Wellbeing Alliance on youth suicide in County Louth.

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Launch of Variety Ireland's Cycling Inclusion Centre of Excellence

Dundalk Sports Centre marked a significant milestone in inclusive sport with the launch of Variety Ireland's Cycling Inclusion Centre of Excellence, delivered in partnership with the Louth Disability Cycling Club. The new facility provides access to a fleet of adapted bicycles designed to support people with a range of mobility needs, helping to increase participation in physical activity and recreational cycling. The initiative will support the delivery of inclusive cycling programmes across the North East and Midlands and further promotes accessibility, inclusion and active lifestyles.



Launch of Variety Ireland's Cycling Inclusion Centre of Excellence at Dundalk Sports Centre

Welcome Home to European Champion Kate O'Connor

Dundalk Sports Centre hosted a civic welcome for European Champion Kate O'Connor at the new Dundalk Athletics Track on 17th August. The event celebrated her outstanding international achievements and brought together local athletics clubs, supporters and young athletes from across the county. Kate engaged with attendees and shared her experiences, providing inspiration to aspiring athletes while highlighting the importance of investment in local sporting facilities.

Lourdes Stadium

Boyne AC Sports Day

The Lourdes Stadium facilitated Boyne AC's annual Sports Day on the 9th August by providing the venue and supporting the delivery of the event. The programme featured a range of track and field competitions for athletes aged 10 and over, attracting participants from a number of athletics clubs across the region. The event was well attended by athletes, coaches, families and supporters, contributing to a lively and enjoyable atmosphere throughout the day. A number of awards were presented, including the Pat Walker Memorial Shield for Best Visiting Club.

Social Bowls

The Lourdes Stadium, in partnership with SportUile, successfully delivered a six-week Social Bowls programme during August. The initiative provides an inclusive and accessible opportunity for people of all abilities to stay participate in physical activity, develop skills and build social connections. Participation and membership continue to grow, with positive feedback highlighting the programme's role in promoting wellbeing, inclusion and community engagement.



Social Bowls at Lourdes Stadium, Drogheda

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026

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

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	13 th August	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	27 th August	Online
Disability Awareness	17 th August	In person

Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership a Success in Dundalk and Drogheda

Louth Local Sports Partnership successfully delivered two **Level 1 Awards in Sports Leadership** in Dundalk and Drogheda during August. The programme supported young participants in developing leadership, communication, teamwork and activity-planning skills through a combination of practical and classroom-based learning. A key element of the programme involved participants leading inclusive physical activity sessions, providing an opportunity to apply their learning and build confidence in a real-world setting.

New Walking For All Leaders for Ardee

A number of new Walking for All Walk Leaders successfully completed training in Ardee during August. The programme, delivered by Louth Sports Partnership, equips volunteers with the skills to lead safe, inclusive and accessible community walks, supporting increased physical activity, social connection and healthier lifestyles across County Louth.

HER Outdoors 2026

Louth Local Sports Partnership delivered a successful HER Outdoors 2026 programme, with 380 women and

girls participating in 17 events across County Louth during August. The programme offered a wide range of outdoor activities, including kayaking, swimming, hiking, cycling and orienteering, encouraging greater participation in physical activity and promoting the physical, mental and social benefits of outdoor recreation.



HER Outdoors 2026 Activities

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 July – 12th August 2026 can be summarised as follows:

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

13 th July to 12 th August 2026	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	6	171	110	287
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	22	26	48
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	4	2	6
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	6	197	138	341

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

July 2026	13
Total for 2026	74

Tábla 3: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 3 - Housing First

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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 August 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	48
Total	137

Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	21
25-44	72
45-64	38
65+	6
Total	137

Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín / Table 6: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	46
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	91
Total unique individuals	137

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

	No. of families with dependent / children	No. of Dependents ≥18 years	No. of Dependents <18 years
Individuals with dependent children	13	3	22

Couples with dependent children	3	0	13
Total	16	3	35

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Lúnasa 2026 Housing Allocations, August 2026

20 th July 2026 – 19 th August, 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocation YTD
Ardee	2	0	0	0	28
Drogheda	46	10	8	0	249
Dundalk	12	4	57	3	283
Total	60	14	65	3	560

Aistrithe / Transfers

20 th July 2026 – 19 th August, 2026	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	6
Dundalk	1
Total	7

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

As at 19 th August, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	360	678	1177	2215
HAP Transfer List	265	756	1457	2478
Total Housing List	625	1434	2634	4693

There are **331** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **67** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA)

The Minister has directed that Housing Authorities carry out a SSHA 2026. In Louth, **616** applicants for social housing supports that were qualified on the

social housing waiting list with the Council prior to 31st July 2025, and have not been fully re-assessed since then were sent a letter with an update form. Applicants must return the form with supporting documents to the Council. Applicants on Housing Transfer List or in RAS and HAP properties are not included. The SSHA must be completed by 2nd November, 2026.

Bainisteoireacht Chíos / Rent Management

Current Rents on 20 th August 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	193	€89,859
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	163	€137,394
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	840	€3,423,606
TOTAL	1196	€3,650,859

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 August 2026:

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	August 2026	61
2 nd Reminder	August 2026	36
Final Reminder	August 2026	96
Total issued		193

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **€ 11,854,858**. This is an 8% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€10,958,167) and a 19% increase on 2024 (€9,999,728).

The total number of rents currently paid by Household Budget is **908**.

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

of time. **31** new payment plans commenced in August 2026 (up to and including 19th August 2026). There are currently **1051** households with an active repayment plan.

Airíonna Athlígian & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 21/08/2026

Relet / Void Properties on 21 st August 2026	Total
Ardee Municipal District	5
Dundalk Municipal District	22
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	15
Total No. of Relet/Void Properties	42

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	24 th July 2026 – 20 th August 2026	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	771	7,885
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	702	6,881
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	28	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	41	475

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

Louth County Council has received confirmation of its 2026 EERP allocation of 220 housing units from the Department. Four work packages have been awarded and are due to commence shortly, with a further package currently at tender stage. Through efficiencies in delivery and property selection, it is anticipated that approximately 300 homes will be upgraded within the approved funding allocation. Tenant engagement is continuing in a small number of cases and final numbers remain subject to change. No additional units can be accommodated under the 2026 programme.

Municipal District
Ardee MD:
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)
Dundalk MD:
Aghameen Park=12 (Onsite) Doolargy Avenue=38 (Onsite) Castlehill, Carlingford=4 (OPDs) (Onsite) Dundalk St, Carlingford=5 (Onsite) Mayfield, Haggardstown=10 (OPDs) (Onsite) Clooneevan, Haggardstown=10 (Onsite) St. Fursey's Terrace Blackrock= 8(OPDs) (Onsite) Gort na Glaise=43 (Onsite) 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=35 (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 (Onsite)
 Pitcher Hill, Drogheda=1 (Complete)
 Chord Road=3 (Complete)

that do not qualify for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP). Procurement has been completed, tenants have been notified, and works are scheduled to commence in September.

Dundalk MD:

Mullaharlin Park= 24units

Drogheda BD:

Rathview Termonfeckin= 24 units.

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha ar cíós / Private Rental Inspections

PRI Stats 2026

For 24 th July – 20 th August 2026	June	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	99	1160
Advisory letters issued	82	912
Improvement notices issued	4	21
Prohibition notices issued	2	6
Private Inspections	1	7
HAP First Inspections	48	315
RAS First Inspections	4	6
AHB First Inspections	10	381
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	2	7
HAP Re-inspections	32	312

Cothabháil Phleanáilte / Planned Maintenance



EWI Installation in Dundalk Street, Carlingford

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has allocated €447,140 to Louth County Council in 2026 to support the Planned Maintenance Programme and Stock Condition Surveys. The funding will assist the transition from a predominantly reactive maintenance model to a planned maintenance approach across the Council's housing stock.

Stock condition surveys are currently underway as part of a national programme to assess the condition of local authority homes and inform future investment priorities. In 2026, Planned Maintenance funding will be used to replace windows and doors in properties

RAS Re-inspections	0	3
AHB Re-inspections	0	93
SSA Re-inspections	0	5
Inspections from Complaints	2	9
Properties Made Compliant	8	111

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta /Tenancy Engagement

22 nd July-20 th August 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	29	0	8	37	252
Post-tenancy inspections	5	7	14	26	315
Tenancy Investigation Visits	4	2	5	11	151

Anti-Social Behaviour

22 nd July-20 th August 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	8	4	12	24	172
ASB cases Ongoing	5	3	16	24	-
ASB cases complete	10	5	18	33	152

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

22 nd July-20 th August 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	1	0	6	7	24
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	0	1	1	8
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	10
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.	7

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing Schemes at St Fursey's Park, Bayview and Bellfield Drive, Dundalk have now closed to applications. All 22 affordable homes across the

three schemes have been sale agreed and conveyancing is progressing.

The application portal for the Dowdall's Court Affordable Housing Scheme has been extended, with applications currently being reviewed and assessed.

Gnóthaithee/ 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 August, the Council purchased one property.



House recently acquired under the second hand acquisitions programme in Dundalk

Morgáiste go Cíos (MGC) 2026/Mortgage to Rent (MTR) 2026

Active MTR Applications Total	25
AHB MTR Applications Active	7
AHB MTR completed 2026	4
Private MTR Applications Active	17
Private MTR completed 2026	5

MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	1
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The Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Scheme continues to provide a housing solution for households in mortgage arrears who are at risk of losing their homes. Under the scheme, eligible homeowners can remain in their property as social housing tenants following its acquisition by an approved housing provider or local authority, subject to agreement between all parties.

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

2026 Budget Allocation	€6,730,000
LAHL Approvals at 24/08/2026	€2,577,350
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 24th August 2026	
Total Number of Applications 24/08/2026	33
LAHL carried over from 2025	2
Invalid/Returned	10
Approved	12
Declined	5
For Review	1
Outstanding – waiting on further information	5

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:	454
Approved:	331
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	58
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	36

Funding Issued to Applicant	182
Principal Private Residence	328
Rental Applications	126
Vacant Grant Applications	219
Derelict top-up Applications	235

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

The Housing Grants Section continues to prioritise the processing of existing Housing Adaptation Grant and Mobility Aids Grant applications. Due to current funding commitments, new applications are being accepted only in cases of Priority 1 (emergency) medical need and are assessed on a case-by-case basis, subject to available funding.

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.

Applicants who have received grant approval are encouraged to complete approved works within the specified timeframe to facilitate grant payment and project close-out.

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 21/08/2026	133	6	205		344
Grants Approved 22/07/2026 – 21/08/2026	14	1	48	63	250

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

Capital Housing Delivery

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	206	320	526
Total	1,323	1,798	320	2,118

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units 2026 - 2030

SHIP	781
CALF	228
CAS	40
TOTAL	1049

Accelerated Delivery Programme Update

Louth County Council's Accelerated Delivery Programme housing developments at Bakery View, Ballymakenny (97 units), Ravel Drive, Dunleer (70 units) and An Mullach, Louth Village (58 units) continue to progress well.

Key milestones achieved include the completion of all housing structures across the three developments, significant progress on internal roads and site infrastructure, near completion of boundary treatments, and the commencement of landscaping works. Overall progress remains positive, with all projects on track for delivery within anticipated timelines. Ravel Drive and An Mullach are expected to be completed in the coming months, while Bakery View is anticipated to be completed in early 2027.

SHIP Delivery

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



Bakery View, Ballymakenny Rd, Drogheda



An Mullach, Louth Village



Ravel Drive, Dunleer

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
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	31/10/2026	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	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,	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,	3/3	1	On-site	31/07/2026	1 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda,	3/4	7	On-site	30/09/2026	2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	4/4	7	On-site	30/09/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed

Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda,	1/2	2	On-site	30/09/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda,	2/2	17	On-site	30/09/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda	1/1	16	Complete	14/07/2026	16 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	8	On-site	01/07/2026	8 * 3 bed
Bridgegate, Ardee,	1/1	7	Complete	14/08/2026	3 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Fitzgerald Gardens Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	13	On-site	31/08/2026	8 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed
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
Ushers Mill (Ph 11 & 12), Twenties, Drogheda	1/3	7	On-site	30/09/2026	5 * 3 bed House, 2 * 4 bed houses,
Ushers Mill (Ph 11 & 12), Twenties, Drogheda	2/3	10	On-site	30/11/2026	5 * 3 bed Houses
Ushers Mill (Ph 11 & 12), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	5	On-site	31/01/2026	5 * 3 bed Houses
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda,	3/3	9	On-site	30/11/2026	2 * 2 bed House, 1 * 3 bed house, 5 * 1 bed Duplex Apartments, 1 * 2 bed Duplex Apartments
Lios Dubh, Armagh Road, Dundalk	1/1	10	On-site	30/11/2026	7 * 2 bed House, 3 * 3 bed houses,

Seachadadh CAS / CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Tierney Street, Ardee, Co Louth	St John of Gods	7	Stage 3 Approved	31/03/2028	One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	01/10/2028	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	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Co. Louth with Tuath	1/2	12	0	Complete	31/07/2026	6 Two Bed House 6 Three Bed House
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth with Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/10/2026	18 One Bed Apt 32 Two Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk with Tuath	2/2	30	0	On Site	31/10/2026	18 One Bed Apt 12 Two Bed Apt
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth with North & East	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/09/2026	2 Three bed Houses 4 Two Bed Apts

						• 4 Three Bed Duplex
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth with Cluid	1/1	29	26/3	Onsite	30/09/2026	• 6 Three Bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 5 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadow, Racecourse Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth with Circle	3/3	19	0	On Site	30/09/2026	• 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Apartments
St Furseys, Dublin Road, Dundalk Co. Louth with Cluid	1/1	24	17/7	Proposal	30/09/2026	• 24 Two Bed Apartments
Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth with North & East	1/3	8	4/4	Proposal	1/4/2027	• 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

Heritage Week 2026

To mark Heritage Week, Louth County Archives hosted an exhibition display featuring poor law union archives. The display highlighted the rich archival heritage of the county, and provided visitors with an opportunity to learn more about the administration of poor relief in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The display was well received by the

public, with a strong attendance of visitors and positive engagement.



Visitors to County Archives during Heritage Week

Research Enquiries

The County Archives has been very busy over the summer period, responding to a high volume of researcher enquiries from local, national, and international users. Enquiries covered a wide range of subjects, including family history, local history such as architecture, photographs of historical events, collections of leases, Drogheda's Roll of Freeman and access to collections. This strong level of engagement reflects the ongoing public interest in archival collections.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

Library Development Programme 2026–2030 Launch

Louth County Council launched the Library Development Programme 2026–2030: Building for the Future, on August 27th in Ardee Library. This five-year strategic plan will guide the future development of library services across County Louth and ensure libraries continue to play a vital role in community life. The Programme builds on a period of significant achievement for Louth County Council Library Service, which has seen increased visitor numbers, expanded opening hours, the opening of the new Dunleer Library, and the recognition of Louth as Ireland's first Library Authority to receive Library of Sanctuary status. The Library Development Programme can be viewed here [Louth County Council Library Development Programme 2026-2030](#)



Cathaoirleach Dolores Minogue and LCC Staff at the launch in Ardee Library

New Sensory Cubbie for Drogheda library

As part of the €80,000 funding from the DRCDG public libraries 2026 Targeted Small Scale Capital Investment call, Drogheda library has installed a new Sensory Cubbie. A Sensory Cubbie provides an immersive, customizable space with adjustable lights, sounds, and visuals that help neurodivergent and sensory-sensitive patrons self-regulate and

reduce anxiety. With over 1600 visits to the Cubbie in Dundalk Library in 2025, this new facility will be a welcome additional service for Drogheda library.

Right to Read Programming and Outreach

Over 1100 children participated in the Summer Stars Reading Programme across Louth Libraries this summer. The programme is a key literacy support, providing children and families with opportunities to engage in reading and library activities.

Another literacy and family engagement initiative, My Little Library Book Bag, aimed at children beginning primary school in September, saw a range of events scheduled, including sessions with Mobile Music School and Lego Brickx Club. Storytelling remained a key element, with Bilingual Storytimes, a Celtic Myths and Legends Storytime, and a Peter Rabbit Storytime in Drogheda Library supporting literacy and inclusion.

Heritage Week 2026

As part of Heritage Week, libraries provided opportunities for communities to engage with and celebrate local heritage. Rosanna Cooney, journalist and author of *Sweathouse: The New and Ancient Irish Sauna Tradition*, delivered a talk in Dundalk Library. In Carlingford Library, acclaimed traditional musician and cultural advocate Brendan McCreanor explored the musical traditions of County Louth and the wider Oriel region through tunes, stories and cultural heritage. Dundalk library also hosted one-to-one genealogy sessions for the public.

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Highlanes Gallery

Picturing the Border 1921-2026 is a new exhibition which launched on 22nd August in Highlanes Gallery. Focusing on representations of the Irish border in painting, print, photography, film and popular culture, this exhibition concentrates on how artists have reacted to the border since 1922, moving away from stereotypical and clichéd depictions of the region. It shows communities on both sides and how the division of the country has impacted on each county and region in a different manner.



3 prints of Dundalk artist Constance Short which feature in the exhibition in Highlanes Gallery.

Co-curated by Dr Orla Fitzpatrick and Aoife Ruane, up to 7 invited artists are featured, along with work from public and private collections from Ireland and

Northern Ireland. The exhibition will run until 31st October and will also feature a very special seminar on 2nd October by Dr Fitzpatrick.

This exhibition is part of Highlanes 20th Anniversary celebrations and is also in partnership with the Legendary Together, EU Cultural programme of events.

For more information on this event please see [Picturing the Border- Exhibition – The Arts Service of Louth County Council](#)

EU Cultural Programme

In August we continued our 'Legendary Together' programme; Louth's cultural programme to mark the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in collaboration with Louth County Council Library Service. Broadcaster David McCullagh delivered talks in Dundalk and Ardee libraries around the theme **50 years: Ireland and The EU**.



David McCullagh delivered talks, **50 years: Ireland and The EU**, in Dundalk and Ardee Libraries this month

During Heritage Week on Sunday 23rd August, Michael Holohan delivered an inspiring talk in the Augustinian Church in Drogheda focusing on the importance of Drogheda ports trading with many European ports such as Bordeaux, LA Rochelle, Lisbon and Gdansk. The Augustinian Church stands on the site of the ancient North Strand, and this historical link informed the maritime themes on the stained-glass window at the rear of the church.

Coming up in September we have a very special extended Culture Night programme of events and in our libraries, we have some creative workshops and storytelling.

For details on all upcoming events under the 'LegendaryTogether' programme please go the website [Louth EU Presidency Culture Program: Legendary Together – The Arts Service of Louth County Council](#)

Creative Ireland

Louth County Council were delighted to welcome the announcement of funding of €50,000 for a new

project under Creative Communities on a Shared Island funding stream. **Shared Home, Shared Sound** is a cross-border project and is in partnership with Belfast Trad. The project will see artists work across the border with members of the local communities in both areas, in particular migrant communities and those in direct provision. The project is one of 28 nationally to be allocated funding, and will see musicians and songwriters working to develop new music with participants, using creativity to explore themes of belonging and integrating with other cultures.

For more information on the Creative Ireland programme www.creativeireland.ie/

Or email creativeireland@louthcoco.ie

For all information on the Arts Office programme please see www.louthartsoffice.ie or email arts@louthcoco.ie

An Iarsmalann / Museum

The exhibition on The Corrs finished its run at the start of the month. Having opened at the end of May the exhibition proved to be popular with visitors. Heritage Week saw two very different exhibitions at the Museum, the first was an art exhibition featuring examples of African Art whilst the other was a celebration of traditional Irish and Ukrainian costumes.



Display of traditional Ukrainian and Irish costume at the County Museum, Dundalk

The Museum hosted an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Glenmuir Football Club. The event consisted of interviews with former players and coaches which will be recorded for a documentary to be broadcast on Dundalk FM.

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)

Louth County Council is awaiting the outcome of applications submitted under Category 1B of the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF) for the Westgate area of Drogheda and St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk. A further Category 1A application, seeking project development funding for the Park Street area of Dundalk, was also submitted.

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 nearing completion. Led by LUC as the appointed Integrated Urban Design Team, the plan will provide a strategic framework for the regeneration of the Longwalk area, supporting town centre growth while enhancing the area for residents, visitors and businesses.

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

Engagement with property owners in Drogheda and Dundalk continued during the reporting period under the URDF Call 3 Fund. This ongoing work has contributed to a number of property sales and the commencement of early-stage development activity, supporting the regeneration and reactivation of vacant and underutilised buildings.

A mid-year review of all properties included in the programme has been completed, providing an updated assessment of progress and identifying priority actions to support further regeneration activity. A summary of the review is outlined below:

Property Occupied	34
Refurbishment Works Ongoing	28
Activation Progressing*	26
Awaiting Engagement	17

Property Sold - Engagement Commenced with New Owner	8
Possible Direct Intervention by Council	11
Social Housing Project	2
SNQ Phase 2 Regeneration Project	1
CPO Complete	1
CPO Commenced	3
Pending CPO process Withdrawn following Action by Owner	2
TOTAL	133

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

Three additional properties have been acquired through the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process and are currently being vested in the Council's name. Located on Bolton Street, Drogheda, and Williamson's Place, Dundalk, these properties will be placed on the open market in the coming months.

The Council continues to work proactively to address vacancy, support regeneration objectives and increase housing supply through direct intervention measures and engagement with property owners. Public reporting of vacant properties through the Vacant Homes Office and VacantHomes.ie remains an important element of this work.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (RRDF)

Dunleer – Energising the Community

A tender process is almost complete 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

Archaeological investigations were undertaken at St Laurence's Gate during August as part of the development of proposals for a new public plaza space. The investigations carried out with Ministerial Consent and in consultation with the National Monuments Service, will inform the next stage of the Part 8 planning process and the future design of the project.

Play Spaces

The public consultation period for the proposed playground at The Glen, Drogheda, and the proposed redevelopment of the Navvy Bank, Dundalk, has concluded. Submissions received are being reviewed and will inform the next stages of both projects.

The Glen playground proposal is scheduled to be considered by the Borough District of Drogheda in September. The Navvy Bank redevelopment project, which includes proposals for camper van parking, a playground and car parking facilities, will be brought before a future meeting of the Dundalk Municipal District.

Omeath

A design team has been appointed to develop proposals for the rejuvenation of Omeath Playground and its surrounding area. Following an initial public consultation in July, feedback received is being reviewed and a second consultation event is being planned to help inform the final design proposals.

Dundalk Demesne

The Dundalk Demesne refurbishment and enhancement project has been completed. This project was funded by the Community Recognition Fund and the works are being undertaken by Mullacurry. The final component of the project was the installation of new seating which was put in place in August.



New seating installed at the Demesne

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 September and a briefing for the Dundalk MD members has taken place in advance of publication.

Capital Delivery Team

Funding streams

The 2026 CLÁR funding programme has closed, with Castlebellingham included in the scheme for the first time alongside the Cooley Peninsula. Louth County Council submitted 13 applications under Measure 1, *Developing Community Facilities and Amenities*.

The Department has also launched the SÍOL Programme, targeting areas of disadvantage in towns and cities. The Westgate and Fairgate electoral divisions in Drogheda have been allocated €335,000 under the 2026 programme, and three funding applications have been submitted.

The Capital Delivery Team continues to work with community groups across the county to deliver projects funded under the Town and 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.



New changing cabins

Boyne Greenway - North Bank

Supported by €500,000 in Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funding, the Capital Delivery Team is finalising plans for improvements to the North Bank of the Boyne Greenway in Drogheda. The project includes the widening, resurfacing and relining of pathways, together with the installation of public lighting. The tender process has been completed and Phase 1 works are scheduled to commence in September. The project will enhance accessibility and support walking, running and cycling in line with national outdoor recreation objectives.

Clogherhead Cliff Walk

Work is continuing on the preliminary design of the Clogherhead Cliff Walk. A public information event is currently being planned for the end of September, in advance of it being submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála

This project is funded to planning approval through the Project Development Measure (PDM) of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects



Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

The Town Centre First Plan will be officially launched later this year. 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.

River Basin Management Service Nature-based Solutions (LAWPRO Fund)

Louth County Council has published a tender for the development of a Rainwater Management Strategy for the Towns of Clogherhead and Dunleer. The purpose of the Strategies will identify opportunities for the incorporation of Nature Based Drainage Solutions into developments that will enhance the public realm, amenity, aid biodiversity and water quality.

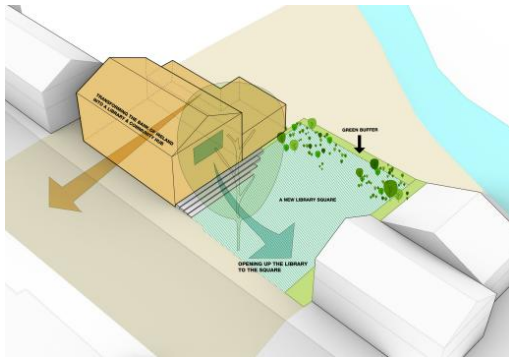
In addition, the Capital Delivery Team were granted €40,000. This funding will allow for the appointment of consultants for the design of two separate Nature Based Solutions projects in Dundalk and Drogheda.

Digital Town Blueprint

The Town Regeneration Office are also commencing a Digital Town Review Workshops in the towns of Clogherhead and Dunleer. This review aims to identify strengths and gaps across several themes relating to Digital Connectivity, set practical goals and agree on key short- and medium-term steps to bring this vision to life.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer

Survey work is currently underway to support the development of a new pocket public space adjacent to Dunleer Library and the Whitewater River. The survey findings will inform design options, which will be developed by the Council in collaboration with the Town Team. The project, identified in the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan, will create an attractive public amenity in the town centre for residents and visitors.



Vacant Homes Officer

The Vacant Homes Officer continues to work closely with the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and Derelict Sites Teams to engage proactively with property owners and support the reuse of vacant, derelict and underutilised properties across the county. This coordinated approach promotes available funding supports and intervention measures, helping to increase housing supply and support the regeneration of towns and villages.

Public engagement remains an important element of this work, with the VacantHomes.ie platform continuing to assist in identifying vacant and derelict properties and facilitating engagement with owners to bring properties back into productive use.

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: - temporary bracing for the skid track system has been installed. Piling for temporary support tower has commenced.

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. The larger barge for the transport of the pylon and fixed deck will be arriving in Ghent in mid Sept.

The Contractor has confirmed that currently the project is still on programme.



Northside – Overview of works at the Plant Room deck



Internal view of plant room – North side.



Piling for temporary support tower.



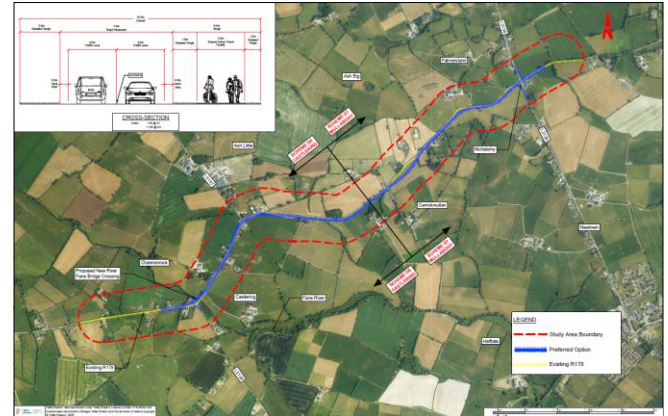
Floating Fender Collision system installed.

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

Works are ongoing at pace on site, with earthworks at 25% complete. The civils contract duration is 14 months and works are currently progressing on programme.



Drone image of overview of works on the N53



Preferred Route

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.

The closure of the L-7120 road commenced from Monday 24th August 2026 to Friday 23rd April 2027 to facilitate the construction of the N53 Hackballscross to Rassan Road.

N52 Ardee Bypass

The N52 Ardee Bypass remains before the Supreme Court. Following the CJEU judgment in *Power v An Bord Pleanála*, the matter has been listed for hearing on 27 October 2026, with written submissions to be filed by all parties in advance.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

Works on the Boyne Enterprise Link Road are nearing completion. During August, road resurfacing works were completed and traffic calming measures are being installed. Road marking working will continue into September, while the Council awaits ESB connection of the public lighting infrastructure. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit is scheduled for September and, subject to its findings, the road will be opened to the public.



New road layout and resurfacing

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route

Improvement Scheme

Ground investigations are nearing completion and the design team is awaiting the results of soil sampling undertaken as part of these works. The findings, together with ongoing environmental assessments, will inform the preliminary design and preparation of planning documentation. Subject to continued Department funding, it is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q4 2027.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is developer led. Works are currently progressing on programme with approx. 40% complete. Works have commenced on the R166 roundabout with traffic management at this location. The L13637 road is due to reopen to through traffic in early Sept. Pavement capping and drainage works are continuing.

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



PANCR Phase 2- Roundabout Construction R166

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

Louth County Council has successfully secured approval for Phase 3 of the Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) under the HIIF programme. Tender documents have been issued for the appointment of a consultant to progress the detailed design of the scheme.

Engagement with Iarnród Éireann is ongoing to agree the scope of works for the design and construction of the proposed rail bridge, with a view to finalising an Infrastructure Agreement and advancing the project to the next stage.

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The public consultation on the Emerging Preferred Route for the Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway concluded in February, with 510 submissions received. The project team is currently reviewing and analysing submissions to inform completion of the Options Selection Report, which is expected to be published in the coming weeks.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

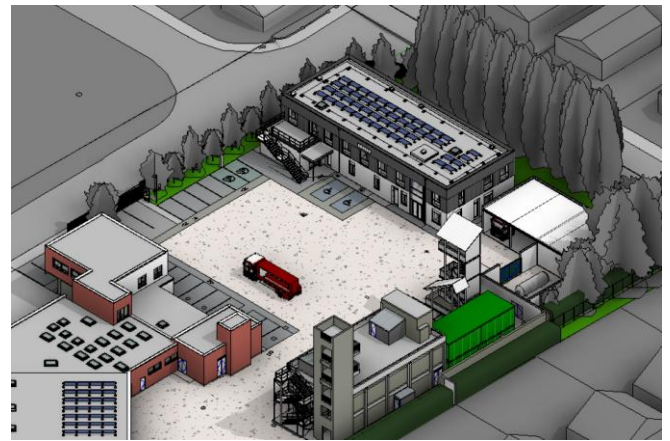
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Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

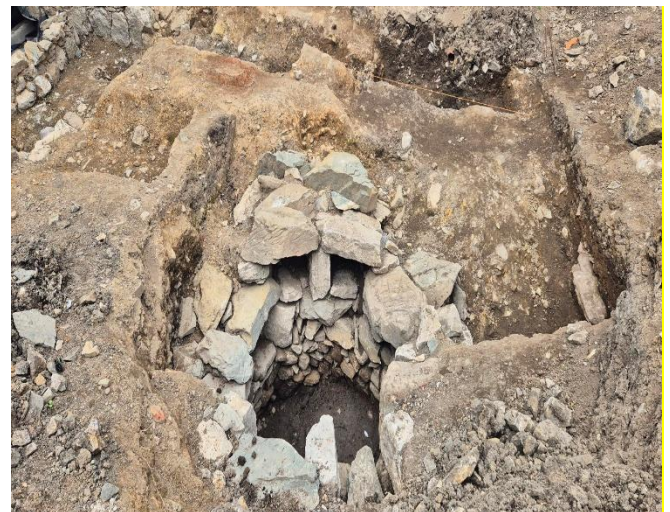
The public consultation period for the proposed Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre closed on 25th August with two submissions received. A Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 proposal is being prepared and is scheduled for consideration by the Dundalk Municipal District at its October meeting.



3D view of proposed Regional Training Centre

Ardee Castle

Archaeological investigations associated with the Ardee Castle project uncovered significant medieval remains beneath the Judges' Chambers extension, including structural features and other archaeological deposits. Following consultation with the National Monuments Service, the findings are being fully recorded and incorporated into the project design to facilitate their preservation in situ. While the discovery has resulted in a short delay to construction activity, works continue to progress in accordance with archaeological requirements.



Archaeological Find



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THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

Progress continued on the THRIVE project during August. Following completion of asbestos removal works and the issue of the Certificate of Reoccupation, archaeological investigations and structural opening-up works were completed within the DYD building, including excavations to assess existing foundations. Internal safeguarding measures and roof repair works have also been completed.

All surveys and site investigations have now been finalised, enabling the Design Team to complete the detailed design and cost plan ahead of design freeze in early September. Additional archaeological investigation works have been requested by the National Monuments Service in relation to a historic wall located beneath West Gate House.

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 progressing the Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) of flood relief options and associated environmental assessments across the identified flood cells. Draft MCA findings are currently under review by the Steering Group to inform the next stage of option appraisal.

Work is also nearing completion on the Cost Benefit Analysis, Climate Change Adaptation Assessment and Draft Options Development Report, which will bring together the technical, environmental and economic assessments undertaken to date. The report will provide the basis for identifying preferred flood relief measures for each flood cell.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Scheme

The Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Scheme continued to progress during August, with work advancing on the identification and assessment of the preferred scheme option. The Steering Group completed its review of the draft Option Development Report, and a revised version is currently being prepared by the Consultant Team. Environmental, heritage and technical assessments remain ongoing to support scheme development, including consideration of climate change impacts and future coastal defence requirements.

Preparatory work is also progressing on a range of specialist studies and statutory processes, including archaeological, ecological and environmental assessments. The next phases of the project include finalisation of the Option Development Report, a Design Review Workshop in Q3 2026, and a Public Participation Day in Q4 2026. Final project reporting remains scheduled for Q1 2027. The project website is now live at www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie.

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

Progress continues on the Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project, with detailed design work now underway for the proposed culvert upgrade in central Carlingford. A business case for interim improvement works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Seasons Hotel is also being updated, while hydraulic modelling is ongoing to refine potential flood relief options. Site investigation works have been commissioned to assess ground conditions and support future design and construction planning, with works expected to commence in Q4 2026.

Ardee Minor Works

Works to enhance flood protection for properties along the existing watercourses at Stoney Lane and John Street are scheduled for delivery in Q4 2026.

In parallel, assessment work adjacent to the N2 continues to progress, with the OPW undertaking detailed evaluations. Engagement with affected landowners has also continued to support project development and address access, site and local considerations.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

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

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



Coastal erosion protection works at Bellurgan



Coastal erosion protection works at Ballagan



Access Road into the School

Active Travel Investment Program

2026 Budget Allocation

Louth County Council received an allocation of €4 million for Active Travel and Safe Routes to School projects in 2026, together with €500,000 for the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. The National Transport Authority has indicated a similar annual Active Travel allocation in future years.

In line with the revised funding allocation, the Council has reviewed and prioritised the Active Travel programme to ensure the continued delivery of key projects across the county. Progress on individual schemes is outlined below.

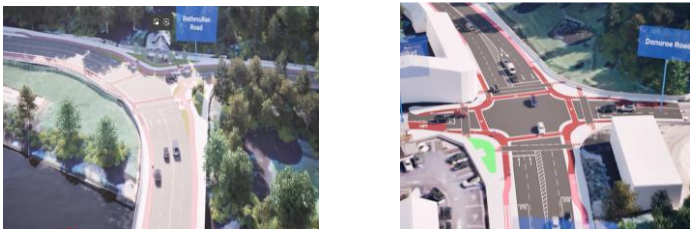
Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

A substantial completion certificate for the project was issued in late August, allowing the building to be opened to the school children for the 1st of Sept.

A detailed snagging list has been generated, and the contractor will be working through these items over the course of the defect period.

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	September 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 give approval to LCC to advance this scheme to Part 8 Public Display as per Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Proposals for the Active Travel Scheme were placed on public display from Tuesday 21st July, 2026 to Tuesday 18th August, 2026 inclusive at the offices of LCC in Drogheda and Dundalk. Submissions or observations were welcomed up to the deadline of 1st September 2026. At this juncture the Design Team & Active Travel Section are reviewing all submissions received as per the Part 8 Consultation Process and it is expected that the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report will be on the Agenda of the Borough District of Drogheda in November 2026.  Photo Montage of Rathmullan Rd & Donore Rd Junctions 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 Sept 2026.	Proposed Part 8 Q4 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 to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors on the proposed scheme in early Sept 2026 when the Video Fly Through is available. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	Proposed Part 8 display late early Q4 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 completed the Draft 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 Design Team are currently updating the necessary amendments. It is anticipated to tender the works contract in early Q4 2026.	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 the 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
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.	Part 8 Approved December 2024

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				Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	
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 larger Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 / Section 38 for SRTS Infrastructure Nov 2026.
Drogheda Local Transport Plan	-	-	Phase 3	The Transport Consultants have prepared the final Draft of Drogheda Local Transport Plan. The Active Travel Team in LCC along with our colleagues in the NTA and Meath County Council (MCC) are currently reviewing the document. It is anticipated that a briefing will be given to Elected Members on the draft Local Transport Plan at the end of Q3 2026.	
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 3 Preliminary Design was approved by the NTA on the 10th July 2026. The Design Team are currently preparing Phase 4A deliverables for a Section 38 Public Display. In advance of public display an on-line briefing will be given to Dundalk MD Councillors.  Photo Montage of Tain Bridge / Racecourse Road Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in early Q4 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.

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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 2nd June 2026. Deadline for formal submissions was Tuesday 14th July 2026. The Chief Executives Part 8 Report was brought for consideration to the Dundalk MD meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2026.  Photo Montage of Hoey's Lane Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	See details over.
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	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. For the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) element on Mill Street, the NTA approved GW 3 deliverables on the 13th May 2026. The Design Team are expected to have final Section 38 Drawings completed by mid-September 2026, and thereafter an on-line briefing will be given to Dundalk MD Councillors in early October 2026 in advance of placing the proposals on Section 38 Public Display.	Proposed Section 38 for SRTS Infrastructure in early Q4 2026.
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 approved by NTA on the 13th April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	

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R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 5	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 were commissioned to undertake Detailed Design and prepare Tender Documents to advance Sextons Junction to Construction Stage. The Tender Package is expected to be concluded by the end of Sept 2026, to seek approval from the NTA to advance with procuring contractors for the works / upgrades at Sextons Junction.  Photo Montage of Proposed Sextons Junction Upgrade	Part 8 approved April 2026
Moneymore, Active Travel elements`	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 5	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb 2026. Notice to Treat Letters were issued on the 8th 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
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Construction works are completed at Callystown National School and are nearing completion at Bellurgan and Knockbridge National Schools. Major road resurfacing was completed in front of Belluragn National School in Mid-August during night time road closure. It is expected that all works will be completed by end of September.	Section 38s completed

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4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk				 Two new pedestrian crossing @ Callystown National School  On-going construction at Bellurgan National School	
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	NTA have approved the combine Gateway 2/3 reports for SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown and Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry on the 10th July 2026. It is hoped to give an online briefing to Councillors in early October 2026 of proposals in advance of Section 38 public display. Mullaghbuoy NS – Contractor is appointed and is due to commence works early October 2026.	Mid Q4 2026
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 4) 1. Dromiskin Mixed School)	€10,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	An Taisce at the end of August have furnished LCC with Outline Delivery Plans for all four schools. LCC Active Travel Team will now commence the procurement process for the appointment of a Design Consultant.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's

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2. Marymount NS 3. Scoil Mhuire na nGael 4. Tallanstown NS					
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.  The Chief Executives Part 8 Report was recommended to the members at Dundalk MD Meeting on 12th May 2026. Notification has been received from the NTA advising that the Government has decided to pause and review funding for public e-scooter schemes. In light of this development the overall Mobility Hub pilot scheme across the country is currently being reevaluated.	Part 8 Approved 12 th May 2026