



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

June 2024



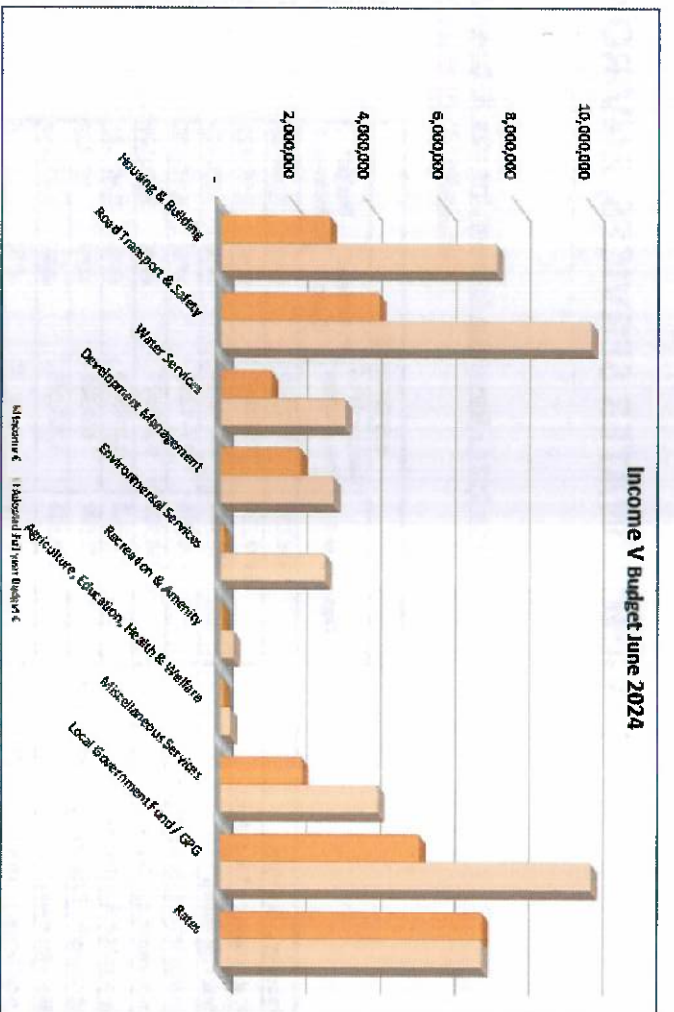
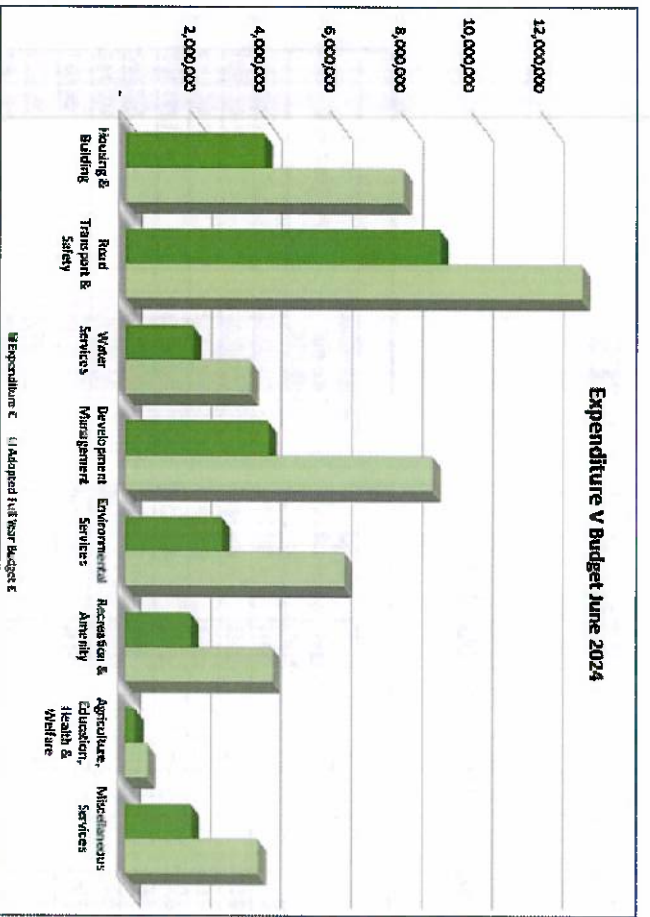
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FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

June 2024 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
 (PRELIMINARY June, 2024 - FIGURES)

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET			
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
A Housing & Building	3,938,536	7,802,729	50%	3,864,193	2,935,404	7,432,718	39%	4,497,314	(1,003,132)	(533,121)
B Road Transport & Safety	8,947,227	17,502,847	51%	8,555,620	4,259,335	13,256,033	32%	8,986,698	(4,637,892)	(441,078)
C Water Services	1,905,229	3,559,632	54%	1,654,453	1,359,680	3,359,654	40%	1,939,974	(545,549)	(345,521)
D Development Management	4,078,279	8,741,809	47%	4,663,530	2,155,147	3,047,571	71%	892,424	(1,923,132)	3,771,106
E Environmental Services	2,750,100	6,236,437	44%	3,486,337	78,253	2,821,788	3%	2,743,535	(2,671,847)	742,802
F Recreation & Amenity	1,857,742	4,219,513	44%	2,361,801	49,584	350,643	14%	301,059	(1,808,153)	2,060,742
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	278,688	629,228	44%	350,529	86,785	271,683	32%	134,688	(191,914)	165,631
H Miscellaneous Services	1,878,603	3,798,846	49%	1,920,243	2,198,675	4,255,070	52%	2,056,395	320,872	(136,152)
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0	5,369,045	10,738,091	50%	5,369,046	5,369,045	(5,369,046)
RA Rates	0	0	0%	0	7,063,685	7,057,370	100%	(6,015)	7,063,685	6,015
	€25,634,415	€52,591,121	49%	26,956,706	€25,555,793	€52,591,121	49%	27,035,328	€78,622	€78,622



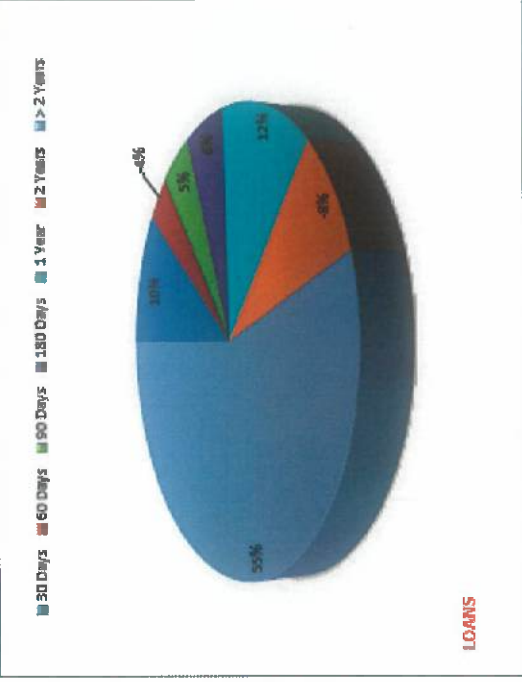
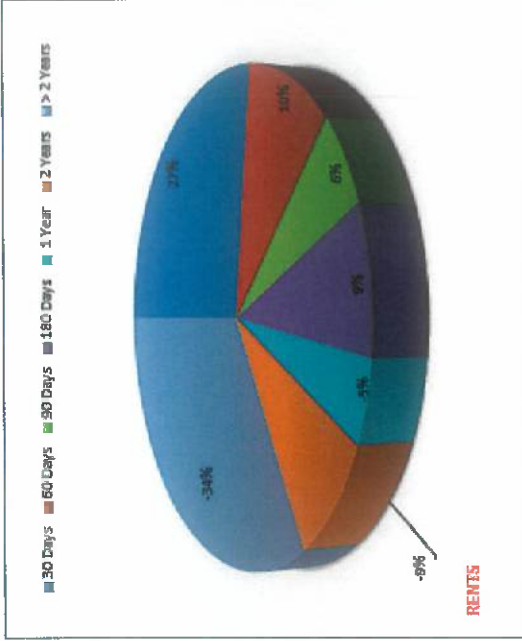
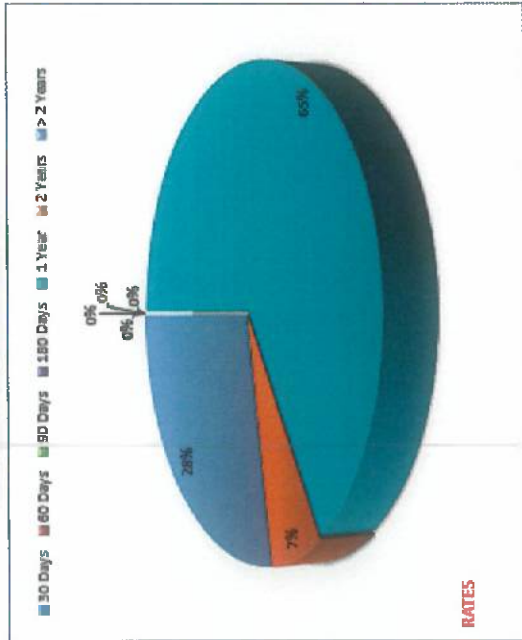
2024 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	€ Jun-24	€ Jun-23	€ FY 2023
Housing Rents	€1,426,863	€1,077,018	€2,706,736
Commercial Rates	€4,017,280	€2,827,243	€5,005,946
Housing Loans	€159,249	€117,816	€295,948

	YTD		
	% Jun-24	% Jun-23	% FY 2023
Housing Rents	93%	93%	98%
Commercial Rates	47%	52%	77%
Housing Loans	76%	60%	84%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection % increased as compared to 2023.
Rates collection % reduced when compared to May 2023
Loans collection has improved when compared to June 2023.

June 2024 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€0	€3,886,154	€385,834	€1,676,217
RENTS	€108,547	€42,206	€24,560	€34,910	€20,111	€35,655	€135,674
LOANS	€5,824	€1,998	€2,516	€3,248	€6,950	€4,703	€31,054

CLIMATE ACTION

The Climate Action Unit continue to work with the whole-of-Council to ensure momentum is carried forward from making of the Plan into the implementation stage.

1. The Climate Action Committee nominees met in June. The Regional Co-ordinator for E&M CARO gave a presentation to the group. The main focus of discussion was to establish working groups for a range of actions under specific themes that may be better addressed by a subset of the departments within the Council (energy, sustainable mobility, adverse weather, nature-based solutions).
2. The Climate Action have met with departments on actions under their responsibility in the Climate Action Plan. Further work is required on actions where a number of departments are listed, that there is a clear lead for reporting.
3. The Climate Action Unit are to develop a tracker for each department to feed into for checking progress against Key performance Indicators, with a target for first reporting at the end of Q3.

Community Climate Action Programme Fund

DECC have indicated that a list of approved projects for funding would be made on 5 July 2024. DECC made a decision that electric robotic mowers are no longer eligible under the Programme; this does have an impact on the applications made to Leitrim County Council under Strand 1 (building low carbon communities) and Strand 1a (shared island community climate action). Further correspondence is required with these community groups on contingency arrangements regarding the Department Decision on electric mowers. Training will be provided by DECC to Community Climate Action Officers in July.

VETERINARY SERVICE

Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Examinations	7
Cattle	41
Sheep	77
Pigs	11
Goats	0

Premises Inspections

Premises Inspections	1
Food Samples	2
Environmental Swabs	0
Water Samples	1
Veterinary Residue Samples	0
Carcass Swabs	0
TB Lesions	0

Dog Warden Service Activities

Stray Dogs	3
Surrendered Dogs	3
Seized Dogs	5
Dogs Re-Homed	20
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Warden Service Requests	22
Dog Fouling Complaints	2
Barking Complaints	1
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	0

Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	9
Dog Licence Inspections	15
Dogs Neutered	3
Neutering Vouchers Issued	13
Dogs Micro-Chipped	5
Fines Issued - Dogs	3
Statutory Notices Issued	1
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	1
School/ Community Workshops	3
Social Media Posts	61
Stray Horses Seized	0
Stray Cats Neutered	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	3
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3500

CIVIL DEFENCE

- Water Sampling Assisting LCC
- Rowing Regattas Lough Rynn
- Assisting LAWPRO water sampling

Civil Defence Volunteers remained on standby during the month to provide assistance to the Principal Response Agencies and the Community Response Forum

FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme

Fire Stations

Manorhamilton FS

The Part 8 planning application submission for the new fire station in Manorhamilton was formally submitted to An Bord Pleanála in June 2023. Approval has been granted, with conditions, on the 09th of February 2024. Awaiting approval in relation to the claim for increased consultancy fees and the progression to Stage 2C: Detailed Design.

Fire Appliances and Equipment

Spare Class B appliance

Appliance has been delivered. Awaiting the registration change to Irish number plates.

New Hand portable radios

The contract for the procurement of new hand portable radios for the fire service is being handled by Dublin County Council and has gone to tender. Capital funding is being provided by the Department.

Building Control activity in June 2024

	Received	Valid / Invalid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices	9	7/1		
Fire Safety Certificates	1		2	
Disabled Access Certificates	1		2	
Completion Certificates	1			
FSA / Planning Inspections / H&S / Licensing inspections				1

BC inspections / BER / Market Surveillance				1
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WRC agreement for retained firefighters.

National agreement reached at WRC in relation to firefighters' dispute. Details of the implementation of the agreement are being worked on at local level. The 2nd local implementation committee meeting took place with SIPTU on January 24th.

The next local implementation committee meeting is scheduled for July 2024.

Recruitment

4 no. new recruits are currently attending a QQI Firefighting Skills Course, Monaghan, June 24th – July 12th, 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on June 19th 2024.

Town and Village/ORIS/Clár Projects

Ongoing review and follow up on progress of various ongoing projects in terms of delivery, claims and reporting to the DRCD etc.

Broadband

Ongoing work with the Broadband connection points , Our Kids Code summer camps and responding to general queries re Broadband. Attendance at Dreamspace showcase in Microsoft in Dublin and promotion of same to National Schools for 2024/2025.

Carrick Campus

Ongoing promotion of the space available at Carrick Campus. An event was hosted for a delegation of business people from the Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce in association with the Western Development Commission.

County Promotion Events

A two page feature article was published in the Leitrim Observer on June 26th , the article was also shared on the Council website and social media.

Leitrim Diaspora Strategy

Regular meetings are continuing regarding the execution of the Diaspora Strategy, presently focused on the launch of “The Leitrim Gathering” scheduled to take place in late May 2025. Both internal meetings and external meetings focusing on “The Leitrim Gathering” are taking place weekly. Promotion of the event is ongoing.

Sustainable Mobility Projects

Work with ATU researchers and other stakeholders in relation to several projects involving the potential for sustainable mobility options within the County is ongoing. A survey has been issued to all staff in Leitrim County Council to assess the travel habits of all travelling to and from the workplace. Results of this survey will be available in August.

Clár 2024

15 applications for submission to DRCD on June 18th 2024.

New Website

All sections relating to Economic Development have been reviewed and are ready to publish by the July date.

ORIS Measure 2&3 2023

The Minister Announced the successful projects under ORIS 2023 M2 & M3 on June 4th. Leitrim were successful in securing funding under all 4 projects (3M2&1M3). Total funding of €794,262.00

Purple Flag

An overview of the purple flag full renewal process was given at the Town Team meeting on June 21st, the annual consumer survey is being reviewed currently.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Development Management

19 no. valid planning applications were received in June, 3 no. of which are applications seeking retention of planning permission. There were no. 5 applications lodged which were deemed invalid in June, 3 no. of which have had subsequent applications validated.

16 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during June, all of which were granted planning permission. Responses to Further Information requests were received with respect to 8 no. applications whilst requests for Further Information issued with respect to 6 no. applications.

6 no. formal pre-planning enquiries were received during the month of June.

Leitrim County Council went live for E-Planning in April of last year whereby planning applications can be submitted in electronic form. 18 no. out of 19 no. valid planning applications were submitted in this manner in June.

There were 4 no. Local Authority own development proposals going through the public display phase of their Part 8 public consultation process during June. These projects relate to housing developments in Ballinamore and Kiltyclogher, a pedestrian underpass at Aghoo Bridge & the Dromod to Roosky greyway which will connect the two villages via a pedestrian path.

Forward Planning

Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

Work has commenced with Roscommon County Council on the preparation of the joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon to include the village of Cortober. A Local Transport Plan will form the joint Local Area Plan and is currently being finalised. A new dedicated website www.carrickjointplan.ie provides updates of the process. It is expected that the draft Local Area Plan will be placed on public display in late July / early August.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

The annual Draft RZLT maps for Co. Leitrim was published on the 1st of February. Public consultation on these draft maps closed on the 31st of May and the Final Map for lands liable to the RZLT for 2025 will be published in January 2025. A total of 12 no. submissions have been received during the public consultation period. Formal notifications issued on each of the 12 no. submissions before the end of the month.

Heritage

- Two short films on Leitrim's Heritage have been filmed and will form part of the *Connecting Through Heritage* youtube series. Filming of *Glenview Folk Museum* has taken place, and the launch of the *Killmakerrill Graveyard* short film was held in The Rainbow Ballroom.
- Fieldwork for the Leitrim Wetland Survey Phase III is underway.
- The *Killahurk Ringfort Access, Environmental and Archaeological Assessment* is progressing, with the final report due in July.
- The *O'Rourkes of Leitrim Heritage Audit and Interpretation Plan* is progressing and a Heritage Week event is being organised.
- The *O'Rourkes of Leitrim Memory Map Project* is being developed with a launch date in July, where the public will be encouraged to submit material relating to the 'O'Rourke's'.
- The St Mogue's Abbey Community Monument Fund 2023/24 conservation project and the Jamestown Wall Community Monument Fund Conservation Plan are being supervised.

- The Heritage Council Heritage Officer and Biodiversity Officer training and network meeting took place in Carrick on Shannon.

Biodiversity

- The appointed consultant ecologist from Wetland Survey Ireland undertaking the Wetland Phase III survey delivered a public walk & talk at Acres Lake, Drumshanbo.
- Actions to enhance the Biodiversity Garden at Áras an Chontae have taken place including a staff workshop
- *Love where you Live awards*: Awarded the winning primary schools with their prizes for their Actions for Pollinators projects.
- The first meeting of the *Biodiversity Working Group* took place in Carrick-on-Shannon and comprised of representatives from public bodies, environmental NGOs, farming organisations and community groups.

ROADS

Annual Area Programme 2024

The Annual Area Programme of Works for 2024 are now well underway.

N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Project

The N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Project is progressing as follows:

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- Surveys for 2024 – The following Contracts are ongoing in 2024:
 - Ground Investigation Contract
- Hydrology Monitoring
- Topographical Survey Contract
- Noise and Air Monitoring
- Ecology Survey Contract
- Photomontages
 - Individual meetings are ongoing with directly impacted landowners and members of the public following Public Display No. 4 of the Proposed Route Alignment and Junction Strategy.
 - Preferred Transport Solution will comprise
 - The road component comprising the bypass itself (the off-line section)
 - A new urban street of length 1km
 - Active travel, public transport and demand management measures including signalisation/upgrades of six roundabout junctions on the N4
- Consultations are currently taking place with
 - IFI
 - Irish Rail
 - NTA
 - Bord Na Mona
 - TII
 - LCC/RCC Planning departments

Pavement Overlays

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 1** – Works are substantially completed and we are now awaiting documentation to agree Final Account.

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – Leitrim County Council has sought TII approval to appoint successful contractor.
- **N4 Pavement Overlay Scheme – Carrick on Shannon** – Consultants are currently working on the design and tender documents for this Pavement Overlay Scheme. Going forward this will be advertised for tender subject to TII approval

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on this Realignment Scheme are now complete. Awaiting specialist contractor to complete residual network additional works.
- **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – This scheme is currently at Phase 3 – Detailed Design and Environmental Assessment stage. It is being designed by RPS consultants and project managed by Westmeath National Roads Design office (NRDO). The cost estimate for the scheme has recently significantly increased due to poor ground conditions and this is presenting as a significant challenge to the progression of the project, as the scheme now exceeds the TII €20m threshold to qualify as a minor scheme. The Infrastructure section of Leitrim County Council is currently working closely with Westmeath NRDO and the TII to examine all options in order to secure the progression of this realignment project.

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **Strabrick Junction** –the Area Office commenced and construction work on this scheme commenced recently.
- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** – Preliminary report completed. Since the preliminary design report was approved by the TII, a new Cycling Design Manual (CDM) was published towards the end of 2023. Following an assessment of the new CDM, Leitrim County Council raised a number of queries with the TII. Leitrim County Council are currently in discussions with the TII regarding these queries before preparation of documents for Part 8 Planning can be commenced.
- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Leitrim County Council to commence preliminary design report as feasibility and options report has been approved by TII.

Bridge rehabilitation works – Works include:

- Bridge rehabilitation works completed on 2 bridges
- 2 other contractors have commenced 2 other bridges recently
- currently tender documents are being prepared for 1 bridge
- Tenders for 8 bridges are currently being assessed.

Low Cost Safety Schemes – Design works currently ongoing

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – The options report from consultant is being finalised
- **R280 Killarga** – Advertised tender to appoint consultant
- **R280 Loughmurrans Realignment**– Advertised tender to appoint consultant
- **R278 Junctions** – Due to commence design works soon
- **R280 Erriff Realignment** – Advertised tender to appoint consultant.

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The CIS Programme for South Leitrim for 2024 has now been finalised – 3 CIS Schemes will be completed in 2024 in South Leitrim. The 2024 CIS programme for North Leitrim is currently being finalised.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

8 No. LIS offers have been issued to the top 8 Schemes on the LIS Waiting List –4 Schemes in Manor MD and 4 Schemes in Ballinamore MD. All of these have accepted their LIS offer and paid the required contribution.

Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
19	154

Please note that all queries regarding whether Water and/or Wastewater Services are in public charge are now processed by Uisce Eireann.

Abnormal Load Permits

Abnormal Load Permits processed this month	YTD Abnormal Load Permits processed
0	18

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for this year closed on 29th February 2024

Applications Received for Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2023/2024	Applications deemed Ineligible/Not Proceeding	No. of grants paid up to end of last Month
70 Ballinamore MD = 23 Carrick on Shannon MD = 21 Manorhamilton MD = 26	4	66

Road Safety

It is planned to hold a Road Safety Education Event in 2 Secondary Schools in the County in November 2024 – Ballinamore Community School on 18th November 2024 and Lough Allen College in Drumkeeran on 19th November 2024.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Schemes currently under construction by Leitrim County Council Direct Labour:

- Tullaghan Footpath Connection to Housing Estate – 75% complete.
- Drumkeerin Active Travel Scheme – 95% complete.

Project ready to commence construction by Leitrim County Council Direct Labour:

- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link.

Schemes currently been progressed through consultants:

- Fehily Timoney - Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures:
 - Trial of the proposed option arranged for September 2024.
- O'Connor Sutton Cronin - Carrick on Shannon – Leitrim Road Active Travel Scheme:
 - Awaiting Preliminary Design report from consultants.
- Tobins - Scheme 1 - Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Cycle Scheme and Circular Road Rapid Build Cycle Scheme.
 - Phase 2 – Option selection.
- Tobins - Scheme 2 – Town Junctions upgrade – Drumshanbo:
 - Phase 2 – Option selection.

Part 8 Planning advertised for:

- Ballinamore – Tully Heights connection to Town Environs. (Closing date for submissions 20/08/2024).

Design in house commenced on the following:

- Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade.
- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link.

Design required for the following:

- Bike Parking.
- Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link.

Safe Route to Schools

Project under construction by Contractor:

- Safe Routes to School Scheme – St. Josephs NS – Leitrim Village.

OCSC Consultant appointed for the design of SRTS for 2 no. Schools.

- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Part 8 Documents received from consultant.
- Scoil Mhuire NS, Carrick –Preliminary Design Report received.

In- house design to commence:

- Mohill Community School.

Bus Shelter Programme

Construction completed of Bus Shelter at the following location:

- Glenfarne.

Contractor to continue with programme of work when Licence is received from CIE for Bus Shelter at the following location:

- Dromod Train Station.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Leitrim County Council are currently surveying the existing 38 Stops to identify the works required to upgrade these stops.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Options under consideration were presented at a Public Consultation Day held on the 20th of July 2023. A preferred option is currently being identified and the development of this option progressing.

Full details of the project are available on the project website www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie.

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the scheme. Environmental surveys underway. Public Consultation held for the scheme. Topo Surveys complete, Ground investigation underway. Environmental surveys are ongoing.

Full details of project are available on website www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme

The OPW have updated the flood maps for Mohill. The OPW are currently carrying out hydrology and hydraulic analysis on this project.

Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme

Four construction contracts will be undertaken.

- Reconstruction of Footpaths and Roads Main Street/St George's Terrace/Approach roads
- Construction of Car Park at Flynn's Field
- Construction of Boardwalk along river edge
- Lighting of N4 Bridge and Boardwalk at Linear Park

All works are complete except Bridge and Boardwalk lighting contract. Contractor currently on site.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme

Contract works for works on Main Street completed. Currently working on tender documents for works at Enterprise lands. Expect to advertise construction tender by the end of July 2024.

Mohill Public Realm Scheme

A contractor has been appointed and construction of the scheme is ongoing.

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns

Wayfinding Signage have been erected throughout the town and construction works on the new bus stops and viewing shelter have now been completed by Source Civil. A substantial completion Certificate has been issued for the scheme.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen

Design consultant has been appointed for the project. Phase I of project complete. Phase II – Options selection stage is well under way. Public consultation of route options held from 23rd Oct 2023 to 17th Nov 2023. Full details on web site www.slncr-greenway.com.

Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway

Jennings O'Donovan Consultants has been appointed as design consultant. Detailed design and Environmental evaluation are underway on the preferred route. Full details on web site <https://www.carrickblueway.com/>

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillin

Under construction. Expected completion is the end of July 2024

Hartley Bridge

Planning approval received from an Bord Pleanála in Dec 2023. Funding received from Dept of Transport to advance this project. Consultant working on detailed design and tender documents.

Drumshanbo ExChange

Part 8 planning approval obtained at the February MD meeting. RRDF Funding approval has been received to construct the project. Mc Cabe Architects have been appointed as the Design team to prepare detailed design and construction contract documents.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes

Dromahair Scheme

Funding of €588,420 has been obtained from the OPW to progress the design of the Dromahaire scheme. Tobins Consulting Engineers have been appointed as design consultant.

Leitrim Village (Keadue Road Scheme) Scheme

Funding of €213,191 has been obtained for the temporary flood defences at Cluain Oir housing estate Keadue Road, Leitrim Village. CST has been appointed as design consultant for the scheme. Part 8 Planning consent was received for the Scheme at the May MD meeting and contract documents for the construction contract are currently being prepared.

Acres Lake Facility Centre

Funding has been secured from Failte Ireland to construct a facility centre at Acres Lake, Drumshanbo. This will provide toilet facilities, shower facilities and a base for operators using the lake. Design consultant O'Connor Sutton Cronin has been appointed. Tenders for the construction of the facility have been received and a preferred contractor nominated. We await confirmation an increased funding approval from Failte Ireland in advance of appointing a contractor to commence work.

Unfinished Housing Development Contracts

South Leitrim SL2 – Construction work underway on estates

Cluain Locha, Drumshanbo – works substantially complete.

Mountain View, Drumshanbo – works substantially complete.

Cnoc Na Sí, Carrick On Shannon – under construction.

Shannon Haven, Dromod – works substantially complete.

Dub Carraig Ceibh, Leitrim Village – under construction.

North Leitrim NL3 – Site Resolution Plans are completed for the following estates

Churchfield, Dromahaire

Forest Grove, Dromahaire

The Acres, Dromahaire

Windmill Park, Drumkeerin

Melvin Fields, Kinlough

Oakfield Lawns, Kinlough

Carbry Coast, Tullaghan

South Leitrim SL3 – Site Resolution Plans are completed for the following estates

Dun Na Bo, Ballinamore

Cois Locha, Carrigallen

Carraig Breac, Drumshanbo

An Crannogue, Keshcarrigan

An Gairdin, Keshcarrigan

Cnoc Na Greine, Mohill

Carrick Business Campus

DHB Architects appointed as design consultants for the project. Preliminary design works underway.

Narrow Gauge Trail Drumshanbo

Planning approval received for this project. Detailed design is now complete and contract documents prepared for construction contract. Funding approval from ORIS for the construction contract has now been received.

Fenagh Abbey Trail

The community group received funding to progress this scheme through the planning process. We are currently working with the community group to provide the planning documents plus the specialist reports required.

Dromod Roskey Greyway

Part 8 Planning for the scheme is currently on public display awaiting submission from the public

HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 30 th June 2024	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
5	4	80%	1	20%	0

New Tenancies created to 30th June 2024

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 30 th June 2024	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
0	4

Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 – June 2024 – Progress Report at 30th June 2024

Accommodation Type	2019 to 2024 5 year targets Targets	Outputs achieved at 30 th June 2024 (Inc 7 No. outputs from 01.01.19 to 30.06.19)
Group Housing Scheme – Existing		2
Service Block – Existing		1
Local Authority Standard Housing		32 (Including 9 No Offers refused)
Rental Accommodation Scheme (incl. renewals)		5 (Including Renewals)
Long Term Leasing SHLI (incl. renewals)		1
Housing provided by Approved Housing Body under CAS Scheme		1
Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)		1
Totals		
	25	43 (5 Year Target is 25 units = 172%)

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Dwellings Inspected	No of Dwellings Inspected to 30 th June 2024	% Complete (Department Target 280 308) (Note: Department updated target to 308)	Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Total Inspections completed	No of inspections completed to 30 th June 2024 (Total number of inspections including Re-inspections)
Target – 280 308 (25% of registered rented properties in Leitrim) (Note: Department updated target to 308)	Total – 267	86%	Target – 350 (Depending on number of Re-inspections carried out)	Total – 303

HOUSING GRANTS

NOTE: HGD = Housing Adaptation Grant; MAG = Mobility Aids Grant; HOP = Housing Aid for Older People

2024 Allocation - €1,061,691		(80% of allocation - €849,353)			€1,061,691
01/01/2024 – 30/06/2024	GRANT	NO	VALUE		
PAID 2024	HGD	23	€205,780.64		
	MAG	7	€29,904		
	HOP	36	€177,652.68		
	TOTAL	66	€413,337.32	€413,337.32	
Approved not paid ¹	HGD	42	€413,870.58		
	MAG	18	€78,196.00		
	HOP	61	€307,956.80		
	TOTAL	121	€800,023.38	€800,023.38	
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved ² Estimated (Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)	HGD	12	€120,000.00		
	MAG	6	€24,000.00		
	HOP	30	€150,000.00		
	TOTAL	48	€294,000.00	€294,000.00	€1,507,360.07
					Available Balance: €-445,669.07

¹ Includes applications approved in 2022/2023, not yet paid

² Includes applications received in 2022/2023, not yet approved

Housing Construction Programme

Under Housing for all, Leitrim County Council has annual targets to achieve under the Social Housing Delivery Programme 2022-2029. The 2024 Programme provides for the delivery of 29 units of new build dwellings in the Drumsna, Drumkeerin, Kinlough, Ballinamore and Carrick-on-Shannon. Work is ongoing to ensure the delivery of these units in 2024. Once complete the dwellings will then be made available to meet the social housing needs of qualified applicants on the Housing Waiting List. Work is ongoing on progressing additional social housing projects for delivery in 2025.

Purchase Acquisition Programme/Tenant in Situ Scheme

In addition to the Housing Construction Programme, the Housing Department continued to pursue the purchase of a limited number of dwellings in the private market to meet the social housing need. A number of those dwellings were considered for purchase under the Tenant in Situ Scheme.

Expressions of Interest.

The Housing Department continue to explore opportunities to work in collaboration with the Approved Housing Bodies to delivery additional social housing supply. In this regard, the following Expressions of Interest issued.

- Expression of Interest Capital Assistance Scheme, Drumshanbo
- Expression of Interest Capital Assistance Scheme Manorhamilton

Following the review of any submissions received, the council will enter into discussions with the Approved Housing Body to consider the development of a scheme to meet housing needs including those with a disability.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

Leitrim County Council is required to prepare a new Traveller Accommodation Programme for 2025-2029. The Draft Programme was published for public consultation in June, 2024 and submissions on the programme can be submitted within the 2 month public consultation period.

COMMUNITY

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

89 proposed projects for funding were approved for funding by the Department of Rural and Community Development which amounted to €116,314, €18,661 of which was awarded to women's groups. The Community Development section issued letters of offer to the 89 groups approved for funding and all groups have now accepted the offer of funding. Work is ongoing on the processing of grant payments subject to all relevant supporting documentation being submitted by the grant recipients.

Age Friendly Programme

Work on the pilot project making Carrick-on-Shannon an Age Friendly Train Station is ongoing. Roscommon & Leitrim Community Development are currently working on establishing a Steering Oversight Committee who will work with Iarnrod Éireann to deliver this project.

Public Participation Network

Leitrim Public Participation Network is the officially designated networking and representational body of community groups in County Leitrim. This year sees PPNs nationally reach ten years in existence. Leitrim PPN represents and supports the voice of 418 member groups in Leitrim, this at the very least represents over 2,000 the number of people engaged in community activity within the Leitrim PPN family in our County. The PPN 10-year anniversary will be officially marked and celebrated at the PPN National Conference later this year. Leitrim PPN is funded by Department of Rural and Community Development & Leitrim County Council and hosted by Leitrim Development Company.

Healthy Ireland

The post of Healthy Ireland Coordinator was advertised with closing date May 2nd and interview took place in early June.

Community Recognition Fund

All applications submitted for the May deadline were assessed by an independent committee and submitted to Department by 31st May. The fund is open again for applications with the tranche 2. The deadline for tranche 2 submissions has been extended to 26th August 2024.

PEACEPLUS

The PEACEPLUS Coordinator has responded to a number of pre-commencement conditions and a SEUPB has carried out a capacity check on the governance and financial status of the Council. We are now awaiting issue of a formal Letter of Offer.

Love Where You Live

The Love Where You Live awards are a joined Leitrim County Council and Public Participation Network initiative, recognising the contribution that voluntary and community groups make to Co. Leitrim. Judging for the Love Where You Live Awards took place in May. Community Development employees and independent Judge Leonie Cornelious visited 25 Community Groups throughout the county to Judge the Green Community of the Year and Best Estate Categories. Leitrim County Council's Bio Diversity Officer Judged the Schools Category (Actions for Pollinators). Community Development staff, Leitrim County Council Bio Diversity Officer and County Councillors visited the winning and runner up Schools in June 2024 and presented them with their prizes. Winning schools won €500 and a locally designed and made trophy, runner up schools won €250. The awards ceremony for the other categories will be held on 10th October.

LIBRARY SERVICES

June was another busy month across the library branch network. Over 5,000 physical items were issued and another 1,584 e-books were borrowed. Libraries hosted the usual array of reading and writing group meetings, knitting and craft sessions, language and games sessions, music, yoga, camera club, Bridge afternoons as well as multiple school visits and outreach sessions in a number of early learning centres.

The 2024 Summer Stars Reading Adventure commenced in all branch libraries. This national initiative under the 'Right to Read' Programme aims to encourage children to read for fun over the summer months and engage with a wide range of events taking place in the libraries.

The 'My Little Library' programme which is part of the National First 5 Strategy commenced. Under this very important programme, libraries provide book bags to support children's early language and literacy development. Children starting school in September are invited to come along with family members to the library to collect the bag and receive their very first library membership card.

A number of Cruinniú ran Óg events ran in all library locations. This included a Mud Bug event in Carrigallen, Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton Libraries hosted the National Reptile Zoo, The School of Irish Archaeology visited Kiltyclogher Library, Stuart Lawn from Fab Lab Manorhamilton engaged the children of Drumlease National School in a number of interactive sessions involving, Fionnuala Maxwell engaged with children at Mohill Library on songwriting and video making and focussed on music and folklore workshops at Drumshanbo Library.

A series of Rap Workshops were organised by Ballinamore Library as well as print workshops facilitated by Lough Melvin Studios.

The book-club for Adults with Down Syndrome met in Mohill Library and library also hosted the bi-monthly meetings of the Dementia Inclusive Social Club.

The very popular Digital Skills for Adults sessions continued in the branch libraries as did the chair exercise sessions with Dillon Keane.

A Creative Mindfulness event was held for children in Ballinamore Library with Lorraine McHugh.

Kiltyclogher Library hosted a very enjoyable paint night with artist Elaine Buist.

The Thursday Games Night continued in Carrigallen Library and is proving to be very popular.

A funding grant from DRCD under Dormant Accounts Funding was announced for the purchase of wheelchair accessible shelving to replace shelving units in Carrick-on-Shannon Library.

Kiltoghert native and poet Mary Guckian has made a significant donation of her early poetry works, photographs and other material to the Local Studies Collection. The Local Studies Librarian also attended the launch of the

Kilmakerrill Graveyard heritage film held in the Ballroom of Romance, Glenfarne.

Manorhamilton library hosted an event as part of the Creative Ireland 'Long Grazing Acre Project'. As part of the event Mickey and Niamh Dunne entertained the audience playing the uilleann pipes and fiddle. Tommy Fegan from Armagh facilitated an informative and interesting presentation on the History of Traveler Musicians. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight Traveler culture and traditional Irish music.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Mary Quinn, Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 22 July 2024