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Leitrim County Council

# Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

## September 2024

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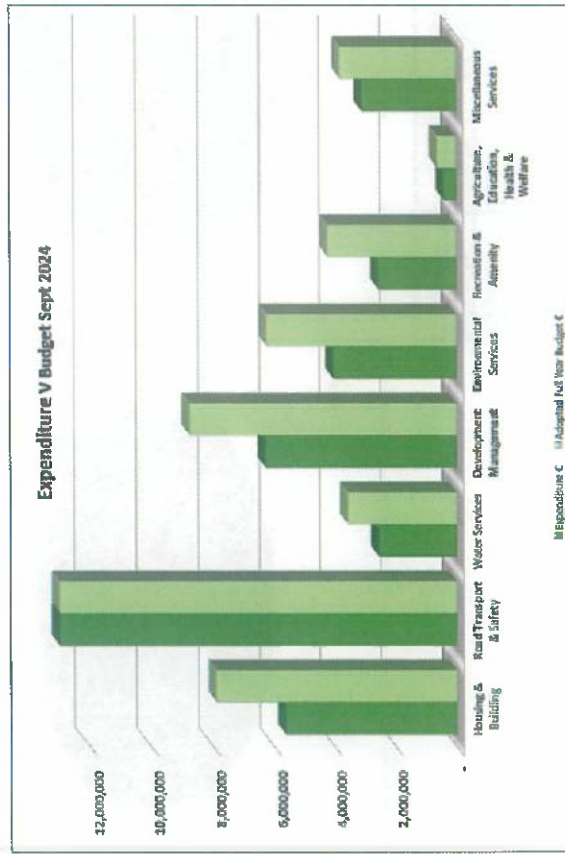


# FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Sept 2024 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division (PRELIMINARY SEPT. 2024 - FIGURES)

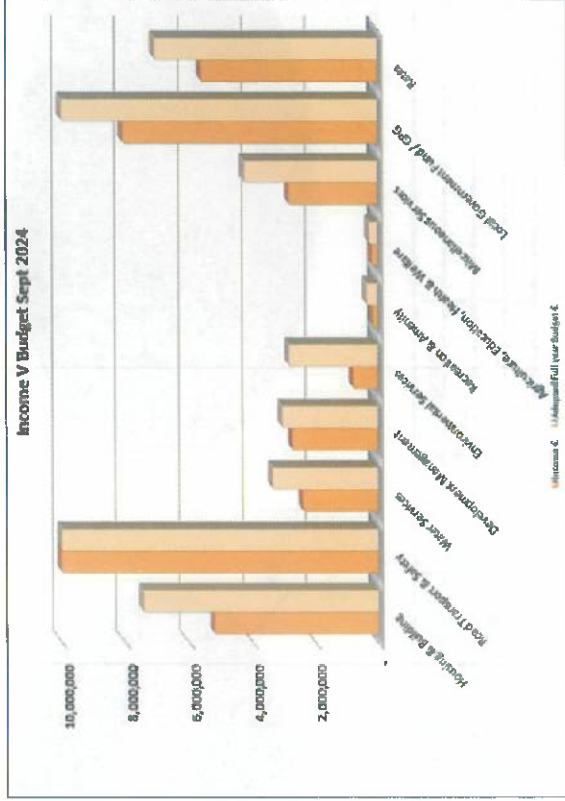
	EXPENDITURE			Budget Remaining €
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	
A Housing & Building	5,633,481	7,902,728	71%	2,269,248
B Road Transport & Safety	15,142,114	17,502,847	87%	2,360,733
C Water Services	2,544,850	3,559,632	71%	1,014,832
D Development Management	6,281,838	8,741,309	72%	2,460,271
E Environmental Services	4,042,200	6,236,437	65%	2,194,177
F Recreation & Amenity	2,548,235	4,218,543	60%	1,671,307
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	407,680	628,228	65%	221,548
H Miscellaneous Services	3,095,750	3,788,846	81%	703,096
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
BA Rates			0%	0
	<b>€39,695,989</b>	<b>€52,591,121</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>12,895,212</b>

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	INCOME			Budget outstanding €
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Balined	
A Housing & Building	5,204,644	7,432,748	70%	2,228,074
B Road Transport & Safety	11,374,723	13,235,033	86%	1,860,310
C Water Services	2,381,564	3,359,654	71%	978,090
D Development Management	2,746,022	3,947,571	69%	1,201,549
E Environmental Services	780,649	2,821,788	28%	2,041,139
F Recreation & Amenity	127,167	350,643	36%	223,476
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	165,161	271,683	61%	106,522
H Miscellaneous Services	2,810,422	4,255,070	66%	1,444,648
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	8,053,668	10,738,091	75%	2,684,423
BA Rates	5,597,984	7,057,870	79%	1,459,886
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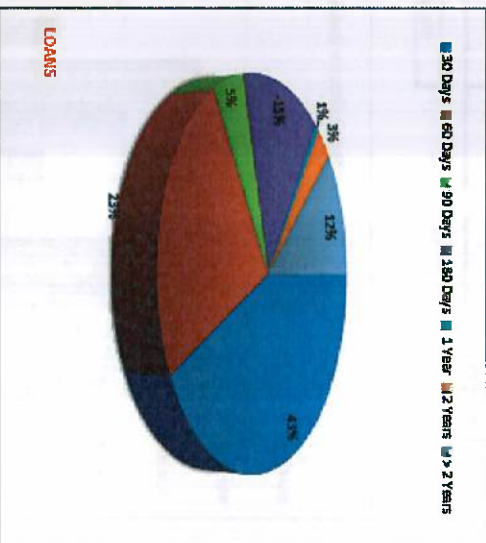
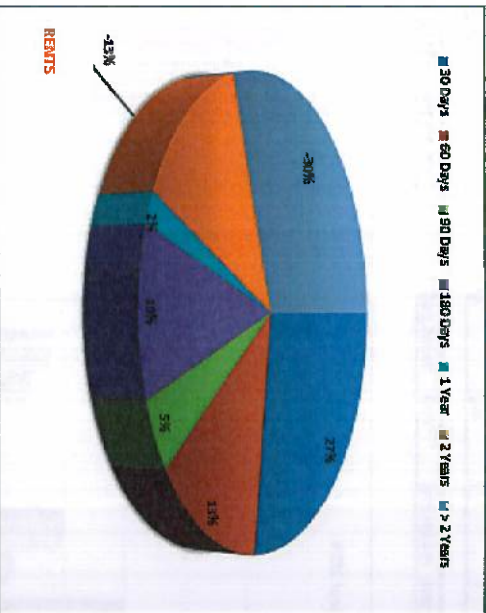
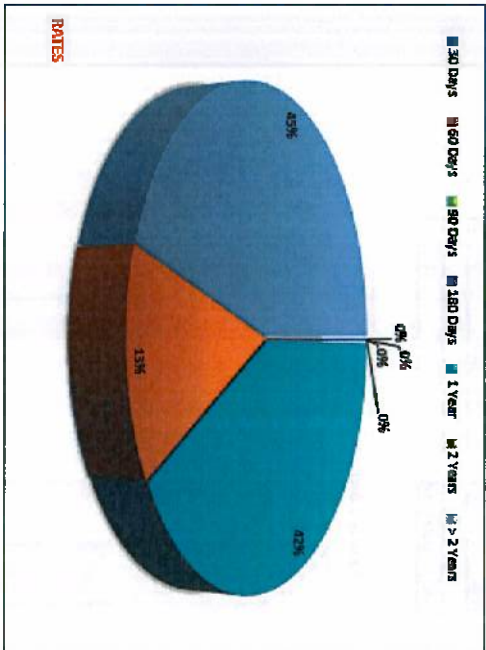
2024 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	€	€	€
	Sep-24	Sep-23	FY 2023
Housing Rents	€2,166,607	€2,008,188	€2,706,736
Commercial Rates	€5,597,984	€5,069,912	€6,006,946
Housing Loans	€228,976	€219,522	€295,948

	YTD		
	%	%	%
	Sep-24	Sep-23	FY 2023
Housing Rents	97%	96%	98%
Commercial Rates	66%	64%	77%
Housing Loans	86%	79%	84%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection % slightly up on September 2023.
Rates collection % slightly ahead of September 2023.
Improvement on Loans collection rates

Sept 2024 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
<b>RATES</b>	€10,561	€0	€0	€0	€1,844,990	€578,851	€1,903,186
<b>RENTS</b>	€132,202	€63,530	€22,351	€49,595	€9,843	€61,726	€146,196
<b>LOANS</b>	€23,327	€12,682	€2,596	€7,459	€460	€1,591	€6,375

## CLIMATE ACTION

### Climate Action Plan

A number of climate action related events were held during SDG week (20 – 29 September) aimed at the community and internally for staff, as outlined in the tables below (events outside September are shaded in grey).

### Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Climate Action continue to work with groups in developing their projects and preparing for drawdown of funding. DECC have confirmed that Phase 2 of the CCAP Fund will not open for calls until 2025 (details to be confirmed).

### SDG Week – Community Events

Date	Time	Location	Event	SDGs Addressed	Organiser	CAP Actions
20-Sep-24	1400	Breifni Family Resource Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, N41 X9D6	Going Global – A Global Citizenship Education Workshop	Quality Education (4) Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions (16) Partnerships for the Goals (17)	Leitrim Volunteer Centre	GL14, CRT8
21-Sep-24	1000 - 1600	Lough Rynn Amenity Area, Clogneagh, Mohill, N41 KH22	Household Bulky Goods Collection	Responsible Consumption and Production (12)	Environment, Leitrim County Council	GL14, N2, CRT1, CRT8, SR7
21-Sep-24	1100 - 1400	Park Lane House, Carrick-on-Shannon, N41 RX53	Treasure Hunt, solve climate clues and get to know the Decarbonising Zone!	Sustainable Cities and Communities (11) Climate Action (13) Partnerships for the Goals (17)	Climate Action, Leitrim County Council	GL14, N2, DZCRT1
21-Sep-24			Farm Walks, Creative Communities on a Shared Island ( <i>Invite Only</i> )	Zero Hunger (2) Responsible Consumption and production (12) Climate Action (13) Life below Water(14) Life on Land (15)	The Dock Arts Centre	SR17
22-Sep-24	1100 - 1300	Chamber, Carrick-on-Shannon, N41 PF67	Sustainable Coffee morning in aid of NW Hospice	Good Health and Well-Being (3) Sustainable Cities and Communities (11) Responsible Consumption and Production (12)	Tidy Towns, Carrick-on-Shannon	GL14, CRT8

28-Sep-24	1100 - 1200	Drumshanbo Library, Main Street, Drumshanbo, N41 KV06	Biodiversity in your Garden	Climate Action (13) Life on Land (15)	Biodiversity Officer & Library Service, Leitrim County Council	GL14, N2, N11, CRT8
		Mohill Library, Castle Street, Mohill, N41 HP29	Poetry Reading with Vincent Woods	Good Health and Well-Being (3) Quality Education (4) Climate Action (13) Life on Land (15)	Library Service, Leitrim County Council	GL14, GL12, GL14, N2, CRT1, CRT8
		Ballinamore Library, Main Street, Ballinamore, N41 E061	Food Waste Workshop with Anna Browne (Big Sky Flowers)	Responsible Consumption and Production (12) Climate Action (13) Life on Land (15)		GL14, N2, CRT1, CRT4, SR3, SR13
		Manorhamilton Library, Main Street, Manorhamilton, F91 C862	Children's storytime with Treasa Nealon	Quality Education (4)		GL14, GL12, GL14, N2, CRT1, CRT8
		Carrigallen Library, Main Street, Carrigallen, H12 XR02	Children's Arts & Crafts with Hannah Carteton	Quality Education (4)		GL14, GL12, GL14, N2, CRT1, CRT8
28-Sep-24	1200 - 1300	Killyclogher Library, Main Street, Killyclogher, F91 XF77	Story of North Leitrim Sustainable Energy Community with Seamus Dunbar	Quality Education (4) Sustainable Cities and Communities (11) Responsible Consumption and Production (12) Climate Action (13)	Library Service, Leitrim County Council	GL14, CRT1, CRT8, DZCRT5

## VETERINARY SERVICE

### Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Examinations	6
Cattle	34
Sheep	81
Pigs	9
Goats	0

### Premises Inspections

Premises Inspections	3
Food Samples	0
Environmental Swabs	0
Water Samples	0
Veterinary Residue Samples	0
Carcass Swabs	0
TB Lesions	0

### Dog Warden Service Activities

Stray Dogs	4
Surrendered Dogs	5
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	3
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Warden Service Requests	32
Dog Fouling Complaints	0
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	2
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	5
Dog Licence Inspections	40
Dogs Neutered	2
Neutering Vouchers Issued	1
Dogs Micro-Chipped	14
Fines Issued – Dogs	0
Statutory Notices Issued	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	3
School/ Community Workshops	1
Social Media Posts	89
Stray Horses Seized	0
Stray Cats Neutered	10
Animal Carcasses Removed	1
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	59
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	4000

**Capital Programme****Fire Stations**Existing Fire Stations

Proposals are under development to amend the facilities within the existing fire stations to accommodate the increase in the number of firefighters per station are set out in the WRC Agreement.

**Building Control activity in September 2024**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Commencement Notices</b>	23	42		
<b>Fire Safety Certificates</b>	2		2	
<b>Disabled Access Certificates</b>	1		2	
<b>Completion Certificates</b>	2			
<b>FSA / Planning Inspections / H&amp;S / Licensing inspections</b>				1
<b>BC inspections / BER / Market Surveillance</b>				8

**Recruitment**

The HR section has processed another 4 no. new recruits for suitability for selection. The Fire Service is currently trying to secure places on a QQI Firefighting Skills Course.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

### **Outreach Office**

An Outreach Office took place in Manorhamilton during September.

### ***Atlantic Economic Corridor Update:***

#### **Regional Enterprise Development Fund: Creative Heartlands**

The project is continuing its programme of workshops. To date over 600 people have engaged in training under the programme across 60 workshops and €75,000 has been invested in equipment. Several enterprises have availed of the catalogue of film and design equipment that is available. A short promotional video for the project has been developed and is available here: [Creative Heartlands Midsummer Makerthon Promo \(youtube.com\)](#)

### ***Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation***

#### **Offshore Wind Regional development**

September brought the 2<sup>nd</sup> working group meeting of the Northwest/West Wind energy group, with Leitrim as a key stakeholder due to high levels of onshore wind. Presentations to the group discussed the limitations of the electricity grid and the opportunities available in energy parks. Key focus areas ongoing are supply chain development, skills and regional opportunities.

#### **NPF Submittal to Government**

In September, the NW REP submitted, in collaboration with Leitrim/Sligo/Donegal CoCo, a joint submittal to the government with a focus on how the status of infrastructure in the region is impacting on our enterprises ability to attract talent, investment and causing logistical issues. The NPF is a key infrastructure enabler.

#### **NW Steering committee meeting**

A Steering Committee meeting was held in September with all regional bodies represented, including Leitrim CoCo/LEO.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **LCDC**

A meeting of the LAG took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Six projects were approved funding.

### **Broadband**

Ongoing response to general queries re Broadband. Continuing to work with BCP's and our Kids Code to schedule kids coding workshops in the community. Planning for further Vex robotics workshops in the BCP's. Meeting of the Digital Steering group took place on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Carrick Campus**

Ongoing promotion of the space available at Carrick Campus. New Show Office developed. New website at an advanced stage. A launch event is currently being organised.

### **Leitrim Diaspora Strategy**

Regular meetings are continuing regarding the execution of the Diaspora Strategy, presently focused on “The Leitrim Gathering” scheduled to take place in May 2025. Promotion of the event is ongoing. A funding call for community groups to apply for financial support to organise an event in their locality closes on 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2024. A new “Diaspora award” has been added to the Love Where You Live Awards, taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.

### **Sustainable Mobility Projects**

A coffee morning was organised on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September to promote carpooling and sustainable transport methods for staff in Leitrim County Council.

### **SDG Week Events**

During Sustainable Development Goals week, a coffee morning promoting sustainable travel took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September for staff in Leitrim County Council. Three evenings of social cycling (on electric bikes) took place along the Shannon Blueway on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Purple Flag**

Purple flag self-assessment took place on September 27<sup>th</sup> with preparation of the submission to ATCM ongoing in September.

### **Excellence in Local Government Awards 2024**

Leitrim County Council have been shortlisted for Excellence in Local Government Awards under Promoting Economic Development category for the acquisition and development of Carrick Business Campus.

## **TOURISM**

### **Marketing**

Leitrim Tourism CLG successfully applied for funding under the Leader program for two projects: a) A two-year marketing program to include Radio, TV, Video on Demand, PR, and online, and b) developing a visitor information app.

### **EU Project**

The Northern and Western Regional Assembly invited the tourism team to attend the 3rd Interregional Learning event of the Interreg Europe Green Health project in the Podkarpacie Region in Poland. The Ireland team included representatives from NWRA Eimer Dowd, Declan Meehan, Rural Recreation officer for Leitrim Emma O'Hagan and Tourism officer Leitrim County Council Sinead Mc Dermott. The event included presentations and shared experiences from partner counties on improving accessibility and inclusion when encouraging activities outdoors and the enjoyment and promotion of natural amenities.

### **Tourism Forum**

The tourism forum convened and discussed a challenging yet stable year with a trend for last-minute bookings. Subgroups submitted reports and actions from the framework document were discussed.

### **Slow Adventure**

Four new experiences have been developed and uploaded to the website [www.slowadventre.ie](http://www.slowadventre.ie). Videos and brochures will also be created for each experience and promoted through various channels.



## **Social Media**

All social media platforms—Instagram, Facebook, and X—were maintained throughout September, emphasising promoting festivals and events.

## **Acres Lake**

Minister Catherine Martin officially turned the sod on the new €1.2 million Water Sports Facility at Acres Lake, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim. Developed by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Leitrim County Council. This best-in-class outdoor tourism amenity aims to enhance the visitor experience and serve as a central hub for outdoor activities in Leitrim.

The new Water Sports Facility at Acres Lake will help extend the outdoor tourism season by providing year-round hot showers, changing rooms, toilets, secure storage, induction spaces, and equipment washdown areas. Accessibility and sustainability will be key focus points for the project, ensuring full wheelchair access and installing solar heating panels to comply with 'Nearly Zero Energy Building Standards'. It will also feature Leitrim's first Changing Places facility along with an accessible toilet.

## **TOWN REGENERATION**

### **Croí Conaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant**

The Croí Conaithe scheme was introduced to help bring vacant and derelict properties back into use as family homes and rental residential units. The Vacant Homes Officer of Leitrim County Council works closely with applicants to allow suitable properties to be brought back into productive use. To date 199 applications have been received, 86 have been received since January 2024, 16 Grants have been paid out to date.

### **Manorhamilton Town Centre First Plan**

The Town Regeneration office held an initial meeting with Manorhamilton Town Team to discuss the process of producing a Town Centre First Plan. The tender documents to procure a consultant for the development of a Town Centre First Plan for Manorhamilton, have been finalised during September and quotes will now be sought from a number of consultants.

### **Kinlough, Dromahair & Ballinamore Town & Village Suite of Supports Funding**

Minister Humphreys announced that Ballinamore, Dromahair and Kinlough were awarded €10,000 per town, under the Town Centre First, Town Team Support Fund. The funding may be used to support the establishment and/or development of town teams where they are not already well established, and to better understand the unique features of towns. During the month of September two meetings were held with Ballinamore Town Team and the formation of the Town Team is now at an advanced stage. An advertisement was placed in the Leitrim Observer to hold a public meeting for the establishment of Kinlough Town Team on Thursday, 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 in Kinlough Community Centre and it is hoped that a public meeting to set up a Dromahair Town Team, will also be advertised shortly.

### **THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme – Application Strand 1**

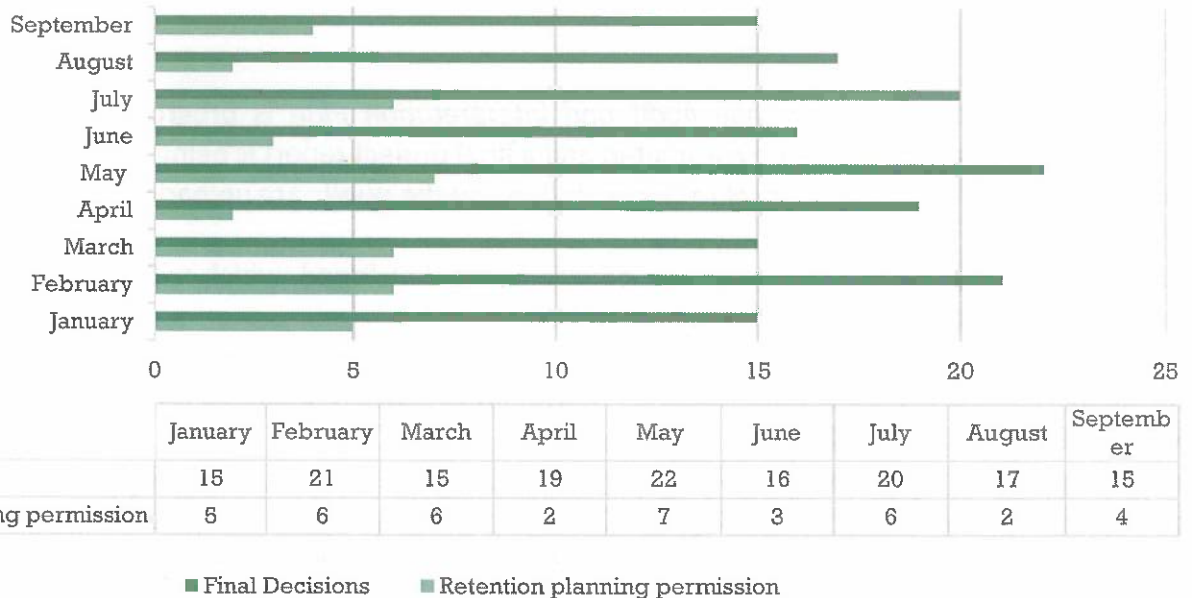
The purpose of the funding stream is to reduce vacancy and dereliction by creating a sustainable and viable reuse of Heritage buildings, in line with Town Centre First Approach. Leitrim County Council successfully secured funding under this scheme to carry out a feasibility study on the Town Hall Building in Carrick on Shannon to establish an end use for the building following widespread consultation process. The project is now at procurement stage and is currently going through evaluation.

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

### Planning Applications January - September 2024



### Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - September 2024



### Further Information Requests

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	19	11	6
February	6	11	4
March	15	9	17
April	5	14	13
May	8	0	7

June	6	8	6
July	12	8	10
August	9	7	3
September	9	8	5

There were 1 no. Local Authority own development proposals going through the public display phase of their Part 8 public consultation process during September, namely the creation of a school safe zone at St. Clare's National School, Manorhamilton by the Active Travel Department. 3 no. Part 8 Local Authority own developments were approved in September at their respective Municipal District meetings namely social housing proposals in Kiltyclogher and Ballinamore and an Active Travel scheme connecting Tully Heights to the footpath network in Ballinamore.

### Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

A total of four no. appeals were lodged with an Bord Pleanála regarding the decision taken by Leitrim County Council to include the lands in the RZLT maps published in February. All four appeals have now been determined by An Bord Pleanála with the Board upholding the inclusion of lands as being within scope in 3 appeals but set aside the determination of Leitrim County Council and excluded the lands from the RZLT map in Carrick-on-Shannon.

The Government outlined additional measures relating to the RZLT in Budget 2025 and Leitrim County Council await correspondence from the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the approach to be taken in relation to the inclusion of lands on the RZLT map on foot of this.

### **Heritage / Biodiversity**

- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Heritage Audit and Interpretation Plan* is progressing. The historical and archaeological research has been completed and a final project report is being prepared.
- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Memory Map Project* is live and the public are uploading material relating to the O'Rourke's.
- *A Connecting Through Heritage Podcast Series* is being developed, which will interview elderly Leitrim residents on particular heritage themes and places.
- The *Leitrim Wetland Survey Phase III* is complete, and the final report is being prepared.
- The *Killahurk Ringfort Access, Environmental and Archaeological Assessment* is complete, with final project reports submitted and funding recoupment claimed.
- The St Mogue's Abbey Community Monument Fund 2023/24 conservation project is underway.
- *Local Authority Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 - 2030* - Development of Discussion Paper for Biodiversity Action Plan and launch of pre-draft public consultation. Closing date for submissions is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- The second 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**

### **Pavement Overlays**

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 1** – Final Account has been agreed with the Contractor. Change order to be submitted to TII regarding alterations to the contract. Final retention to be paid once safety file has been completed.

- **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. However, Consultants are also looking at additional drainage works required due to poor condition of storm drainage. Once detailed drainage design is completed, this pavement overlay scheme will be tendered.

### Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – This scheme was at Phase 3 – Detailed Design and Environmental Assessment stage. It was being designed by RPS consultants and project managed by Westmeath National Road Design office (NRDO). However, this contract was recently terminated due to the fact that the cost estimate for the scheme has recently significantly increased due to poor ground conditions, and this presented 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.

### Bridge rehabilitation works – Works include:

- Bridge rehabilitation works have been substantially completed on 7 bridges
- Works ongoing to four other bridges.
- Contractors have been procured to construct two other bridges which are expected to be completed by the end of November (but will be dependent on contractor resources & weather conditions).

**Low Cost Safety Schemes** – Design works completed on some and submitted to Areas office. Design works ongoing on others.

### Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Design Consultant tenders received and are being assessed.
- **R280 Loughmurran Realignment** – Tender for consultants readvertised and are currently being assessed.
- **R280 Erriff Realignment** - Tenders assessed and Letter of intent issued. Consultant appointed.

### Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

CIS works are progressing. 3 CIS Schemes will be completed in South Leitrim and 2 will be completed in North Leitrim in 2024

### Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

LIS works are progressing well. 9 LIS schemes will be completed in 2024. 4 Schemes in Manor MD and 5 Schemes in Ballinamore MD.

### Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
31	261

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
6	30

## **Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**

Closing Date is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025. In September, Application Forms for this Grant were sent out to circa 295 people - Landowners, previous applicants and any landowners who had been issued with a Hedge Cutting Notice in both North and South Leitrim. A total of 9 Hedge Cutting Grant Applications were received in September.

## **ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Schemes currently under construction by Leitrim County Council Direct Labour:

- Tullaghan Footpath Connection to Housing Estate – 90% Complete
- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link – works have started -60% complete

Schemes currently been progressed through consultants:

- Fehily Timoney - Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures:
  - Trial on Roosky Bridge took place over a 2-week period 23/09/2024 to 5/10/2024. Data collected during the Trial and public surveys to be collated.

Part 8 Planning approved for this Scheme at September MD Meeting. Construction to commence by Direct Labour:

- Ballinamore – Tully Heights connection to Town Environs.

Part 8 Planning process ongoing for:

- SRTS - St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – (Will be brought to the Manorhamilton MD meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024).

## **Safe Route to Schools**

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

- Scoil Mhuire NS, Carrick –Preliminary Design Stage.
- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – (Will be brought to the Manorhamilton MD meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024).

In- house design commenced:

- Mohill Community School.

## **Bus Shelter Programme**

Tender issued for 4 locations in Leitrim as follows:

- Kinlough x 2.
- Ballinamore.
- Drumshanbo.

## **Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.**

Tender issued for 7 locations in Leitrim as follows:

- Dromahaire.
- Drumsna x 3.
- Manorhamilton.
- Scranagross, Glenfarne.
- Tullaghan.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. A preferred option is currently being identified and the development of this option is progressing. Public Consultation on emerging preferred Option is fixed for the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Full details of the project are available on the project website [www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie](http://www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie).

### **Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme**

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the scheme. Public Consultation was held for the scheme. Topo Surveys and Ground investigations are now complete, Environmental surveys, Hydrology and hydraulic analysis on this project on going. A preferred option is currently being identified and the development of this option is progressing.

Full details of project are available on website [www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie](http://www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie)

### **Mohill Flood Relief Scheme**

The OPW have updated the flood maps for Mohill. The OPW Design Staff are currently carrying out hydrology and hydraulic analysis and economic feasibility on this project to determine the need/extent for flood defenses in Mohill.

### **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. A substantial completion certificate has been issue for the Scheme.

### **SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen**

Aurp have been appointed as Design consultant for the project. Phase I - Concept and Feasibility of the project is complete. Phase II – Options selection stage is well under way. Public consultation of route options held from 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2023 to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023. Full details on web site [www.slncr-greenway.com](http://www.slncr-greenway.com).

### **Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillin**

Under construction. Expected completion is Q4 2024

### **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. Sammon Developments Ltd has now been appointed to construct the scheme; work has commenced on site.

### **Unfinished Housing Development Contracts - South Leitrim SL2**

Cluain Locha, Drumshanbo – works substantially complete.

Mountain View, Drumshanbo – works substantially complete.

Cnoc Na Sí, Carrick On Shannon – works substantially complete

Shannon Haven, Dromod – works substantially complete.

Dub Carraig Ceibh, Leitrim Village – works substantially complete

Certificate of substantial completion has been issued, snagging works remain outstanding on all estates.

### **Narrow Gauge Trail Drumshanbo**

Planning approval has been received for this project. Tenders for the Scheme have now been returned and are being assessed. Funding approval from ORIS for the construction contract has now been received.

### **Dromod Roskey Greyway**

Part 8 planning approval obtained at the September 2024 MD meeting.

### **OPW Minor Flood Schemes**

#### ***Dromahair Scheme***

A Feasibility Report was completed on the flooding situation in Dromahair by Tobin Consulting Engineers. This was submitted to the OPW with an application for funding to further develop the Minor Works scheme. Funding of €588,420 has been approved from the OPW to progress the design of the scheme.

Tobin Consulting Engineers were appointed in Q4 2023 to carry out assessment and concept design of possible flood alleviation measures along the river Bonet, current program is that we apply for planning consent to ABP in Q4 2024.

#### ***Leitrim Village (Keadue Road Scheme) Scheme***

Funding of €213,191 has been approved for a progress a temporary flood defence Scheme, to alleviate more frequent flooding at Clauin 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 2024 MD meeting and a Contractor has now been appointed to construct the scheme.

#### ***Manorhamilton Minor Works Scheme***

Funding of €59,558 has been approved by OPW following a flash flood on the 22nd May 24, Works include clearing Vegetation on the Owenbeg and Skreeny River running North and parallel with the New Line Manorhamilton. Currently we are undertaking an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR) for the Scheme. It would be expected works would commence on site in Q1 2025.

# HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

## Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
0	0	0%	0	0%	0

## New Tenancies created to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	New Tenants (1 <sup>st</sup> time allocation)
0	3

## Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 – June 2024 – Progress Report at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Accommodation Type	2019 to 2024 5 year targets Targets	Outputs achieved at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 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		33 (Including 11 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
<b>Totals</b>		
	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b> <b>(5 Year Target is 25 units = 176%)</b>



## Private Rented Inspection Programme

<b>Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Dwellings Inspected</b>  <b>Target – 280 308 (25% of registered rented properties in Leitrim)</b> (Note: Department updated target to 308)	<b>No of Dwellings inspected to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>  <b>Total – 290</b>	<b>% Complete (Department Target 280 308)</b> (Note: Department updated target to 308)  <b>94.15%</b>	<b>Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Total Inspections completed</b>  <b>Target – 350 (Depending on number of Re-inspections carried out)</b>	<b>No of inspections completed to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Total number of inspections including Re-inspections)</b>  <b>Total – 325</b>
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## 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)		
01/01/2024 – 30/09/2024	GRANT	NO	VALUE	
<b>PAID 2024</b>	HGD	30	€221,623.85	
	MAG	12	€47,126.06	
	HOP	51	€263,181.28	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>€531,931.19</b>	<b>€531,931.19</b>
<b>Approved not paid <sup>1</sup></b>	HGD	40	€409,574.40	
	MAG	19	€86,250.00	
	HOP	68	€313,985.75	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>€809,810.15</b>	<b>€809,810.15</b>
<b>Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved <sup>2</sup> Estimated (Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)</b>	HGD	12	€130,000.00	
	MAG	5	€4,026.00	
	HOP	27	€27,606.15	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>€161,632.00</b>	<b>€161,632.00</b>
				<b>€1,503,373.34</b>
<b>Available Balance: €-441,682.34</b>				

<sup>1</sup> Includes applications approved in 2023, not yet paid

<sup>2</sup> Includes applications received in 2023, not yet approved

## COMMUNITY

### Age Friendly Programme

Steering Oversight Committee (SOC) to deliver Carrick-on-Shannon Age Friendly Train Station has been established. The walkability study is taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the process has been reviewed by all stakeholders. Invites have been sent to participants. Proposed works have been reviewed and will be checked on the day when further information is gathered.

### Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland Round 4

€60,000 for delivery of Outcome 1 & 2

€15,000 for delivery of LCC projects

### Healthy Ireland Fund

Outcome 1: Increase in average number of remaining years that persons of a certain age can expect to live without a disability €35,000

Outcome 2: Increase in breastfeeding % rates at first PHN visit and at 3 months follow up €25,000

- For both outcomes stakeholders have signed SLAs and 90% of funds have been allocated with the remaining 10% to be paid out upon completion of reports & assessments

### LCC Projects

Projects totalling €15,000 being rolled out include:

- LAPWD – Hug in a Basket €1000
- Dementia Inclusive Social Clubs – Mohill up and running, Manorhamilton to be relaunched €2000
- National Breastfeeding week – October 1-7 €1000
- LLC Age Friendly Community Events – Carrick ‘Wiser and Greener’ complete, Manorhamilton ‘Healthy for Longer in your own Home – date confirmed November 7<sup>th</sup> 11-3pm €6000
- Lets Talk Cancer Event – complete €1000
- Leitrim Arts Office collaboration – Early Years Pilot Arts Project ‘Nest, move, tell’ – October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> €4000

### PEACEPLUS

The formal Letter of Offer has been received from the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) for the Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan in early September and has been signed and returned.

Leitrim’s allocation is €3,344,009 to include salaries and administration.

**Theme 1:** Community Regeneration & Transformation (CRT) 5 capital projects totalling €836,987

- In relations to the capital projects, while 5 projects have been approved SEUPB have informed us that they intend to appoint an external agency to carry out functions similar to the Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) agency in Northern Ireland. CPD assist public sector bodies in N. Ireland deliver successful projects in construction, supplies and services. We have been advised that we cannot proceed with any capital projects until this agency has been appointed. We have requested a timeline from the funders and are awaiting a response.

**Theme 2:** Thriving & Peaceful Communities (TPC) - 7 Programmes totalling €893,935

**Theme 3:** Celebrating Cultural Diversity (CCD) - 4 programmes totalling €504,913

The next steps in programme implementation are:

- Pre-engagement events for potential tenderers in October where the Peace Team will be meeting with relevant stakeholders & agencies interested in tendering for projects. As many of the larger projects exceed €100,000 these sessions will also include an introductory training session on how to use eTenders.
- Staff recruitment – 2 Development Workers; Project workers as part of tender delivery
- Prepare to recruit programme participants
- A cross border knowledge sharing trip has been planned between the Leitrim and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Peace Partnerships in Enniskillen in November.

### **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 is complete and planning for the Awards Ceremony which will take place on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 has been finalised.

## **LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

The following multi-sports programme took place in September:

- A multi-sport programme for Special Needs Group
- A multi-sport programme for N.L.N.
- A multi-sport Girls Active programme - St. Clare's Comprehensive School
- A multi-sport Girls Active programme – Lough Allen school
- Active Age - Killennummery Hall
- Women's Group - Killennummery Hall
- Foreign Nationals (Palestine and African) - Dromahair
- Yoga/Pilates classes with women foreign nationals in Dromahair
- Ballinamore men's shed Exercise programme

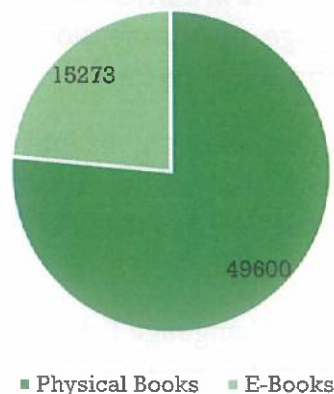
### **European week of Sport**

- Yoga -Lough Allen school students
- Yoga/Pilates -St Clare's school students
- Leitrim Autumn Horse Riding and Animal Welfare Course 2024 - for children from the travelling community
- IWA Lough Key day
- TY Kayaking Programme -Mohill Community School 4 Week Kayaking programme @Lough Rynn facility
- Safeguarding 1 Online Course September 19<sup>th</sup> Online - Mums & Me Post partum fitness programme Mohill GAA Clubhouse Gym
- Kidz on the Run 6-week Programme (North Leitrim Schools)
- Primary Schools Athletics programmes for 2 Schools in North Leitrim
  - St. Clares Manorhamilton
  - Gaelscoil Chluainin

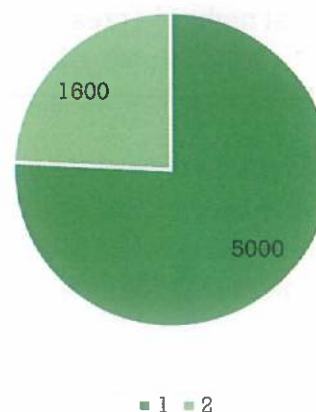
- Couch to 5k Autumn 6-week Programme (Carrick on Shannon)
- Couch to 5k Autumn Programme (Cloone/Mohill/Carrigallen)
- ‘Badminteens’ – Teenage Girls Badminton programme
- ‘Badminteens’ Badminton Ireland TY Programme Mohill CS

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books Year to Date 2024



September 2024



- In addition to all the usual regular events and activities of reading groups, writing groups, art & craft, games sessions, photography club, music sessions, chair exercise/yoga/Pilates classes, parent & toddler groups, breastfeeding group and class visits the following events took place:

**National Public Libraries Open Day** took place on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>. All 8 branch libraries hosted events to mark the day. As it was also **SDG Week** a number of the events centered around an environmental/climate theme. There was a poetry reading by Vincent Woods in Mohill Library accompanied by musician John Tuohy who played the Uilleann Pipes.

A talk by Leitrim County Council’s Biodiversity Officer, Rebeccah Cogan entitled ‘Biodiversity in Your Garden’ and a food wate talk in Ballimore Library by Anna Browne of Big Sky Flowers. Kiltyclogher Library hosted a talk on ‘Sustainable Energy for Communities’ and there was a children’s story-time with Treasa Nealon in Manorhamilton Library and a children’s art & craft workshop in Carrigallen Library. There were also drop-in digital skills sessions in a number of libraries as well as individual information sessions with the local studies librarian in Ballinamore who focused on a range of useful websites relating to family history and other research. The Open Day was an opportunity to showcase the breadth and range of services offered by the library service which include online services, literacy supports, sensory equipment and toys as well as Energy Saving Kits which can all be borrowed by library members.

**Culture Night** was celebrated in a number of libraries. The ‘Rakes of Music’ collection was launched at an event in Ballinamore Library. Rakes of Music’ is a collaboration between Leitrim Library Service and traditional singer and researcher, Fionnuala Maxwell, which celebrates Leitrim’s music, song, dance and culture and can be accessed at <https://leitrimdoc.ie/rakes-of-music/>. Musicians and singers who performed at the event included Brian Mostyn, Noel Sweeney, Lorraine Sweeney, Conor Ward, Tara Kelly, Ailíse Maxwell

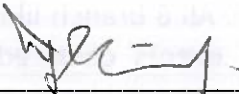
and Kate O'Reilly. Kiltyclogher Library hosted an art exhibition from Johnny Bell, readings from Alison Delahunty, Helen Pinoff, great music from Ciaran, Aidan and Cian Rock as well as Johnny Dunne and Lucien Bester. Two local children who attend Scoil Mhic Diarmada also played music. Josh McGovern on accorsian and Daniel Ashe on the xylophone. Manorhamilton Library hosted an event in conjunction with the Adaptation Film Festival where TY students from St. Clare's Comprehensive were provided with a talk by Stuart Lawn from Creative Heartlands on adaptation of video games into film. Stuart was accompanied by games developer James Brady and the event also included a screening of a film by two local students. Drumshanbo Library hosted a very special event with local well-loved artist Charlie McGettigan. Charlie together with a group of very talented friends from the world of music and story, including Orla and Eamonn Daly, Paul Gurney and Philip Nolan entertained a packed Drumshanbo library on the night. Mohill Library hosted a fantastic evening of music and words with Brian Leyden and Dave Lawless.

**Wild Words** – The first night of a creative writing group for teenagers took place in Carrick-on-Shannon Library on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Wild Words offers teens the opportunity to engage with professional authors and contribute to a publication. The workshops alternate between in-person and online formats.

A **Little Library** promotion took place during the month of September which encouraged families with a child starting school to visit their local library and collect a little library book bag. Many of the branch libraries also promoted and displayed books on 'Starting School' and 'Making Friends' as well as showcasing the beautiful range of picture books available for young readers.

A number of **MSLETB** sessions took place across the library network. English Language Tutors used a number of library spaces to host their classes, and walk-in clinics were provided by the Adult Guidance Information Officer.

**SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Signed:   
Joseph Gilhooly, Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024