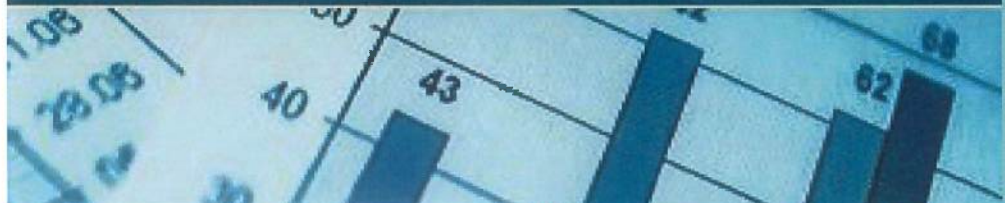


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Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

Monthly Report



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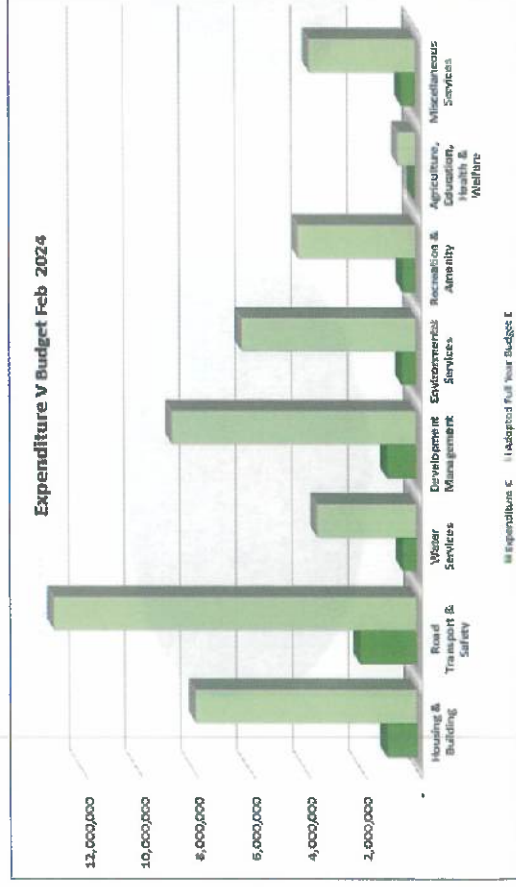
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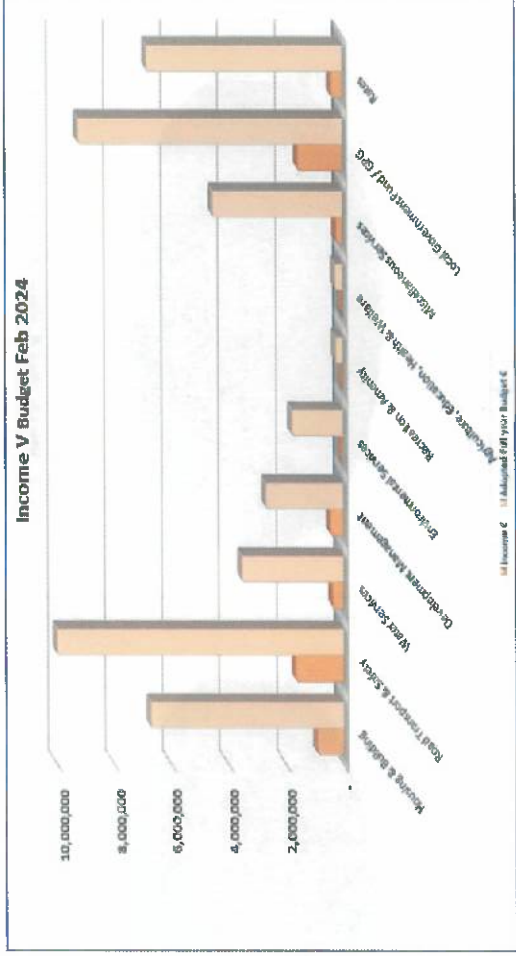
FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

	EXPENDITURE			Budget Remaining €
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	
A. Housing & Building	1,060,135	7,902,729	14%	6,812,594
B. Road Transport & Safety	2,096,265	17,502,847	12%	15,406,582
C. Water Services	493,357	3,559,681	14%	3,066,324
D. Development Management	1,064,579	8,741,310	12%	7,677,231
E. Environmental Services	513,536	6,236,437	8%	5,722,901
F. Recreation & Amenity	475,850	4,219,543	11%	3,743,693
G. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	62,754	829,228	13%	546,474
H. Miscellaneous Services	502,382	3,798,845	13%	3,296,463
LG Local Government Fund / GPC	0	0	0%	0
RA Rate	0	0	0%	0
	€5,258,839	€52,591,120	12%	46,332,281



	INCOME			Budget outstanding €
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
	902,662	6,716,881	13%	5,814,189
	1,646,321	13,158,615	13%	11,510,294
	362,755	3,515,403	10%	3,152,645
	435,312	2,690,939	16%	2,255,626
	39,206	1,770,909	2%	1,732,703
	7,940	246,962	3%	239,222
	6,409	262,770	2%	256,261
	212,115	4,488,053	5%	4,285,917
	1,537,148	9,222,888	17%	7,685,740
	371,956	6,820,280	5%	6,448,334
	€5,522,524	€48,903,616	11%	43,381,092



	NET	
	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
	(187,473)	998,405
	(387,944)	3,956,283
	(130,802)	(86,322)
	(629,267)	5,421,545
	(475,330)	3,990,198
	(468,210)	3,504,471
	(76,346)	290,113
	(290,246)	(989,484)
	1,537,148	(7,685,740)
	371,956	(6,448,334)
	€736,314	€2,951,190

No. of Days in Overdraft during Jan 2024

0

Feb 2024 - Recourse to Overdraft

Interest Incurred

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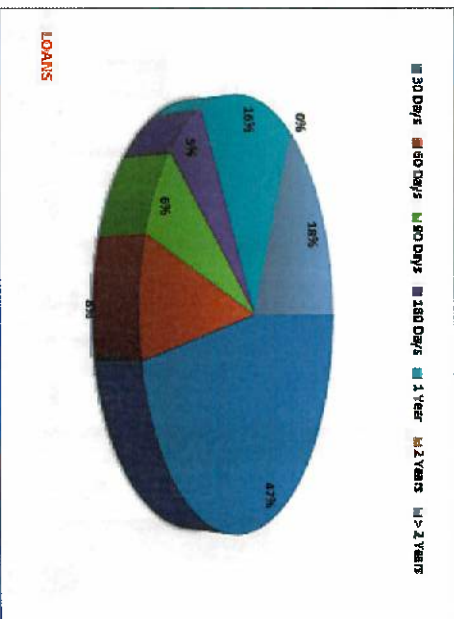
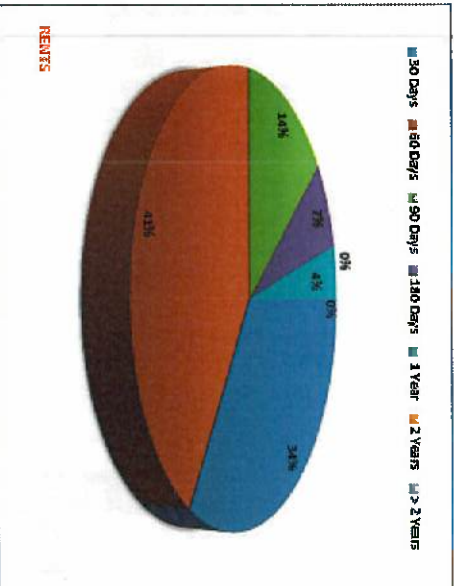
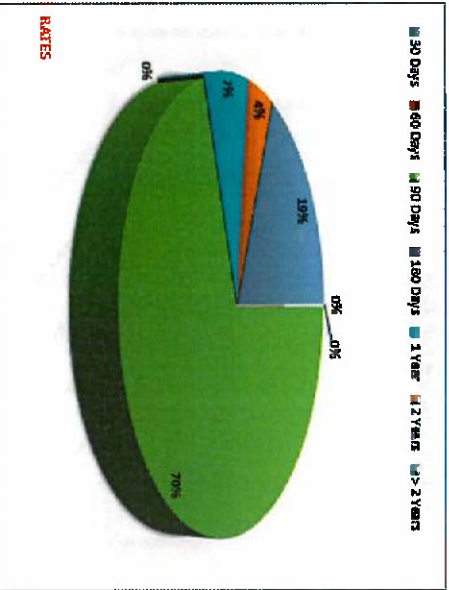
2024 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	Feb-24	Feb-23	FY 2023
Housing Rents	€460,971	€431,490	€2,706,796
Commercial Rates	€371,956	€1,074,491	€6,006,946
Housing Loans	€52,530	€45,112	€295,948

	YTD		
	Feb-24	Feb-23	FY 2023
Housing Rents	91%	76%	98%
Commercial Rates	4%	14%	77%
Housing Loans	49%	42%	84%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection has improved when compared to Feb 2023.
Rates collection % reduced when compared to Feb 2023 due to timing of issuing of rates demands.
Loans collection has improved when compared to Feb 2023

Feb 2024 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€6,927,320	€0	€689,122	€416,985	€1,871,880
RENTS	€41,158	€48,790	€16,704	€8,225	€5,168	€0	€0
LOANS	€24,034	€3,969	€3,108	€2,743	€7,910	€0	€9,180

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan

Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 was adopted by resolution by Elected Members on 19th February 2024 in accordance with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act as amended (Climate Act). There is a period of 30 days to finalise all details required before publication of the final Climate Action Plan.

Community Climate Action Programme Fund

The deadline for applications to the Leitrim County Council Community Climate Action Programme Fund is now closed for Strand 1 (Building Low Carbon Communities) and Strand 1a (All-Island Community Climate Action). Applications will be reviewed and validated before evaluation and recommendation to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

VETERINARY SERVICE

Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Examinations	10
Cattle	38
Sheep	88
Pigs	4
Goats	3

Premises Inspections

Premises Inspections	4
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	15
Surrendered Dogs	5
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	10
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Warden Service Requests	8
Dog Fouling Complaints	1
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	1
Dog Licence Inspections	4
Dogs Neutered	5
Neutering Vouchers Issued	6
Dogs Micro-Chipped and Registered	17
Fines Issued – Dogs	0
Statutory Notices Issued	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	1

School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	75
Stray Horses Seized	0
Stray Cats Neutered	7
Animal Carcasses Removed	0
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	58
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3700

CIVIL DEFENCE

Service	Qty
Water Sampling Assisting LCC	1
Assisting LAWPRO water sampling	1
ICG callout to assist cruiser aground	1
Swiftwater Training	1
SAR Training	1
Ongoing Incident (Containment) Leitrim Village (involving Civil Defence & Environment)	1
CISM workshop	1
Assisted Roscommon Civil Defence with missing person search	1
Total	8

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 Pleanala in June 2023. Approval has been granted, with conditions, on the 09th February 2024.

Fire Appliances and Equipment

Spare Class B appliance

We have received approval of €72,000 incl. VAT capital funding to purchase a spare second-hand Class B appliance. Angloco Ltd have a Scania Class B available and it was inspected on 29th February. Awaiting final mechanics visual inspection report before submitting a purchase request to the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM).

New Handportable radios

The contract for new handportable radios for the fire service has gone to tender by Dublin County Council and has gone to tender.

Building Control activity in February 2024

	Received	Valid / Invalid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices	17	11/3		
Fire Safety Certificates	2	7	5	
Disabled Access Certificates	2	5	5	
Completion Certificates	1			
FSA / Planning Inspections / H&S / Licensing inspections				2
BC inspections / BER / Market Surveillance				1

Recruitment

Following from the recent Retained Firefighter recruitment campaign, 32 applications were submitted to Human Resources for positions across the 5 Fire Stations. Candidate suitability tests are scheduled to commence on 04th March.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Mentoring

A Marketing Review Mentoring clinic and a Tax and Revenue clinic took place during February.

Training

Training delivered during February Instagram Getting Started, How to Submit your Income Tax Return, Workplace Stress Management, Facebook Intermediate, Using AI for Content Creation and SEO, Managing your Cashflow and Forecasting, How to Plan and Schedule Your Social Media Content and Posts, Canva Advanced, Creating Facebook and Instagram ads.

Other Sustainable Supports for Business

The “*All In A Days Work*” campaign was relaunched in February, promoting the offerings of Green, Lean and Digital for Business Programmes. In Leitrim, additional local promotion of the supports was conducted through the green/sustainability supplement in the Leitrim Observer during February 2024.

An *Energy Efficiency Grant* is available to support the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Business Report, for 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000 to all businesses meeting the eligibility criteria.

Regional Enterprise Development Fund: Creative Heartlands

The project is continuing its programme of workshops with approx. 4 events each month between now and June 2024.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund, Marketing and Heritage: Mohill

Supports and communications are increasing to coincide with the public realm works underway in Mohill. Expressions of interest for shopfront improvement scheme and supports for events and festivals has been launched.

Infrastructure report – the impact of infrastructure deficits on enterprises in the Northwest region

A final draft of the report was received in mid February to be reviewed by the working group. This report will be socialised with the steering committee with the ultimate audience being Minister Coveney.

(Recap of the Objective: A singular report on the effects of infrastructure deficits on business in the region with case studies from businesses)

Offshore wind working group (on behalf of DETE)

Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr Simon Coveney TD wrote to the chair of the steering committee of the West/North West Enterprise Plan in October 2023, to request that enterprise opportunities for offshore wind are included as an objective of the Regional Enterprise Plan. The West and Northwest Regional Enterprise Plans are developing a joint regional working forum to assist the strategic growth of the Offshore wind industry and complementary renewables to enable the region to capitalise on the future growth of the industry. This is aligned with approach taken by other regions – including the Southwest, Southeast and Mid-west.

During February, membership letters and terms of reference were circulated to members for consideration (including Leitrim CoCo) and a chair appointed – Tomas O Siochain, Chief Executive of Udaras.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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.

RRDF Category 1 -5th Call

Leitrim County Council finalised and submitted two RRDF funding applications in February, one in respect of Drumshanbo Exchange as the lead applicant, and one in respect of Glenfarne Wood as a partner applicant. Both were submitted under the 5th call for Category 1 applications by the scheme deadline of 08th February.

Broadband

Ongoing follow up queries re Broadband. A meeting took place with the area office and NBI re the Bundoran Commencement. NBI have been invited to attend the March meeting of Leitrim County Council to give an update on progress around the County.

County Promotion Events

Plans and preparation continued in February for a County Promotion event to be held in London in March 2024. 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.

Town and Village PDM & LCC Project Development Grant

Both the Town and Village Project Development Grant and the Leitrim County Council Project Development Grant were advertised in February for Expressions of Interest to be submitted by 13th March.

TOURISM

Marketing

In February, Leitrim County Council’s Tourism Team had the opportunity to meet with Tourism Ireland representatives from both the French and German offices who were visiting Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands. A significant sustainable tourism campaign is being rolled out in both countries to promote the cruising product and County Leitrim.

The Tourism team attended Fáilte Ireland Industry Briefing, which focused on driving sustainable development. Among the topics discussed were climate action, regionality & seasonality, marketing & product development, and industry support & initiatives.

Support

The Tourism Department is preparing for a Regenerative Tourism Event, which will take place at the end of March. The event will have international speakers who will present on Regenerative Tourism and how it applies to tourism providers in Leitrim. Invites have gone out to tourism providers all over the county for this online event.

Preparation is ongoing for a series of training workshops for Festival and Events committees in the county. These online workshops will cover a range of topics, including Finance & Governance, Programming & Festival Delivery and Marketing & Promotion.

The Tourism team continues to assist Emma O Hagan, Rural Recreation Officer, with the delivery of the National Trails Conference 2024, which will take place in Leitrim in August 2024.

St. Patrick’s Day Committees submitted their grant application for St Patrick’s Day Events. The applications were evaluated, and letters of offer were sent to the successful committees.

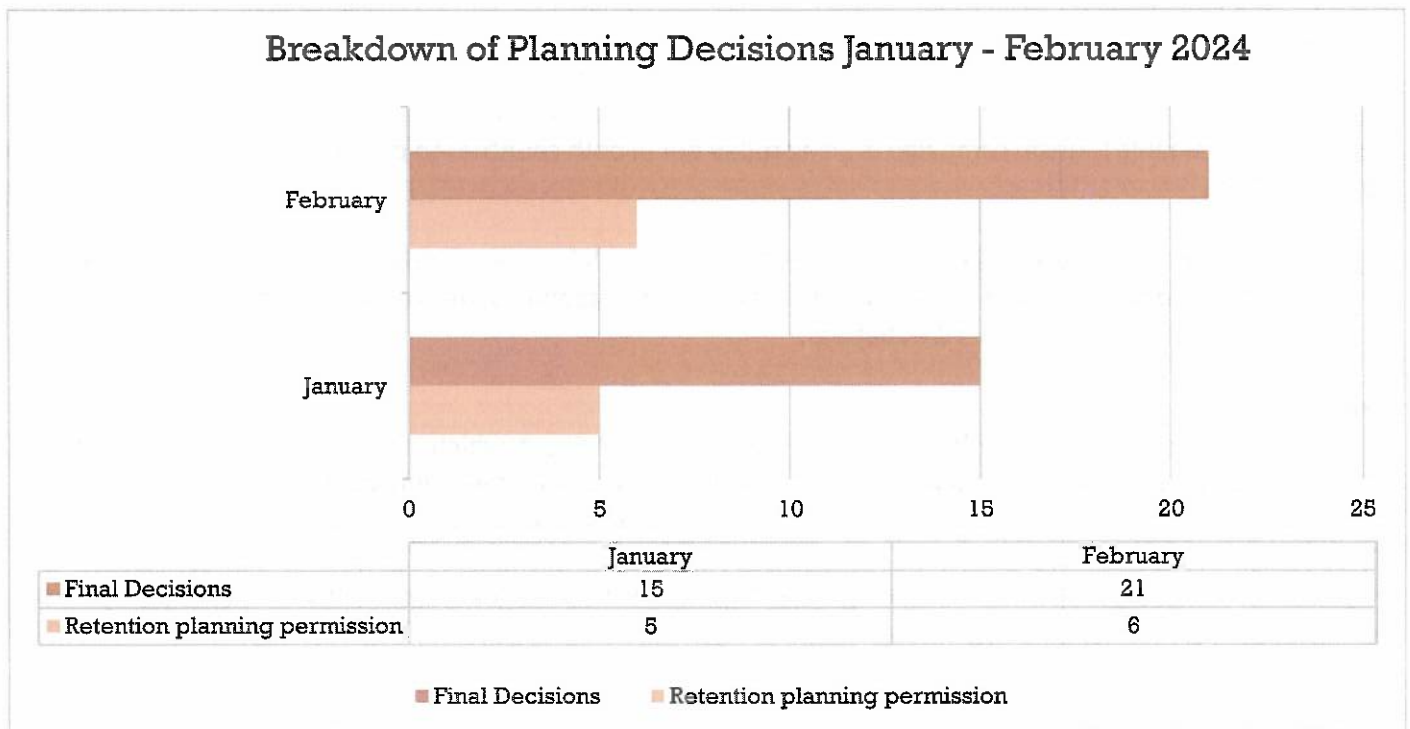
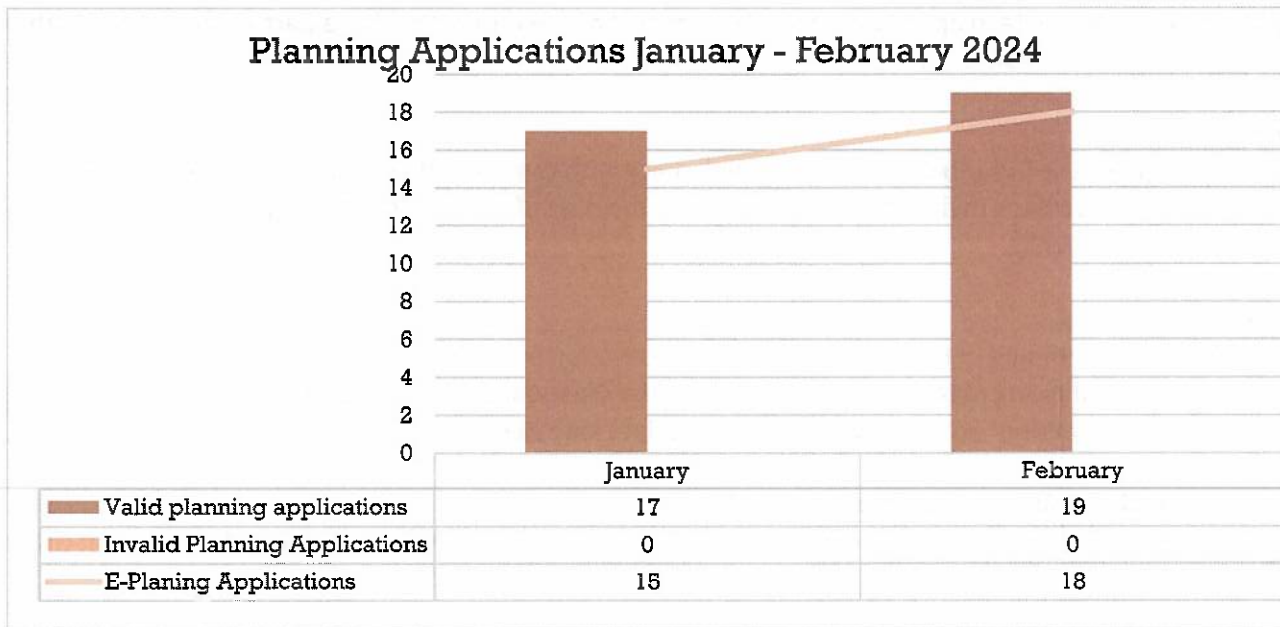
Acres Lake

The Tourism Team are working closely with the Capital Projects office and Fáilte Ireland on the delivery of the new Facility at Acres Lake Amenity.

Tourism Framework

Planning for 2024 continues with a focus on implementing the actions arising from the Tourism Framework document. This includes the setting up a new tourism structure for the county, which is currently being developed.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT



Further Information Requests

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	19	11	6
February	6	11	4

Forward Planning

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 is now open until the 1st of April and the Final Map for lands liable to the RZLT for 2025 will be published in January 2025.

ROADS

National Road Grant Allocations 2024

A total Allocation of €5,276,909 has been received for 2024 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on the National Roads Network in County Leitrim in 2024. This can be broken down between Improvement and Maintenance Works as follows:

Grant Allocation towards Improvement Works on National Roads in Co Leitrim 2024	€2,068,000
Grant Allocation towards Maintenance Works on National Roads in Co Leitrim 2024	€308,909
Greenways	€1,900,000
Major Schemes – N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod	€1,000,000
Total Improvement & Maintenance Grant Allocation for National Roads in Co. Leitrim 2024	€5,276,909

Non-National Road Grant Allocations 2024

A total Allocation of €13,189,250 was received in February 2024 from the Department of Transport in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on Regional and Local Roads in County Leitrim in 2024. This can be broken down as follows:

Restoration Improvement Grant	€6,775,500
Restoration Maintenance Grant	€1,737,500
Discretionary Maintenance Grant	€1,698,000
Bridge Rehabilitation Grant	€538,000
Safety Improvement Works	€275,000
Specific Improvement Grant	€830,000
Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage)	€3,400
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€6,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€345,000
Former National Roads Grant	€200,000
Training Grant	€47,500
Community Involvement Scheme	€307,350
PSCI: Survey Support	€16,000
Drainage Works Grant	€410,000
Total Non-National Road Grants Allocation 2023	€13,189,250

Annual Area Programme 2024 & Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024

The Annual Area Programme 2024 and Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024 has now been prepared and has been approved at the Municipal District Meetings in February 2024.

- Road Crews continuing to carry out routine maintenance works.
- Road Crews carrying out Winter Maintenance Works as necessary.

N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Project

Progressing as follows:

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- Surveys 2024 – The following Contracts are ongoing in 2024: -
 - Ground Investigation Contract
 - Topographical Survey Contract

- Noise and Air Monitoring
- Ecology Survey Contract
- Individual meetings are taking place with directly impacted landowners in advance of the upcoming Public Display - Public Display No. 4 - Presentation of Proposed Route Alignment and Junction Strategy - which is taking place on Wednesday 20th March 2024 from 12.00 noon to 8pm, in The Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – Consultants working on Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation). Works are ongoing.

Community Improvement Schemes (CIS)

Funding of €307,350 remains unchanged from 2023.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

Leitrim County Council has not yet received any allocation for Local Improvement Schemes for 2024.

Services in Charge Queries

Services in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Services in Charge Queries processed
45	58

Abnormal Load Permits

Abnormal Load Permits processed this month	YTD Abnormal Load Permits processed
3	6

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for this year opened on the 1st September.

Applications Received for Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2023/2024	Applications deemed Ineligible/Not Proceeded with	No. of grants paid up to end of last Month
70 Ballinamore MD = 23 Carrick on Shannon MD = 21 Manorhamilton MD = 26	5	29 (41% of applications are completed)

Active Travel

The 2024 Active Travel programme has 21 schemes throughout the county, and they are at various phases i.e option selection/design/statutory processes/construction/completed.

Schemes completed to date in 2024:

- Permeability Link Cara Court & Glen Carrick.

Schemes currently under construction by Leitrim County Council Direct Labour:

- Tullaghan Footpath Connection to Housing Estate.
- Drumkeerin Active Travel Scheme.
- Roosky Active Travel Scheme.

Schemes currently been progressed through Consultants:

- Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures
 - Finalised Options report was presented by the Consultants to Carrick MD and Boyle MD Councillors on 21st February and a Trial of the proposed option is to be arranged.
- Carrick On Shannon – Leitrim Road Active Travel Scheme

- Options Report received from consultants. Active Travel to discuss Scheme with NTA and advise Consultants of next steps.

Topographical Surveyors procured for the following schemes:

- Rapid Build Cycle Track Summerhill Link road Carrick on Shannon
- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Cycle Scheme

Design and Statutory Processes are required for the following:

- Ballinamore – Tully Heights connection to Town Environs
- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link
- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link
- Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link
- Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade
- Bike Parking

Consultants to be procured for:

- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Cycle Scheme
- Drumshanbo – Town Junction Upgrade

Bus Shelter Programme

Contractor has completed construction of Bus shelters at the following locations:

- Carrick Business Park, Carrick on Shannon
- Priests Lane, Carrick on Shannon

Contractor to continue with programme of work for Bus Shelters at the following locations:

- Leitrim Village
- Hyde Street, Mohill
- Glenfarne
- Dromod Train Station
- Drumkeerin

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Full details of project are available on project website www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the scheme. Environmental surveys underway, ground investigation underway and environmental surveys are ongoing. Full details of project are available on website www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie

Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme

Bridge and Boardwalk lighting contract is ongoing. Contractor currently on site.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen

Started work on Phase II. Full details on web site www.sln-cr-greenway.com.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillin

Under construction. Expected completion April 2024

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns

Funding of €500,000 has been received from Fáilte Ireland for this project. Construction work on new bus stop underway.

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. The start on site will be dictated by environmental constraints as to when we are allowed to carry out works in the river.

Drumshanbo ExChange

Part 8 planning approval obtained at the February MD meeting. Application has been submitted to the RRDF scheme for funding to construct the project.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes

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.

Funding of €213,191 has been obtained for the temporary flood defences at Clauin Oir housing estate Keadue Road, Leitrim Village. CST has been appointed as design consultant for the scheme.

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 are currently being assessed.

Unfinished Housing Development Contracts

South Leitrim SL2 – Construction work underway on estates:

Cluain Locha, Drumshanbo – works complete.

Mountain View, Drumshanbo – works complete.

Cnoc Na Sí, Carrick On Shannon

Shannon Haven, Dromod – works complete.

Dub Carraig Ceibh, Leitrim Village – under construction.

North Leitrim NL3 – Consultant appointed to provide Site Resolution Plan for:

Churchfield, Dromahaire

Forest Grove, Dromahaire

The Acres, Dromahaire

Windmill Park, Drumkeerin

Melvin Fields, Kinlough

Oakfield Lawns, Kinlough

Carbry Coast, Tullaghan

South Leitrim SL3 – Consultant appointed to provide Site Resolution Plan for:

Dun Na Bo, Ballinamore

Cois Locha, Carrigallen

Carraig Breac, Drumshanbo

An Crannogue, Keshcarrigan

An Gairdin, Keshcarrigan

Cnoc Na Greine, Mohill

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.

HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 29 th February 2024	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
1	0	0%	1	100%	0

New Tenancies created to 29th February 2024

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 29 th February 2024	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
4	4

Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 - June 2024 - Progress Report at 29th February 2024

Accommodation Type	2019 to 2024 5 year targets Targets	Outputs achieved at 29 th February 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		31 (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	42 (5 Year Target is 25 units = 168%)

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Dwellings Inspected	No of Dwellings inspected to 29 th February 2024	% Complete (Department Target 280)	Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Total Inspections completed	No of inspections completed to 29 th February 2024 (Total number of inspections including Re-inspections)
Target – 280 (25% of registered rented properties in Leitrim) *Figure to be updated by the Department	Total – 135	48.21%	Target – 350 (Depending on number of Re-inspections carried out)	Total – 140

HOUSING GRANTS

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

2024 Allocation ¹ - €465,615.15 (80% of allocation - €372,492.12)				€465,615.15
01/01/2024 – 29/02/2024	GRANT	NO	VALUE	
PAID 2024	HGD	7	€50,628.05	
	MAG	1	€6,000.00	
	HOP	18	€83,874.53	
	TOTAL	26	€140,502.58	€140,502.58
Approved not paid ²	HGD	40	€447,606.08	
	MAG	16	€72,935.00	
	HOP	54	€293,445.55	
	TOTAL	110	€813,986.63	€813,986.63
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved ³ Estimated (Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)	HGD	9	€90,000.00	
	MAG	5	€20,000.00	
	HOP	28	€140,000.00	
	TOTAL	42	€250,000.00	€250,000.00
				€1,204,489.21
				Available Balance: €-738,874.06

¹ 65% of 2023 Allocation of €716,331 (2024 Allocation not yet received) ² Includes applications approved in 2022/2023, not yet paid ³ Includes applications received in 2022/2023, not yet approved

COMMUNITY

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

111 applications for funding were received under the Local Enhancement Programme by the closing date which was 18th February. An evaluation was planned by the LDCD Evaluation Committee. A list of proposed projects for funding will be compiled and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development by 27th March.

Age Friendly Programme

The Age Friendly Alliance met on 8th February and continue their work on the Midterm Strategy Review. A subgroup continue to seek support from the HSE and LocalLink for the provision of a Community Car in Leitrim aimed at older people in need of transport to attend medical appointments.

Comhairle na nÓg

Leitrim County Council and North Connaught Youth Services worked on the preparation of the Annual Work Plan and request for funding from Pobal as well as reporting on the Work Plan for 2023.

Public Participation Network

The Community Development Section and the PPN prepared the 2024 MOU and 2023 reports and 2024 Work Plan for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Healthy Ireland

Final claims for 2023 submitted to POBAL on 16th February. Grantees from 2023 received the remaining 10% funding based satisfactory reports. Expression of Interest for 2024 funding have been reviewed and work activity plans have been created. Healthy Ireland will prepare SLA's to work with the 9 implementation leads in 2024.

Period Poverty

2023 reporting returned to the Department of Health and the 2024 application was submitted on the 9th February for the Maximum funding €15,000.

Africa Day 2024

Application submitted to the Dept. of Foreign Affairs to fund Africa Day on 25th May 2024 for €7,500 on 29th February.

PeacePlus

There has been a number of queries from SEUPB in the last few weeks indicating our application is now under assessment. We have also responded to multiple queries on the Shannonside Regional Campus project. It is expected to receive notification on the status of this application towards the end of March/early April.

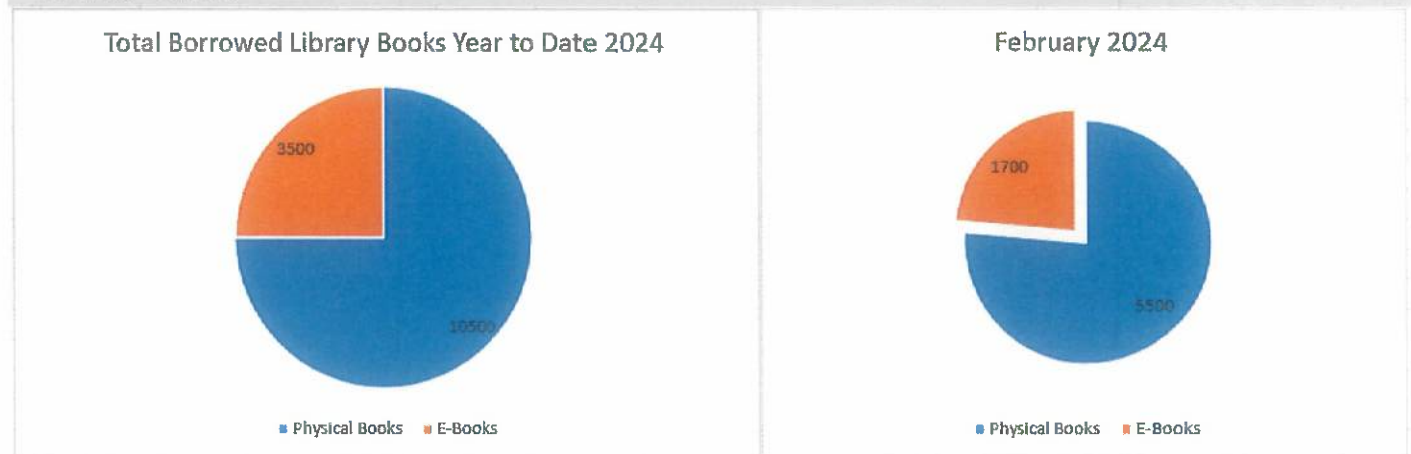
Love Where You Live

Leitrim's Love Where You Live Awards were officially launched on Monday 19th February by Cathaoirleach Justin Warnock at The Dock in Carrick-on-Shannon. The aim of these awards is to publicly acknowledge the great work of communities and volunteers. The Love Where You Live 2024 Award Categories are:

- Green Community of the Year
- Estate of the Year
- Primary Schools-Actions for Pollinators
- Diaspora
- Social Inclusion
- Community Achievement

Closing date for nominations is 07th April 2024. Judging will take place in May and an awards ceremony will be held on 10th October 2024.

LIBRARY SERVICES



- The Ireland Reads Campaign which encourages everybody to rediscover the joy of reading ran throughout the month of February. Nuala O'Connor, did a book reading and Q&A in Mohill Library on the National Day of Reading, Saturday February 24th and Eileen O'Toole did a 'First Chapters, Puppet and Sound' workshop for children from Scoil Mhic Diarmada in Kiltyclogher.
- An SEAI Home Energy Saving Clinic was held in Manorhamilton Library on 13th February.
- Drumshanbo and Carrick-on-Shannon Libraries each hosted a masterclass on the topic of Menopause and Bone Health.
- MSLETB information clinics were held in Mohill and Ballinamore Libraries aimed at those exploring further education and training opportunities.
- A new bi-weekly Dementia Inclusive Social Club has commenced in Mohill Library.
- Carrigallen Library extended its public opening hours and now has evening hours available on a Thursday.
- Manorhamilton and District Historical Society held an event in Manorhamilton Library where owner/custodian Mary McCaffrey spoke about Lurganboy Lodge and Mohill Library hosted a talk by Mohill Historical Society on the Arigna Valley through Revolution by Oisín Ó Drisceóil.

- The TY class from Ballinamore Community School visited the Local Studies Library in Ballinamore and received a presentation from the Local Studies Librarian on accessing both in-branch and online library resources and provided assistance and advice to students submitting entries to the Young Historian competition. The Local Studies Librarian also provided presentations in Carrigallen Vocational School, Lough Allen College and Mohill Community College.
- To mark the end of the Decade of Centenaries, UCD Library's Poetry as Commemoration Project team have presented a copy of the limited edition 'Grief's Broken Brow' to the Local Studies Library. It is available for viewing in the Local Studies Library.
- Libraries facilitated public information sessions regarding the Enhancement Programme and the Creative Communities Open Call.
- The 'Wild Words' Young Writers' Club, a partnership between Leitrim Library Service and Leitrim County Council's Arts Department commenced in Drumshanbo Library on Monday 19th February. The workshops are being led by the highly experienced facilitators, Niamh Mac Cabe and Wayne O'Connor.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Joseph Gilhooly, Deputy Chief Executive

Date:

14th March 2024