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Leitrim County Council

# Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

## February 2025



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Feb 2025 - Recourse to Overdraft

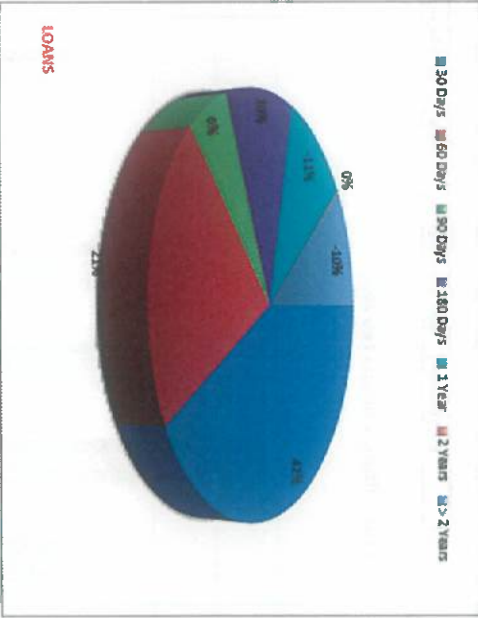
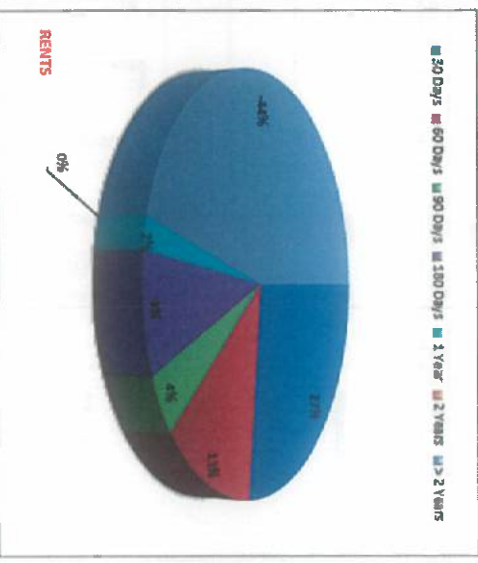
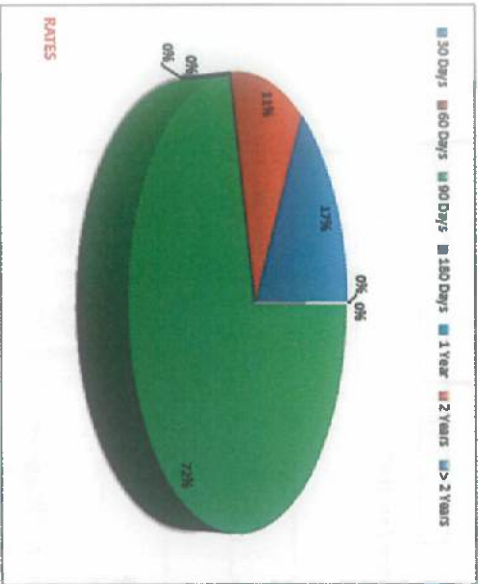
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2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD			YTD		
	€	€	€	%	%	%
	Feb-25	Feb-24	FY 2024	Feb-25	Feb-24	FY 2024
Housing Rents	€501,271	€460,971	€2,913,258	90%	91%	99%
Commercial Rates	€593,208	€371,956	€6,412,325	7%	4%	80%
Housing Loans	€56,023	€52,530	€309,577	60%	50%	88%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection remains consistent. 2024 accounts not yet finalised
Rates collection % ahead of Feb 2024. The 2024 accounts not yet finalised
Loans collection % ahead of Feb 2024. The 2024 accounts not yet finalised

Feb 2025 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€7,367,221	€0	€0	€1,162,451	€1,767,064
RENTS	€132,528	€61,567	€21,951	€41,283	€11,147	€0	€223,750
LOANS	€20,888	€10,345	€2,725	€5,164	€5,282	€47	€5,124



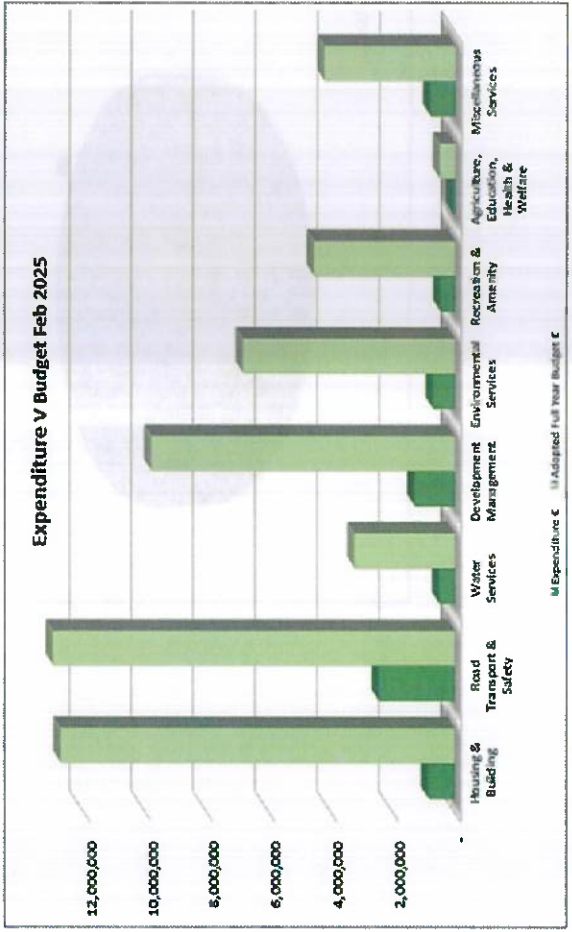
# FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Feb 2025 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY February, 2025 - FIGURES)

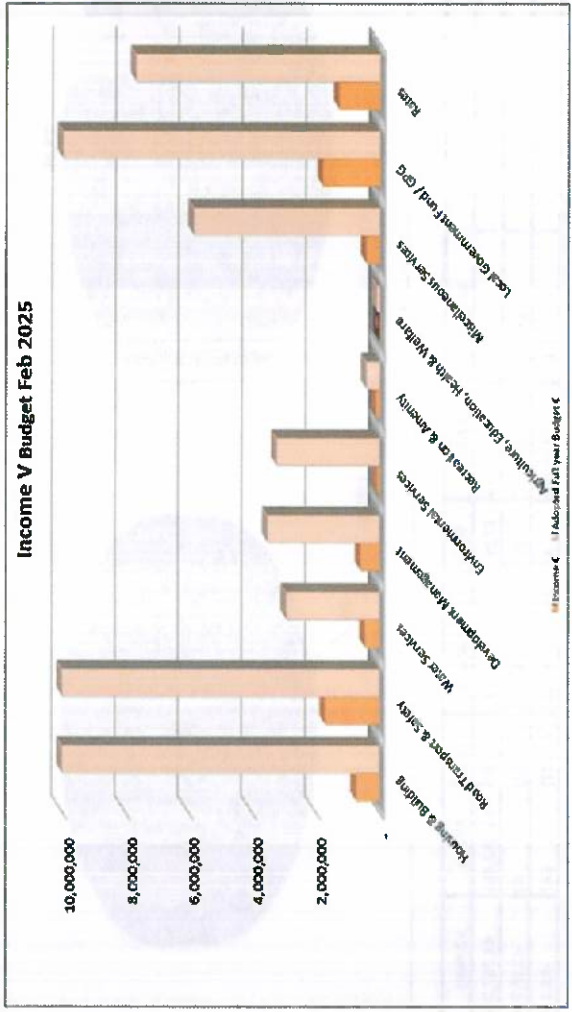
	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent
A Housing & Building	855,315	12,743,118	7%
B Road Transport & Safety	2,454,833	18,203,366	13%
C Water Services	507,644	3,246,837	16%
D Development Management	1,298,245	9,808,667	13%
E Environmental Services	709,728	6,832,982	10%
F Recreation & Amenity	472,038	4,554,668	10%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	55,781	497,784	11%
H Miscellaneous Services	801,906	4,232,110	19%
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%
RA Rates	0	0	0%
	<b>€7,155,490</b>	<b>€60,119,532</b>	<b>12%</b>

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	INCOME			
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
	720,855	12,147,236	6%	
	1,705,839	13,527,511	13%	
	448,703	2,922,862	15%	
	592,897	3,510,597	17%	
	60,567	3,224,033	2%	
	110,383	416,707	26%	
	5,687	80,183	7%	
	417,167	5,850,618	7%	
	1,790,963	10,745,778	17%	
	1,285,821	7,594,007	17%	
	<b>€7,137,884</b>	<b>€60,119,532</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>52,981,648</b>

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	NET	
	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
	(134,659)	461,223
	(748,993)	3,926,882
	(58,941)	265,034
	(706,148)	5,591,922
	(649,161)	2,959,788
	(361,655)	3,776,306
	(50,094)	367,507
	(384,739)	(2,003,247)
	1,790,963	(8,954,815)
	1,285,821	(6,408,186)
	<b>(17,605)</b>	<b>(17,605)</b>

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### MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Feb, 2025

- The preparation of 2024 AFS is currently ongoing.
- 2024 collection figures are not finalised and remain provisional
- The 2025 Rates Invoices were issued in February 2025.

## CLIMATE ACTION

### Climate Action Plan

Climate action progression ongoing in February 2025

1. Compilation of an Annual Progress Report for implementation of the Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan for 2024 is ongoing throughout February. Requirement per S14B(8) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act as amended regarding compliance with LA Climate Action Plan Guidelines (S 1.6.4 of the Guidelines).
2. Interreg Peer Review for Leitrim County Council, Ireland- *How to get rural communities to embrace new sustainable forms of mobility?* was held on 6 & 7 February 2025. This was organised by Economic Development (input from Sustainable Mobility WG including Active Travel, Roads, Planning, Climate Action, CPO) and attended by national bodies (relevant government Departments and Agencies including Local Link).
3. Eirgrid Roadshow planned for Landmark Hotel on 11 February was postponed. This has been rescheduled for 7 May 2025.
4. Climate Action Committee meetings that were scheduled for 28 January & 12 February 2025 were postponed. The meeting has been rescheduled for 5 March 2025.
5. Members of Climate Action attended a site visit to Biocore Anaerobic Digestion and CHP Plant in Ballaghderreen (met with Will Fellows) in respect of action SR6, SR20, DZSRM10.
6. Met with ATU mentor (Paul McNama) on the SEC registered '*Carrick-on-Shannon Climate Action*' (to support the objectives of the DZ) as well as a Memorandum of Understanding between Leitrim CC and SEAI to support SEC Energy Masterplans (EMP). It is agreed to keep the SEC governance '*Carrick-on-Shannon Climate Action*' limited initially (Tidy Towns, Town Teams, Chamber of Commerce, The Hive and representatives from Leitrim CC). The bridging funding may be used for actions beyond the EMP in the DZ given that work was done in making the Climate Action Plan.
7. Met with Climate Action sections from national LAs and DECC on 27 February 2025 regarding Service Level Agreement funding of implementation the LA Climate Action Plan. DECC will require a separate annual report on 30 September, KPIs for reporting to be determined. Funding will only cover the salary and expenses of the Climate Action Coordinator and the Climate Action Officer not implementation of Plans. Any outstanding costs that had to be stripped out of the 2024 claim (particularly relating to Phase 2, making of the Plan) will have to be taken up separately, with LAs affected joining together to make a case.
8. Participating in an exercise of mainstreaming climate action into the budget with Tipperary Energy Agency. Collaborating across sections within Leitrim County Council for further discussion and learning with other participating Local Authorities.
9. Pre-feasibility study for district heating tender has returned 9 responses from interested parties. Border region Climate Action Coordinators to evaluate responses for selection of successful tenderer on 6 March 2025.
10. Leitrim CC in association with the Rediscovery Centre to bring their Rediscover Fashion roadshow to Carrick-on-Shannon for the Gathering, focusing on upcycling and repair of textiles with a date agreed for 23 May 2025 in The Dock.
11. Leitrim CC have been accepted onto a community climate educational initiative in partnership with Trinity College Dublin. There will be funding for a programme in September - November 2025 for enhancing awareness with community groups in Carrick-on-Shannon DZ.

### Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Climate Action continue to work with groups in developing their projects and preparing for drawdown of funding. The next window for reclaim with DECC is 14 March 2025.

DECC have confirmed funds for Phase 2 of the CCAP are ring fenced with similar funds available (€300,000 Strand 1 for Co. Leitrim and €3,000,000 national pot for Strand 1A). Calls for expressions of interest likely to open at the end of May 2025.

## FIRE SERVICE

### Capital Programme

#### Fire Stations

##### Manorhamilton FS

Leitrim County Council has received approval to progress to Stage 2C: Detailed Design. Fortnightly meetings are now scheduled between the Fire Service and the Design team to advance this. It is envisaged that this process will be completed by Q2 2025

#### Fire Appliances and Equipment

##### New Fire Appliance

The chassis for the new fire appliance is ordered and the first design meeting with the manufacturer's is scheduled for Q1 2025.

#### Building Control activity in February 2025

	Received	Valid	Granted	Inspections Undertaken
<b>Commencement Notices</b>	8	5		
<b>Fire Safety Certificates</b>	5	5	5	2
<b>Disabled Access Certificates</b>	2			
<b>Certificate of Compliance on Completion</b>	1	1		
<b>Building Control Act Inspections (Commencements, on-site, BERs, Market Surveillance etc)</b>				1
<b>Dangerous Substances Act Applications</b>				5

#### **WRC agreement for retained firefighters.**

Structured time of and fortnightly pay arrangements will commence in March 2025.

## RURAL WATER

Uisce Eireann have taken in charge 1 further Group Scheme – the Lisdrumfarna Lisdrumrea Group Water Scheme has been taken in charge on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. This group scheme is 4.3km in length and has a total of 40 connections – 28 domestic, 6 domestic and land and 6 land only. There are no reservoirs or pumping stations on this group scheme

This brings the total group schemes taken in charge in 2025 to 3 no. to date and 4 no. were taken in charge in 2024.

There are now 3 Group Schemes with Uisce Eireann that have yet to be taken in charge and work is ongoing with a number of other Group Schemes to try and progress them under the taking in charge process.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

### Training, Mentoring & Export

The following training courses were ran in February:

- Food Starter Programme
- A Digital Marketing Review Clinic
- AI Tools for Business training
- Canva for Beginners
- MicroFinance Ireland Loans Information Session
- Website Essentials training
- Small Business Accounts
- Canva Advanced Design Techniques

A Management Development Training Programme commenced called 'Brand & Personal IMPACT Program for Creative Businesses' which is being facilitated by Eddie Shanahan. LEO Leitrim was involved in supporting the 'EmpowHER 2025: A Morning of Inspiration and Empowerment for Female Entrepreneurs' event which took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb in Carrick Business Campus.

### ***All In A Days Work Programmes & Associated Financial Supports***

The "All In A Days Work" campaign continues to be rolled out on the areas of Lean, Green and Digital supports. There is a growing demand for all three supports as well as the Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG) and Grow Digital (GD) Voucher. The revised EEG, which is now available, with up to 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €10,000 can be supported following the completion of a Green for Business, Green Start or a SEAI Energy Audit. The GD voucher is a grant covering 50% of eligible costs (minimum grant of €500 up to a maximum grant of €5,000) limited to new software subscriptions for a period of 12 and training and configuration of the software.

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

#### **Interreg Europe Digital Rural**

County Council are a partner on the project to examine ways to improve polices for the development of smart towns and villages. The project will run until 2028. An interregional Learning Event will be held in April 2025 and will be attended by the project team and stakeholders.

#### **PEACE Plus: Digital Services Funding**

Leitrim County Council are a partner in the 'DS3 project' under PEACE Plus investment area 2.4 Smart Towns and villages. The DS3 Project aims to increase cross border collaboration and co-operation engaging civil and business communities in the adoption of ICT solutions in community service delivery and economic activity, thereby creating more connected and sustainable communities. The project will run from February 2025 to January 2028.

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

Creative Heartlands is in the process of finalising an evaluation under the REDF funding received. A survey was issued to all stakeholders, and a report is being developed. Over 600 people have engaged in training under the programme across 60 workshops and €75,000 has been invested in equipment.

#### **Mohill RRDF**

A painting scheme has been launched for the front of premises in the town. This is under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and will be administered as the capital works enter their final phase.

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

#### **Entrepreneurship development in the NW**



Following on from the 10x Northwest Entrepreneurship Exchange event, 2 Leitrim companies continue to be mentored by senior entrepreneurs from around the country until June.

### **Preparation for new Northwest Regional Plan**

Currently DETE are undergoing an analysis of the REP initiative to take forward some recommendations into the development of the new REP in Q3 2025. Currently the PM is preparing for the new plan by meeting with all regional steering committee members and gathering feedback to take forward into the new plan.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **LCDC**

A meeting of the LAG took place on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The LCDC Annual Report for 2024 was approved.

A presentation took place on the SICAP 2024 End of Year Report and the SICAP 2025 Annual Report which were both approved by the committee.

### **Broadband**

A Meeting took place with the STEM Passport for Inclusion programme manager from Maynooth university with a view to encouraging secondary schools in Leitrim to get involved in this programme for TY students.

Two tenders were received for delivery of the new Digital Strategy, this will be evaluated in due course.

Additional funding for Our Kids Code workshops has been secured through Google and this will support workshops for 6 national schools around the County.

### **Leitrim Diaspora**

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 Leitrim Gathering continues and was referenced in a speech by Cathaoirleach Paddy O’Rourke at the Leitrim Association London 68th Annual Dinner Dance. Information was shared about The Leitrim Gathering by Leitrim PPN in their fortnightly e-bulletin and social media channels. Paid advertising campaigns across Google, Facebook and Instagram went live. Organic social media postings were published in English and Irish. Window and postal stickers were delivered to County Council offices and post offices throughout Leitrim. Further information about events was added to the listing of events on The Leitrim Gathering website.

### **Purple Flag**

Plans are underway for staff to attend the presentation of the awards will take place in April 2025.

### **Leitrim County Council Project Development Grant**

Engaging with successful applicants to progress projects deemed eligible.

### **County Promotion**

The EmpowHER event took place on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Carrick Campus. Ambassador videos have been developed to support the strategic partnership with Leitrim GAA diaspora and for use in promoting The Gathering.

Plans continue for other County Promotion events later this year.

### **LAMA Awards 2025 Shortlist**

The Junction, Ballinamore won the Best Town or Village Regeneration project at the recent LAMA awards ceremony in Cork.

### **Funding Applications**

During February, work continued on two RRDF Category 2 applications (Kinlough Community Resource and Recreation Centre and Shannonside Villages) which are due for submission to DRCD on/before 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Interreg Peer Review**

Leitrim hosted an Interreg Peer Review online on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February on the topic of 'How to get rural communities to embrace new sustainable forms of mobility'. There were experts from Portugal, Denmark, Scotland and Cork on the call, sharing their experiences and best practices and providing recommendations.

## **TOURISM**

### **Fáilte Ireland - National Industry Briefing**

The Tourism Team attended Fáilte Ireland's National Industry Briefing, which focused on the tourism outlook for 2025. The session highlighted both the challenges and opportunities ahead and discussed key national initiatives and strategic developments set to shape the tourism landscape in the coming year.

### **Fáilte Ireland - Regional Briefings**

The Tourism Team also participated in Fáilte Ireland's online Regional Industry Briefings. These sessions provided tailored insights into the unique challenges and opportunities faced by each region, while outlining how Fáilte Ireland's plans will support tourism businesses in driving success in 2025.

### **Visitor Information App**

Development of the Visitor Information App is progressing, and it is currently in the testing phase. Once the testing is completed, businesses will receive login details to upload their information. The app will serve as a one-stop platform, providing visitors with up-to-date details on events, attractions, and activities happening across the county.

### **Support for St. Patrick's Day Events**

The St. Patrick's Day Committees have submitted their grant applications for the 2025 events. These applications were evaluated, and letters of offer have been issued to the successful committees.

### **Festival and Event Grants**

Over 24 grant applications were submitted by festival and event groups throughout the county for this year's events. Applications were received under three categories: Arts, Tourism, and Community. These applications are now being assessed to determine which events will receive funding and support.

### **Green Health European Project**

As part of the Green Health European project, a site visit to Mount Allen Farm took place to explore various activities and experiences for tourists and visitors interested in environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and climate change. The visit also highlighted opportunities for social farming participants. A presentation of the visit was delivered to partner countries, with a focus on accessibility, health, and wellness offerings.

### **Social Media Engagement**

Throughout February, all social media platforms—Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter—were maintained. A photography competition was launched, which will run throughout the year. Selected photos from the competition will be featured in the annual Leitrim Calendar.

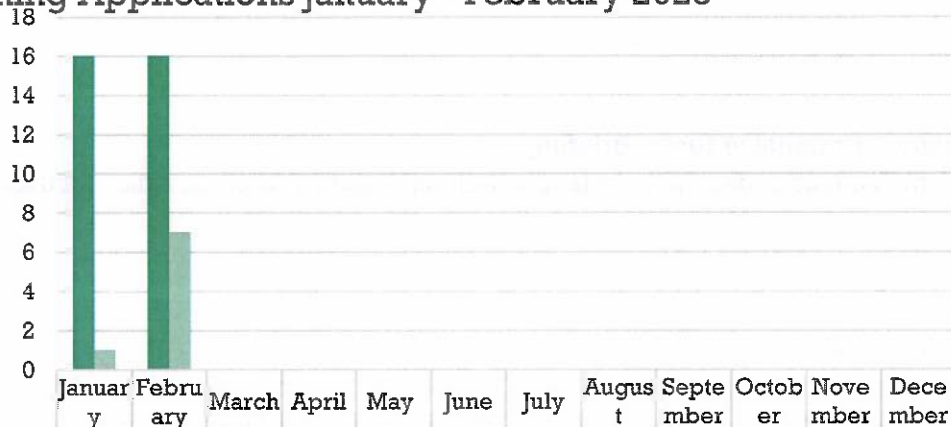
### **Acres Lake Facilities Centre**

Work on the Acres Lake Facilities Centre is progressing. A site visit was conducted, with representatives from other local authorities currently constructing similar facility centres, as well as members of Fáilte Ireland and Leitrim County Council.



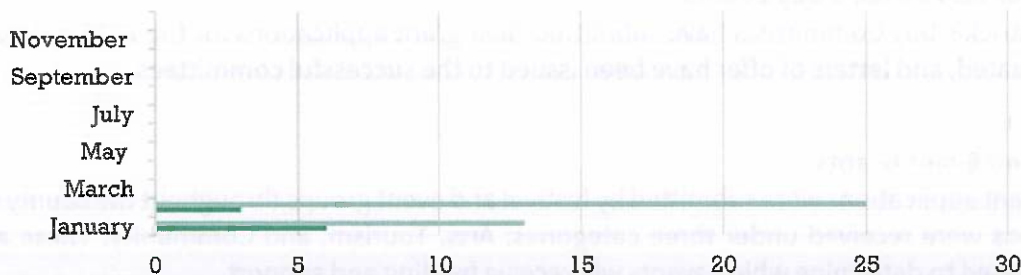
**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

**Planning Applications January - February 2025**



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Valid planning applications	16	16										
Invalid Planning Applications	1	7										

**Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - February 2025**



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Final Decisions	13	25										
Retention planning permission	6	3										

Final Decisions      Retention planning permission

**Further Information Requests**

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	12	12	9
February	10	7	4

## Forward Planning

### Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

The material amendments to the draft Plan were placed on public display from 8<sup>th</sup> January - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A total of 10 no. submissions were received primarily from statutory bodies with one no. submission having been received on behalf of landowners. The Executive will prepare and submit a report on behalf of the Chief Executives to the elected members in early March summarising the points raised in the submissions and making recommendations with regard to the making of the draft Plan with the material alterations or including modifications to same.

### Residential Zoned Land Tax

Annual Draft RZLT maps were published on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. Landowners have until April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to make submissions with regard to the inclusion of lands as being within scope of the provisions of RZLT or seeking to have such lands dezoned.

## Heritage

- Terms of Reference have been prepared and consultants invited to tender for *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Project*. Project outputs will include a website, book, short film and series of events, all of which will celebrate this historic Leitrim family. Consultants have also been invited to tender for the Creative Ireland funded *O'Rourke's of Leitrim* Primary education pack.
- Two videos have been launched which tell the story of Seán MacDiamadia and his homestead in Kiltyclogher. These videos forms part of the *Connecting Through Heritage* Youtube series.
- The *Leitrim Memory Meitheals* podcast, which forms part of the *Connecting Through Heritage Podcast Series*, continues to be developed. All interviews have taken place, and episodes are being edited with a launch planned for March.
- The current Leitrim Heritage Plan will conclude at the end of 2025 and preparation for the new Heritage Plan has begun.

## ROADS

### Non National Road Grant Allocations 2025

A total Allocation of €14,476,650 was received in February 2025 from the Department of Transport in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on Regional and Local Roads in County Leitrim in 2025. This can be broken down as follows:-

Restoration Improvement Grant	€7,739,500
Restoration Maintenance Grant	€1,737,500
Discretionary Maintenance Grant	€1,737,000
Bridge Rehabilitation Grant	€570,750
Safety Improvement Works	€345,000
Specific Improvement Grant	€1,000,000
Speed Limits Review Grant	€299,500
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€358,250
Former National Roads Grant	€200,000
Training Grant	€47,500
Community Involvement Scheme	€375,650
PSCI: Survey Support	€16,000
Drainage Works Grant	€410,000
<b>Total Non National Road Grants Allocation 2025</b>	<b>€14,476,650</b>

The National Road Grants Allocation for 2025 has not yet been received from the TII.

### **Annual Area Programme 2025 & Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025**

The Annual Area Programme 2025 and Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025 have now been prepared and have been approved at the Municipal District Meetings in February 2025.

#### **Pavement Overlays**

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 1** – This POS Scheme was completed in 2023 and final Retention has now been paid to the Contractor. Awaiting close out Report from Consultant.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – This POS commenced in November 2024 and works are now substantially completed. Scheme to be closed out in 2025

#### **Realignment of N16**

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on this Realignment Scheme are now complete. Awaiting specialist contractor & Manorhamilton District Engineers office to complete additional residual network works.

#### **N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections** – Works include:

- **Strabrick Junction** – Safety Works at this Junction on the N16 were substantially completed in 2024. To be closed out in 2025

#### **HD15 Road Safety Improvements on N4 – Roundabouts on N4 (Shannon Lodge Roundabout to end of Speed Limits)**

TII & Leitrim County Council met onsite to discuss scheme – Leitrim County Council to complete Feasibility & Options report and submit to the TII and once approved a pedestrian and vulnerable road movement survey will be procured and completed.

#### **Leitrim Greenways & Active Travel Severance Scheme**

- **The N16 Manorhamilton VRU Improvement scheme.** – Topographical survey completed in 2024 & Traffic survey completed recently.

#### **Bridge Rehabilitation Works**

- De-vegetation of Bridges in North & South Leitrim is currently ongoing in preparation for the 2025 proposed Bridge Rehabilitation Programme.

#### **Specific Improvement Grants** – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Design Consultant appointed. Options report approved by Department. Consultant working on Tender documents for Topographical survey & Ground investigation works
- **R280 Killarga** – Design Consultant appointed, and Topographical survey completed. Options Report has been completed and approved by Department. Consultant currently working on Ground Investigation tender, 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Part 8 documents have been prepared.
- **R278 Junctions** – Proposed Land take drawings issued to Area office for agreement with landowners.
- **R280 Erriff Retaining wall Rehabilitation** – Design Consultant has been appointed, Topographical survey completed, the De-vegetation of the Retaining wall has been completed, Bat survey completed and Consultant currently working on Ground investigation tender documents.

#### **Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)**

The CIS allocation for 2025 is €375,650. This will be divided across the three MD's. CIS Programme for 2025 will now be finalized.



### **Roads in Charge Queries**

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
32	42

All queries regarding water and wastewater services are now processed by Uisce Eireann.

### **Abnormal Load Permits**

Abnormal Load Permits processed this month	YTD Abnormal Load Permits processed
8	8

### **Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**

<b>No. of Applications Received for Hedge Cutting Grant &amp; Tree Canopy Scheme 2024/2025</b>	<b>No. of applications deemed Ineligible/Not Proceeded with</b>	<b>No. of Grants paid up to month end</b>
85 applications, incl. 18 Tree Canopy Grant Ballinamore MD = 26 Carrick on Shannon MD = 22 Manorhamilton MD = 37	5	23

## **ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Active Travel Schemes currently under construction by direct labour and will be completed in Q1/2025:

- Ballinamore – Tully Heights.
- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link.
- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link.

Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures:

- Meeting took place with NTA and LCC to discuss Trial. Decision to be reached by LCC and RCC regarding next steps.

Currently at Preliminary Design Stage and Part 8 Planning will be required for the following:

- Safe Routes to School – Mohill Community College.
- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Active Travel Scheme.
- Drumshanbo – Town Junction upgrade.

### **Safe Route to Schools**

- Delivery Plan received and awaiting design from NTA:
  - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS

### **Bus Stop Enhancement Programme**

Schedule of works to be agreed with NTA.

## HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### Housing Allocations

The Housing Team continued to meet social housing need in the county by the allocation of a social housing tenancy. A total of **2** offers of accommodation issued to housing applicants in February 2025 with **2** offers of accommodation accepted and **0** offers of accommodation were refused.

Offers issued to 28th February 2025	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
2	2	100%	0	0	0

### New Tenancies

2 new tenancies were created in February 2025 in standard Local Authority accommodation. All newly appointed tenants' complete mandatory pre-tenancy training with the Tenant Liaison Officer prior to the formal handover of keys of the property.

New Tenants (1 <sup>st</sup> time allocation)	Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
3	0

### Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

The new Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 sets out an overall 5-year target for provision of 20 units. At the end of February 2025, the Housing Department have provided **1No.** unit under the Standard Local Authority Housing Scheme, representing **5%** of the overall target to be achieved.

### Housing Grants

Details of the funding allocation for 2025 are currently awaited from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. In the interim, the Department have approved expenditure of up to **75%** of the 2024 Allocation of **€1,061,691** in advance of the funding allocation being announced. Under the revised Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People) Regulations 2024 which came into effect on **1st December 2024**, **85%** funding is provided from Exchequer Funding and the remaining **15%** will be provided by the Local Authority own contribution.

The Housing Department currently have on hand a number of grants which have been approved and are expected to be paid in 2025. The total value of such grants is approximately €57,000 and the breakdown over the three grant schemes is as follows:

- 4 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability
- 5 Housing Aid Grants for Older People
- 5 Mobility Aid Grants

In addition to this, a number of Housing Grant Applications have been received and not yet approved. The approximate value of such grants at an average of €3,000 per Grant is **€123,000**

Full details and application form for the new grant scheme is available on our website - [Housing Grants - Leitrim County Council](#)

### Housing Capital

The Housing Capital Team continue to progress the delivery of the annual targets under 'Housing for All'. Details on the social housing (new housing construction dwellings pipelined for delivery) are as outlined in the table below:

### 2025 Pipeline Delivery Projects

Location	Number of Units	Delivery Mechanism
Kinlough	9	Turnkey
Carrick-On-Shannon	18	Direct Build
Drumshanbo	4	Turnkey
Drumshanbo	1	Part V
Dromod	2	Turnkey
Keshcarrigan	4	Direct Build
Total No. of Units projected for delivery in 2025	38	

In addition, works progressed on a number of other 'pipeline delivery projects' to provide additional new social housing supply in 2025 and 2026.

### Housing Maintenance

#### Private Rented Inspection Programme 2025

The Housing Department has an annual target to inspect accommodation in the private rented sector. In 2025, a total of 326 properties will be inspected and a number of properties may also have to be re-inspected to monitor compliance with the standards where any issues were identified in the initial inspection. (\*The indicative target for the number of inspections in 2025 is 326 and this may be subject to change at a later date).

2025 Target for Inspection	No. of inspections completed on 28th February, 2025	% Complete on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 out of the overall target.
326*	83	35.89%

#### Stock Condition Surveys on Local Authority Houses 2025

The Housing Department have an annual target to inspect 20 % of the Local Authority Housing Stock. In 2025, a total of 219 houses will be inspected. (\*The indicative target for the number of inspections in 2025 is 219 and this may be subject to change at a later date).

2025 Target for Surveys	No. of surveys completed on 28th February, 2025	% Complete on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 out of the overall target.
219	28	12%

### Storm Related Damage

During the month of February, the Housing Maintenance Staff continued to carry out storm related repairs to Local Authority Houses as a result of the significant storm and power outages which occurred in January 2025. Of the 120 incidents of damage reported, 92 were responded to by the end of February 2025.



## LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

### Sports Star Awards

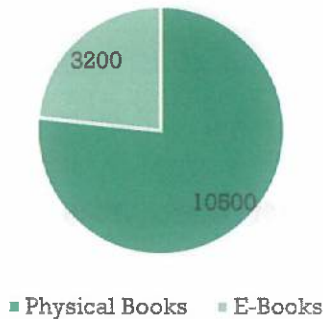
The Leitrim Sports Star Awards took place on February 10th at Lough Rynn Castle.

The following programmes took place in February.

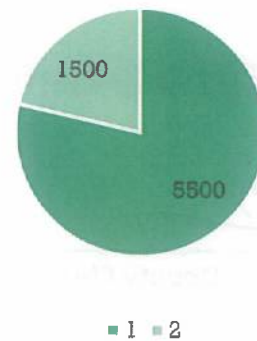
- **Jolly Hockey**  
Special Olympics, The Beepark, Manorhamilton  
Start date: Tuesday 25th February 2025, 8pm
- **Disability Multisport and Dance**  
6 Workshops with different disability groups – Cherry Blossom, Irish Wheelchair Association, Saol Nua, Tus Nua, St Ciarans, Inspire etc. Includes multi sport, movement to music, chair exercises, dance, boccia, scooch, kurling etc.
- **Autism Friendly Sports Programme**  
Inclusive Sports Programme in Leitrim village started on the 6th of February for young adults with autism
- **Girls Active**  
Multi Sports and Dance Fitness Programme for Teenage girls in St. Clare's Comprehensive School started on the 6th of February  
Multi Sports and Dance Fitness Programme for Teenage girls in Mohill Community School started on the 24th of February
- **Ag Sugradh le Cheile**  
Ag Sugradh Le Chéile or 'Playing Together' is a programme which encourages active play between parents/carers and children.  
Mastersons N.S Tuesday 11th February  
Drumlease N.S. Tuesday 18th February  
Aughawillian National School 17th February.  
Workshop 1  
Workshop 2
- **Active Age**  
Chair Pilates in Killenummery Wednesdays at 12 noon
- **Older adults' fitness class**  
Dance, Flexibility Bands and Mats Toning in Killenummery (North Leitrim Rural Group)
- **FAME**  
The Falls Management Exercise Programme is a community-based group and home exercise programme for older adults to help reduce falls and improve physical activity levels. We ran this programme in Breffni FRC.
- **Couch 2 5k**- 6-week beginners running programme in Carrick on Shannon taking place Monday & Wednesdays commenced Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February concludes Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Safeguarding 1**- Online Child protection awareness training Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February.
- **School Indoor Sports Hall Athletics**- 1 day track and field event for primary School student's 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class in St Clares Sports Complex
- **Badminton Training**- Shuttletime training course for Primary School teachers in Ballinamore Sports Complex.
- **TY Olympic Handball** -Introduction to Olympic Handball for TY Students in Mohill Community College.
- **Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub**
- **Tony McGowan Run**  
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub actively involved in the pre/post event organization
- **Strength and Conditioning**  
Strength and Conditioning Circuit class with Raluca on Saturday mornings at 10.30am
- **Active Age** Strength and Conditioning with Raluca from 9.30am

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books  
Year to Date 2025



February 2025



There was much excitement and interest in the new Dromahair Library which opened its doors for business during the first week of February. The library has hosted a number of events including a Ciorcal Comhrá, school visit and a meeting of the Town Team.

Ireland Reads day took place on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Local businesswoman and author, Oonagh Monaghan, provided a talk in Dromahair Library on the subject of starting up a small business and local poet Gerry Boland launched a new poetry collection by Kevin McManus entitled 'A Cold Wind from the Lake' in Mohill Library.

Ballinamore Library hosted a talk by Dr. Deirdre Foley, Research Ireland fellow in History at Trinity College on February 21<sup>st</sup> entitled 'The Marriage Bar and Irish Women at Work'. In Leitrim the Bar was famously outwitted by Leitrim County Librarian, Vera Carey, who discovered a loophole in the legislation which allowed her to be reappointed to her role following her marriage.

Drop-in information services where individuals could meet with the MSLETB Guidance Information Officer for free, impartial and confidential support were held in Ballinamore, Mohill and Manorhamilton Libraries.

The Wild Words Creative Writing group recommenced in Carrick-on-Shannon Library.

Leitrim Library in partnership with Leitrim's Healthy Coordinator commenced a digital skills support programme with the Killenummery Men's Shed Group.

Kiltyclogher Library hosted the inaugural meeting of The Leitrim Community Garden Network. There were representatives from the community gardens throughout the county in attendance: Mohill, Carrick on Shannon, Ballinamore, Kinlough amongst others.

The second event in the 'Conversations on Books' series took place on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> in The Dock Arts Centre. This was facilitated by library staff, Orlagh Kelly from The Reading Room Bookshop and Darragh Kelly, Communications Officer with Roscommon County Council.

An exhibition entitled 'The Museum of Lost Things' was launched at Mohill Library. The exhibition which was funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media showcases the outcome of a project based on the publication Grief's Broken Brow which was a Poetry as Commemoration project. The project which was led by artist Carrie Creamer brought together students from Mohill National School, Mohill Community School and Bornacoola Youth Centre.

An event aimed at making Mohill a Dementia Inclusive Community took place in Mohill Library. The aim of the information evening was to raise awareness regarding dementia and establish what supports are required in order to include people with dementia and their families in community life.

**SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Signed:   
Mary Quinn Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 14th March, 2025