

**January
2024**

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report



Monthly Report

Leitrim County Council

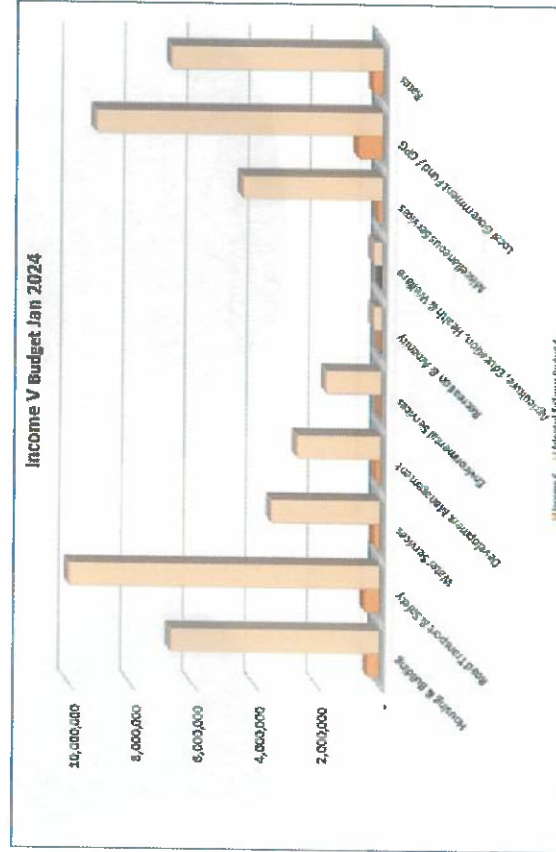
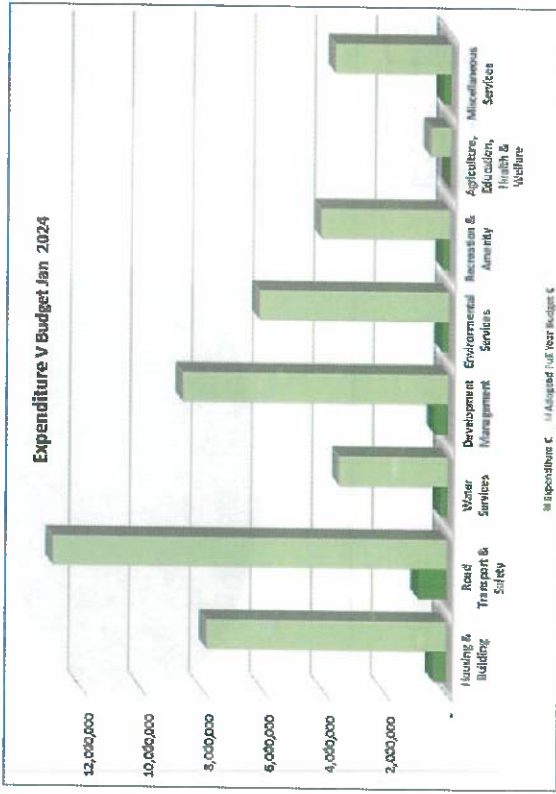
for the period 1st-31st January 2024

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FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Jan 2024 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
 (PRELIMINARY January 2024 - FIGURES)

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET			
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
A Housing & Building	415,354	7,902,729	5%	7,487,395	358,040	8,718,851	5%	6,369,811	(57,294)	1,128,584
B Road Transport & Safety	810,836	17,502,647	5%	16,691,811	457,080	13,159,815	3%	12,701,535	(453,856)	3,890,376
C Water Services	228,515	3,559,881	6%	3,333,188	173,546	3,815,400	5%	3,341,854	(52,970)	(3,683)
D Developmental Management	434,640	8,741,810	5%	8,307,170	113,152	2,690,988	4%	2,577,848	(21,480)	5,729,324
E Environmental Services	218,617	6,298,437	4%	6,017,220	15,363	1,770,908	1%	1,755,528	(203,384)	4,282,185
F Recreation & Amenity	219,617	4,219,543	5%	3,999,928	7,890	248,392	3%	228,772	(212,527)	3,780,154
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	29,233	629,223	5%	599,990	849	282,779	0%	281,921	(28,384)	338,074
H Miscellaneous Services	237,301	3,798,845	6%	3,561,544	104,285	4,489,053	2%	4,388,768	(133,090)	(832,224)
L.G. Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0	789,574	8,222,888	8%	8,454,314	768,574	(8,454,314)
RA. Rates	0	0	0%	0	300,084	6,820,290	4%	6,520,206	300,084	(6,520,206)
					€2,298,663	€48,903,616	5%	46,605,553	€394,231	€3,293,273



No. of Days in Overdraft during Jan 2024

Jan 2024 - Recourse to Overdraft

Interest Incurred £0

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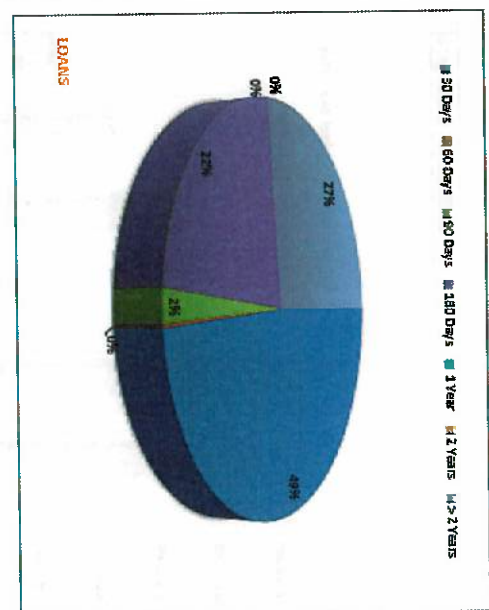
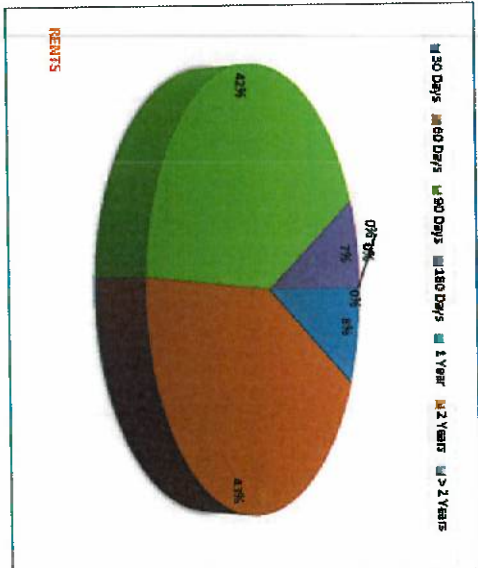
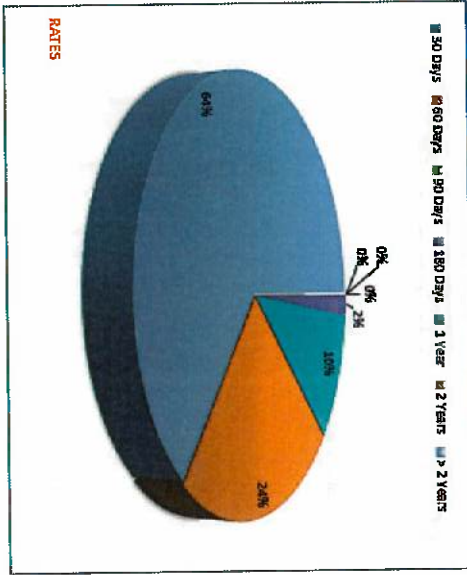
2024 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	Jan-24	Jan-23	FY 2023
Housing Rents	€ 233,922	€ 210,994	€ 2,706,736
Commercial Rates	€ 300,084	€ 249,738	€ 6,006,946
Housing Loans	€ 27,604	€ 21,536	€ 235,948

	YTD		
	Jan-24	Jan-23	FY 2023
Housing Rents	81%	68%	98%
Commercial Rates	16%	3%	77%
Housing Loans	34%	27%	84%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection has improved when compared to Jan 2023.
Rates collection % Increased when compared to Jan 2023 due to timing of issuing of rates demands in Jan 2023. Rate invoices will be issued in Feb 2024.
Loans collection has improved when compared to Jan 2023

Jan 2024 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€50,586	€313,479	€709,962	€1,886,646
RENTS	€5,346	€28,998	€28,208	€5,023	€0	€0	€0
LOANS	€23,777	€144	€1,095	€10,621	€0	€0	€13,028

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan

Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan (2024 – 2029) public consultation closed on 24th January 2024. There was a total of 13 no. submissions made on the Draft Plan. The submissions are being considered in line with the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act as amended (Climate Act) and will be detailed in a report for Elected Members along with the Draft Plan edited to show proposed amendments recommended as an outcome of public consultation.

Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Leitrim County Council has launched the Community Climate Action Programme Fund on 6th December 2023 for Strand 1 (Building Low Carbon Communities) funding and on 13th December 2023 for Strand 1a (All-Island Community Climate Action) funding. Applications for Community Climate Action Funding for both strands can be made up until 28 February 2024.

VETERINARY SERVICE

Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Examinations	9
Cattle	45
Sheep	109
Pigs	7
Goats	0

Premises Inspections

Premises Inspections	4
Food Samples	0
Environmental Swabs	0
Water Samples	2
Veterinary Residue Samples	0
Carcass Swabs	10
TB Lesions	0

Dog Warden Service Activities

Stray Dogs	5
Surrendered Dogs	3
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	15
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Warden Service Requests	16
Dog Fouling Complaints	2
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	6
Dog Licence Inspections	5
Dogs Neutered	4
Neutering Vouchers Issued	7

Dogs Micro-Chipped and Registered	6
Fines Issued - Dogs	0
Statutory Notices Issued	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	2
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	46
Stray Horses Seized	1
Stray Cats Neutered	4
Animal Carcasses Removed	2
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3500

CIVIL DEFENCE

Service	Qty
Water Sampling Assisting LCC	1
Assisting LAWPRO water sampling	1
VEMS Training	1
ERF Training	1
SAR Training	1
Ongoing Incident (Containment) Leitrim Village (Involving Civil Defence & Environment)	1
CISM Training	1
Assisted South Leitrim Roads Section to clear blocked drainage culvert	1
Total	8

FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme

Fire Appliances and Equipment

Spare Class B appliance

Angloco Ltd will have a 2010 Volvo FL available and will provide specification and images to view in January 2024.

Building Control activity in January 2024

	Received	Valid / Invalid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices	21	15/5		
Fire Safety Certificates	1	3	3	
Disabled Access Certificates	1	0	0	
Completion Certificates	2	2		
FSA / Planning Inspections / H&S / Licensing inspections				2
BC inspections / BER / Market Surveillance				0

WRC agreement for retained firefighters

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

The next local implementation committee meeting is scheduled for 21st March 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training

Training delivered during January consisted of Small Business Accounts, AI Tools for Business, A Layman's Guide to VAT, Shooting and Editing Videos for Business on a Budget, Start your own Business weekend course, Canva for Beginners, A Layman's Guide to Income Tax, Unlock the Power of Effective Goal Setting and AI for Social Media. The majority of training programmes continue to be delivered online and free of charge.

Brexit/Export

One to One mentoring continues to be available on any Export related issues and can be booked online for free to discuss any issues facing businesses as a result of Brexit or opportunities available for exporting.

Other Sustainable Supports for Business

A suite of cost-cutting and sustainable programmes continue to be delivered to business in Co. Leitrim, including Green for Business, Lean for Business and Digital for Business.

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.

Enterprise Enablers event January 17th

The Northwest Regional Enterprise Programme Manager hosted the entrepreneurship event entitled "Levelling Up – Driving entrepreneurship and enterprise creation in the NW" co funded by Leitrim LEO, WDC, Sligo LEO, Donegal LEO, Udaras and Enterprise Ireland. Despite inclement weather there was a great attendance of 80 on the day. The output is a report published with the actions being tracked within the NW REP.

Visit of Minister Dara Colleary to Northwest Region 19th January

Minister Dara Colleary attended the steering committee meeting of the Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan January 19th. Discussions with Minister focused on growing entrepreneurship in the region, infrastructure deficits and how they affect enterprises, Smart Regions funding scheme and the growth of the offshore wind industry.

Smart Regions Funding scheme

The Northwest Regional Enterprise Programme Manager has been working with new prospective projects in the region to develop concepts for the Smart Regions Funding scheme.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Clár 2023 Scheme

On Tuesday 23rd January 2024, the Minister announced 8 further successful projects around the County under Measure 1 Clár 2023 scheme. A total of 13 of the original 15 submitted under Measure 1 of Clár 2023 scheme were approved.

RRDF Category 1 -5th Call

Leitrim County Council continue to work on two RRDF funding applications in January, one for Drumshanbo as the lead applicant and one in respect of Glenfarne Wood, as a partner applicant, both to be submitted under the 5th call for Category 1 applications under the scheme.

Broadband

Ongoing follow up queries re Broadband.

Carrick Campus

Works ongoing for the planning of refurbishment works to Phase 2 and energy retrofit of the Building. A Campus Advisory Group is being formed with the first meeting planned in early February 2024.

County Promotion Events

Plans and preparation continued in January 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 focussed on the launch of a Leitrim Gathering Festival incorporating "Leitrim Day" to take place in May 2025.

50 miles in January 2024

Leitrim County Council are collaborating with Leitrim GAA on this event with a view to engaging with Leitrim Diaspora all the over the world. The 2024 challenge completed at the end of January.

Marketing Campaigns Carrick on Shannon

The final marketing campaign took place in January 2024 centred on Carrick Campus. Videos of some of the new clients and Emer Connolly, Economic Development speaking about the benefits of businesses locating at the Campus were posted. An article was also published in the Irish Independent.

Sustainable Mobility Projects

Ongoing work with ATU researchers and other stakeholders in relation to several projects involving the potential for sustainable mobility options within the County.

TOURISM

Marketing

In January, the Tourism Team attended the launch of Tourism Ireland's Marketing plans and workshops in Dublin and Belfast. An outline of the marketing strategy to promote the Island of Ireland overseas in 2024 identified many industry opportunities for businesses to promote overseas, attended by Tourism Minister Catherine Martin and around 550 tourism industry leaders from around the country.

The Tourism Team attended the World Holiday Show in Dublin from 26th January to 28th January, with more than 50,000 visitors attending. All tourism businesses were promoted with a particular interest in Walking and Cycling holidays. Several trade providers exhibited at the stand, including Drumhierny Woodland Hideaway, Fishtracker, Emerald Star and The Shed Distillery. A competition was run throughout the show, which included a stay at Drumhierny Woodland Hideaway and a Tour of The Shed Distillery, followed by lunch at the Jackalope Café.

Tourism recently attended a Walking Trails Networking Workshop where Failte Ireland launched their Walking Festivals & Events toolkit, which provides local communities in Leitrim with a guide on how to organise sustainable walking events and festivals that will highlight the Leitrim's unique outdoor offering and attract potential visitors.

The Tourism Department are currently updating the 'Walking in Leitrim' and the 'Visitor's Guide to Leitrim' publications.

Support

The Tourism team is assisting 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 are invited to make applications for the St Patrick's Day Events Grant Scheme 2024.

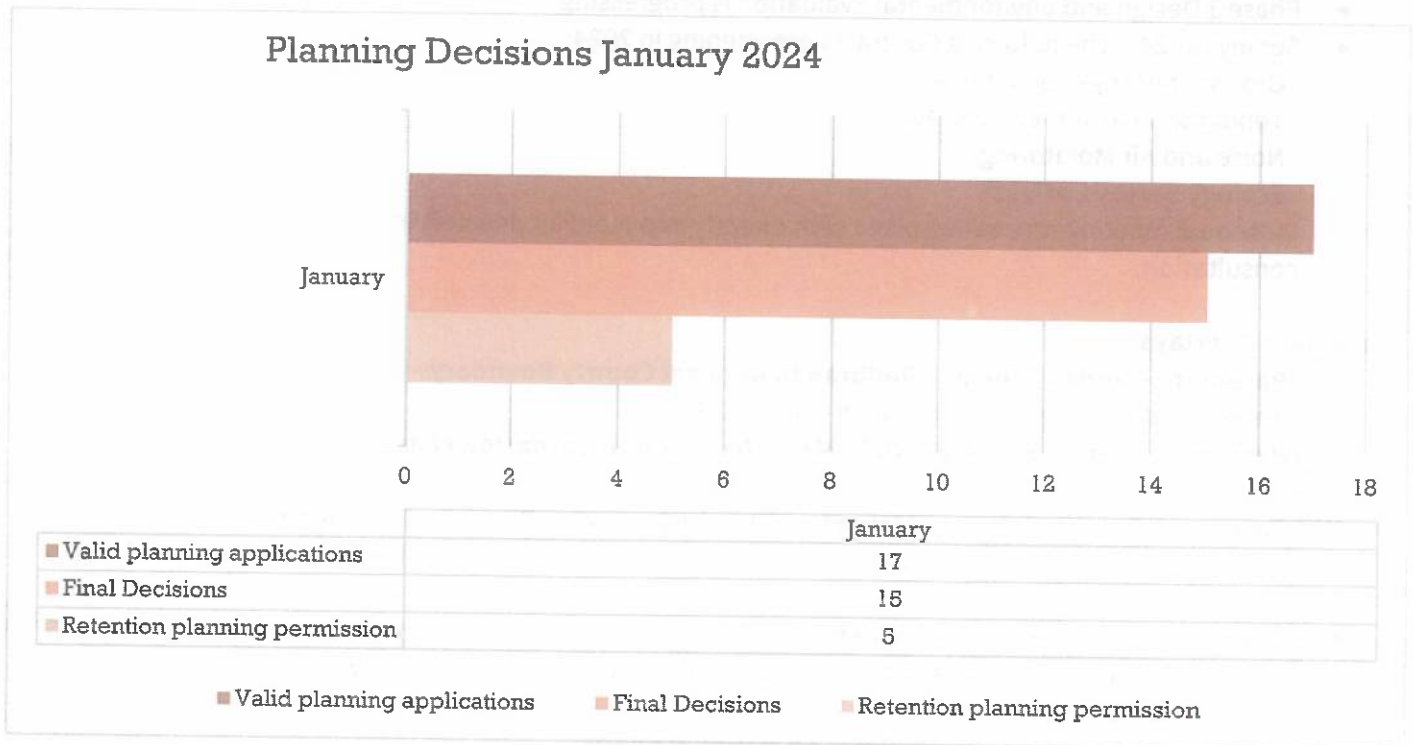
Tourism Framework

We are planning for 2024, focusing on implementing the actions that have arisen from the Tourism Framework document. This includes the setting up a new tourism structure for the county, which is currently being developed.

Destination Towns

Work is nearing completion on the Destination Towns project in Carrick on Shannon with the development of the new coach pick-up and set-down areas alongside the town enhancement connecting the Waterside with the town centre.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT



Further Information Requests

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

Forward Planning

Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

Work has commenced with Roscommon County Council on the preparation of the Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon to include the village of Cortober. A new dedicated website www.carrickjointplan.ie went live at that time. The pre-draft consultation phase of the plan preparation ended 1st December 2023. A total of 30 no. submissions were received and a report will issue shortly to the elected members providing a summary of the various issues raised in the submissions received.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

The annual Draft RZLT amps for Co. Leitrim was prepared during January and were forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for publication 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

Annual Area Programme 2024

Leitrim County Council has not yet received any Funding Allocations for National Roads from the TII or for Non-National Roads from the Department of Transport.

Road Crews continue to carry out routine maintenance works and winter maintenance as necessary.

N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Project

N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Project is 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 next public consultation.

Pavement Overlays

- **N15 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Redbrae to Donegal County Boundary** – Works are now substantially completed, and defects period will end in Quarter 1 2024.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 1** – Works are now substantially completed.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – Parris Report has been approved, and Consultants are currently completing the design and tender documents for this pavement overlay scheme.
- **N4 Pavement Overlay Scheme – Carrick on Shannon** – Parris Report has been approved, and consultants are currently working on the design and tender documents for this pavement overlay scheme.

Provision of Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) on National Roads

N16 Glencar to County Boundary – Works are now complete.

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on this Realignment Scheme are now complete. The North Leitrim Area office are now completing residual network additional works.
- **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – Consultants working on Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation). Works are ongoing.

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

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

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

An updated prioritised LIS Waiting List has been completed and letters advising applicants of their new place on the LIS Waiting List was sent out to all applicants. Up to date BISS letters and maps have been requested from the top thirty applicants on the prioritised LIS Waiting List.

Services in Charge Queries

Services in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Services in Charge Queries processed
13	13

Abnormal Load Permits

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

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 31 st January 2024
65 Ballinamore MD = 23 Carrick on Shannon MD = 18 Manorhamilton MD = 24	5	20

Active Travel

Active Travel have received an allocation of €2,400,000 for 2024 for Capital upgrades and Staff Salaries.

Proposed Projects include:

- Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures - €95,000
 - Finalised Options report will be presented by the Consultants to Carrick MD and Boyle MD Councillors on 21st February 2024.
- Carrick On Shannon – Leitrim Road Active Travel Scheme - €40,000
 - Options Report received from consultants. Active Travel to discuss Scheme with NTA and advise Consultants of next steps.
- Active Travel Schemes currently under construction and will be completed in 2024:
 - Roosky Active Travel Scheme - €60,000
 - Tullaghan Footpath connection to Housing Estate - €140,000
 - Drumkeerin Active Travel Scheme - €50,000
 - Permeability Link Cara Courty & Glen Carrick - €5,000
- Design and Statutory Processes are required for the following:
 - Ballinamore – Tully Heights connection to Town Environs - €145,000
 - Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link - €100,000.
 - Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link - €110,000.
 - Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link - €150,000
 - Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade - €120,000
 - Drumshanbo – Town Junction Upgrade - €90,000
 - Rapid Build Cycle Track Summerhill Link Road Carrick on Shannon - €100,000
 - Bike Parking - €20,000

- Consultants to be procured for:
 - Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Cycle Scheme - €25,000

Safe Route to Schools

- Consultants appointed for the design of SRTS for 2 no. Schools.
 - St. Clare’s NS, Manorhamilton – Currently at Preliminary Design stage - €110,000
 - Scoil Mhuire NS, Carrick – Currently at Options Development Stage - €60,000
- Design Required:
 - St. Josephs NS – Leitrim Village - €70,000
 - Mohill Community School - €90,000

Staff Costs

- Allocation of €320,000 towards Staff Costs for the Active Travel Team.

Bus Shelter Programme

An allocation of €500,000 has been received for the Bus Stop enhancement Programme in 2024.

- Contractor has commenced construction on 6 number Bus shelters at the following locations:
 - Carrick Business Park, Carrick on Shannon
 - Priests Lane, Carrick on Shannon
 - Dromod Train Station
 - Leitrim Village
 - Hyde Street, Mohill
 - Glenfarne
- Awaiting approval from the NTA for the provision of 2 no. Bus Shelter locations in Drumkeeran.
- Other suitable locations will be identified and progressed through the design stage.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The New **Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026 (MARWP)** has been launched by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. There are 9 individual funding measures available under MARWP 2024-2026 and each is directed by a specific activity e.g. source protection, water treatment, network improvement.

Some of the **main** changes under this new Framework are:

- no new Community Wastewater Connection projects (Sewerage Schemes) are being funded.
- the funding measure available for new Community Water Connections projects (Water Schemes) however there must be a minimum of 25 houses on the proposed Scheme.
- funding under Measure A3 for amalgamation and/or Rationalisation of Group Water Schemes is only available to private Group Water Schemes.

The closing date for submissions to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage by Leitrim County Council, for the Department’s consideration for inclusion under this new programme is the 12th April 2024. Leitrim County Council have placed adverts in the newspaper, on the website and social media as well as notifying the Elected Members and writing to any Scheme who had previously made a submission in 2022.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Design work has commenced. 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. Public Consultation held for the scheme. Topo Surveys complete, Ground investigation underway. Environmental surveys are ongoing. Full details of project are available on website www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme

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

Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme

Four construction contracts will be undertaken.

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

All works complete except Bridge and Boardwalk lighting contract. Contractor has been appointed. Fittings currently in manufacture.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme

Contract works for works on Main Street completed. Currently working on tender documents for works at Enterprise lands. Expect to advertise construction tender in April 2024.

Mohill Public Realm Scheme

A contractor has been appointed and commenced construction.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen

Design consultant has been appointed for the project. Phase I of project complete. Started work on Phase II. Full details on web site www.sln-cr-greenway.com.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillin

Contractor has been appointed and commenced construction.

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns

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

Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway

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

Hartley Bridge

Planning approval received from an Bord Pleanála in Dec 2023. In discussion with Dept of Transport to advance this project now that planning approval has been received.

Drumshanbo ExChange

Funding received under the RRDF scheme for this project. Design consultant McCabe Architects has commenced work on the project. Part 8 planning approval advertised in Dec 2023. A decision to approve this planning will be before the February MD meeting.

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. The tender for the construction contract was advertised in Dec 2023. Work completed on the construction of the car park.

Unfinished Housing Development Contracts

South Leitrim SL2 – Construction work underway on estates:

Cluain Locha, Drumshanbo

Mountain View, Drumshanbo – under construction

Cnoc Na Sí, Carrick On Shannon

Shannon Haven, Dromod – works complete.

Dub Carraig Ceibh, Leitrim Village

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

Carrick Business Campus

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

Narrow Gauge Trail Drumshanbo

Planning approval received for this project. Currently working on tender documents for construction contract. Awaiting funding approval for the construction contract.

HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 31 st January 2024	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
5	5	100%	0	0%	0

New Tenancies created to 31st January 2024

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st January 2024	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
1	3

Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 – June 2024 – Progress Report at 31st January 2024

Accommodation Type	2019 to 2024 5 year targets Targets	Outputs achieved at 31 st January 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 31 st January 2024	% Complete (Department Target 280) 25%	Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Total Inspections completed	No of inspections completed to 31 st January 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 – 70		Target – 350 (Depending on number of Re-inspections carried out)	Total – 71

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 - 31/01/2024	GRANT	NO	VALUE		
PAID 2024	HGD	4	€34,048.65		
	MAG	1	€6,000.00		
	HOP	14	€62,343.68		
	TOTAL	19	€102,392.33		€102,392.33
Approved not paid ²	HGD	39	€450,612.98		
	MAG	12	€51,868.00		
	HOP	48	€275,492.45		
	TOTAL	99	€777,973.43		€777,973.43
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved ³ Estimated (Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)	HGD	9	€90,000.00		
	MAG	10	€40,000.00		
	HOP	33	€165,000.00		
	TOTAL	52	€295,000.00		€295,000.00
Available Balance: €-709,750.61					

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

Applications have been invited for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme. This programme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development to provide Capital Funding to support community groups. The allocated funding is as follows:

- €119,730 capital funding for the Local Enhancement Programme to use towards carrying our necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficient type projects, purchase of equipment etc.
- €19,955 of this amount is ring fenced to support women's groups.

An online information event was held on 30th January, with an in-person event planned in Drumshanbo on 1st February. The Closing date is 18th February.

Age Friendly Programme

The Age Friendly Alliance established a working group to progress the need for a community car to meet the transport needs of older people for medical appointments. The group met to put together a case to present to the Board of Local Link Donegal Sligo and Leitrim.

Comhairle na nÓg

The Steering Group of Comhairle na nÓg met on 29th January. Comhairle na nÓg will focus on Mental Health as the principal topic of the year for 2024 and will develop a report on the need for mental health supports for young people in Leitrim.

Period Poverty

Ongoing - Free period products are available in 14 locations with 25 dispenser units available across Co. Leitrim.

PeacePlus

Leitrim's PEACEPLUS Action Plan was re-submitted with completed capital projects by the 14th December 2023. The assessment and approval phase of the programme will take 3 - 6 months.

To date we have received no update from SEUPB on the assessment process for our application.

Arts

Community Engagement

The principal activities in relation to Community Engagement are carried out under the auspices of the Creative Ireland Programme.

The closing dates for this year's Creative Ireland programmes are as follows:

- Cruinniú na nÓg – Friday 10th March.
- Creative Communities Open Call - Friday 17th March.
- Creative Economy Investment Programme – Sunday 14th April 2024.
- Creative Internship Programme Programme – Sunday 14th April 2024.

In addition, as part of the Creative Ireland Shared Island Programme, the Arts Office is working with The Dock Arts Centre, Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group and Ulster Wildlife to carry out a series of six farm walks, three in Leitrim and three in Fermanagh. As part of each Farm Walk, farmers will lead a talk about their farm, current practices and future plans alongside a talk by an invited artist whose work resonates with that farm, its environment, heritage and other special characteristics.

Children and Young People

Youth Theatre commenced in January in all three Municipal Districts in partnership with Carrigallen Youth Theatre, The Dock and the Glens Centre. The pilot Bright Sparks project for children with additional needs recommenced in The Dock in Carrick on Shannon.

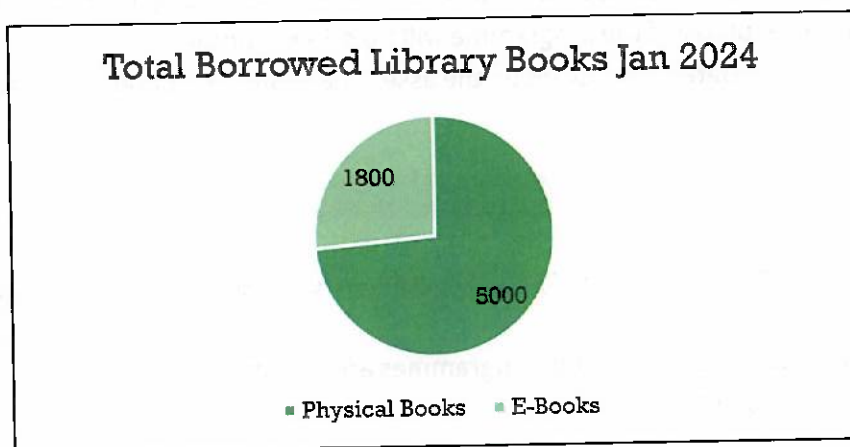
Professional Development

Throughout January the Arts Office worked intensively with partners Centre Huarte, Spain; MKC Macedonia; and Konstancentrum Ost in Sweden on a submission under the Creative Europe Cooperative Project programme. The programme details a two-year programme of joint training workshops, residencies, and mentoring programmes that artists from the four countries can participate in. The application was submitted on 24th January.

In January the Arts Office also designed and developed the training and professional development programme for 2024. Some of the programmes are:

- Funding & Opportunities Workshop
- Application workshop with Matt Packer in partnership with the Dock
- Mentoring for Artists with Monika Sapeliek, Centre for Creative Practices
- Child Protection Training for Artists with the National Youth Council of Ireland
- Developing a Social Media Strategy with Kari Cahill
- Equality Dignity and Inclusion Training for Artists
- Financial Good Practice – Keeping Your Accounts with Gaby Smith
- Artist Meetup/Talk with Creative Frame Artists
- Creative Proposals & Budgets with Annette Moloney

LIBRARY SERVICES



- The weekly 'Ciorcal Comhrá' returned to Ballinamore and was very well attended each week. The 'Fáilte Isteach' groups also continued to meet in Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries.
- Healthy Leitrim events took place in both Ballinamore and Drumshanbo Libraries. Dieticians Rachel McLoughlin and Tanya Boss spoke about 'Sustainable changes to develop healthy habits' and 'Healthy Eating on a Budget'.
- Carrigallen Library were involved in an outreach initiative which involved a book drop to two local creches and the Let's Write Together group met in Kiltyclogher Library.
- 'Sarah's Own War' a book by Anne MacDonnell was launched in Carrick-on-Shannon Library which was very well attended despite the stormy weather conditions.
- There was very good use of Cubbie in Manorhamilton and the Sensory Room in Mohill.
- Over 70 people attended the Leitrim Larks 'Lend an Ear' session in Mohill Library. The evening was very much enjoyed by all who sang, recited, played and danced. The event is open to all singers, storytellers, spoken word artists and listeners.
- The library's Digital Skills for Adults programme was nominated for an Aontas Star Award in the category of adult initiatives that support social inclusion. Aontas is Ireland's National Adult Learning Organisation who promote the value and benefits of adult learning. This is a great boost for this very valuable service which saw 778 one-to-one sessions delivered between July and December 2023.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: _____

Joseph Gilhooly, Deputy Chief Executive (J)

Date:

14th February 2024