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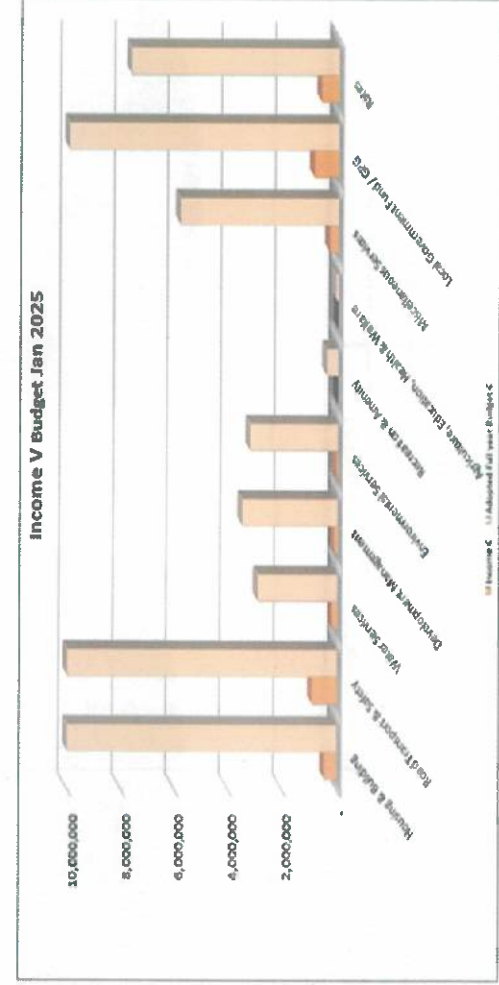
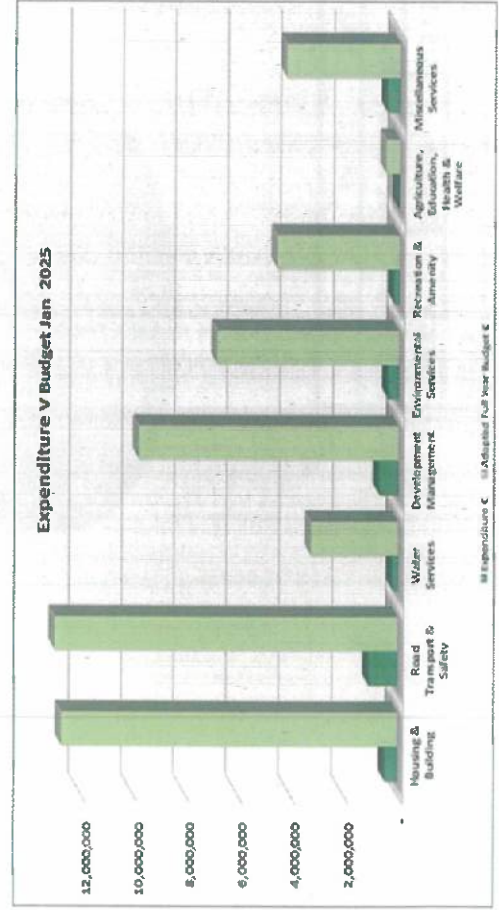
FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Jan 2025 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division (PRELIMINARY January, 2025 - FIGURES)

	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent
A Housing & Building	476,642	12,743,118	4%
B Road Transport & Safety	1,077,155	18,203,366	6%
C Water Services	209,157	3,246,837	6%
D Development Management	715,630	9,808,667	7%
E Environmental Services	397,343	6,832,982	6%
F Recreation & Amenity	182,877	4,554,668	4%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	32,634	497,784	7%
H Miscellaneous Services	468,608	4,232,110	11%
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%
RA Rates	0	0	0%
	€3,560,046	€60,119,532	6%
			56,559,487

	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
	442,680	12,147,236	4%
	903,875	13,527,511	7%
	178,461	2,922,862	6%
	116,725	3,510,597	3%
	36,891	3,224,033	1%
	5,481	416,707	1%
	509	80,163	1%
	325,138	5,850,618	6%
	895,482	10,745,778	8%
	641,167	7,694,007	8%
	€3,546,410	€60,119,532	6%
			66,573,122

	NET	
	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
	(33,962)	561,920
	(173,279)	4,502,576
	(30,696)	293,279
	(598,905)	5,699,165
	(360,452)	3,248,497
	(177,396)	3,960,565
	(32,125)	385,476
	(143,470)	(1,761,978)
	895,482	(9,850,297)
	641,167	(7,052,840)
	(13,636)	(13,636)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF JAN. 2025

- Water Expenditure in line with income
- The preparation of 2024 AFS is currently ongoing.
- 2024 collection figures are not finalised and remain provisional
- The 2025 Rates Invoices will be issued in February 2025.

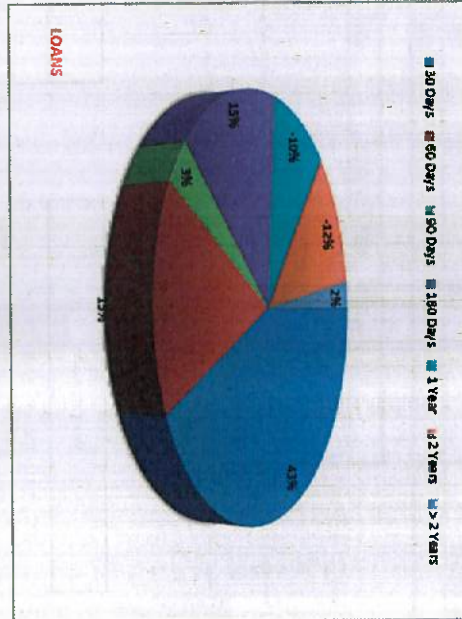
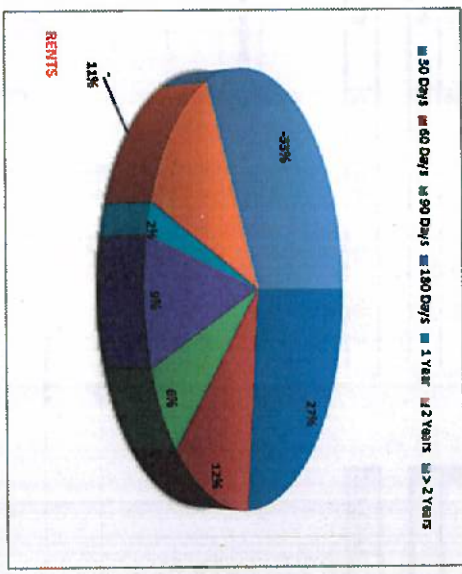
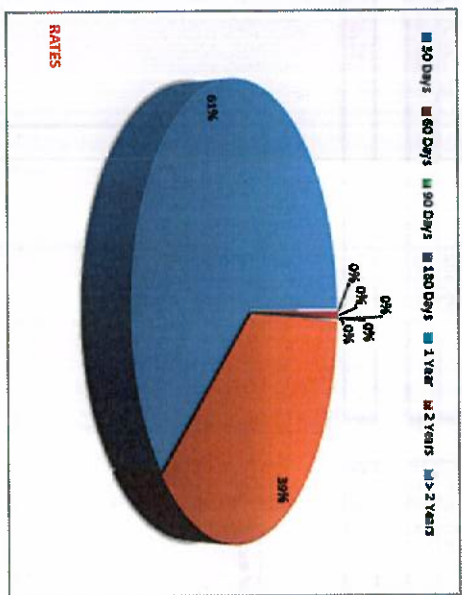
2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	€ Jan-25	€ Jan-24	€ FY 2024
Housing Rents	€264,867	€233,922	€2,913,258
Commercial Rates	€272,674	€300,084	€6,412,325
Housing Loans	€28,234	€27,604	€309,577

	YTD		
	% Jan-25	% Jan-24	% FY 2024
Housing Rents	81%	82%	99%
Commercial Rates	3%	4%	78%
Housing Loans	42%	34%	88%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection remains consistent. 2024 accounts not yet finalised
Rates collection % remain in line with 2024. Rate invoices for 2025 will be issued in Feb 2025. 2024 accounts not yet finalised
Loans collection in line with 2024. 2024 accounts not yet finalised

Jan 2025 - Agged Debt Analysis



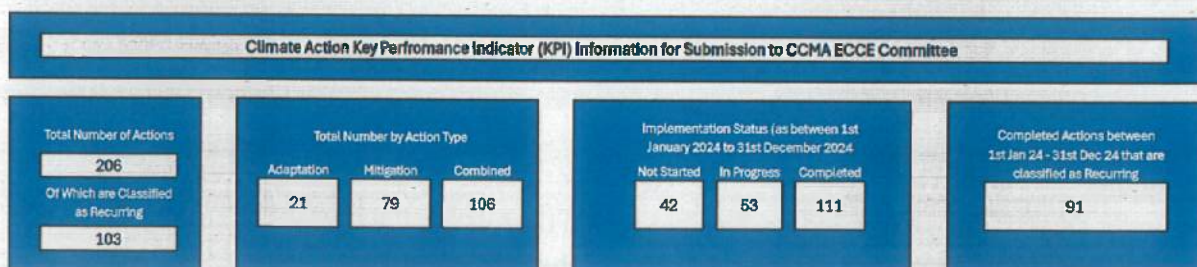
	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€19,094	€0	€0	€0	€1,191,786	€1,868,053
RENTS	€132,548	€58,506	€30,774	€42,223	€10,572	€56,280	€162,519
LOANS	€24,332	€8,507	€1,904	€8,284	€5,489	€6,551	€1,287

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan

Climate action progression ongoing in January 2025

1. Border sub region (Cavan CC, Leitrim CC, Monaghan CC) of Eastern & Midlands CARO met formally on 15 January 2025, minutes documented separately. It is likely that there will be an opportunity to claim for additional monies on the making of the Climate Action Plan (excluded due to imposed threshold in 2024).
2. Partnered with research outlet [AtmosFuture](#) on an application for the PEACEPLUS Programme, Investment Area 6.1 - Strategic Planning and Engagement "Clean Air" (16 January 2025). The application is for a pilot project to take ambient air, compress and separate fractions for capture of carbon dioxide for utilisation offsite and utilisation of nitrogen onsite to producing electricity. Leitrim CC has agreed to put forward an appropriate site to host the project.
3. Participating in an exercise of mainstreaming climate action into the budget (22 January 2025) with Tipperary Energy Agency. Application of the exercise required across sections within Leitrim County Council for further discussion and learning with other participating Local Authorities.
4. Alerted Leitrim GAA ahead of the closing of registration of Phase 3 of the Green Clubs on 26 January 2025 and encouraged participation from clubs in Co. Leitrim. Clubs can still implement green initiatives and learn from guidance and case studies in the Green Clubs Programme, if not registered, participating clubs may be able to avail of some seed funding.
5. Pre-feasibility study for district heating tender has gone live for border sub region Eastern and Midland counties on 27 January 2025. SEAI have changed their position since reporting in December and are now committing to providing 50% funding for each county to undertake the study. Each county has the option not to proceed on appointment of a successful tenderer.
6. Climate Action Committee was scheduled to meet on 28 January 2025 but had to be postponed in the aftermath of Storm Éowyn and the subsequent demand on Council services.
7. Provided an updated for sitting of Leitrim PPN Climate Action, Environment, Heritage, Biodiversity & Agriculture for updates related to Community Climate Action (29 January 2025)
8. Supported information sessions on Creative Communities (28 – 30 January 2025). Applications will be assessed favourably where there has been appropriate consideration of climate action and sustainability.
9. Contributed to the Strategic Workforce Plan workbooks on behalf of Climate Action in Leitrim County Council for the Strategic Framework for Workforce Planning in the local government sector (31 January 2025).
10. Annual report on progress of implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and survey on general performance indicators prepared for LGMA (31 January 2025). A summary on progress of actions within the CAP is provided below. Progress was assessed from updates made to the Microsoft Planner tracker by members of the CA Committee.



11. Leitrim CC agreed to partner with the Rediscovery Centre to bring their Rediscover Fashion roadshow to Carrick-on-Shannon for the Gathering focusing on upcycling and repair of textiles.
12. The Energy WG have reviewed a data management system to assist in the breakdown and analysis of energy data across buildings and fleet. Any such system will have an ongoing annual maintenance fee associated, and an appropriate business case to be made as regards data breakdown facilitating efficiency improvements and emissions reduction.

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 will be in February 2025.

DECC have indicated that Phase 2 of the CCAP Fund may not open for calls until Quarter 2 of 2025, there will be a phase on engagement with the community required ahead of phase commencement.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Animal Control Service Activities

Stray Dogs	8
Surrendered Dogs	2
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	10
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanized	0
Dog Fouling Complaints	3
Barking Complaints	1
Livestock Attacks	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	18
Dog Licence Inspections	30
Dogs Neutered	5
Neutering Vouchers Issued	6
Dogs Micro-Chipped	5
Fines Issued - Dogs	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	4
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	34
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3500
Equines Seized	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	3

FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme

Fire Stations

Existing Fire Stations

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

Building Control activity in January 2025

	Received	Valid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices	7	5		

Fire Safety Certificates	1	4	1	
Disabled Access Certificates	1	4	4	
Certificate of Compliance on Completion	0	3		
Building Control Act Inspections (Commencements, on-site, BERs, Market Surveillance etc)				2
Dangerous Substances Act Applications	1	1		1

WRC agreement for retained firefighters.

Leitrim County Council has received a positive response from SIPTU Fire to progress the implementation of the WRC agreement. A Fire Service Management meeting is scheduled for mid-February.

RURAL WATER

Uisce Eireann have taken in charge 2 group water schemes in January 2025. The Glenboy Glenfarne GWS was taken in charge by Uisce Eireann on the 17th of January 2025 and the Drumcree GWS was taken in charge by Uisce Eireann on the 24th of January 2025.

The Glenboy Glenfarne GWS is 57.3 km in length and has a total of 434 connections. These 434 connections are made up of 394 domestics, 33 land, 3 commercial and 4 other connections. The Group Scheme has 2 reservoirs, 2 pumping stations and 6 chlorine booster stations on the scheme.

The Drumcree GWS is 8.3 km in length and has a total of 51 connections. These 51 connections are made up of 31 domestic, 11 domestic and land and 9 land connections. This Group Scheme is with Uisce Eireann for taking in charge since September 2021. The delay in taking this and some other schemes in charge was due to outstanding water bills/debt owing to Uisce Eireann by the Group. Uisce Eireann together with the Rural Water Department worked with the Group Scheme to resolve the outstanding debt so as to ensure these schemes were taken in charge.

There are now 4 Group Schemes with Uisce Eireann for taking 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

Approximately 190 people received training in January through a Start Your Own Business course, a Start and Grow Your Creative Business course, a Workplace Relations Commission webinar and an Email Marketing and Automation training course. Assistance is also available on Export related issues and can be booked online free of charge to discuss any issues facing businesses or identifying and managing opportunities available for exporting.

Atlantic Economic Corridor Update:

Interreg Europe Digital Rural

An interregional Learning Event was held in January 2025 and was attended by the project team and stakeholders from Mohill Sustainable Energy Community and Fab Lab Maker Hub. Best practices on data collection and loyalty cards for town were presented.

Regional Enterprise Development Fund: Creative Heartlands

Creative Heartlands has been shortlisted for a LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Award for Best Enterprise and Start-up Hub.

Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation

Entrepreneurship development in the NW

On the 29/30th January 2025, a Northwest Enterprise Development event took place in the Radisson Blu Hotel Sligo. This event was a collaboration between Sligo, Leitrim, and Donegal Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland Northwest Region, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Western Development Commission. 12 SMEs from the Northwest, including 2 from Leitrim, met 12 senior business Entrepreneurs from Sligo/Leitrim and Donegal and Nationally from around the Country, including Wexford, Kilkenny and Cork. The purpose of the event was to encourage local regional companies to scale, grow and export using the knowledge, advice and networks of our senior business Entrepreneurs, many of whom are EY Entrepreneur of the Year Alumni. 2 Leitrim companies participated – Dromod Boxty and Corby Steel and both have been paired with Senior Entrepreneurs for continued mentoring. A follow up program of workshops/next year's event is being considered.

Offshore Wind Regional development

The NW/West REP Offshore Wind working group met with DETE Offshore Wind Strategy Unit in January. The group has targeted the following scopes of work to focus on which is complimented by the work on going by DETE – Leitrim LEO is represented on this group

- Highlighting Skills course and skills development in the region
- Government advocacy for enabling infrastructure (grid and port development) to develop the industry in the region
- Green Energy Park Scoping study
- Regional OWE strategy development

Vision Development/Next REP Development

Following on from a meeting in January of the x3 Chief Executives from Leitrim/Sligo/Donegal there was widespread agreement to develop a Northwest Region Vision which will feed into the REP development in 2025. Following on from this meeting, a working group will be developed to develop a scope of work to develop this, Vision.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC

A meeting of the LAG took place on 22nd January 2025. Five projects were approved funding under LEADER. A new committee member representing the Family Resource Centre/CDP joined the LCDC and LAG committees following ratification at the January Plenary Council meeting.

Broadband

Ongoing engagement with Microsoft on Dreamspace workshops to take place in North Leitrim in February. A National Broadband Officers Meeting was planned and hosted in Leitrim on January 31st. An RFT for the New Digital Strategy was issued in January with a closing in early February.

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. The winner of The Leitrim Gathering competition was announced by the Cathaoirleach on Facebook in January. The winner received two free flights from anywhere in the world, one week’s accommodation at Drumhierny Woodland Hideaway and two tickets and a gourmet lunch at The Shed Distillery Experience. The promotion of The Leitrim Gathering continues as the website now contains listings of events to take place during the weekend.

Purple Flag

Confirmation was received during January that Carrick on Shannon has received its full renewal award for Purple Flag. The presentation of the awards will take place in April 2024.

LAMA Awards 2025 Shortlist

A total of 311 entries nationally were submitted to the LAMA awards and two of the three shortlisted entries submitted from Leitrim include Tullaghan Access to the Sea (Most Inclusive Project) and The Junction, Ballinamore (Best Town or Village Regeneration). The awards ceremony takes place on 22nd February.

TOURISM

Tourism Ireland Workshop

In January, the Tourism Team participated in the unveiling of Tourism Ireland's Marketing plans and workshops in both Dublin and Belfast. The outlined marketing strategy aims to promote the Island of Ireland internationally in 2025, revealing numerous opportunities for industry stakeholders to enhance their overseas promotional efforts.

Trade shows

The Tourism Team attended the World Holiday Show in Dublin from January 24 to 26, which drew over 50,000 visitors. The event generated significant interest in tourism offerings in Leitrim, promoting all local tourism businesses, with a specific emphasis on Walking, Cruising and Cycling holidays.

Leitrim Tourism Forum

The third convening of the Tourism Forum took place in Carrick-on-Shannon, attended by representatives from all tourism sectors, including accommodation, activities, attractions, arts, heritage, and the nighttime economy, as well as one member from each Municipal District. The Forum's central objective is to implement the strategies outlined in the Tourism Framework document.

Launch of the Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP)

The Fáilte Ireland Destination and Experience Development Plan for the Upper Shannon, Shannon-erne, and Border regions was inaugurated at the Arigna Mining Experience. This comprehensive five-year development initiative

embodies a collaborative approach to sustainable tourism growth across the counties of Cavan, Leitrim, and the northern part of Roscommon, including Roscommon Town. The Plan delineates key initiatives intended to enhance awareness of the Destination, extend visitor stays, diversify the range and quality of visitor experiences, and fortify the economic impact of tourism in the region.

Support Initiatives

A call for applications has been launched for the St. Patrick's Day Events and Festival and Community grants scheme. Organisers are encouraged to complete the online application form available on the Leitrim.ie website.

Tourism Officers Network

The Tourism Officer attended the inaugural January meeting of the newly established Tourism Officers Network. This assembly included representatives from all 31 local authorities, allowing for information sharing and collaboration on partnership initiatives.

TOWN REGENERATION

Manorhamilton Town Centre First Plan

Three tenders were received, and an evaluation took place on 20th January 2025. A letter of intent issued to the successful tenderer on 22nd January 2025.

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

During the month of January, a meeting was held in Dromahair to discuss and seek expressions of interest in the formation of the Town Teams. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 4th February 2025.

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

Weekly meetings continue with A2 Architects and Allies & Morrison. Project is on schedule and further consultations are scheduled for February.

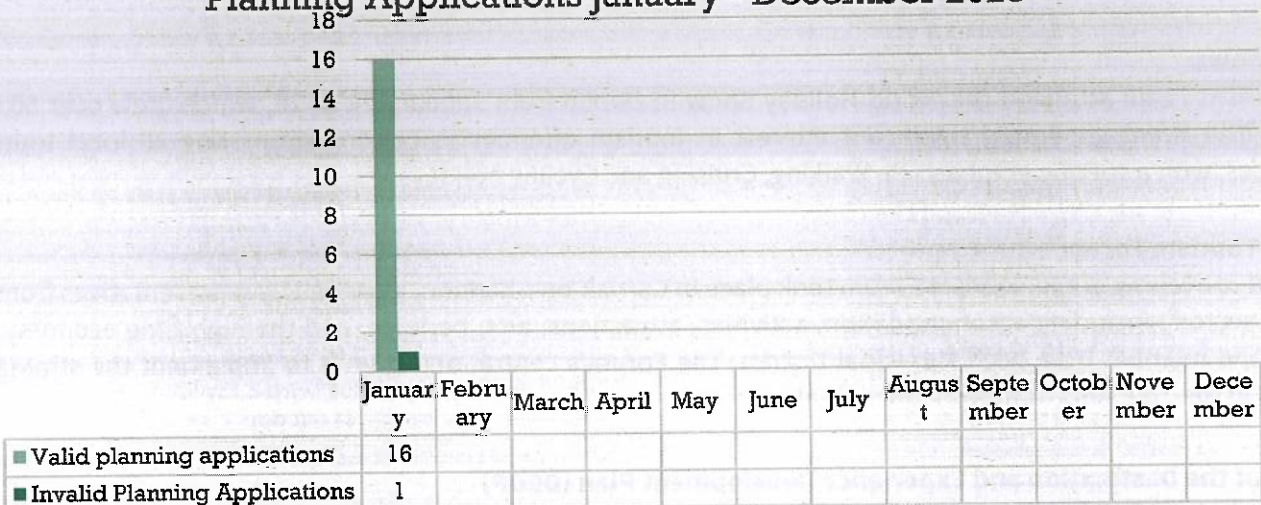
Meeting took place with the NWRA on 16th January 2025.

Local Development SPC

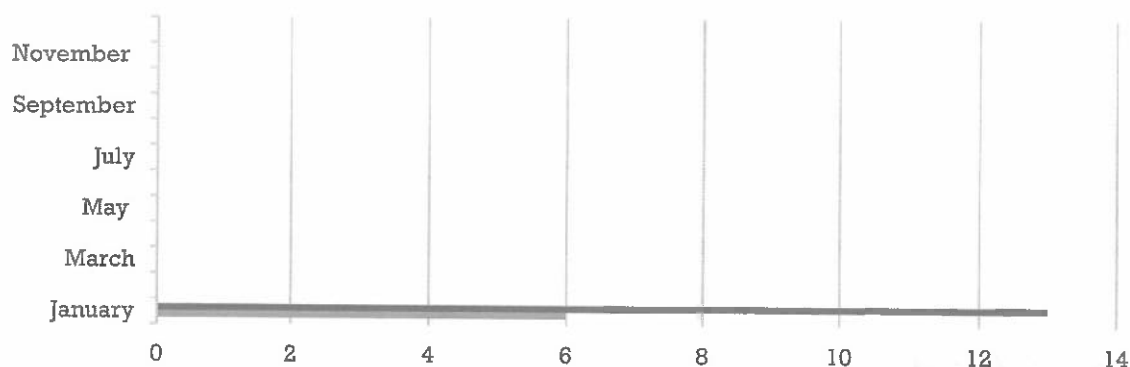
An inaugural meeting of the newly established Local Development SPC took place on 10th December 2024 and a schedule of meetings for 2025 was agreed. The first meeting of 2025 will take place on 04th February 2025.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning Applications January - December 2025



Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - December 2025



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

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Further Information Requests

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	12	12	9

Forward Planning

Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

The material amendments to the draft Plan were placed on public display from 8th January 2025 to 7th February 2025.

Heritage

- The Heritage Council funded Heritage Plan Projects for 2025 have been developed and funding applications have been submitted. These include a *Heritage Public Awareness* project and *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Project*. The O'Rourke's project will communicate the fascinating story of the historic family and this pivotal time in Leitrim's and Irish history to the public. Project outputs will include a website, book, short film and series of events.
- A Creative Ireland funded project has been developed to complement the *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Project*. This will consist of an education pack for senior primary school children to engage them in a creative way with the history of the historic family.
- Four Events have been organised for The Leitrim Gathering. These are an interview style event which will tell the story of *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim*; *The Dig* (archaeology for children); *Living History / Mobile Museum* event; and *Glenview Folk Museum Open Day*.
- Applications have been received under The Community Monument Fund 2025 and will be assessed. The St Mogue's Abbey Community Monument Fund conservation project will continue conservation works until June 2025.

Biodiversity

- Heritage Council Annual Report 2024: Completed and submitted Annual Report to The Heritage Council for 2024
- Updated and reported Biodiversity Officer Climate Action Plan actions for 2024

ROADS

Annual Area Programme 2025

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.

Storm Eowyn

Storm Eowyn occurred on 24th January 2025. The Roads Department of Leitrim County Council responded to the many issues caused by the storm such as roads blocked by fallen trees. Most of this work is now completed but works continue in relation to the clean up after the storm and there was also damage caused to a number of roads by fallen trees.

Pavement Overlays

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – This POS commenced in November 2024 and works are now substantially completed.
- **N4 Pavement Overlay Scheme – Carrick on Shannon** – Consultants are currently working on the design and tender documents for this Pavement Overlay Scheme. Going forward this will be advertised as a tender subject to TII approval. However, Consultants are also looking at additional drainage works required due to poor condition of storm drainage. Once detailed drainage design is completed, this pavement overlay scheme will be tendered.

Realignment of N16

- **N16 Lissingroagh to Kilmakerril** - Leitrim County Council submitted projection summary and estimated total scheme budget for the proposed minor works scheme on the N16 at Lissingroagh to Kilmakerril.

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **Strabrick Junction** – Safety Works at this Junction on the N16 were substantially completed in 2024.
- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** –A revised preliminary design has been submitted to TII and has been approved. Leitrim County Council to prepare documents for Part 8 Planning Approval.
- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Leitrim County Council to procure a consultant to complete Preliminary design report & detailed design as feasibility and options report has been approved by TII.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

- Tenders have been sought for the De-vegetation of Bridges on the proposed Bridge Rehabilitation Programme.

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** –Design Consultant appointed. Options report approved by Department.
- **R280 Killarga** –Consultant currently working on Ground Investigation tender
- **R280 Loughmurrin Realignment** – Design Consultant withdrew tender therefore will have to be retendered

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

We are awaiting notification of our CIS Allocation for 2025.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

An updated prioritised LIS Waiting List is being prepared and up to date BISS letters and maps and any other required documentation have been requested from the top twenty applicants on the prioritised LIS Waiting List.

Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
10	10

Abnormal Load Permits

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

No. of Applications Received for Hedge Cutting Grant & Tree Canopy Scheme 2024/2025	No. of applications deemed Ineligible/Not Proceeded with	No. of Grants paid up to month end
82 applications, incl. x 17 Tree Canopy Grant Ballinamore MD = 23 Carrick on Shannon MD = 22 Manorhamilton MD = 37	3	15

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel have received an allocation of €2,400,000 for 2025 for Capital upgrades and Staff Salaries.

The following projects will be progressed in 2025:

- Active Travel Schemes currently under construction by direct labour and will be completed in Q1/2025:
 - Ballinamore – Tully Heights - €55,000
 - Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link - €70,000
 - Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link - €35,000
- Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures - €20,000
 - Technical Note on Trial Shuttle System received from consultants and currently being reviewed by LCC & RCC. NTA are in favour of progressing to Phase 3 of the preferred option (i.e. Traffic lights and a footpath on the existing bridge).
- Carrick On Shannon – Leitrim Road Active Travel Scheme - €20,000
 - Town Regeneration are procuring a feasibility study to examine this area as a wetland ecology park. Active Travel to discuss Scheme with NTA and advise Consultants of next steps.
- Design and Part 8 Planning are required for the following:
 - Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link - €10,000
 - Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade - €105,000
 - Ballinamore Junction Upgrade - €130,000
 - Safe Routes to School – Mohill Community College - €250,000
 - Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Active Travel Scheme - €140,000
 - Drumshanbo – Town Junction upgrade - €70,000
- Design and non-statutory public consultation required for the following:
 - Cycle parking infrastructure - €30,000
 - Carrick-on-Shannon Junction tightening/Pedestrian Crossing - €95,000
 - Carrigallen Active Travel Link - €80,000

Safe Route to Schools

- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Currently at Detailed Design and Procurement Stage - €350,000
- Awaiting Delivery Plan for the following:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS - €60,000
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Ballinamore Scoill Chlann Naofa - €30,000
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumshanbo VS - €30,000

Staff Costs

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

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

An allocation of €500,000 has been received for the Bus Stop enhancement Programme in 2025.

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 8 offers of accommodation issued to housing applicants in January, 2025 with 5 offers of accommodation accepted and 3 offers of accommodation were refused.

Offers issued to 31 st January 2025	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
8	5	63%	3	38%	0

New Tenancies

Two new tenancies were created in January 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 st time allocation)	Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st January 2025
2	0

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

A new Traveller Accommodation Programme was adopted by the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council at their meeting in September 2024. The new TAP 2025-2029 came into effect on 1st January 2025. Quarterly meetings of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) will be held to oversee the implementation and delivery of the programme.

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 308 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 308 and this may be subject to change at a later date).

2025 Target for Inspection	No. of inspections completed on 31 st January, 2025	% Complete on 31 st January 2025 out of the overall target.
308*	33	10.71%

Housing Grants

The Housing Department administered a total of 148 private house grants in 2024 under the housing adaptation grant scheme. The breakdown of grants over the three schemes is as follows:

- 45 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability
- 81 Housing Aid Grants for Older People
- 22 Mobility Aid Grants

The total cost of the grants paid was €860,084 of which 80% funding is provided from Exchequer Funding and the remaining 20% provided by the Local Authority own contribution. Details of the funding allocation for 2025 are currently awaited from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The revised Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People) Regulations 2024 came into effect on **1st December, 2024**. The updated regulations introduce increased maximum grant limits, higher income thresholds and additional income deductions across all three grant schemes. 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'. In 2024, a total of 23 new units were delivered in locations throughout the county to address the social housing need in the county. Details on the social housing (new housing construction dwellings delivered) are as outlined in the table below:

2024 Programme Outturn

Location	Number of Units	Delivery Mechanism
Kinlough	6	Turnkey
Mohill	3	Repair & Lease
Drumsna	4	Direct Build
Carrick-on-Shannon	4	Part V
Ballinamore,	3	Part V
Ballinamore	3	Turnkey.
Total No. of Units delivered	23	

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 (LA Social Housing Stock)

On 24th January, 2025 the county was under a 'Red Warning' which resulted in significant storm related damage and power outages in the county. There were more than 90 incidents of damage to Local Authority Housing reported, to which our Housing Staff responded.

COMMUNITY

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Two information sessions were on the hosted by Leitrim County Council on the 22nd and 23rd January to assist community groups with the application form.

Age Friendly Programme

Leitrim and Sligo Co. Co. have confirmed the joint Age Friendly event will be hosted by ATU Sligo on the 28th March 2025. The ATU are planning to be the first Age Friendly certified third level institution in the country. Save the date information is ready to circulate to groups. Local Link have been engaged and agreed to support the transport of Leitrim residents to the event.

Healthy Ireland

Healthy Leitrim has now received end of year reports from all implementing partners. End of year reports are being compiled for Pobal. Meetings with all implementing partners have taken place and expression of interest forms are being completed. Healthy Leitrim are on course to have all reports completed by the February 28th deadline for POBAL and Healthy Ireland.

Community Recognition Fund

The deadline for all three Windows of the Community Recognition Fund 2024 have now passed. Five projects have commenced under Window 1. Window 2 announcement of successful projects is expected in the coming weeks. Window 3 announcement will follow.

PEACEPLUS

Tendered Programmes

Due to the damage by Storm Ewoyn to power and internet connections throughout the region we extended the submission deadline by 7 days for all PPEACEPLUS tenders currently advertised.

PEACEPLUS Small Grants

The PEACEPLUS Coordinator attended an information workshop on the PEACEPLUS Change Makers Small Grant Programme.

- Funding falls under Theme 1 – Investment Area 1.2 & (cross community projects) Theme 6.2(cross-border projects) Change Maker Small Grants Programme from Spring 2025
- Administered by Pobal & Cooperation Ireland
- 3 tiers of funding - €10,000-€20,000/ €20,000-€60,000/ €60,000-€100,000
- NGOs, community, voluntary, sporting & special interest organisations, schools & colleges can apply
- Minimum two eligible groups per application
- Groups can register for support at changemakers@cooperationireland.org
- There will be information events for groups in Feb/March

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

The following programmes took place in January.

- **Safeguarding 1**
- **Mums & Me Postnatal fitness**
6-week post-natal fitness fun programme for mums and their babies, 23rd January-27th February in Mohill GAA Clubhouse Gym.
- **Inclusive Boccia and Fitness**
- National learning network, The Beepark, Manorhamilton. Start date: Monday 20th January 2025, 10am.
- **Inclusive Multi Sports**
- Special Olympics, The Beepark, Manorhamilton. Start date: Tuesday 14th January 2025, 8pm
Activity: Multi Sports, Ball games and drills.
- **Inclusion for all session**
St. Joseph's National School. Date: Tuesday 14th January 2025
Activity: inclusive games; ball, targets, hoops bean bags, movement music and dance.
- **Ag Sugradh le Cheile**
Scoil Mhuire, Carrick on Shannon. Date: 16th January 2025
- **Chair Yoga**
On Tuesday January 21st we started a chair yoga programme in the Irish Wheelchair Association.

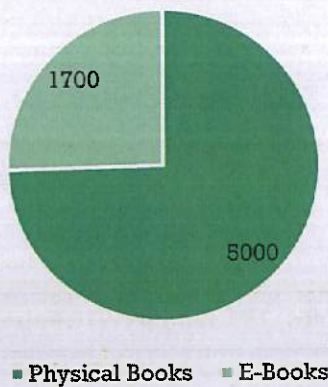
- **Active age Chair Yoga programme**
Chair yoga in the depot in Dromahair started on the 11th of January 6 sessions. This programme focuses on improving physical and mental well-being.
- **Leitrim Down Syndrome yoga**
Yoga for Leitrim down syndrome group and parents started on the 13th of January in Manorhamilton. Improves physical and mental well-being and a social activity for participants.
- **Inclusive yoga programme**
Yoga for the ladies in the hotel started on 16th of January in the depot in Dromahair.

Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub

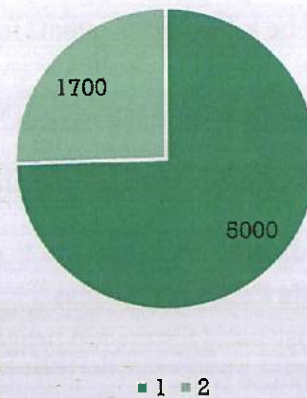
- **Spin Class**
Spin class with Tojo on Wednesday evenings in the Mayflower for Adults
- **Yoga**
Yoga class for Adults on Thursday evenings from 7pm with Denise in the Mayflower
- **Active Age**
Active Age Circuits with Raluca from 10am on Tuesday mornings
- **Strength and Conditioning**
S&C class with Raluca for Adults on Monday evenings in the Mayflower
- **Social Basketball**
Social Adult Female Basketball on Thursday evenings
- **Fit4Life**
Couch to 5k with DAC on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm

LIBRARY SERVICES

**Total Borrowed Library Books
Year to Date 2025**



January 2025



Among the usual activities were the class visits and activities such as the book clubs and writing groups, art & craft groups, bridge clubs, English and Irish language classes, poetry workshop, Dementia Inclusive Club meetings and Games Nights.

Manorhamilton Library hosted the launch of a unique textile story map of Manorhamilton which contains local landmarks and business premises in the own. The launch event was held in collaboration with North Leitrim Women's Centre, Women's Collective Ireland. The guest speaker was Roberta Bacic, a native of Chile and founder of "Conflict Textiles". The project was facilitated by local artists Liz Byrne and Phoebe Dick and funded from Creative Ireland through Leitrim County Council.

In order to assist people who had lost power, water and connectivity the six full time libraries provided extended opening hours during the last week in January. 47 extra opening hours were provided and this was very much welcomed by those in need of study/work space as well as those needing to recharge devices and access internet and wi-fi facilities. Soup was also provided in Mohill, Ballinamore, Manorhamilton and Dromahair Libraries which was very much welcomed and appreciated by those without power.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive

Date: 14th February, 2025