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Monaghan County Council

BUDGET 2025



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Budget for the financial year
ending 31 December 2025

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MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET 2025

Report of the Chief Executive to the Cathaoirleach and each Member of Monaghan County Council



The Budget for the financial year 2025 is hereby presented to the Members of Monaghan County Council in compliance with the statutory framework, Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and relevant regulations. The Budget Report, and tables therein, outline the investment the Council will make in the operation and delivery of services to our citizens, and support to the sustainable development of our communities. As ever, the focus of our budget is on maintaining a balance between progressive capital investments and responsible financial management.

Monaghan County Council budget is €93,758,392 for 2025. This represents an increase of 5% (€4.1m) to income and expenditure viz a vis budget 2024. This additional funding is allocated to Retained Fire officer costs (€0.6m additional cost and €0.4m additional income), Peace Campus running costs (€0.8m additional cost and €0.6m additional income), GWS subsidy (€0.3m fully funded), Additional staff costs €3.1m, Additional pension cost €0.5m, additional provision for new offices €0.4m, new provision for swimming pool in CMX €0.3m, additional transfer to capital €0.5m funded by additional income of €1.7m in Commercial Rates, €1.0m in Housing Rents and €1.9m in FEMPI grant. There is a reduction in the Water services budget of €0.6m in expenditure and €0.4m in income.

Monaghan County Council has 2,376 rated properties in the county, that between them will generate a total rates income of €16,782,795 for budget 2025.

Of the total number of properties, 91% pay less than €10,000 per annum (total €4.9m), 81% pay less than €5,000 per annum (total €3.3m) and 68% pay less than €3,000 per annum (total €2.1m). The highest rated 15 properties generate income of €5.5m which represents 33% of the total Rates income.

The proposed Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) for 2025 is 0.2518. This represents an increase of 3% on the 2024 ARV.

In October 2024 there were 579 vacant properties in the county. In an effort to address the level of vacant properties in urban areas, the Elected Members adopted a resolution at the Budget 2024 and 2023 meetings to reduce the Rates write off on commercial properties from 100% to 80%. Since the introduction of the reduction of this Rates write off, 38 properties have been delisted, numerous properties have been relet, converted for domestic use or are undergoing refurbishment.

The preparation of the Budget has been challenging but the proposed expenditure of €93,758,392 together with our capital programme spend represents a considerable investment of monies in the development of the County and the delivery of services throughout the County.

The Annual Budget for 2025 is reflected in the statutory tables as detailed herein and presented to Members for adoption at the Annual Statutory Budget Meeting on 19 November 2024.

The Budget has been prepared with an objective of providing funds for the continuation of existing service levels despite the challenges of rising costs, combined with an ongoing focus on providing high quality public services, maintaining our roads, meeting our climate action objectives, supporting social, economic and tourism development, and supporting our business communities. There are significant organisation-wide cost increases that must be provided for. The budget, as presented, attempts to strike the correct balance between the multiplicity of demands across the range of services delivered by the Council. In meeting this challenge for 2025 there are choices to be faced in that we must continue to provide our services, provide help and support to our towns, villages and communities while at the same time ensuring that we prudently manage our finances and do not undermine our financial capacity for future years. Budget 2025 has been framed in the context of balancing and overcoming these challenges in the interests of our fellow citizens.

There is an ongoing need to recruit staff (indoor/ outdoor) to maintain services and the increase in the pay provision for Budget 2025 will alleviate the pressure departments are currently under. Budget 2025 provides for additional staff for Peace Campus, Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) Capital Projects & Community Teams, Innovation and Marketing Strategy, IS Cyber Security Practitioner, Library Team, Interpreter/Translator and Cross-Cultural Worker (ITCS), Fire Service delivery and business process improvement.

Work is ongoing on our Strategic Workforce Plan which will align and support the delivery of our Corporate Plan 2025-2029. The Strategic Workforce Plan will reflect the changing needs of our organisation, the evolving environment in which we operate and access to and development of the right skills, competencies and experience.

Given the overall tight budgetary position and the financial outlook for the coming period it will be necessary to ensure very careful budgetary management across all Units in 2025 together with a continued focus on economy and efficiency measures throughout the organisation. Initiatives such as the review of the management and operation of our vehicle fleet which is underway will be supplemented by the review of other areas of activity in the coming period.

I wish to acknowledge the support, courtesy and cooperation of the Elected Members and staff over my first few months in Monaghan County Council and the assistance of the Cathaoirleach Cllr Cathy Bennett and her predecessor Councillor David Maxwell in transacting the business of the Council.

I would like to thank the Elected Members of Monaghan County Council for their continued support throughout the year and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Elected Members on the delivery of quality public services for the citizens of the County.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of the Members of the Corporate Policy Group in the consideration of budgetary issues and their support in producing the draft budget.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of our Director of Finance, the Directors of Service and their staff in the coordination of Budget 2025 and for their assistance to myself and the Council. I wish to record my appreciation to all Council Staff for their commitment and dedication in the delivery of services for the people and businesses in County Monaghan.

Considerable effort has been made by all members of the Council's Management Team and their staff to produce a Budget that will ensure that the Council continues to provide high quality public services and supports the maintenance and development of infrastructure and facilities for the people of County Monaghan.

I recommend the adoption of the Annual Budget 2025 as set out in the accompanying statutory tables and reports.

Robert Burns
Chief Executive of Monaghan County Council





The Local Property Tax (LPT) Allocation

Every Local Authority receives a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the Baseline. During 2023 a working group from the Local Government sector completed a review of the LPT funding levels. The working group established a method of distributing the fund €428.4m 2024 across all Local Authorities. This review resulted in an LPT baseline increase of €1.5m for Monaghan County Council for 2024. The 2025 baseline for Monaghan County Council remains at €12,738,572. The baseline allocation for Monaghan County Council will increase for 2025 by €504,254 due to the decision of the Council to increase the base rate of LPT by 15% for the year. This increase was also applied in prior years (Budget 2020 – 2024 inclusive). This discretionary element of the Local Property Tax is allocated directly to the Municipal Districts resulting in an allocation of €286,170 for each MD for 2025. The Local Property Tax allocation for Monaghan County Council for 2025 is therefore €13,242,826.

The calculation of the LPT Allocation for Monaghan County Council received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 2025 is as follows:

LPT 100% raised locally (prior to adjustment)	3,361,696
Contribution from Exchequer	9,376,876
2025 LPT Baseline	12,738,572
Increased Allocation Arising from Base Rate Adjustment	504,254
Total LPT Funding for 2025	13,242,826

Impact of retained fire officer cost

The additional net retained fire service costs for 2025 are estimated at approximately €250k. Retained fire officers' additional costs relate to increases in the retainer payable, the drill rates payable, an increase in premium hours payable, an entitlement to annual leave and sick leave along with an additional staff allocation. It has not been confirmed if these additional costs will be offset by a grant from DHLGH and a prudent approach has been adopted in terms of the income estimate input for Budget 2025.

Additional Rental income

An additional estimated average 100 housing units to be delivered in 2025 will result in a budget increase in rental income of c.€340k with housing rental income to increase overall by c.€1m.

Uisce Eireann – stranded costs

A Memorandum of Understanding was issued during 2023 by DHLGH in relation to payments to Local Authorities for stranded costs arising from the Water Services Transformation programme. The main changes for Monaghan County Council is that Central Management Costs (CMC) relating to Water services are recouped from DHLGH instead of Uisce Eireann as was previously the case. This will result in a reduction in this income stream as the majority of this recoupment will be based on 2022 CMC costs. A number of water services staff have been redeployed to other sections within the Council or have transitioned to Uisce Eireann, only a minimal number of staff remain chargeable to water services for 2025.

Peace campus running costs

The Peace Campus running costs have been factored into Budget 2025 as the building will be fully operational. It is estimated that the net effect to Budget 2025 will be a cost of c.€450k. The main income streams from the Peace Campus in 2025 will be room rental, licence agreements with anchor tenants and café/barista bar income.

Veterinary cost

The food safety authority of Ireland has a service contract in place with Monaghan County Council for the provision of official controls on food safety. A Government Decision of 24 July 2024 confirmed that the Local Authority veterinary service functions, veterinary staff and associated funding will transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). It is planned that the transfer will occur on 31 December 2024. The Veterinary work had two main focuses which was inspection of small abattoirs and food producers and dog control. The dog control work will remain with Monaghan County Council and a shortfall is expected in 2025 of c.€140k.

Current Financial Position

For 31st December 2023, Monaghan County Councils Revenue account recorded a cumulative surplus of €531,320.

Summary

The draft budget as circulated to members provides for gross expenditure, income and annual rate on valuation as follows for the local financial year 2025.

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Gross Revenue Expenditure	93,758,392
Income	
Grants and Subsidies	49,232,043
Irish Water	1,765,387
Local Property Tax Allocation	13,242,826
Goods and Services	12,735,341
Amount to be Levied	16,782,795
Net Effective Valuation	66,651,290
Annual Rate on Valuation	0.2518

Three Resolutions will be required to be adopted as follows:

1. Adopt the budget for 2025
2. Determine the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied on commercial properties.
3. Determine the level of refund that is to apply to vacant premises, that are available for rent or lease, for the local financial year for which the budget is being adopted.

Olga McConnon
Head of Finance, Housing and Culture



Division A - Housing and Building

Housing section delivers a wide range of services to the citizens of Co. Monaghan. Whilst the primary focus in 2024 continued to be increasing social housing availability through its house building programme, other services include maintaining our capital stock, HAP supports, grants for private households and homeless supports.

Budget Review 2024

Social housing delivery continues to be one of the most challenging and important services that Local Authorities deliver. In 2024 the dedicated team in housing has delivered the following[1]

- Monaghan County Council's 2024 allocation for the delivery of Housing Grants has been received in the amount of €1,499,913. Included in this figure is match funding from Monaghan County Council at a rate of 20%. There continues to be a high volume of requests for assistance and grant applications year on year
- 81 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) applications have been approved to date in 2024, there are currently 498 applicants approved for assistance through the HAP scheme. Since the commencement of HAP in 2014 to date, 540 HAP supported tenants are recorded as having received a Local Authority tenancy/ tenancy with AHB, with 37 having moved from HAP tenancies in 2024.
- There are currently 66 private and 144 AHB tenancies supported by RAS. Five new Private RAS tenancies have commenced in 2024, 11 new RAS tenancies commenced for persons accommodated by AHB. One RAS supported tenant moved to social housing provided by LA or AHB in 2024
- 291 Private Rented Inspections have taken place to date in 2024 – 15% achieved compliance on first inspection
- Seven house sales have been completed under the Tenant Purchase scheme in 2024 to a combined value of €482,000
- The new Local Authority Home Loan became effective on 4th January 2022. Since its inception a total of 31 mortgages were approved by the Credit Committee to the value of €3,657,474; 17 mortgages have been drawn down to date to a value of €1,855,200.
- Under the Housing for All Capital funding, Monaghan County Council and Approved Housing Bodies has already delivered 45 new social houses year to date and it is envisaged that 66 further social houses will be delivered in 2024. This is a projected total of 111 social housing to be delivered in 2024.
- Monaghan County Council housing projects that commenced in 2024 include the development of 22 houses Cois Abhainn, Ballinode (€7.1million) and (Phase 2) 10 houses Knockcarrick, Annyalla (€3.25million)
- Approved Housing Bodies housing projects that commenced in 2024 include the development of 10 houses Ard Cul Seana, Monaghan (€2.71 million).
- To date (18.09.2024) the Housing Section has established 124 new tenancies and a further 8 tenancies have been established with Approved Housing Bodies. It is expected to have a further 40 tenancies by year end, bringing the total of new social housing tenancies in County Monaghan to 172 for 2024. This is approximately 15% of the current waiting list of 1,159. During the same period 143 new applications for social housing have been received.

Division A - Housing and Building

Monaghan County Council has been proactive for several years to reduce or minimize the average reletting time of void properties. In 2023, Monaghan County Council had 15.33 weeks "Average Re-letting Time" which is an improvement on 2022's figure. Monaghan County Council have Department funding approval for 35 properties (€385,000) in 2024 and expect to complete circa 70 properties in 2025

Build Programme 2023-24

Monaghan County Council and Approved Housing Bodies project the provision of 111 social houses being provided under the Housing for All programme in 2024.

Monaghan County Council has a target of 57 social houses to be delivered in 2024, this target is projected to be exceeded by 54 social houses, subject to funding.

Please see Table below for 2024 number of units, location, and delivery breakdown.

Housing For All 2024				Delivery Date
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Knockcarrick, Annyalla, County Monaghan (Phase 1a)	MCC	20	Delivered May 2024
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Radhairc An Bhri. Bree, Castleblayney (Phase 2)	AHB	2	Delivered May 2024
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Knockcarrick, Annyalla, County Monaghan (Phase 1b)	MCC	10	Delivered July 2024
Ballybay - Clones	Hall Street, Ballybay	AHB	7	Q4 2024
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Coill an Ri, Carrickmacross	MCC	13	Delivered August 2024
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Coill an Ri, Carrickmacross	MCC	17	Q4 2024
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Gleann Droimnin ~ Part Vs	MCC	4	Q4 2024
Monaghan	Kilnacloy, Monaghan Town, Co. Monaghan	AHB	16	Q4 2024/Q1 2025
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Knockcarrick, Annyalla, County Monaghan (Phase 2)	MCC	10	Q4 2024
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Drummond Close, Magheross, Carrickmacross	AHB	12	Q4 2024/Q1 2025
PROJECTED TOTAL:			111	
<i>These figures do not include individual acquisitions and mortgage to rent properties.</i>				

New Projects commencing in 2025

Circa 50% of the social housing need is focused on Monaghan town. Housing projects due to commence in 2025 include the development of 51 houses at Latlorcan and 21 houses at Mullaghmatt in Monaghan town on sites owned by Monaghan County Council and an 18-house turnkey[NOI] development will proceed in Monaghan town in 2025. Town centre social housing developments will commence on sites at Old Cross Square, Monaghan and McCurtain Street and Cara Street in Clones. Subject to planning it is hoped that other significant social housing projects will commence in Castleblayney (26 houses) and Carrickmacross (50 houses). It is intended that Affordable Purchase Housing projects will commence in 2025.

Division A - Housing and Building

It is intended that a sheltered housing project at the old fire station / machinery yard in Castleblayney will commence on site in 2025 in conjunction with North & East Housing Association. Other Approved Housing Body projects to commence in 2025 include the development of 41 houses at Macartan View Latlorcan, Monaghan & nine single-storey accessible houses suitable for older people and people with disabilities at Radhairc an Bhrí, Castleblayney.

Housing staff continue to seek and submit additional projects to the Department of Housing under the Housing for All programme, towards the provision of additional social and affordable housing to address the housing needs of County Monaghan into the future.

Voids Programme

Monaghan County Council has no long term vacant social houses and has been proactive for several years to reduce or minimise the average reletting time of void properties. Monaghan County Council have Department funding approval for 35 properties (€385,000) and expect to complete circa 70 properties in 2024. The Voids budget for 2024 is projected to be similar in 2025.

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Monaghan County Council Housing department staff are committed to delivering the actions identified in the Monaghan County Council Climate Action Plan (2024-2029). Housing projects are being designed to either mitigate against or adapt to the impacts of climate change. The costs of these measures are incorporated into the project budget.

In 2024 Monaghan County Council Housing engaged consultants to provide an initial screening assessment of the potential risk of flooding to a selection of existing County Monaghan Social Housing Sites. Mitigation measures identified and any recommended detailed analysis will be considered for incorporation into future planned maintenance programmes.

The Social Housing Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme will cost over €2,300,000 in 2024 and is expected to increase in 2025 to nearly €3,000,000 with 90% funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and approx. 10% funded by Monaghan County Council Internal Capital Receipts. By the end of 2024 over 250 social houses will have been retrofitted to a Building Energy Rating of B2 or better under this programme and over 38% of social housing units in Monaghan will be rated B2 or better.

The Carbon Emission Saving associated with the Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme 2024 is estimated to be greater than 200 tonnes CO₂/yr and the Energy Consumption Saving is estimated to be greater than 600,000 kWh/yr.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting upgrades being completed by Monaghan County Council have many health and environmental benefits and creates safer, warmer, more comfortable homes.

Division A - Housing and Building

Planned Maintenance

In 2025 a budget of €225,000 under the Planned Maintenance Schedule is proposed to improve the quality of existing housing stock. Works have continued throughout 2024 with a focus on external works including wastewater treatment systems, boundary replacements, window and door replacement and roof replacement.

Response Maintenance Mark

A budget of €800,000 is being provided in 2025 to reflect the increase in housing stock. The funding is used to attend to the day-to-day maintenance of the housing stock. This includes work such as fixing leaks, boiler repairs, drainage works and repairing kitchen units.

Disability Steering group

The National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 incorporates a vision of facilitating disabled people to live independently with appropriate choice and control over where, how and with whom they live, promoting inclusion in the community. Steering group membership combines stakeholders from the HSE, AHBs, Disability Groups and Council Housing staff. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis. One of the actions identified in the national strategy was for the local authority to set targets for the allocation of dwellings to people with a disability. Monaghan County Council's target was agreed at 20%. To ensure this could be achieved, sub-groups were established with members of the HSE Disability groups to identify and prioritise the current and potential housing need for those engaging with HSE services. Since January 2024, 33 households have been allocated council tenancies and 4 tenancies have commenced with Approved Housing Bodies – 28% of total allocations to date.

Monaghan County Council continues to pursue annual Departmental funding for essential adaptation works to provide for the disability needs of tenants in our existing housing stock. Funding from the council's own resources of 20% is required to match exchequer funding for this purpose. An average of 30 council properties per year are adapted to enable tenants remain in their homes, with average expenditure of €300,000.

In terms of housing grants for people with Disabilities Monaghan County Council will continue to maximise Departmental funding by matching the funding requirement of 20% and will seek funds from Department for works to our own housing stock.

Homeless Action Plan

The key actions of the Plan are the prevention of Homelessness; the protection of service users through emergency, accommodation and support services; and their progression to longer term permanent accommodation

Division A - Housing and Building

In County Monaghan prevention of homelessness is being targeted through the introduction of a HAP Place Finder service in conjunction with the ongoing Tenancy Sustainment Service and utilisation of the Housing First Model. The engagement of accommodation providers such as Bed and Breakfast operators in addition to agreements with NGO's and coordinated interactions with support services will address service user needs in the short term. The ongoing LA construction programme as well as programmes of Approved Housing Bodies will offer opportunities for longer term accommodation which will be supplemented by opportunities in the Private Rented Sector using any support schemes available to the LA such as HAP and RAS.

All funding for the Homelessness Services is provided by the Department of Housing and is recouped directly by Louth County Council as the lead authority for Northeast Homelessness Action Plan.

Housing Grants

The administration of housing grants will continue into 2025 with a focus on trying to clear the current backlog of applications whilst prioritising urgent medical cases. The Council will again utilise available resources to maximise exchequer funding for the County. A budget of €400,000 is proposed to meet the 20% requirement.

Division B - Roads, Transport and Safety

Road Transport and Safety

Monaghan County Council is responsible for 2,560 Kilometres of road network consisting of 108Km of National, 297Km of Regional and 2,155Km of Local roads. The total budget for 2024 was €32,586,214.

Major Schemes

N2 Clontibret to Border Road Scheme

The project commenced in 2018. In 2021 a 400m Preferred Route Corridor was identified, and the next phase of the design process (Phase 3; Design & Environmental Evaluation) commenced. The project received no funding in 2022, and all design work was suspended. In early 2023 Monaghan County Council made an application for funding to the EU's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) fund, with CEF grant funding of €2,335,005 secured in October 2023. Match funding is being provided by the Department of Transport. Design work recommenced in the project in late 2023, with environmental surveys and ground investigation taking place in 2024.

N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road Scheme

No funding was received 2024, and design work was suspended. Funding has been requested for 2025.

National Roads

N54 Tullybryan Road (Minor Scheme).

Following on from an Oral Hearing in October 2023, the CPO was confirmed in April 2024. Works progressed throughout 2024 in implementing Phase 4, Statutory Processes of the Project Management Guidelines. Construction is anticipated to commence in Q4 2025/Q1 2026, subject to provision of funding.

N53 Ballynacarry Bridge Replacement

Works continued throughout 2024 in progressing the Phase 3, Design and Environmental Evaluation in accordance with the Project Management Guidelines. Subject to approval and provision of funding, planning applications will be lodged in Q4 2024/Q1 2025.

Division B - Roads, Transport and Safety

National Road Pavement Schemes

In 2024, a total of €5.4 million was expended on renewing and maintaining the national road network. Resurfacing work took place at N2 Cremartin to Clontibret and N12 Liscarney to Tullylish.

Pavement Rehabilitation works took place on the N2 (Emyvale, Broomfield, Tirnaneill and Tullyvaragh) and the N54 (Clones).

Monaghan County council have requested a funding allocation of €7.5 million from TII for Pavement Rehabilitation works for 2025.

National Road Safety Schemes

A Feasibility & Option Report was approved by TII in Q2 2024 to address the current road safety issue along the N2, entering Emyvale village (North). Detailed design, planning approval and procurement progressed in Q3/Q4 2024. Construction is programmed to commence in Q2/Q3 2025.

TII approved a Feasibility & Options Report in Q3 2024 for provision of controlled crossing points on the N54, adjacent to the Monaghan Town Peace Campus. Detailed design and procurement of a contractor progressed in Q4 2024, with construction programmed to commence in Q1 2025.

N2 Cycle Paths

Detailed design of the N2 cycle paths (Emyvale village and Corlat to Collegiate) were finalised in 2024. Construction of the Emyvale Village scheme is programmed for Q4 2024/Q1 2025, with construction of the Corlat to Collegiate scheme planned for Q2 2025.

TII funded Greenways.

Ulster Canal Greenway (Monaghan to NI Border) – The CPO for the required lands was confirmed in May 2024. Monaghan County Council have requested a 2025 funding allocation from TII to progress the scheme through Phase's 5 & 6 of TII's Project Management Guidelines. It is intended to commence construction of the scheme in Q3 2025.

Ulster Canal Greenways (Smithborough to Clones & Smithborough to Monaghan) – A stage 3 Flood Risk Assessment including flood modelling was completed in 2024, which identified locations along the proposed Greenway routes which would be prone to flooding. These areas of flood concern are currently being reviewed. Monaghan County Council has requested a 2025 funding allocation from TII to progress the scheme through Phase's 3 & 4 of TII's Project Management Guidelines. Programming will be dependent on the outcome of technical design issues and required approvals.

Division B - Roads, Transport and Safety

Non-National Roads

Restoration Improvement Grant

In 2024 the Department of Transport provided an allocation of € 7,810,500 under the Restoration Improvement Grant to Monaghan County Council for the rehabilitation of Regional and Local Roads identified as having a PSCI rating of between 1 and 4.

Restoration Maintenance

The Department of Transport allocated grants totalling €2,002,500 in 2024 for the resealing and restoration of skid resistance on the non-national road network. The funding allocated allowed for the surface dressing of over 30km of Regional and Local Roads in 2024.

Discretionary Grant

A grant allocation of €2,071,500 was received from the Department of Transport under the Discretionary Grant. The funding is used by the Municipal Districts to carry out maintenance works. 2025.

Specific Improvement Grants

Specific Improvement Grant funding for the following schemes was received in 2023:

- R181 Drummillard to Crossduff €50,000
- R162 Glen Rd Culvert €900,000
- Old Cross Square/N2/N12 €50,000
- Drumary Bridge Replacement €500,000

Bridge Rehabilitation

In 2024, an allocation of €719,275 was received from the Department of Transport for the rehabilitation of bridges on the Non-National Road network. In total, 10 bridges have undergone rehabilitation, or replacement works in 2024 at the cost of approximately €820,000.

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

An allocation of €259,380 was received in 2024 for the delivery of ten low-cost safety improvement works

Division B - Roads, Transport and Safety

Local Improvement Schemes

An initial funding allocation of €564,965 received from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the first round in May. Eight lanes were completed in Round 1. A 2025 allocation of €373,479 was announced in May 2024. It is envisaged that approximately 9 lanes (subject to applicant acceptance) will be completed in 2025.

Community Involvement Scheme

An allocation of €354,150 was received from the Department of Transport in 2024, which, together with community contributions, enabled the resurfacing of two roads.

Climate Change Adaptation Funding

An allocation of €435,807 was received in 2024 for the delivery of six climate adaptation and resilience works schemes.

Pilot Scheme in 2024

The 2024 RAP scheme was widened on a regional basis with MCC as the lead authority and included Louth, Cavan and Cork County Councils. Roads have been completed in Cavan, a Greenway in Cork and works are currently finishing up in Co. Louth.

Active Travel

In 2024 Monaghan County Council received an allocation of €3million from NTA for 26 active travel projects throughout the county. This includes greenway enhancement works, shared paths, pedestrian bridges, safety improvements for VRU's including junction tightening, safe routes to school and transport plans for urban settlements. The following active travel projects have been completed in 2024.

- Clones Peace Link
- Lough Egish
- Monaghan Town Greenway
- Tirnahinch
- Mall Rd.

County Walking & Cycling Strategy 2021-2026

Several actions in the Walking & Cycling Strategy are completed or at various stages of progression. A Walking & Cycling Interdepartmental Committee with senior staff from various relevant sections are leading and delivering on various actions. A Walking & Cycling Forum consisting of external stakeholders with an interest in walking and cycling continue to meet quarterly and input into ongoing policy and the practical development of sustainable transport solutions in walking and cycling in Co Monaghan.

Division B - Roads, Transport and Safety

Road Safety

The actions contained in the second Road Safety Action Plan for County Monaghan continue to be implemented. The plans which cover the period 2023-2024 is based on the principals of the 'Safe System Approach'. The County Monaghan Road Safety Working Together Group provides a multi-agency approach to the co-ordination of road safety policy and implementation at a local level.

The aim of the County Monaghan plan is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on the county's roads, in line with the national target of 50% over the 10-year period 2013-2030. The plan is the first step in achieving the 2020 Programme for Government commitment of bringing Ireland to 'Vision Zero', which aims to eliminate all road deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by the year 2050.

The Collision Prevention Programme is a national partnership programme that brings Local Authorities and the An Garda Síochána together in a united and sustained effort to identify collision prone locations and taking preventive remedial action, where appropriate. The County Monaghan group continue to meet several times per year.

The number of fatalities, as of 24th September 2024, in County Monaghan shows a downward trend after several consecutive years of increased deaths on the roads.

The Transition Year Road Safety Awareness events continue to attract large numbers of students to the Iontas and Garage Theatres with over 600 pupils in attendance in 2024. Speakers from the HSE, National Ambulance Service, An Garda Síochána and Monaghan Fire and Civil Protection Service shared their experiences of dealing with road traffic collisions and the effects on those who have had their lives changed forever at as a result of someone making a wrong decision when using the roads.

Priorities 2025

The priority for the Transportation section in 2025, will be to progress the Major Schemes, install new Active Travel infrastructure to promote the model shift to active travel and to increase the road maintenance output through increased investment and resource optimisation

Division C - Water Services

Rural Water Section

Monaghan County Council is the Water Services Authority in relation to the supervision of Group Water Schemes and small private water supplies under the Drinking Water Regulations 2023. Under the Rural Water Programme, the Council's Rural Water section administers the payment of grants and subsidies towards the running costs of Group Water Schemes and payments of grants to upgrade the assets of Group Water Schemes, private water supplies and Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (septic tanks).

The Rural Water Programme provides measures to address deficiencies in:

- Group Water Schemes
- Group Sewerage Schemes
- Private Water Supplies where no alternative group or public supply is available
- Septic tanks (subject to terms and conditions)
- Domestic water supply pipes and fittings i.e. the Lead Remediation grant (subject to terms and conditions)

In 2025 Rural Water section expects to administer subsidy payments of approximately €6million to twelve group water schemes in the county, towards the operation and maintenance of the schemes. Funding is dependent on eligible expenditure and participation in a DBO contract.

In addition, scheme-specific capital grants under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme are administered to group schemes towards relevant measures including source protection, public health compliance, water conservation and scheme enhancements. Rural Water Section has submitted a total of 56 Group Water Scheme bids under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2024-2026 to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). The bids cover the areas of Source Protection, Capital replacement, Water Treatment Improvements, Improvements to network infrastructure, extensions to the Network and Innovative Demonstration Projects.

The bids are currently being assessed by an Expert Panel, which will make recommendations to the Department on the suitability of projects for funding, based on the objective criteria set out in the Framework document. The Department will consider the recommendations of the Panel and make a submission for the consideration and approval of the Minister. Monaghan County Council expects that this process will be complete by the end of 2024. In 2025 the Rural Water section expects to have significant work in supporting Group Water Schemes that have been successful under the scheme, to implement a range of capital projects.

Division C - Water Services



Figure 1- Lough Namachree Surface Water Source of Corduff-Corraharra GWS

Remedial or upgrade works to wells are also funded under the Rural Water Programme. The level of grant is determined by the type of improvement works undertaken, and is currently subject to the following limits:

- 85% of the approved costs for rehabilitation works, subject to a maximum of €3,000.
- 85% of the approved costs for the provision of a new well, subject to a maximum of €5,000 (where the local authority agrees that this is the most appropriate solution).
- 100% of the approved costs for works that, in the opinion of the Local authority, are necessary to treat the water to meet the water quality standards specified in the regulations, subject to a maximum grant of €1,000. (subject to terms and conditions).

On 1st of January 2024, the Domestic Wastewater Treatment System (DWWTS – septic tank) Grant scheme was updated. The grant increased from €5,000 to €12,000 and the qualification criteria changed so homeowners could avail of the grant even if they had not registered their septic tank by 1 February 2013. The Grant is available to repair, upgrade or replace DWWTS if required. The grant funding is 85% of the cost of the repairs to the system or a new system, up to a maximum of €12,000. In order to be eligible, householders seeking grants must meet the relevant criteria of one of the following three different types of septic tanks grant schemes:

- DWWTS grant under the National Inspection Plan.
- DWWTS grant in Prioritised Areas for Action
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- DWWTS grant in High Status Objective Catchment Areas.

Division C - Water Services

In 2025 Rural Water Section will continue with mandatory inspections under the National Inspection Plan , and process/inspect and DWWTS grant applications received under the other two schemes in line with the terms and conditions of the grant schemes.

Drinking Water Compliance

In 2025 the Rural Water section will continue to deliver its annual private Group Water Scheme sampling programme. Under this program 12 GWSs are subject to sampling and auditing in addition to ten small private water supplies which primarily serve rural pubs, hotels, factories, and service stations within the county. Sampling prioritisation in respect of the number of samples per GWS is determined by the size of the scheme i.e. based on the annual amount of water produced by the scheme and the scale of the population served by the scheme. The ten small private supplies require two checks and one audit sampling run per supply. The results for 2023 show that the compliance rate was 99.4% out of 1,467 parameters analysed. There were nineteen exceedances noted throughout the year and the HSE were notified at all times. The main exceedances were for THMs, Manganese, Iron and Aluminium. The nineteen exceedances were identified through the Council's own sampling program, notified by the laboratory to Rural Water section, and then notified to the scheme. Among the corrective actions taken by the schemes to close out exceedances were, repeat sampling to verify compliance, investigations into treatment plant processes and escalating to a site audit if necessary.

Uisce Éireann is responsible for the operation and maintenance of public water and wastewater services, including:

- Management of national water and wastewater assets.
- Maintenance of the water and wastewater system.
- Investment and planning.
- Managing capital projects; and
- Customer care and billing.

Under a Master Co-operation Agreement entered into in 2023 between Uisce Éireann and Monaghan Co. Council, Uisce Eireann continues to have the direct management and control of the Local Authority Water Services staff who are involved in the delivery of the Uisce Eireann Water Services functions. Monaghan Co. Council provides Support Services to Uisce Éireann under a Support Services Agreement made in 2024.

Division C - Water Services

Rural Water section co-operates with the Council's Planning section and government departments to facilitate the transfer to Uisce Éireann of public water and wastewater infrastructure within private developments. Section 12 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 provides for the transfer of Water Services assets to Uisce Éireann, that is given effect by Ministerial Order. To date 112 folio numbers have transferred to Uisce Éireann, with a further 26 folios yet to be transferred. In this respect, detailed work will continue in 2025 preparing supporting material for the transfer of these assets which includes the subdivision of folios and associated mapping, the registration of unregistered sites, the establishment of legal rights of way and the resolution of outstanding title anomalies.



Division D - Development Management

1.1 Planning Applications

The number of planning applications received in 2024 is slightly higher (8.5%) than the previous year, but overall broadly comparable with previous years. Application types were dominated by single dwelling houses, domestic extensions, and agricultural developments. To date this year, applications received included 202 applications for single dwellings, 87 for domestic extensions, 28 for agriculture and 17 No multi housing developments. It is anticipated that the number and type of applications received will be similar in 2025.

In February 2023 the Planning Authority commenced operating the LGMA planning portal, and since then planning applications could be submitted electronically, as well as in hard copy format. In 2023 approximately 50% of all applications were submitted electronically, this has now risen to 77% for 2024. The planning authority continues to run a dual system for both online and hard copy applications, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

The number of Section 5 applications submitted this year increased significantly, with over 100 received up to September 2024. This rise can largely be attributed to the introduction of the Croí Conaithe Grants Scheme.

The level of activity in respect of other development management functions (e.g. applications for extension of duration, Part VIII's, Section 57 applications, compliance, etc) has remained generally consistent with previous years.

No of Planning Applications Received

Year	No Apps Recieved	Increase
2018	648	
2019	636	-1.85%
2020	615	-3.3%
2021	754	22.6%
2022	563	-25.3%
2023	611	8.5%
2024	620*	1.4%

*Estimated

Division D - Development Management

1.2 Compliance and Queries

In 2024 the number of submissions relating to compliance, planning searches, taking in charge and confirmation of payment of development contributions remained consistent with previous years.

From October 2023 to the end of August 2024 the Planning Section received 212 planning search requests, in addition to 44 relating to other matters. This level of activity is expected to be maintained into 2025.

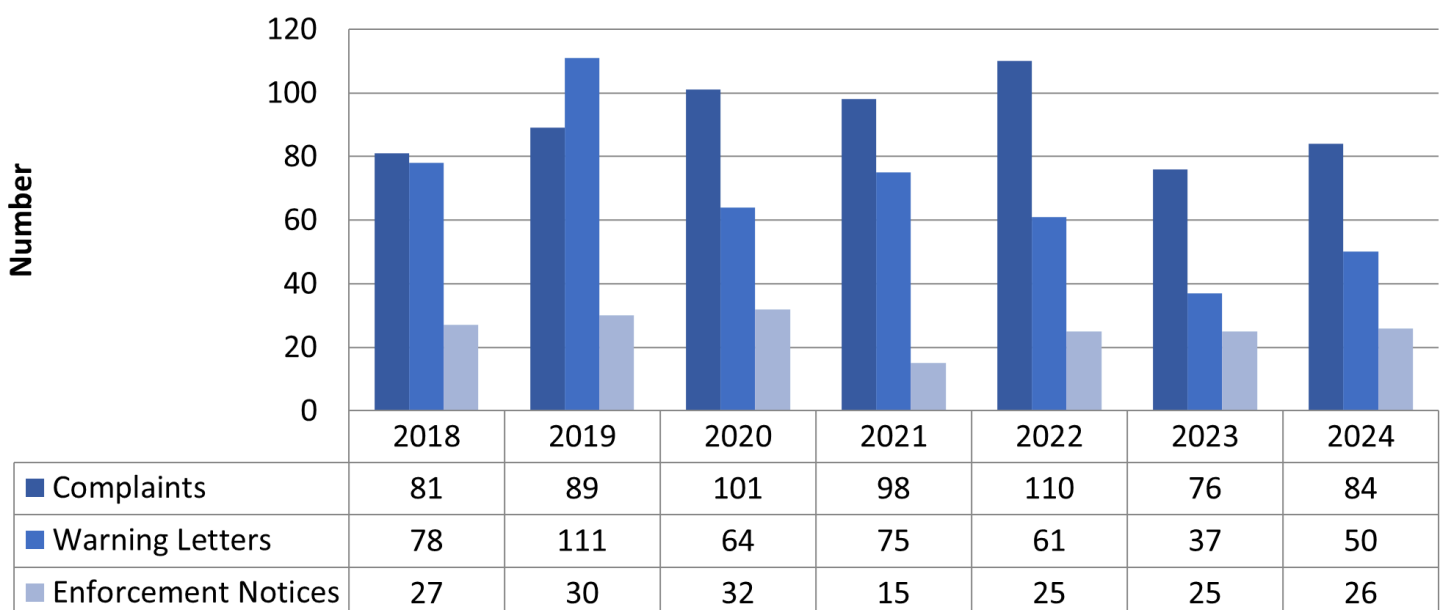
From October 2023 through to March 2024, 35 Solicitors queries relating to financial conditions were received prior to this function being transferred to the Finance Section.

2.0 Planning Enforcement

2.1 Enforcement

The number of planning enforcement complaints received during 2024 rose by approximately 10% relative to 2023. A significant number of enforcement matters are now proceeding to prosecution, and this has placed an increased demand on resources. It is anticipated that the level of enforcement activity which shall be carried out by the Planning section in 2025 will be consistent with previous years.

Enforcement Action



2024 figures up to 11/09/2024

Division D - Development Management

2.2 Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge

There remain only two unfinished housing developments in the County, although these are likely to be rectified in the near future.

Eighteen estates are at various stages in the taking in charge assessment process, a slight increase on 2023 numbers. Ten estates were formally taken in charge in 2024, a significant increase from 2023. The intent to take in charge one additional estate has been advertised and it is hoped that this can be formally progressed in due course.

Of the eighteen estates in the assessment process, many require agreement from Uisce Eireann, and it is hoped that these can be substantially progressed in 2025. The Planning Section will continue to progress the Taking in Charge of residential developments throughout the County.

3.0 Forward Planning

3.1 Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031

The Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031 was finalised at the end of July 2024 and subsequently circulated to the Chief Executive, Elected Members, Senior Management Team and internal consultees.

The Draft Plan was presented at a full Council meeting on the 2nd September 2024, and it was agreed by the Elected Members to proceed to public consultation. This commenced on the 5th September 2024 and will last for a period of 10 weeks, ending on the 14th November 2024.

A broad public engagement process has commenced in respect of the publication of the Draft Plan, which includes notices in local newspapers, various social media platforms across the Council and on local radio. In addition, a series of public information events has commenced in each of the five towns.

The Forward Planning team intend to undertake a number of presentations on the Draft Plan, to the Local Community Development Committee, the PPN, as well as an online meeting with planning architects/agents.

Division D - Development Management

3.2 Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) was introduced in 2022. The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use, or mixed use which includes residential use, so as to increase housing supply and to ensure the regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations.

The Annual Draft Map was published on 1st February 2024, which included land considered to be in scope for the RZLT. Submissions were invited between the 1st of February 2024 and the 1st of April 2024.

Determinations in respect of the submissions received seeking the exclusion of lands indicated as being within scope of RZLT on the Draft Revised RZLT Map were made in June. Landowners were entitled to appeal the determination of the Local Authority to An Bord Pleanála in 2024, but no appeals were made.

As the RZLT was a new taxation measure being applied to existing zoned and serviced lands, provision was made in the legislation for landowners to make submissions to the local authority requesting a change to the current zoning of their lands by way of variation of the development plan. Two submissions were received from owners of land identified on the draft map as being within scope of RZLT, requesting a change of zoning of their land. A decision on these requests have been issued by the Council.

Identification of lands liable for RZLT will be an annual process going forward with a Draft Map being published in February of each year.

Division D - Development Management

3.3 Built Heritage

In 2024 Monaghan County Council again administered the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) which involves funding from the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the repair and conservation of protected structures. Nine projects across the County received a total of €96,000 funding from the Department for the repair and conservation of protected structures under the BHIS in 2024.

Six projects were allocated a combined total of €205,000 under the HSF in 2024. One of these projects, St Macartan's Cathedral, was funded over a two-year period (€200k over the two years). In addition, one of the HSF projects was deferred from 2023.

The Planning Section will continue to administer both built heritage funding schemes in 2025.

Example of Built Heritage Projects 2024



Lime mortar repointing at Shanco Church, Emyvale



Division D - Development Management

4.0 Agents' Workshop

An Agents' Workshop was held on the 19th September 2024 on the Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031. It is intended to continue to roll out further Agent's Workshops in 2025.



Completed works at the tower, spire & rose window at St. Macartan's Cathedral



Before and after photographs of window refurbishment at Freame Mount Demense

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Thatching work reaching completion at Grennan's Cottage



Local Enterprise Office Monaghan

Local Enterprise Development Services

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Monaghan plays a vital role in facilitating sustainable economic growth and enterprise. The work of the Local Enterprise Office forms a key part of Enterprise Ireland's strategy to support micro-enterprises and promote a pro-enterprise culture at the local level in Local Authorities through a Service Level Agreement.

The Local Enterprise Office promotes entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups, and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation through collaboration with key strategic stakeholders, including business and community groups.

LEO Monaghan also delivers economic activities under the Local Economic & Community Development Plan, County Development Plan and supports the Economic & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. It has also undertaken many actions to meet objectives within the Climate Action Plan through programs such as the recently launched ESG (Environmental Social Governance) Cluster.

Enterprise Support Local Enterprise Development Services

In 2024, LEO (Monaghan) celebrated its tenth anniversary – since its creation 173 local companies have received direct grant assistance which has supported 1013 jobs.



Information Session Funding Supports

Our focus in 2025 is to provide supports and services to encourage and foster new start-ups. We will assist existing businesses to expand and face both the challenges and opportunities arising from the low carbon economy, digitisation and export development through programs that encourage LEAN practices and the development of enterprise clusters.

Job Creation and developing companies for export will continue to be a priority - in 2025 many Monaghan LEO clients will take part in the Export Development Pathway program providing these first-time exporting companies with expert mentoring and access to new markets.

Local Enterprise Office Monaghan

Climate Action- Green for Business

LEO Monaghan continues to be at the forefront of adaption planning and awareness building of the business sector's need to respond effectively to climate action, sustainability and energy challenges.

Following on from the Go Green Network Series, Monaghan LEO delivered a successful pilot program in 2024 with 21 Small and micro businesses through the ESG (Environmental Social Governance) Cluster. This program provided local companies with “ESGo” an easy-to-use digital tool that assists businesses in tracking and managing their responsible Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) journey.



Monaghan ESG accreditation Cluster Participants

The 'Go Green'- climate action series and ESG clusters will continue in 2025 to support businesses as they transition to low carbon entities. These series compliment the LEO supports for businesses i.e., Green for Business and Energy Efficiency grants with grant aid up to €10,000 or 75% of eligible costs.

Digital Start – Grow Digital Voucher

Small businesses need to maximise every advantage and implementing a digital strategy can give businesses a real edge. Digital Start supports manufacturing and international trading service clients. This support helps them prepare and implement adoption of digital tools and techniques across their business. To support this a “Grow Digital” Voucher scheme was launched in 2024. The scheme offers a grant covering 50% of eligible costs, up to €5,000 to cover e-commerce, customer relationship management (CRM), accounting software and training costs.

Local Enterprise Office Monaghan

Entrepreneurship Support Services

Promoting and highlighting enterprise and entrepreneurship continues to be supported by LEO initiatives such as Local Enterprise Week, National Women's Enterprise Day, the Student Enterprise Programme, and the National Enterprise Awards.

Local Enterprise Week

Local Enterprise Week 2024 celebrated the spirit of innovation and sustainability with a special focus on the Circular Economy. Over 50 attendees had the opportunity to engage with CIRCULÉIRE experts and local companies to gain insights into the LEO Monaghan ESG Cluster's efforts in promoting sustainability, circular economy principles and innovation.



Local Enterprise Week 2024

In 2025 we aim to increase participation in our events which will take place in Spring 2025.

Monaghan Women in Business Network

Monaghan Women in Business launched their network for 2024 during Enterprise Week. The network continues to build community, business and contacts and is a valuable resource for all women based in County Monaghan and the surrounding areas - regular seminars will continue into 2025.

In 2025, Monaghan LEO will develop similar networks to deliver Age Friendly Business Training and support enterprises in the tourism sector within the county.

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Student Enterprise Programme

Teenage entrepreneurs from Our Lady's Secondary School, Castleblayney, Largy College and St Macartan's College represented Monaghan at the Student Enterprise National Final held on 9th May 2024. The program will continue in 2025.



Monaghan Student Enterprise Finals 2024

Monaghanhubs

In 2024 a marketing campaign to showcase the unique attributes and offerings of remote working hubs in County Monaghan was completed by Monaghan LEO through the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. This campaign will promote County Monaghan as a destination for remote working and business establishment.

[Monaghan Hubs – Work remotely from County Monaghan, Ireland](#)

Other Key Supports for 2025:

Lean for Micro:

This tool is one of the main support tools devised to enhance productivity and efficiencies within organisations. LEO Monaghan will continue to encourage businesses to avail of this support in 2025.

Mentoring:

The mentor programme continues to operate very successfully, with feedback from the participants extremely positive, highlighting the importance of non-financial supports to micro businesses.

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There was a significant up take in demand for this service in 2024 with 241 mentor applications received. Monaghan LEO will continue to increase the numbers of participants availing of mentoring in 2025.

Training supports 2025:

LEO Monaghan plans to deliver a wide range of training courses & programmes on topics such as social media for business, eCommerce, Sales & Marketing, Financial Management, Vat & Tax & Leadership in 2025 both in person and remotely.

MFI Loans:

Microfinance Ireland (MFI), in partnership with Local Enterprise Offices is a government funded initiative to support small businesses. LEO Monaghan will continue to inform businesses of this product and support them in applying for loans through MFI in 2025. In 2024 the loan amount limit increased to €50,000.

Business Information & Advisory Services

The LEO Network has formal protocols in place with Microfinance Ireland, Credit Review Office, Department of Social Protection, Revenue Commissioners, National Association of Community Enterprise Centres, Education & Training Boards and Failte Ireland, which govern dissemination of information, information signposting and inter-agency referrals. LEO Monaghan has both formal and informal engagement with these agencies and works closely to assist and support job creation at county level.



Tourism Unit

At the end of 2023, Monaghan County Council adopted a new and ambitious Tourism Strategy (2023- 2028) for the county, to help address deficits, capitalise upon opportunities, and grow new partnerships within the county's tourism and recreational sectors. A key action in the strategy was the establishment of a Tourism & Recreation forum of stakeholders to support its implementation. Nominations were sought in 2024 from different sectors and tourism focused organisations. In April, the inaugural meeting of the Forum was held, with quarterly meetings thereafter.



In 2025 a key part of the Tourism Unit's work will be to continue to implement the Tourism Strategy with the support of the Tourism & Recreation Forum, which will meet on a quarterly basis throughout 2025. A smaller Working Committee has been established to oversee certain initiatives and this will meet more regularly and keep the wider Forum informed of developments.

An important action under the strategy will be to develop a County Outdoor Recreation Plan for Monaghan in consultation with the public, relevant sporting organisations and key stakeholders. This work commenced in 2024 and will continue into 2025.

Key to growing and promoting Tourism in the county in 2025 will be facilitating networking and organising tourism trade engagement initiatives to encourage cross-selling and package development.

In 2024 the Tourism Unit assisted in organising some successful networking events including a Monaghan-Dublin Business Network event in the Peace Campus for Culture Night, and a trip to New York to initiate the move of the Project Children archive to Monaghan. This will see a major series of exhibitions, events and programmes organised by Monaghan County Council in collaboration with Project Children take place in Monaghan in October 2025 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this transformative project and to mark its new residency in the Peace Campus and is expected to bring significant visitor numbers to the county.

Tourism Unit



A number of the principal capital projects planned for 2025 include:

Black Island Lough Muckno - €500,000 ORIS funding was granted to MCC to enhance the recreational facilities on the island. Planning permission for these upgrade works was granted in September 2024 and a procurement process was undertaken thereafter. It is anticipated that works will commence on site by end October, and 2025 will see the completion of delivery of recreational enhancements on Black Island, with a subsequent launch event and submission of final funding claims

Dromore River Blueway Pre-development Project - €50,000 was awarded under the ORIS funding programme to work up plans to develop a proposed Blueway from Ballybay to Lisnalong. Subsequently, €500,000 was secured under the 2023 ORIS programme for capital works. It is hoped to progress development of this project in 2025, once the Planning requirements have been fulfilled.

Sliabh Beagh - Following a Shared Island funded feasibility study in 2023, the completed report and associated studies were used as the basis for seeking capital funding for proposed works. In 2025 the Tourism Unit hopes to source funding for sustainable eco-tourism developments on Sliabh Beagh as outlined in the Shared Island Feasibility Study, and once funding is secured, to move forward with related works.

Motor Homes/Aires de Service in 2024 the Tourism Unit worked to identify and progress sites that could be used to provide services for Motorhome users and thereby augment visitor numbers. In 2025 it is planned to build on this work and progress to developing Motorhome facilities in suitable locations across the county in conjunction with the Municipal Districts

Tourism Unit

Festivals and Events

In 2024, the Tourism Unit was delighted to oversee the completion of a multi-use events space in Church Square, Monaghan. With funding of €497,962 received from Failte Ireland under the Destination Towns initiative, and supplementary funding provided by Monaghan Municipal District, a programme of hard and soft landscaping and feature lighting was undertaken, culminating in an attractive outdoor space that will be a focal point for performances, markets, events and festivals. The official launch event was held on 20th September 2024.

In 2025 it is intended that the space will be widely used for a variety of events in Monaghan Town. In addition, 2025 will see the Tourism Unit focus on an enhanced festival and events programme right throughout the county, and on the promotion and support of these as attractors for the county



Official launch of the new performance space at Church Square, Monaghan

2024 saw significant capital works undertaken to enhance the county's tourism infrastructure:

Monaghan Way walking Trail –

Inniskeen to Annadrumman (Castleblayney) - Upgrade works on the Monaghan Way from Inniskeen to Annadrumman were completed and the trail was officially re-opened by Minister Heather Humphreys at a launch event on 22nd March, at which a new Walks Scheme for the trail was also announced. The Monaghan Way featured as part of the Tracks and Trails (RTE TV series) in 2024.

Dartrey Forest Enhancements - €400,000 ORIS funding was secured for recreational enhancements to Dartrey Forest, with completion of works anticipated by the end of 2024.

Tourism Unit

Rossmore Playpark Extension - MCC was awarded €150,000 under the Community Recognition Fund to extend the existing playpark at Rossmore and provide play equipment which is suitable for older children. A contractor was appointed in September 2024, with completion of works anticipated in 2024.

In addition, the county's Tourism infrastructure received a significant boost in 2024 with the opening by Waterways Ireland of the new marina in Clones. In 2025 the Tourism Unit will work in partnership with Waterways Ireland and Fáilte Ireland to develop an activity hub at the marina and to encourage both existing and new providers to develop product to avail of the opportunities arising from this major infrastructural development

Tourism Promotional Activities

In 2024 the Tourism Unit was very active in promoting tourism and delivered a number of successful initiatives including the following:

C'Mon to Monaghan - A series of unique and quirky videos (20 in total) was developed to showcase the diverse tourism and food offering in county Monaghan, rolled out via social media sites



Radio Campaigns

Three outdoor broadcasts were organised to promote and support the following festivals in 2024 –

- Muckno Mania, 5th-7th July
- Monaghan Town Country Music Festival, 18th-21st July
- Clones Film Festival, 24th-27th October



Influencer Posts

The Tourism Unit collaborated with influencer Helen Drumm to showcase key activities across the county, which were then promoted to her extensive following across Tik Tok, Instagram and Facebook.

Promotional activity will continue to be important in 2025, and the Unit intends to Deliver promotional campaigns and on-going PR activity for the county to raise the profile of the county as a tourism destination

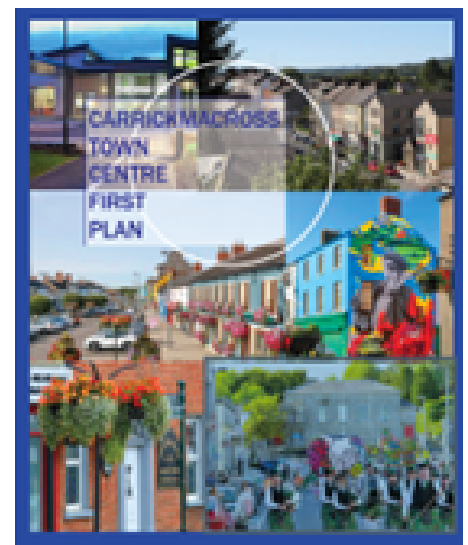


Summary of the activities of the Regeneration Unit 2024

1.0 Carrickmacross Town Centre First Plan

The Paul Hogarth Company were appointed in Q3 2023 to lead in the development of the Town Centre First Plan for Carrickmacross. Through consultations with the Town team, and engagement with schools, public representatives and the general public the first Town Centre First Plan for the County was developed.

The main topics raised in the consultation process included positive statements about the town's heritage and sense of community, but also concerns around traffic and car parking, perceived antisocial behaviour and provisions for young people.





The Carrickmacross Town Centre First plan maps out a series of transformative projects specifically tailored for Carrickmacross, encompassing a spectrum of scales and ambitions. The Plan is a live document, remaining responsive to ongoing input and feedback, ensuring its adaptability to the evolving needs and aspirations of Carrickmacross.

The initial draft of the Town Centre First Plan for Carrickmacross was issued in mid-November 2023. The final plan was completed in January 2024 and launched by the Minister for Rural and Community Development and Cavan- Monaghan TD, Heather Humphreys in March 2024.

2.0 Monaghan Town Centre First Plan and Reuse of a Heritage Building in Monaghan Town

A Strand 1 application was made for grant aid under the THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme Programme in April 2024. The Council were notified in June 2024 that they had been awarded €199,341 for the development of a Town Centre First Plan for Monaghan Town, the development of proposals for a vacant heritage building in public ownership to be brought back into use, and the carrying out of citizen engagement in association with these projects. Following a tender process John McLaughlin consultants were appointed and work commenced in July 2024.

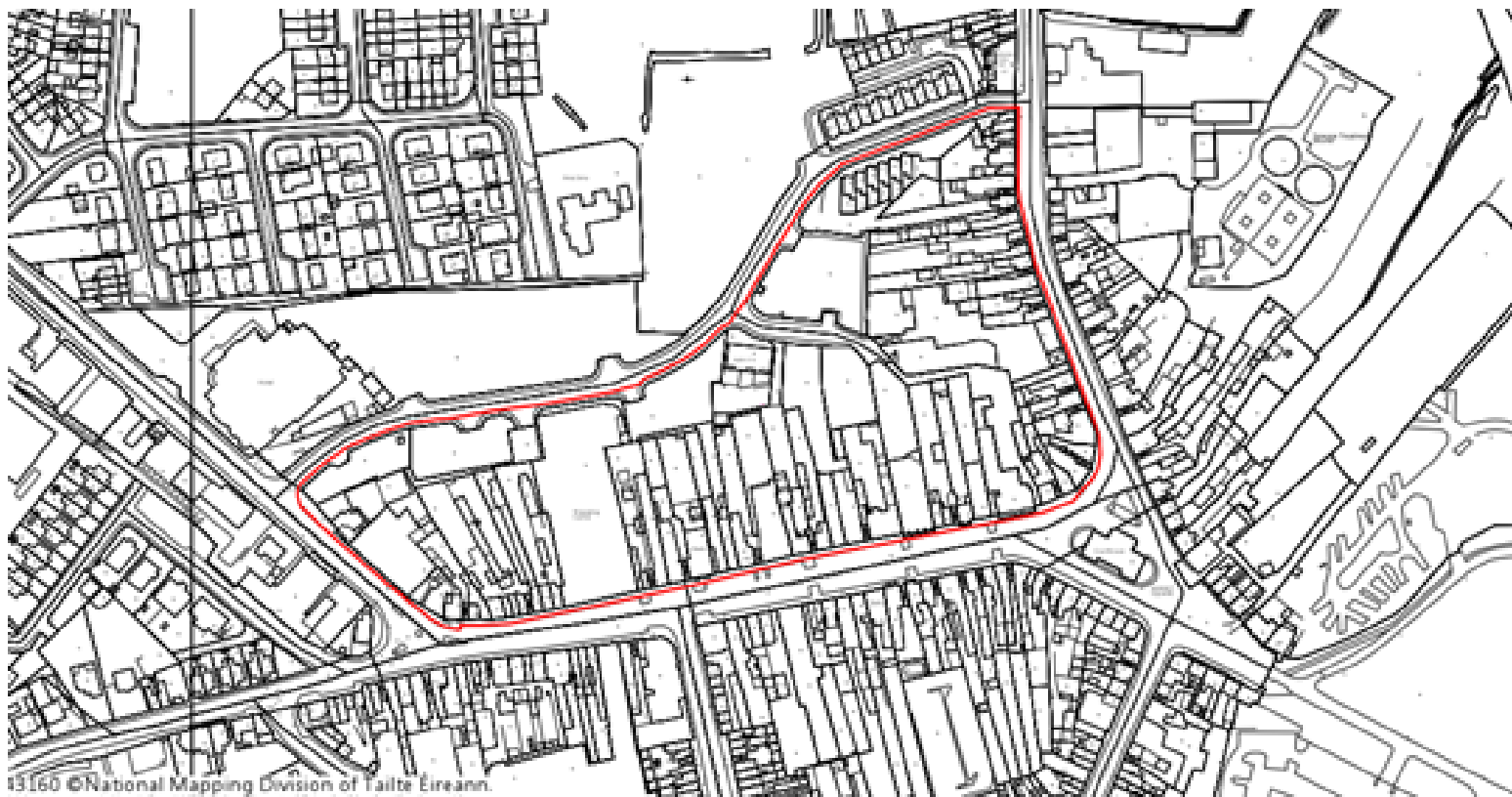
The initial engagement process, including on line surveys, engagement with the Town Team, targeted groups, elected representatives and sections of the County Council have been completed and it is expected that the final document will be completed in December 2024.





3.0 Regeneration Plan for town centre lands in Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan

Shaffrey Associates were appointed in April 2024 to carry out a Castleblayney Town Centre Lands Regeneration Plan incorporating approximately 4.5 hectares of town centre zoned lands, an area which radiates from the Market House west along Main Street and north along Muckno Street with McGrath Road to the northwest and Monaghan Road to the west. This area is outlined in red in the map below.



The aim of the study is to deliver a series of design solutions identifying opportunities for development in this area as well as provide a guidance document for future development in this area. The key stages of the project are as follows: -

1. Research, Vision & Strategy: 22nd April to 5th July
2. Consultation: main phase – 20th May to 2nd August (Consultation Report with key findings and recommendations)
3. Drafting Regeneration Plan – 15th July to 13th September (Draft)
4. Final Plan – 4th October 2024

Stage 1 and 2 have been completed and the document is being drafted. The anticipated date for receipt of the consultation report is Q3/Q4. It is envisaged that this plan will be available for review in Q4 2024.



4.0 Ballybay Town Centre First



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

The procurement process for the appointment of a consultant to prepare the Town Centre First plan for Ballybay was concluded in August 2024.

The successful consultant, The Paul Hogarth Company (Ireland) Ltd have been appointed and commenced the consultation process in September 2024.

It is envisaged that the plan will be completed by Q1 2025.

This project is being funded by an allocation from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

5.0 Town Centre Health Checks

Monaghan County Council has been awarded funding of €10,000 to undertake Town Centre Health Checks and Town Team Capacity building for each of the towns of Clones, Castleblayney and Monaghan.

Queens University, under the auspices of the School of Planning, have been appointed to undertake the Town Centre Health Checks for the three towns. Initial survey work consisting of online questionnaires and in person surveys commenced in September 2024. It is envisaged that the health checks will be completed in October 2024.

Have your say!



Castleblayney Town Centre Health Check

Take part in the questionnaire



Have your say!



Clones Town Centre Health Check

Take part in the questionnaire



Town Team Capacity building for Clones, Castleblayney and Monaghan are being undertaken by MCA consulting and will be ongoing through Q4 2024.



6.0 Vacancy and Dereliction in County Monaghan

Following the development of a strategy to address the County's dereliction and vacancy issue the Town Regeneration Section have initiated a series of focused actions to reduce vacancy and dereliction in the County in 2024.

The proposed strategy consists of working with relevant landowners, seeking in the first instance to address vacancy and dereliction using current available Governmental supports and if not successful, utilising the Councils powers as contained in the 1990 Derelict Sites Act (as amended) to address this issue.

Since the initiation of the programme 117.no Section 8(2) notices (including URDF programme) have been issued by Monaghan County Council.

In 2024 – 24 no Section 8(7) notices have been issued and these properties have been added to the Derelict Site Register (47.no in total September 2024). This number is expected to increase further by year end.

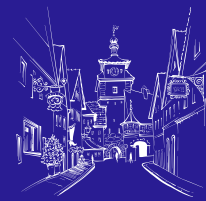
Compulsory acquisition process has commenced on the following properties:

- o Unfinished Housing Estate at Carrickroe – following receipt of objections referred to An Bord Pleanála for approval
- o Derelict/vacant site to rear of unfinished Housing Estate at Carrickroe– following receipt of objections referred to An Bord Pleanála for approval
- o Derelict Structure: Coolshannagh, Monaghan – Section 17 notice issued 16th September – Envisaged to be in MCC ownership by 17th October 2024
- o Derelict Structure: 13 Old Cross Square, Monaghan – Section 17 notice issued 3rd September 2024 – Envisaged to be in MCC ownership by 4th October 2024
- o Derelict site at Main Street, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan H18 XR81 – Section 17 notice issued 23rd September – Envisaged to be in MCC ownership by 24th October 2024
- o Derelict Site at 15 Dublin Street, Monaghan – Section 15 notice to be issued September 2024

7.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Call 3

The Town Regeneration Section is progressing the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Call 3 for Monaghan Town, and actively engaging with property owners, where possible, to address the long-term vacancy and dereliction in the town.

Initially the Department approved the inclusion of 17 properties on the programme however following the completion of detailed surveys, the Council has now received approval to extend the programme to include a total of 50 properties in Monaghan Town. The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage have provided a revolving fund of €1.5million to allow for the acquisition of these properties, compulsorily or by agreement, and to place them on the open market for sale to buyers that will bring the properties back into active use. This funding is committed to 2030.



Following this initiative 2 Properties have been returned to use as commercial businesses; nine long term commercial properties have been advertised for sale; one property has been compulsory acquired by the Council. Following the completion of the legal process, this property will be made available for purchase to the open market.

The remaining properties within the programme have been incorporated in the Derelict Sites process with Section 8(2) and 8(7) notices served to date.

8.0 Croí Cónaithe Property Refurbishment Grant Programme

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant was launched on 14 July 2022 and benefits those who wish to turn formerly vacant houses or buildings into their principal private residence or making them available to rent.

This initiative has impacted significantly on vacancy and dereliction throughout the county as the figures below demonstrate:

Total Grant Amount Paid €1,211,833.50

Number of Applicants Paid 21

MD Split Details:

Carrickmacross/ Castleblayney MD 7

Monaghan MD 8

Clones/ Ballybay MD 5

MD	Number of Applicants	Total Approved Amount	Average Approved Amount
Monaghan MD	46	€2,498,767.79	€54,321.03
Carrickmacross/Castleblayney MD	45	€2,617,913.28	€58,175.85
Clones/Ballybay MD	47	€2,857,351.06	€60,794.70
Total Approved	138	€7,971,032.13	€57,763.86

To date (17th September 2024) 138 applications have been approved for Croí Cónaithe Property Refurbishment Grant with an overall average grant of €57,763.86 being approved.



Examples of properties before and after grant works carried out



9.0 Proposals for 2025

Subject to available funding, the Town Regeneration unit proposes to develop Town Centre First plans for Clones and Castleblayney. The unit will progress the completion of the Town Centre First Plans for Monaghan Town and Ballybay. It will continue to advance the Monaghan Towns URDF Call 3 project and in the wider County context will engage with property owners to bring vacant and derelict properties into reuse. Where necessary the Councils powers as outlined on the 1990 Derelicts Act (as amended) will be utilised to address problematic sites.

The unit will continue to apply for funding, including the THRIVE strand 2 funding stream, and where other opportunities arise implement projects that arise from successful applications

Heritage

Monaghan County Council was without a Heritage Officer for much of 2023. The new Heritage Officer commenced the position at the beginning of 2024 and her main focus throughout 2024 was the implementation of Monaghan's Biodiversity and Heritage Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

The Heritage Council supports the activities of the Heritage Section with funding towards the implementation of actions contained within the County Heritage Plan as well as outreach and awareness support and coordination of the National Heritage Week event. In 2025 we will continue to build upon much of the work carried out in 2024.

New 5 year County Heritage Plan and Biodiversity Action Plans

A large focus of 2025 work plan will be the development of individual new 5 year Heritage and Biodiversity plans as the current Biodiversity and Heritage Strategy 2020-2025 plan ends.

Heritage Council Funding

The Heritage Officer each year has access to a fund of up to €37,500 funding from the Heritage Council (match funded 25%) from MCC for the Implementation of the County Heritage Plan. Through this the Heritage Section have been able to deliver several projects including the Heritage Week Grant Scheme, The Field Names Pilot Project, Publishing the Holy Wells Book and the fifth series of Heritage Podcasts as well as awareness and community outreach. It is hoped to continue with the podcasts, heritage series of books, heritage week grant scheme and the field names project in 2025 subject to funding.



Heritage Week

In 2025 we will continue to coordinate Heritage Week events in Monaghan. We also hope to continue and expand the Heritage Week Grant Scheme.



Field Names Project

Due to its success and huge interest in the pilot project it is hoped to continue this important work in 2025 and expand it out to other groups

Heritage

Heritage Podcasts and Heritage Series

This fifth series of podcasts was recorded onsite in 2024- and these will be published later this year. A further series will be recorded in 2025. It is also hoped to produce another volume of the Heritage Series volume of books in 2025.

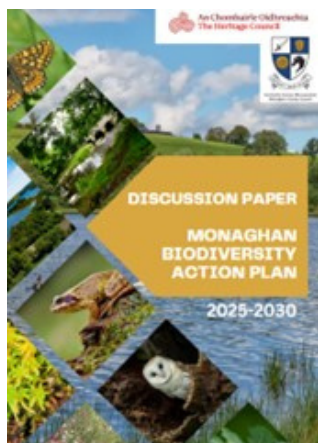
Community Monuments Fund

This scheme from the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is administered by the Heritage Section. The fund is for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection, and promotion of archaeological monuments. Up to €100,000 euro is available for successful applications.

Biodiversity

The key focus of the Biodiversity Officer role is continuing to work in collaboration with colleagues across the organisation to coordinate the Council's response to the challenge of the global biodiversity crisis for the county, and improve our awareness of biodiversity loss. Embedding biodiversity awareness in all aspects of council function is a priority.

Monaghan County Council's new Biodiversity Action Plan (2025-2030)



As an action under the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan, local authorities are obliged to prepare and adopt a Biodiversity Action Plan which is required to be updated every five years.

A Discussion Document was published in May 2024 and went out for public consultation in June. Public Consultation sessions were held in all libraries in June. Feedback is being complied and will be incorporated into the forthcoming Draft County Biodiversity Action Plan. Funding has been received from the Heritage Council in 2024 to assist with the initial delivery of the draft plan (€20k). Further funding is required to complete it.

Key Biodiversity Priorities

Biodiversity Week- May 2024



A key feature in the calendar in May is Biodiversity Week with thirteen hugely successful events run by the Biodiversity Officer in 2024 across the county. This week is dedicated to biodiversity in all its forms, and provides an opportunity for the public to get up close to nature, get their feet wet and feel connected to the biodiversity around them. This will be an annual event dependant on funding.

Junior Biodiversity Conference – May 2024

This conference, the first of its kind in any county, gave the youth of Monaghan a voice in biodiversity issues in their county. A total of ten schools (60 students) participated. Feedback was exceptional and will be repeated in 2025 if funding granted.



Citizen's Biodiversity Conference – Nov 2023

Over one hundred people attended the inaugural Citizen's Biodiversity Conference in Nov 2023. The conference was aimed at local groups and explored biodiversity topics and issues local to Monaghan. The success of the event clearly demonstrated the appetite for biodiversity events in the county and it is planned to roll out the conference as an annual event (dependant on funding).



Heritage and Biodiversity Spending Priorities for 2025

We have requested an increase of €65,000 across the Heritage and Biodiversity budget to reflect the expansion of these roles. Work in this area was previously the remit of a single Heritage officer but expansion of scope now requires separate Heritage and Biodiversity Officers, each of whom has a large programme of work.

In addition, both Heritage and Biodiversity will need additional funds to enlist the assistance of consultants to prepare new Heritage and Biodiversity Plans due at the end of 2025. To date Heritage and Biodiversity have been heavily reliant on external funding and operating on a small budget which is currently just adequate to cover the match funding requirements.

Ongoing reliance on external funding will not provide the consistency or focus needed to address the increasing demands of heritage management. The requested increase in budget will ensure that the initiatives outlined are adequately resourced, enabling Monaghan County Council to engage with local communities effectively. The projected budget ensures more comprehensive coverage of all aspects of heritage and biodiversity management. Some key work that will be undertaken in 2025 includes:

- Continued implementation of the Monaghan Biodiversity and Heritage Strategic Plan 2020-2025.
- Implementation of the Monaghan Wetlands Action Plan and Sliabh Beagh Conservation Management Plan
- Development of a new Heritage Plan for 2025-2030- alongside the preparation of a new Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Administration of the Local Biodiversity Action Fund (€100k) which requires 15% match funding
- Administration of the Community Monuments Fund and delivery of a programme of works to conserve Monaghan's rich archaeological heritage.
- Public Awareness and outreach, including full programmes of workshops and events during Heritage Week, Biodiversity Week, Hedgerow week, Science Week etc.
- Continuation of the hugely successful and now annual Biodiversity and Junior Biodiversity Conferences
- Continuing the series of Heritage at the Heart podcasts and the Heritage Series of books subject to funding.
- Continuation of the very successful pilot Field Names project subject to funding.
- Survey of burial grounds and conservation plans as well as community workshops and development of a graveyard network.

Community and Rural Development

Monaghan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) continues to provide a strategic overview and support to, community and economic development in the county. Monaghan LCDC's main responsibility is to co-ordinate and oversee local and community funding for the county.



Monaghan's Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2029 was adopted in 2024. The six-year plan sets out the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and community development of the area. To monitor implementation of the plan working groups have been established for each of the High-Level Goals and will report to the LCDC.

Monaghan LCDC in collaboration with CYPSC were awarded €93K from Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Department of Rural and Community Development to develop a Local Area Poverty Plan for each of the 5 towns in County Monaghan. A steering committee of key stakeholders has been established to oversee implementation of the project.

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028 is managed by the LCDC. The SICAP 2024-2028 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

Community and Rural Development

Healthy Ireland

2024 saw significant progress made in the delivery of the Healthy Ireland Round 4 programme of work. 11 separate comprehensive, varied, and diverse programmes were delivered by programme partners, incorporating different elements focused around the two key priority areas of the programme: Increasing physical activity levels of adults and children and decreasing the number of people showing negative mental health. In total, over 2000 participants engaged in HI funded initiatives across the county. Initiatives included targeted programmes at children and young people, people with a disability, ethnic minorities, members of the LGBT community, new parents, older adults, as well as several other initiatives aimed at all cohorts of the community.



Priorities for 2025

To continue to work with all stakeholders to complete the work of the Healthy Ireland Round 4 programme and deliver on the actions in our Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025. The 2025 programme will see a particular emphasis on the delivery of targeted initiatives aimed at improving the physical and mental wellbeing of children and young people across the county.

·Continue to oversee the work of Comhairle na nÓg in the county, working with the local Youth Council and Coordinator to ensure that young people across the county have their voices heard on the issues affecting their lives, both presently and in the future.

PeacePlus

In 2024 Monaghan LCDC Peace Plus Partnership Board submitted an application to SEUPB for €4.5 million to deliver the Local Peace Plus Action Plan. Activities will commence during 2025.

Community and Rural Development

Monaghan Public Participation Network (PPN)



Monaghan PPN continued to grow in 2024 with 84 new groups registering, bringing the total to 688. A number of targeted training events have been held this year including a Biodiversity and Climate Change Workshop, Social Media and Canva Training and Coffee Mornings to Meet and Greet the PPN staff.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the PPN's and Monaghan PPN will be acknowledging the contribution PPN representatives have made to the Local Authority at our Plenary Meeting in November.

Priorities for 2025:

- Continue to deliver on the actions in our Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025, including promoting the use of the Community Wellbeing Statement amongst all stakeholders and arranging networking opportunities for our Community Representatives.
- To continue to build the capacity of the community and voluntary sector across our county by developing tailored training programmes.
- To ensure voice of community sector is heard by collaborating with departments across the council to develop local policies and plans.
- To develop an induction training programme for all new SPC representatives to support them in their new roles and to ensure ongoing mentoring is provided to them.

Monaghan Women's Assembly (MWA)

A number of events were held in 2024 including a 'Meet and Greet your Local Political Parties' event, and the production of thematic videos for social media by each of our female councillors in the run up to the 2024 Local Elections, and training on Canva and Social Media.

MWA in conjunction with the LCDC Equality Subgroup also carried out a series of Walking Safety Audits across the county. The audits will raise awareness around safety for women walkers/runners and address any safety issues identified.

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Priorities for 2025:

- Hold a workshop with key stakeholders to discuss and capture learning from the 2024 Elections.
- Organise a training and development programme on Women in Leadership in Local Politics.
- Workshop for Young People and Minority Groups to raise awareness of the role of Local Government.
- Publish a “Your Vote, Your Voice” Booklet which will be an easy-to-read guide for all voters. It would be written in plain English and could be translated into many languages.

Ukrainian Emergency Response

In November 2022, the Government introduced the ‘Offer a Home’ initiative to house Ukrainian refugees. Under the Offer a home scheme, the Council have, to date, placed 175 Ukrainian refugees in pledged accommodation. Spend on the Ukrainian refugees is recoupable from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Community Development

The Community Development team held a very well attended Community Funding Workshop to inform our community and voluntary sector on the many types of funding available to them and the do’s and don’ts when writing funding applications. Doohamlet Community Centre representatives provided an overview of their 20-year journey of how forward planning, collaboration, consultation and knowledge sharing saw their community transform into a more welcoming and inclusive place to live. Events like this where we support our communities will continue in 2025.

The team continues to support communities to access funding opportunities and to develop plans. Tidy Towns groups and residents’ associations continue to be supported through networking meetings and targeted training.

A highlight for the team was assisting the community of Rockcorry with an application for funding under the Community Centre Investment Fund, and the outcome of them being awarded €2,667,785 to pursue their long-held ambition of constructing a new community centre.

54 development officers working in various organisations attended a networking event in September to learn from one another and to discuss how best to address the emerging needs in the county.

The community of Smithborough worked hard on the development a plan for the village. A set of draft actions was presented to the community at a family fun day in September. It is expected that the plan will be finalised in 2024. The goal is to develop more plans that will be produced during 2025

Community and Rural Development

Play and Recreation

The Council was awarded a grant of €3,000 from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) to run activities to mark National Play Day in July. This was used to purchase toys which were distributed to children through the libraries and Family Resource Centres.

Monaghan's first Play and Recreation Strategy is in draft format and ready to go to public consultation. As part of the consultation process and in line with government policy, it is planned to run several children's consultation events as part of the consultation process. It is also hoped during 2025 to commission an audit of all our existing playground.

Community Safety

We continue to engage with the property marking scheme, providing road signs to communities which hold events in collaboration with An Garda Síochána.

The annual Don't Pour Your Dreams Away youth alcohol awareness campaign took place again this year in the run-up to the release of the Junior Cert results. This campaign was a multi-agency campaign involving MCC, MID, YouthWork Ireland Cavan Monaghan, CYPSC, and An Garda Síochána.

The youth anti-racism project 'We are all Human', which was developed in collaboration with Largy College and funded by the Community Safety Innovation Fund is now being rolled out. Peer Education Training has been organised and is being offered to all secondary schools in Co. Monaghan. The trained students will then commence delivering workshops and events on themes such as equality, racism, displacement and immigration around the county.

Pride of Place

Monaghan County Council were represented in this year's competition by Oram in the 0-300 population category, Monaghan Tidy Towns in the Climate Change/Biodiversity category and Largy College in the Community Youth Initiative Category. The competition results will be announced at a gala awards ceremony in the Hillgrove Hotel on November 2nd hosted by Monaghan County Council.

Community and Rural Development

Community Funding Schemes

Monaghan County Council has been hugely successful in attracting significant funding, which has allowed us, together with the community to deliver projects that might not have otherwise been possible. To date in 2024, Monaghan County Council has been allocated approximately €3,500,000 in funding through The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) which will be instrumental in enhancing infrastructure and supporting community-driven projects across the county through various funding schemes such as CLÁR, the Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS), the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) and the Community Recognition Fund.

CLÁR



Through the CLÁR programme, which focuses on revitalising rural areas experiencing population decline, Monaghan has witnessed significant enhancements in community infrastructure. By addressing the need to upgrade our rural community facilities and improving access, CLÁR has contributed to a higher quality of life in the county.



Sensory Play Area at Rockcorry National School

Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS)

The Town and Village Renewal (TVRS) Scheme has provided crucial support to the regeneration of Monaghan's towns and villages.

Refurbishment of Corrybrennan Play Park, Ballybay

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Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund was established to recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland. It has played a crucial role in fostering social cohesion in Monaghan.



Bog Garden, Killyconnigan, Monaghan

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) has facilitated the development of outdoor amenities such as walking trails, cycle paths, Lido etc., tapping into the county's rich natural beauty.

Priorities for 2025

We will continue to commit to working collaboratively with community groups and other key stakeholders to actively source funding opportunities for projects that will have a transformative effect and to make Monaghan a wonderful place to live, work and visit.

Monaghan Sports Partnership (MSP)

Monaghan Sports Partnership, developed, collaborated, supported, delivered over 300 sport and physical activity initiatives across the County in 2024. Initiatives are coordinated to support the participation of specific population groups i.e children and young people, people with a disability, ethnic minorities, women and girls and older adults, general population. Participants ranged from pre-school aged children to older adults in their mid-80's, a range of programmes for schools, communities, special services, sports clubs with over 5,000 individuals participating

We worked closely with statutory and private agencies and local community groups to promote national campaigns such as Women in Sport Week, Men's Health Week, National Bike Week, HER Outdoors Week, National Walking Day, European Week of Sport, and many others.

Community and Rural Development

We supported 59 sports clubs through our small grants programme to assist clubs with the purchase of sports equipment and support for the development of coach / education opportunities. MSP delivered its own coach education workshops to support sports club volunteers, in areas such as safeguarding, coaching children, first aid, coaching teenage girls, autism in sport.

MSP will continue to promote participation and club development in the County in 2025 in line with the objectives of the Sport Ireland Statement of Strategy, the National Sports Policy and the National Physical Activity Plan.

Priorities for 2025:

- Delivery of core programming supported by Sport Ireland - a comprehensive local community programme of activity with emphasis on key target groups
- Delivery of 2024-2025 Dormant Accounts funded projects for specific purposes
- Support the development of local sports plan, county outdoor recreation plan, play and recreation plan
- Communication design and delivery to raise awareness and promotion of MSP activities

Social Inclusion

Age Friendly activities have included the Beech Hill Intergenerational Project, which was redeveloped to include members of the U3A group. This will ensure year-round broadcasts of news into the local Nursing Homes. A highlight of the year was the Older People's Council Information Event at the Hillgrove Hotel.

The priority for the Equality Subgroup continues to be Social Inclusion Week, whilst they also focused on Women's Safety through the roll out of Women's Safety Audits at five locations in the county. Funding has been provided to community groups which will ensure that a greater range of events and activities will take place in Social Inclusion Week 2025. A programme of "How to Vote" information events was rolled out in advance of the local election and assisted groups such as migrants, young people and disability groups to vote. Funding has also been provided for events such as Africa Day and the Communicating Europe Initiative.

The Community Development Fund 2024 saw a huge increase in the number of applications. The fund continued to provide financial assistance which supports the work of local community groups.

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Monaghan Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The new local model of integration centres on a national network of four-person Local Authority Integration Teams (LAIT), funded by the the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), in each of the 31 Local Authorities.

These teams provide supports to:

- International Protection Applicants (IPA)
 - People with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection or Permission to Remain Status
 - Programme Refugees as part of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP)
 - Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP)

Monaghan LAIT, consisting of an Integration Co-ordinator, two Integration Support Workers and an Assistant Staff Officer took up duty in March and April 2024. The team is based in the local authority's Community Development section and their key role is to support integration by providing information, advice and guidance and identify gaps in supports and services.

Monaghan LAIT provides support clinics in accommodation centres, Family Resources Centres, libraries and at other venues throughout the county. In 2024, the team has organised activities at accommodation centres in collaboration with local agencies and organised training involving local agencies and accommodation centre managers.

Monaghan Community Integration Forum

The key role of the newly established forum (April 2024) includes:

- Supporting the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in the provision of services and in implementing new models of support at local level.
- Providing a collaborative forum for the LAIT and other members to escalate issues.
- Acting as an information and coordination mechanism among local stakeholders and partners.
- Facilitating the exchange of good practice and identifying ways in which coordination can be improved at local level.

Driven and chaired by the Director of Services for Community and Rural Development, the forum meets bimonthly and consists of representatives of service providers within the county. The forum receives funding from DCEDIY.



Division E - Environmental Services

Water Protection

The work of the Environmental Services water quality team is critical as Monaghan County Council strives to play a leading role in both protecting and improving water quality, and helping our rivers, lakes, groundwater, and coastal water to achieve a healthy state, or 'good ecological status.'

Water quality sampling, enforcement and monitoring will continue to represent a challenge for Monaghan County Council going into 2025 and beyond. The most recent EPA report indicates that overall surface water quality continues to decline nationally. The aim for Monaghan County Council and all agencies involved in water quality is to reverse the trends in nutrient discharges by identifying and implementing the right targeted measures in the right place. In September 2024, The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage published Ireland's 3rd River Basin Management Plan. The new plan titled 'Water Action Plan 2024 - A River Basin Management Plan for Ireland' sets out the actions planned for implementation between now and the end of 2027. This plan focuses on protecting and restoring water quality by preventing and reducing pollution, by restoring the natural ecosystem functions of rivers and by continuing to invest in water infrastructure. Taking cognisance of the new Plan, staff in 2025 will again be targeting specific waterbodies with a view to seeking improvements in water quality and to continue to protect waterbodies whose quality is presently good.

Our RMCEI work plan for 2025 will continue to be prepared and implemented in line with the national environmental enforcement priorities for the year ahead which are confirmed by the EPA each December.

During 2024 Monaghan County Council availed of Departmental funding to recruit an Executive Scientist and an Assistant Scientist to progress additional water quality related work, particularly around agricultural inspections. In 2025 there will be an increased focus on targeted Agri inspections with an emphasis on high-risk farming activity and areas where agriculture has been identified as a significant pressure throughout the county. Farm inspection work is receiving increased focus nationally with ever-increasing reporting requirements by the EPA. The EPA have an enhanced role in the oversight and planning of farm inspections through the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)

Monaghan County Council is required to license discharges of effluent to groundwaters and surface waters under the Water Pollution Act. During 2025 these facilities will continue to be monitored, and the Council will aim to improve compliance amongst existing licence holders and continue to identify additional facilities that require authorisation under legislation.

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In addition, water quality staff in 2025 will continue to deliver a comprehensive programme of sampling of rivers, lakes, discharge licensed facilities, and pollution incidents as they arise. Sampling is conducted in liaison with the EPA and assists the EPA in classifying the quality status and assessing improvement or dis-improvement of a waterbody. The cost of conducting such sampling in 2025 is approximately €60,000.

Following the conclusion of the Lough Muckno Road to recovery study in late 2024, staff will be reviewing the findings of the report with a view to implementing measures aimed at improving water quality in Muckno.

Overall, in the 2025 budget approximately €462k has been proposed to deliver water quality work across the National Enforcement Priority areas for water which includes staff costs for our water quality team.

Waste/Air Enforcement and Licencing

During 2025 the work of our air and waste enforcement teams will continue in line with the national environmental enforcement priorities. The current National Environmental Enforcement Priorities include the following:

- Tackling illegal waste and sites of concern
- Dealing with construction and demolition waste.
- Dealing with end-of-life vehicles and metals.
- Household and commercial waste.

In 2025 four full-time enforcement officers will be employed in this work area. A sizeable portion of our waste enforcement staffing costs are recoupable through a funding program administered by the Department of Environment Climate and Communications. This funding for 2025 is expected to be in the region of €192,000.

A few waste enforcement cases are expected to come before the courts and approximately €10K has been sought in the budget for potential legal expenses for 2025.

Waste Permitting and regulation is a key area of work delivered by the waste enforcement team. Such applications fees range from €600 to €2,000 depending on the permit type and annually Environmental Services also receives a further €10,000 approximately in inspection fees.

The illegal dumping of diesel wash continues to be a significant issue in the south of the county. Based on costs incurred in recent years we can expect disposal/recovery costs to be more than €100,000 for 2025. To date Monaghan County Council has recouped all costs associated with diesel laundering since 2003 and as in previous years it is hoped that these costs can be fully recouped from the Department of Environment Climate and Communications in 2025. It is hoped that the new newly constructed roofed compound will help keep costs associated with diesel laundering to a minimum in 2025 as the completion of these works has the potential to realise significant cost savings as it will minimize the generation of contaminated surface water in the compound area that is presently collected and sent for treatment.

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Completed roofed diesel wash compound at landfill.

Air quality is becoming an increasingly prominent issue at National level. The air regulatory work conducted by Environmental Services concentrates primarily on the regulation of facilities under the Decorative Paints Regulations and the Solvent Regulations as well as compliance under the Solid Fuel Regulations. Many of these regulated facilities are car refinishers and dry cleaners. The solid fuel regulations ban the sale of certain solid fuel products and has designated Ireland as a low smoke zone.

Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI)

During 2024 Environmental Services secured over €100,000 under the Anti-Dumping Initiative, which was used to deliver a range of Environmental projects including:

- Cleanup of the River Blackwater at Moybridge.
- Cleanup of illegally dumped waste in watercourse in Highfield estate.
- Household waste awareness project.
- IT upgrade to enhance enforcement work.
- A subsidised bulky goods collection at the Recycling centres.
- Agricultural hazardous waste collection day at Scotch Corner



It is expected that funding will again be made available under the ADI during 2025, and the Council will again be making an application for the maximum level of funding for a range of projects

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Scotch Corner Landfill Facility

Whilst landfilling activities at the Scotch Corner facility ceased a few years back and all required engineering landfill capping and gas infrastructure works have been completed as required under the EPA licence, there are still significant monitoring and sampling works required each year to ensure compliance with the licence.

For 2025, the landfill maintenance expenditure is expected to be approximately €590K. As in previous years, the main costs will include leachate transport and treatment, EPA monitoring as part of licence requirements, sampling of leachate and waters, flare maintenance, plant hire, energy usage, payroll, as well as any additional compliance investigation works directed by the EPA.

In the 2025 budget, approximately €30K has been set aside for the hire of a low calorific flaring unit on site, for more efficient flaring operation in the context of the ever-reducing volume and quality of landfill gas.

Historical Landfills

Closed landfill sites are classified as facilities that were operated by the local authorities during the period 1977 – 1997, prior to the introduction of waste licensing requirements under the Waste Management Act 1996.

During 2025 further environmental assessment work will be conducted by Environmental Services on the five closed landfills in the county. During 2024 planning approval for remedial works at Killycronaghan was secured from An Bord Pleanála with approval for Killycard expected by the end of the year. As of September 2024, Monaghan County Council is still waiting on the EPA to issue authorisation determinations for both the Old Scotch corner site and the old Ballybay facility at Corkeeran. For 2025 the focus will be on submitting a Certification of Authorisation application for the old Carrick UDC landfill at Tirgaravan and to progress the procurement of a consultant to prepare a detailed remediation design for the Killycronaghan site outside Smithboro. The progression of all closed landfill work in 2025 is very much dependent on receiving the necessary authorisations and approvals for the respective sites.

To date our investigations on our closed landfills indicate that significant remedial works will be required on these facilities, at significant cost. All costs associated with the licensing and remediation of closed landfills have to date been funded by the Department of Environment Climate and Communications and it expected that funding will remain in place going forward.

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Carrickmacross Recycling Centre

The Recycling Centres at Scotch Corner and Carrickmacross operate under a concession agreement, which generates a significant financial benefit to the Council, in contrast to most local authorities nationally, who incur significant costs in the operation and management of their recycling centres. The income helps minimise the overall costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the overall Scotch Corner facility.

The Bring Sites in the county are serviced under contract with Glassco Recycling Ltd.

During 2025 the value of this contract will continue to be determined by the volume of material collected at the bring sites but based on the collection figures to date, the cost of operating this service is expected to be approximately €30,000 in 2025.

Litter Management

A new 3-year litter management plan will be due in the early part of Q1 2025. Projected expenditure on litter management continues to be significant in 2025 for activities including scavenging, employment of a litter patrol warden, awareness activities and the Spring and Autumn clean ups.

Environmental Awareness

In 2024, the Environmental Awareness Officer continued promoting, supporting, funding, and raising awareness of new and existing environmental initiatives with Tidy Towns, schools, community groups, and other stakeholders. She will continue this work in 2025 with two new campaigns coming on board:

1.ReLove Fashion through the Green Schools Programme - This innovative and curriculum-aligned competition, developed in response to the growing environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry, challenges students to use their creative design skills to create a sustainable and re-wearable outfit, while undertaking research into the fashion industry

2. Co Monaghan Green Business Hub - The aim, to increase participation in commercial waste segregation resulting in an expanded network of businesses using the Commercial Waste Resources Toolkit (CWRT), which was produced by MyWaste. The toolkit will assist business improve their waste management practices, resulting in the diversion of waste being recycled and composted

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Some projects completed to date include:

- Supports and promotion to both primary and secondary schools of the Green Schools Programme.
- Provision of litter pickers, bags and skips to community groups.
- Participation and promotion of clean up events e.g., World Clean Up Day and Spring / Autumn Clean-Ups
- Financial supports via the Environment Fund.



Climate Action Unit



Monaghan County Council Climate Action Plan (2024-2029)



Council wide Climate Action Team

The new Monaghan County Council Climate Action Plan was adopted unanimously by councillors at the February 2024 full council meeting. The plan, developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders was prepared to meet the increasing challenge of climate change for our county. To secure a sustainable future for the citizens of Monaghan, the 5-year plan contains over 150 climate actions across the 5 themes of: Governance, Built Environment & Transport, Natural Environment, Communities & Sustainability.

Four key targets of the plan are:

- 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030.
- 51% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
- To make Monaghan a climate resilient County, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events; and
- To actively engage and inform our communities on climate action

With the plan in place, the corporate focus is now on implementation. Examples of actions the council will undertake in 2025 are to:

- Improve the energy efficiency of Council buildings & Council owned social housing.
- Promote the use of nature-based solutions to reduce the impact of flooding.
- Deliver active travel and greenway projects and encourage more cycling and walking
- Increase tree cover to support nature, improve water quality, and aid flood protection
- Support the agricultural sector to transition to more sustainable farming techniques.
- Promote locally produced and organic food and produce.
- Support communities to access funding for action on climate change.
- Support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint.

Climate Action Unit

To ensure that delivery is timely, the implementation of the Climate Action Plan will be monitored by the Climate Action Unit via an in-house monitoring system. The cross departmental Climate Action Team meets quarterly to drive the implementation of the Council's Climate Action Plan. These meetings are attended by the Senior Management team in conjunction with representatives from all council functions working on climate action. The implementation of the plan is a corporate priority for the council and depends on the collective efforts of all sections of the organisation. The collaborative spirit will continue in 2025 as the team meets quarterly to review progress, tackle obstacles, and seize new opportunities

The local authority will also facilitate reporting to elected members on an annual basis. Monaghan County Council will continue to report on energy performance and emission targets annually to the SEAI. Monaghan County Council will report annually on their performance on climate action by way of KPIs to inform the performance of the local government sector on climate action, as part of the local government DECA 2030 Strategy.



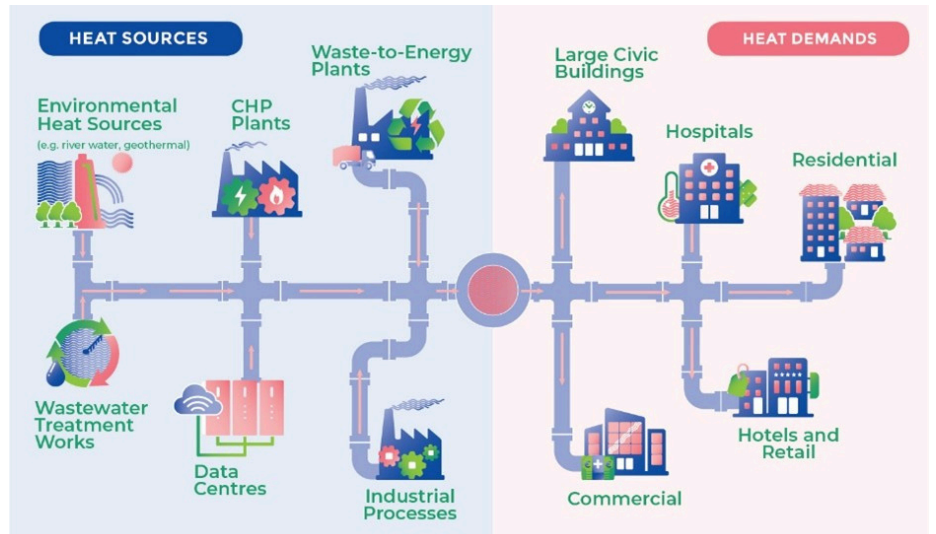
Shared staff Electric Vehicle

The Climate Action Unit are currently in the process of procuring an Electric Vehicle from a car sharing company for an initial 6-month pilot project. Transport emissions must be reduced by 51% by the year 2030, the aim of this project is to help reduce work related travel emissions and promote the use of electric vehicles. During 2025 the outcomes from the pilot study will be evaluated. If successful, it is proposed to extend the project in the medium term before exploring the most appropriate value for money option long term.

District heating is a system for distributing heat generated in a centralised location through a system of insulated pipes for residential and commercial heating requirements such as space heating and water heating. The Climate Action Unit are currently procuring consultancy services for a district heating study which will be delivered in 2025. The aim of this study is to create a transition roadmap toward efficient district heating and cooling, which is the first and necessary step in the development of a low carbon energy solution

Climate Action Unit

District Heating study



Community Climate Action Programme

Over the course of 2024/2025 a total of seventeen groups in the county will be funded as part of the new community climate action fund. Under Strand 1 of the programme (Building Low Carbon Communities), a total of €392,000 has been allocated to support eleven local climate action projects across County Monaghan. In addition under the shared island strand of the fund a total of just under €398,000 has been secured to support 6 cross border climate projects.

Funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the projects focus on the climate action themes of energy, transport, food & waste, shopping and recycling, and local environment and climate action.



NZEB Retrofit Rig

During 2025 the Climate Action Unit will continue to provide clear and coordinated communications campaigns to help raise public awareness and engagement on Climate Action and delivery of MCC's Climate Action Plan.

Fire & Civil Protection

Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection's (MFCP) primary objectives encompass the delivery of functions including, Fire & Rescue Service, Fire Prevention, Building Control and Civil Defence. In addition to fulfilling our primary objectives, Monaghan Fire Service undertook an extensive fire-fighter recruitment campaign in 2024.



Recruit Fire-Fighter Class July 2024

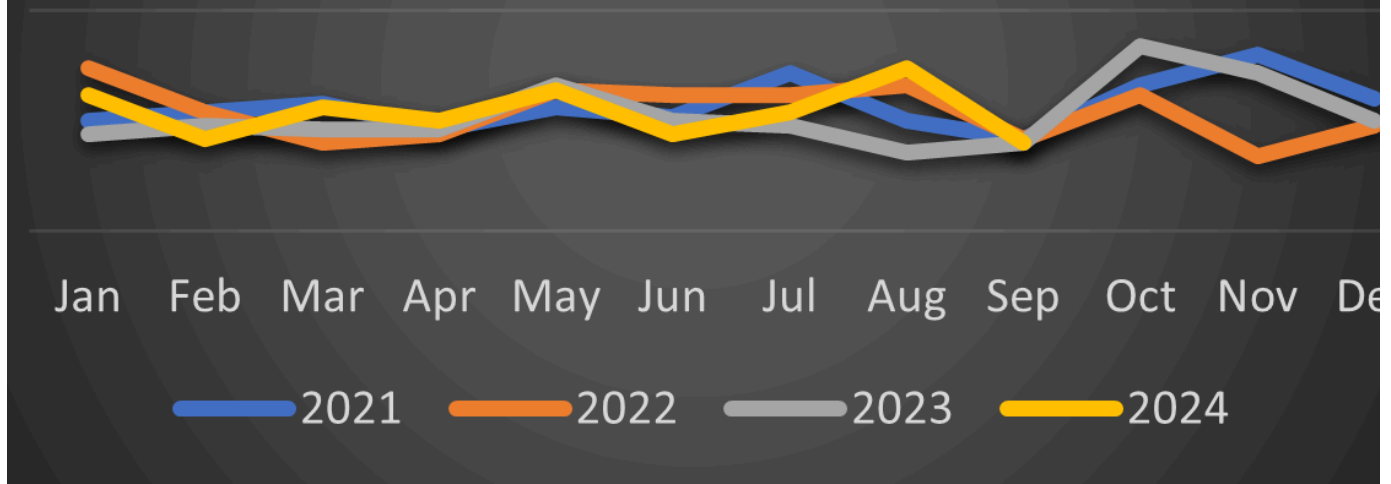
The budgeted expenditure for Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection in 2025 will be circa €4.7m. The increase on 2024 relates primarily to National Public Sector Pay Agreement, Fire-fighter retainer, and additional crewing levels. The majority of overall expenditure will relate to salaries and wages of officers, retained fire-fighters and administrative staff. Other operational costs relate to communications, fleet and equipment, all of which are included in the forecast for 2025.

Income is collected from activity in the form of Fire Safety Cert applications, Disability Access Certifications & Commencement Notices, charging for services and the hire of training facilities. Fire Service Operational Fees are also collected for certain incident types attended.

Fire Operations

Expenditure: The WRC (Fire Service) Agreement 2023 will continue to impact on expenditure for 2025 due to an increase in the Retainer, Pay Scales, Premium Hours, and an increase in the number of Retained Fire-Fighters. The payment of wages is determined on the number of calls attended. The estimated number of callouts for 2025 has been based on the average callouts over the last 5 years.

Monthly Callout rate 2021-2024



The number of callouts per month (Note: Jan-Sept in 2024) from 2021-2024.

Callouts: Road Traffic Collisions continue to dominate the highest callout category for 2024 at 28%, representing a 2 % increase compared to 2023. 'Monitoring/False Alarms' represented 16% of callouts where a fire has not occurred, but an alarm has been raised.

Training: Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection is obligated under both, the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003, and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, to ensure that their fire-fighters and officers are adequately trained and competent to deal with tasks and varying roles they may encounter in the performance of their duties. Personnel also require appropriate refresher training in fire-fighting courses to ensure they are competent to carry out allocated tasks. Our training obligations and commitments for 2025 will reflect those of previous years and include development of additional personnel in each station.



Fire & Civil Protection

Brigade Running Costs: Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection maintains fire appliances in 5 stations throughout the county. There are a variety of different types of appliances in operation, and appliances are serviced on an annual basis, with remedial works carried out by the brigade mechanic. The investment in our fleet is a priority in ensuring that we have a modern, safe, and efficient fleet. In addition, Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection utilises a broad range of specialist equipment in the delivery of its operational rescue service.



Fire-Fighters employed by Combilift attending a Combilift fun-day July 2024 with new Fire Appliance, and fire-fighter demonstrating RTA equipment.

General Maintenance & Capital Projects: Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection has been greatly assisted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management in enhancing the provision of Fire Service facilities throughout the county. In 2024 we secured capital funding of circa €200,000 for works associated with facilitating new recruits, a vehicle shelter in Monaghan, Breathing Apparatus sets and an air filtration system.

In 2024 construction progressed on a new Fire Station in Ballybay and is due to be completed and be fully operational by Q2 2025.

Communications: Maintenance and upkeep of our mobilisation capacity was ongoing in 2024 with the enhanced provision of additional security and back-up arrangements during spate conditions. Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection will continue in 2025 with its existing agreement with Dublin County Council, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 for the provision of a mobilisation facility for fire services in County Monaghan. The estimated cost for availing of this service in 2025 has increased by circa 10% to €67,500. In addition, the continued contract with the National Digital Radio Service (TETRA) to enhance Command & Control and integrated communication capabilities has been estimated to cost circa €43,000 in 2025.

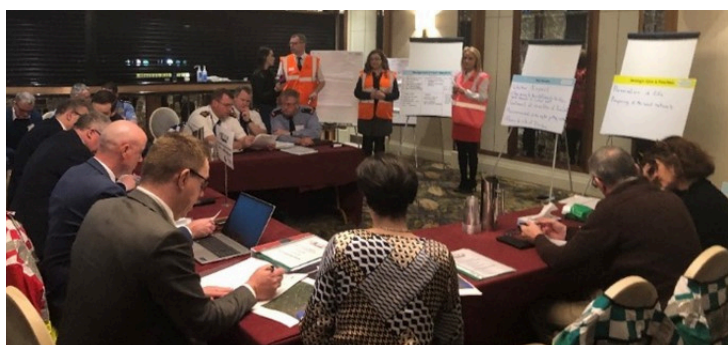
Fire & Civil Protection

Health & Safety: The Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act, 2005 imposes certain duties on both employers and employees. The safety and health of all Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection employees is an important objective of our organisation. MFCP will progress in 2025 with the recertification of ISO45001 Occupational Health & Safety, which will involve a detailed re-assessment audit by NSAI. The findings of this process will form the basis of activity in 2025.

Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection has retained optimum crewing levels in recent times which has enabled personnel to have a work life balance, the new crew levels under the WRC agreement will further enhance flexibility and much-improve working arrangements. The budget for 2025 has considered these challenges to ensure the safety and wellbeing of fire personnel.

Emergency Planning: As part of our preparedness for emergency management events, a major emergency plan is in place and covers various risks that have been identified within Co. Monaghan. The planning for such events has involved exercising procedures, conducting pre-Incident Plan inspections of high-risk premises, along with maintaining preparation for severe weather events.

An initiative planned for early 2025 includes the design and publication of a Personal and Community resilience booklet. This Booklet will be a single point of vital information for our community and be designed in a manner which is clear, easy to read and accessible. Activity in 2025 will continue to involve delivering on the MEM Regional work plan, continued engagement with all Principal Response Agencies and develop closer relationships with our cross-border counterparts.



Fire & Civil Protection

Building Control & Fire Prevention

The Building Control budgeted expenditure for 2025 primarily attributed to salaries and the fee associated with the National Building Control & Market Surveillance Office. Activities in 2025 will include the delivery of Annual Inspection Plan, and engagement with building service practitioners.

BCAR application	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fire Safety Certificate	45	79	69	98	75
Disable Access Certificate	17	35	47	52	60
Commencement Notice	212	297	210	212	290

Note* Projected number of applications for 2024

Monaghan Fire & Building Control Authority continued with robust regulatory site inspections in 2024, and this will continue in 2025 with an integrated (Fire & Building Control) inspection and oversight regime of construction within County Monaghan.

Fire Prevention and Community Fire Safety in 2025 will continue to focus on the vulnerable people of our community, this will include an increase in hours associated with 'Fire Safety Week', extending the 'Home Fire Safety' programme & smoke alarm installations, a further focus on vulnerable people, additional school visits, and the rollout of the Bfiresafe programme in 2025.

Training: Training incorporates all aspects of Civil Defence. All new members attend Induction Training, Manual Handling, Cardiac First Responder and Occupational First Aider courses. Civil Defence classes are held in the Civil Defence HQ Monaghan Town, Carrickmacross Fire Station & Civil Defence Centre Clones. In 2024 an 'Introduction to First Aid' was held in a number of schools & community groups in Monaghan and the Boat Unit continued to provide assistance to Monaghan County Council and An Garda Siochana. In addition, Monaghan Civil Defence assisted and participated in an 'Evacuation Centre' training exercise to test established capabilities.

Fire & Civil Protection

Civil Defence

Monaghan Civil Defence's primary objective for 2024 has been to ensure and maintain continued delivery of vital public safety support within our community, with attendance at various events and undertaking duties such as transportation, First Aid, etc.

Tasks Civil Defence volunteers have undertaken in 2024 included:

- Medical cover at race and fun run events & festivals
- Ambulance duties at GAA games
- Blood transfusion Service



Civil Defence Volunteers at Monaghan St. Patrick's Day Parade and at National Service Day 2024

Other notable events during the year included Monaghan Civil Defence members assisting with the return of the Monaghan Country Music festival, the Ulster Rally and GAA National Football League. Civil Defence Volunteers continue to make preparation for the provision and maintenance of critical services during spate conditions and severe weather events.

Priorities in 2025:

The key focus for Monaghan Civil Defence in 2025 will be to maintain existing Volunteer Numbers, and develop and initiate a recruitment programme, to optimise resources and to manage and maintain service delivery in accordance with statutory obligations. A review of the Monaghan Civil Defence Plan will be undertaken in 2025, this will incorporate consultation at local and national level, and the complementation of roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Civil Defence Act 2023.

Division F - Recreation and Amenity

Cultural Section

Creative Ireland Programme 2024

This programme which initiated in 2017, with funding of €50,000 provided in its first year to total funding of €1,507,144 up to end of 2023, supporting 238 projects and audience figure of 612,012. The objective of the programme is to provide opportunities for everyone to engage in creativity, supporting social and economic development.

For 2024, it is estimated we will receive funding of €350,000 to deliver 29 projects across the county.

Key programming includes :



Cruinniú na nÓg



Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's National Day of Creativity for Children and Young People, is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan. This year Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Saturday, 15th June. Monaghan County Council supported a total of 11 Cruinniú projects in the weeks running up to Cruinniú and 34 workshops, events and activities on the day. 1794 children and young people engaged in an eclectic range of free Cruinniú activities and events including arts and crafts, film making, music, drama, a river race in Rossmore Park and technical theatre workshops. A total of 45 creative practitioners were engaged in the delivery of the programme. Monaghan County Council were also successful in securing Shared Island funding to extend their Cruinniú activities into County Fermanagh.

Division F - Recreation and Amenity

Shared Island Creative Cafés Project

Monaghan County Council was successful in securing funding of €140,000 for an 18-month Creative Cafés project. Creative Cafés brings people together in a series of creative workshops and networking events foster their health and wellbeing and promote their social inclusion. Target groups include members of new communities/minority groups, older adults, people with disabilities, individuals experiencing mental health issues, individuals living in rural border areas and individuals who experiencing socio economic disadvantage. The project also provides opportunities for cross border engagement, collaboration and capacity building between health professionals, community-based support services and creative practitioners. The project will build on the Creative Cafés pilot initiated by Monaghan County Libraries.



Live Music in Residential Health Care Settings



Monaghan County Council was successful in securing additional funding for a live music programme in six residential health care settings. Melodies and Memories – A Monaghan Story engages local creatives in the delivery of an eclectic programme of music and storytelling inspired by the rich history and heritage of County Monaghan and the borderlands.

Division F - Recreation and Amenity

The Wilde Sisters



Short film engaging local creatives and wider community at its very core, filmed in the picturesque landscapes of Monaghan the story of Oscar Wilde's half sisters Emily & Mary, who lost their lives in a fire. Directed by Táine King is from Oram, Castleblayney. Premiered at Galway Film Festival and other Irish film festivals, as well as the British Luxembourg Festival and cross Atlantic to the New York Film Festival.

Culture Night 2024



This was the 10th year for the County Council to coordinate Culture Night, an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity, and the arts. This year, it took place on Friday 20th September with 33 unique events. Thanks to the vibrant rich cultural community in County Monaghan, we were able to present a blended programme for everyone to enjoy. The County Council received €10,000 funding from the Arts Council. Total expenditure for 2024 is €26,000

Division F - Recreation and Amenity

Commemorations Programme



The Decade of Centenaries Programme created a unique opportunity for people to consider and explore some of the most significant events and themes in the history of modern Ireland. It offered interesting and imaginative opportunities, grounded in factual evidence, to encourage people of all ages to consider our shared history, in all of its complexity, in a respectful and supportive environment.

Following on from the success of this programme, the Dept has with consultation with local authority Coordinators agreed to continue supporting local authorities in developing and supporting community-led commemorative initiatives to mark the centenaries of locally significant historical events in 1924 and in the early years of the State. In Monaghan, the programme includes history talks, creative historical workshops, One Book One County initiative and A Deep Ravine project which tours Ireland during 2024.

Peace Campus

This new state of the facility was opened on 10th May 2024, with the library open to the public on Monday 13th and Museum at end of June. Over the summer period, our anchor tenants which are Fóroige, HSE and Co-Operation Ireland moved into the facility. A Community open day was held on Saturday 21st September, which coincided with World Peace Day and the Museum's 50th Anniversary. In order to operate the facility, the council is employing the services of a facility management company who will manage the health and safety, maintenance and cleaning, reception and room bookings, event management.



Patrick Kavanagh Centre

We continued to develop the Patrick Kavanagh Centre, with its tourist offerings as well as community and cultural programming at local level. Additional staff were employed to assist with developing the centre and the revival of the July Weekend Festival was coordinated by the centre.



Library Services

Library Services

Public libraries are transforming into vibrant community hubs, adapting to modern societal needs. Recognizing the growing issue of social isolation among older individuals, Monaghan County Libraries are progressing with targeted outreach programs. Among these, the introduction of 'Creative Cafes' has emerged as an innovative approach, providing a safe and welcoming environment for older and socially isolated people to engage in creative activities and foster social connections.

The Cafés began in 2023 in collaboration with Social Prescribing Officers with a view to providing opportunities for those availing of the Social Prescribing service to engage in their local community and discover the benefits this has for their mental health. Such was the demand for the Creative Cafes, additional funding was sought and granted through the Healthy Monaghan and Creative Ireland Programmes. We have been successful in obtaining funding through the Shared Island initiative to extend the programme with partners in County Fermanagh. The project has also been shortlisted in the Age Friendly Awards – from 180 applicants shortlisted to 25!

Our branch libraries are also offering opportunities to engage with Chess Clubs, Knitting Crochet Clubs, Book Clubs, Crossword Clubs and more monthly.

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CREATIVE CAFE'S

Monaghan County Library service offers opportunities for people to come together to uncover their creative talents and enjoy all the positive mental health benefits that engaging in creativity brings.

Here's just a sample of what's been happening

- BEGINNERS ART CLASSES
- CREATIVE WRITING
- SUSTAINABLE ARTS & CRAFTS
- URBAN PHOTOGRAPHY
- PAPER CRAFTING
- CROCHET & KNITTING

BABY BOOK CLUB

SUITABLE FOR BABIES WHO ARE NOT YET WALKING

NEXT SESSION: 5TH APRIL
10.15AM - 11.15AM


THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
STORY/SONGS FOLLOWED BY SENSORY PLAYTIME

Tea/coffee
No need to book

CARRICKMACROSS LIBRARY

CROSSWORDS AND CROISSANTS

EVERY MONDAY @ 11AM



Tea & Coffee provided along with pastries.


Irish Times Crosswords & Sudoku with answers available.

EIRCODE: A81 HY84

Local History Talk

BY MICHAEL BURNS

THE HOPE DEMESNE (DIAMONDS, ISLANDS AND LEGENDS)



Thursday 12th September, 11am
Castleblayney Library

All welcome
No booking necessary
Tea/Coffee


Tummy, Toddler and Tea Time at Monaghan Town Library

Every Monday 11am-12pm

Suitable for babies/toddlers

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for stories, songs, nursery rhymes and play.

Tea/Coffee provided
No need to book



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CARRICKMACROSS LIBRARY

RETURNS

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

6.30 - 7.30PM

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

TO REGISTER CALL 042-9661148



MARCH AT CASTLEBLAYNEY LIBRARY

- FRIDAY 1ST** 10.15AM-11.15AM: TERTIARY FRIDAY TIME: BABIES AND PARENTS. OPEN TO ALL. NO NEED TO BOOK. FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
- 11AM - 12.30PM**: CROSSWORDS AND CROISSANTS. OPEN TO ALL. NO NEED TO BOOK. FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
- TUESDAY 5TH WEDNESDAY 5PM - 5PM**: TECHNIQUE ONE TO ONE SESSION TO IMPROVE YOUR DIGITAL SKILLS. BOOKING REQUIRED. MARCH-APRIL.
- THURSDAY 14TH** 11AM - 12.30PM: LOCAL HISTORY TALK. OPEN TO ALL. NO NEED TO BOOK. SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
- WEDNESDAY 2PM - 5PM**: QUIET STUDY SPACE. NO NEED TO BOOK. JUST SIGN IN AT DESK. EVERY WEDNESDAY TILL MID JUNE.
- FRIDAY 15TH** 11AM - 12.30PM: MINDFUL ADULT COLOURING. BOOKING REQUIRED. THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

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SUPPORTING BOOKCLUBS

Our County Council Library Service has a dedicated Bookclub Collection which is used by Book Clubs across the County - both within Libraries and in Community settings. Would you like to set up a bookclub with friends or within your company or community? Get in touch.



Book club in the Community

In 2023 we piloted a 'Bookclub in the Community' initiative. This has grown from strength to strength with new 'community' based clubs being established during 2024.

Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) is a 10 year, whole-of-government and society strategy dedicated to make this happen because literacy changes lives. For 2024, we continue our 'TechKnow' programme in partnership with CMETB.

TechKnow offers 1 to 1 assistance to anybody struggling with digital skills. You may need help to set up an email address, download an app, order your groceries online or compare the cost of flights before booking. Whatever the requirement, an IT tutor will be on hand to guide you through. This service is Free and open to everyone.

ALL Strategy – Adult Literacy for Life

Upgrade your DIGITAL SKILLS
@ Monaghan County Libraries in conjunction with CMETB.

Free 1 to 1 Digital Skills clinics in all libraries across Co. Monaghan

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TIMES & LOCATIONS PHONE/MESSAGE
087 1971263
TechKnow@monaghancoco.ie

DIGITAL SKILLS have become essential skills in many parts of our day to day life

FREE 1 to 1 SESSIONS available

FREE SMALL GROUP Workshops available

Right to Read Programme

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SUMMER STARS

Monaghan County Library service runs a Summer Reading Challenge to encourage children to keep reading and develop their literacy over the Summer holidays. Up to 3,000 children will take part this summer.



This annual programme, which is rolled out nationally, consists of 4 major elements, Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars, Childrens Book Festival and Family Time at your Library. The programme continues to evolve and develop, and this year saw the introduction of the 'Book at Bedtime' initiative.

Here in Monaghan County Libraries, we participate in all 4 strands of the Right to Read programme, but we place a huge emphasis on our Summer Stars programme and our Children's Book Festival programme. In 2024, we had approx. 2500 children take part in the summer reading programme, which requires children to read 8 books each over the summer programme – so that is 20,000 books borrowed/read during the months of July/August... The programme is complimented with a range of creative activities to partake in.

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STEAM Services & Science Festival



FAMILY CODING SUMMER CAMP

MAKE A DANCE MAT WITH SCRATCH, A ROCK PAPER SCISSORS GAME WITH MICROBIT & MUCH MORE.....

PRIMARY AGE KIDS AND PARENTS TOGETHER

4 DAYS CODING AND CRAFT

Carrickmacross Library

29th of July (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) 10.30-12.30, 2 hrs/day

Please note: this is not a drop-off activity. Parents must attend with their children!

REGISTER NOW to Book Your FREE Place*

<https://www.ourkidscode.ie/register/>

Club Code: MonaghanCarrickmacrossLibrary01

*limited to 6 families, first come first served
*Activities are aimed at ages 7-12, but all children are welcome

Enquiries to **Louise O'Hare** on lohare0@gmail.com



LEGO SPIKE CLUB
@ CARRICKMACROSS LIBRARY

Every Saturday, Spring 2024

8-12 Year Olds

10.30am - 12.30pm

Calling all curious minds!

Limited spaces have become available in our Lego Spike Club.

We are looking for kids interested in building and coding. Interested members must be able to attend the 9 remaining workshops.

Register on 042-9661148
Limited Spaces. Library Card Required.

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We continue to develop this programme which includes Engineers Week, weekly tech labs to Science Festival. We are very fortunate to have the ongoing excellent relationship with Research Ireland (formally Science Foundation Ireland) who part funds the festival.

Local History and Genealogy Service



The service continued to be very busy with enquiries with increased number of visitors from around the world attending again in person to research their ancestry and local history. Feedback on the service is extremely positive, as it provides a wealth of resources unique to County Monaghan. This service at HQ deals with approximately 2,500 queries per year.

We continued scanning & indexing of death notices & obituaries from the local newspapers. Additions to the Collection in 2023

·Death Notices & Obituaries in The Northern Standard 1960-63

·School Roll Books from Killeevan, Ture, several other small schools from around the Newbliss area.

Our booklet "How to Trace Your Ancestors in County Monaghan" is at present being updated and will be available later this year. This booklet has proven to be very popular with people at home and abroad and an excellent resource for genealogy.

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New Monaghan Town Library

We have relocated to our new home at the start of the art Peace campus facility and opened the doors on Monday 13th May. It has allowed the team to now deliver a more comprehensive programme, with new partnerships delivered with local agencies and community groups. We have had an overwhelming response to date, with an increase of almost 300% in visitors, from 10th May to end of August, 67,165 visits took place!

Ballybay Library – New Development Announced

We were delighted to be informed that our application to Library Capital Funding was successful, therefore we can progress the plans to renovate Ballybay Market house into a new library and community space. Part 8 plans will be submitted during 2024. In a temporarily capacity, the library relocated during 2024 to Birch Court, which has seen an increase in membership and usage.

Ballybay Library @ Birch Court
OPENING MONDAY, 20TH MAY

NEW OPENING HOURS

Monday: 2-5pm, 6-8pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 11am - 1:30, 2:30 - 5pm
Thursday: 11am - 1:30, 2:30 - 5pm
Friday: 11am - 1:30, 2:30 - 5pm

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Castleblayney Library – Awards

Castleblayney Library won two awards during 2024 as follows:

Public Building of the Year at the 2024 Building and Architect of the Year Awards – Craftstudios received the awards. In adjudicating upon the project, the judging panel outlined that “the transformation of Castleblayney Library showcased a stunning rejuvenation that significantly benefits the local community and acts as a gateway to Lough Muckno. The project blends meticulous conservation with inventive design and is outstanding as a model of adaptive reuse.” They further added that the completed building “enhances the architectural fabric of Castleblayney and enriches the communities cultural and recreational amenity”



RIAI Public Choice Award – Awarded 2nd place



Castleblayney Library and Market Square Regeneration

RIAI Architecture Awards 2024

Public Choice Award

Vote Now

Library Services

Library 2025 Priorities

Library Development Plan 2024-28

Launched in December 2024, this new strategy will shape the growth and development of the service over the next five years. For 2025, we will be working with key partners we will commence a project through LGMA and Library Development Unit, we will seek to identify funding opportunities to deliver collaborative programming.

Monaghan Library Strategy 2024-2028

We will launch our own new strategy specific to Monaghan aligning to national strategy. We have identified key areas for additional resources as listed below.

Development of Programming at Libraries

Our new libraries will require additional funding for the maintenance, upkeep of the buildings with an enhanced library programme of activities will be developed to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Ballybay Library

We will progress the plans for Market House, with the tendering and appointment of contractors to commence works.

Archives Services

We will progress plans to employ an Archivist for the council and commence a programme of works.

Reader Development Budget

The Monaghan County Library Right to Read Action Plan for 2025 will continue its focus from Children's Literacy to develop a full Adult Literacy and Readers Development Programme aligned to the national Adult Literacy for Life strategy. This will provide a coordinated framework of literacy support and development throughout the county.

Marketing & Promotion Budget

We will be devising a marketing and promotion plan for the libraries and our enhanced services, that will ensure to reach everyone. New branding of our service will be developed.

Creative Ireland Budget

Monaghan County Council Culture and Creativity Strategy is based on a collaborative and partnership-based programme, which will enable greater awareness of and participation in the cultural life of the County. It is anticipated that a grant of no less than €194,170 will be allocated to Monaghan County Council to support the 2025 programme, with additional funding opportunities for thematic projects.

Commemorations Programme

The Dept has provided €15,000 for 2024 to support a programme and we anticipate same level of support for 2025. However, due to the interest and want from the community to build on the previous 10 years of programming, we require additional funding to match the Dept grant. **83**

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Culture Night

A budget of €23,000 will be required along with grant of €10,000 from the Department of Culture, Heritage, and Gaeltacht to deliver this very successful and engaging programme of events promoting and highlighting the creative and cultural sector of County Monaghan, which is developing each year.

Science Festival/STEAM Programme Budget

From the establishment of the festival in 2016, it is now a yearlong programme of STEAM engagement. We apply each year for the Science Festival funding from Research Ireland and anticipate support of €35,000 in 2025, with support of €28,000 from our own resources to deliver an extensive annual STEAM programme for the council. We will be investigating the employment of a dedicated STEAM officer within the library service who will work collaboratively with all sections of the council, local agencies and communities to deliver an annual programme, while seeking opportunities for additional funding.

Peace Campus 2025 Priorities

Recording Studios

We will seek to invest in developing the recording studios offering with additional equipment and therefore be in position to offer added valued services such as podcasting, broadcasting.

Café

We will seek to invest in developing the café and catering facilities on offer to the public visiting the campus.

Marketing/promotion

A key priority is to promote and market the offerings of the peace campus at local, national and international level, by identifying key partners to collaborate on programming which align with the ethos and objectives of the facility.

Patrick Kavanagh Centre 2025 Priorities

Resources

We will seek to invest in specialised workforce at the centre, to support the ongoing cultural, tourism and economic developments.

Strategy

We will prepare a new strategy which will look at the short to long terms key priorities for developing centre as a cultural and tourism offering.

Museum Events

Preparations for the Move

During the first part of the year the museum remained closed to the public on Hill Street. During this period every object in the collection had to be assessed in terms of condition, photographed, and audited with a thorough description. The location was recorded so we can make sure everything that left the old museum would arrive safely and would be easily locatable in the new museum. Cleaning, conservation and the bespoke packaging for transportation of museum objects was also undertaken.



Moving In

Moving the collection required careful organisation and logistical planning involving the movement of more than 5,000 objects. This was successfully accomplished with over 442 objects installed into their new display cases, and the other objects transferred to the new bespoke store in the Monaghan Peace Campus. Deliveries of new equipment and fittings for the new museum galleries had to be carefully coordinated



Museum Events

New Museum Opening

On June 24th the museum opened its doors to the public for the first time at the Peace Campus. This marked the launch of the museum's new *Bordering Realities* exhibition that explores the evolving narrative of life on the border. Told through the idea that Monaghan's story is born from both naturally occurring and imposed lines, that have bent, branched and entwined in response to changes over time, and in doing so, have created a beautiful mosaic of cultural diversity and historical richness that is County Monaghan today.



New Exhibits

One of the new exhibits that have been developed is the story of the Ulster-Scots in this region. Working with our project partners in the Ulster-Scots Agency we have developed a dedicated exhibition space in our third-floor gallery exploring the story and rich culture of the Ulster Scots community in Monaghan. This exhibition explores the cultural ideas and identities of the Ulster-Scots and is the first of its kind in any museum in the Republic of Ireland.

Another new installation is the series of selected projected images from the Donal McEnroe collection. This collection comprises some 4,500 slides of images that record the places and everyday life of people in North Monaghan. Taken by Monaghan photographer Donal McEnroe from 1973 to 1985, and generously donated to Monaghan County Museum.



Museum Events



A further highlight has been the conservation and installation of an impressive recently donated carved stone sundial. It had until recently stood pride of place in the garden of our donor. With many changes over the decades, it required conservation to restore it to its original state.

Currently, the museum is involved in the planning of a large-scale celebration of its 50th Birthday, which takes place on 21st September. The date is significant as we will also be marking World Peace Day when the Peace Campus will be announcing that it is fully open for business.

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Monaghan Murals

Parallel to the museum move and opening, the museum has continued its role in the Monaghan Murals project which is funded by Creative Monaghan through the Creative Ireland programme. This project aims to support creativity in the community and pride in place, and reflect various aspects of the history, heritage, and folklore of the county. The latest murals are in Monaghan town on Plantation Road and North Road. The North Road mural celebrates the biodiversity of Monaghan County. The mural on Plantation Road is positioned next to the Monaghan Peace Campus building and introduces the core idea behind the Campus as a space to bring communities together irrespective of borders



Museum Events

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Next year will see the museum working with Project Children to host a major series of events to commemorate and celebrate 50 years of the organisation. The museum will be developing a new exhibition based on the Project Children archive that will be housed in the museum. This exhibition will explore the story of project Children and tell of how the experience of the remarkable programme changed the lives of those who took part. The museum will be developing a new 5 year strategic management plan which will outline how the service plan to grow its user base and develop new cross border and cross cultural partnerships. Now that the museum has moved to its new home at the Peace Campus, it will be required to reapply for full accreditation under the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The museum will be linking in with its partners within in the Peace Campus including the library, Foroige, HSE and Cooperation Ireland to develop a series of projects that will help us to achieve the goals set out in the Peace Campus Peace programme.

Principle activities in 2024 (preamble)

We focused our spend by aligning ourselves in partnerships for 2024. Our principal objective is maintaining the investment in the goals as outlined in our three shared Strategic Actions contained within our Framework Agreement with The Arts Council 2020 – 2027.

- A substantial investment made by the County Council through their Arts office was the appointment of a consultant to deliver our New Arts Strategy 2025-2031 which is to be presented to the County Council for adoption in early 2025 at a cost of €15K.

In the understanding that the Council's commitment and delivery of the Arts in the County can always be viewed as sustainable, decisive with a delivery emphasis contained within our strategic goals.

The three key objectives as outlined below are the cornerstone of our spend while sustaining a vital role for the arts in the creative society within Monaghan.

Some of the updates in our 2024 delivery are as follows:

1. Supporting the Artist: Value and support the work of artists and extend the range of opportunities for artists to develop their practice.

- The Council awarded Bursaries directly to 17 Artists through our Artist Support Scheme totalling €15K.

- We assisted four Artists with extra funding through our Value-added Scheme as they had been successful in garnering bursaries from The Arts Council total €4K.

- Four Artists from the county were successful in getting a residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre were supported with a one-week payment towards their stay total €1K

- We support & resource Clones Artists' Studios throughout the year in the continued investment as our Artist Workspaces Scheme our long-standing commitment to Artists in the County. €12K

2. Young people and the Arts; opportunities for children and young people to create, access and participate in great art.

- Our largest investment in this objective is through our investment in Music Generation empowering children and young people to realise their full potential through access to, and participation in, high quality performance music education. Total €30K.

- Our Local Arts in Education Partnership (LAEP) continues to invest & deliver Bursaries, outreach programme and training modules focusing on combining community organisation who deliver various social programmes to our young folk in conjunction with The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) in 2024 we invested €10K in this area.

- We add an extra stipend to the Arts Councils Creative Schools Programme by responding to specific elements of their delivery that may gain from extra resources, Total €3K. So far 17 schools in County Monaghan have now benefited from this Arts Council initiative.

- A long-term commitment has been made in supporting Tradoodle Festival, Ireland's only traditional arts festival dedicated to children and families. Tradoodle 2024 took place between 17th – 20th October in venues and settings in county monaghan. €5K

3. Creating Capacity Investing in the professional development of venues, festivals and organisations providing high-quality arts experiences

· We awarded 8 partnership funding in the county for those who deliver elements of this objective totalling €70K

The Garage Theatre Íontas Arts Centre

Castleblayney Drama Festival Clones Film Festival

Féile Patrick Byrne Muckno Mania

Féile Oriel N/East Musical & Dramatic Society

· A major development in this objective is our funding and investment support to the Patrick Kavanagh literary Centre and through their Patrick Kavanagh weekend and their programming total €20K

· The Market House is made available to numerous groups in the county as a rehearsal, workshop and performance space at no cost to them.

Spending Priorities for 2025

Taking for granted that all investments mentioned above to be included in mainstay of budget

· Our Arts Partners Grant scheme to increase by €5K to €75K

· The Artist Support Scheme will increase by €3K to €18K

· Added programming funds to Patrick Kavanagh Centre by €5K to €25K

· Arts Strategy 2025-2031 both translation into Irish and design costs €8K

· Increased Creating capacity investment, incl. new projects €12K

· Realignment of Music Generation investment where it is envisaged that the current partnership will diverge as a stand-alone Monaghan commitment €5K



Division G - Agriculture, Health and Welfare

Veterinary Services provide food safety and animal welfare control activities, including inspections, audits, and sampling, in small slaughterhouses and meat production establishments in Monaghan. The Council currently supervises 20 food businesses based across Co. Monaghan. These businesses produce and/or distribute fresh beef and lamb, poultry meat, cooked ham, and a range of other meat products primarily within the county of Monaghan, but also throughout the Northeast and the whole island of Ireland

Transfer of Local Authority Veterinary Service to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

In July 2023 the government made a cabinet decision to:

- Implement a phased transfer of official food controls currently undertaken by the Local Authority Veterinary Services (LAVS) to the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM)
- Transfer funding of the LAVS to the DAFM
- Transfer relevant staff resources from the Local Authorities to the DAFM.

The LGMA aims to have the transfer of the LAVS finalised by the end of 2024. A few issues remain to be closed out, including issues of concern to staff, and this deadline may be challenging to achieve. Meetings between the parties are continuing, with a view to resolving outstanding matters.

Budgeting for the food safety control function carries much uncertainty until a definitive date for the LAVS transfer has been given.

The Council also provides dog and horse control and welfare services within the county. This includes the provision of Pound facilities for detaining dogs and horses, and registration and inspection of Dog Breeding Establishments in the county. The provision and operation of the Dog Pound facility is contracted by the Council to a third party, with an option in 2025 to extend the contract for a further two years until 2027. Income from dog licencing and dog control activities continues to perform well and is among the highest per capita compared to other local authorities around the country.

In 2024 an investment of €2 million was announced nationally for local authorities to support the resourcing of dog warden services from 2025. Allocations to individual local authorities are awaited.

Division H - Miscellaneous Services

Corporate Services

Corporate Services provides support to Senior Management, the Cathaoirleach and Elected members. It is also responsible for the organising and managing of monthly Council Meetings, Corporate Policy Group Meetings, Statutory Budget and Annual meetings. The section also co-ordinates the preparation of the Corporate Plan, Annual Report, Annual Service Delivery Plans, Customer Care Plan, NOAC Performance Indicators and the review of the Risk Register.

In addition, the Section has a significant role in terms of governance, ensuring the Council is compliant with the Ethics Framework, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Freedom of Information and Access to Information on the Environment.

Corporate Services supports the role and function of the independent Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is part of the governance framework, tasked with considering and advising the organisations internal control systems and providing assurance to the management team and the elected members of the Council regarding the suitability of governance systems.

The Register of Electors

Corporate Services are responsible for the management of the Register of Electors, which includes processing applications for entry onto the Register and for update of details on the Register. Following a busy 2024 with two significant electoral events, we are preparing for two additional elections which will require the allocation of additional resources to deal with the anticipated spike in applications and queries. The General Election is projected to take place by March 2025 and Presidential Election in November 2025. Returned polling cards and backlog of updates will also have to be managed as a result of the electoral events taking place.

Key Upcoming Projects for 2025

Polling Scheme Review

The last polling scheme review occurred in 2015. It is a statutory requirement under Section 28 of the Electoral Act 1992 to review the polling scheme at least once every 10 years. This review will evaluate current division of electors into polling districts, the suitability of polling places in terms of convenience and geographical distances, and the capacity of polling stations. Close collaboration with the County Registrar and Court Services will be necessary and public consultation and approval from the Council will be essential for any proposed changes.

Data Cleansing

The objective is to increase quality of the electoral data set prior to migrating to a centrally managed system in February 2026. This process will involve assessing technical preparedness, identifying potential migration barriers (such as data inconsistencies and incomplete addresses), and ensuring overall data quality (such as completeness and accuracy).

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Significant resources will be necessary to deliver on this project by the February 2026 deadline. Monaghan County Council will be primarily targeting electors without a date of birth (approximately 12,000 electors, representing 22.5% of the total electorate). Additionally, approximately 2,000 electors are subject to potential removal from the register in line with the requirements of the Electoral Reform Act 2022. This undertaking will be labour-intensive and will incur substantial costs as Monaghan County Council must make three documented attempts to contact individuals before removing their name from the Register

Data Protection and GDPR

Monaghan County Council is committed to the protection of personal data and respects the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals. It collects and processes a significant amount of personal data and Special Category personal data in various multiple formats daily to provide the most effective and high-quality service to meet the needs of the citizens, communities, and businesses within the County.

In 2024, Monaghan County Council continued to develop best practice to ensure compliance and demonstrate accountability under GDPR and data protection. This work included developing and implementing the necessary policies, procedures, and protocols, processing personal data in an open and transparent manner, and delivering staff training and raising awareness. Under GDPR individuals have a number of rights which include a right of access to the personal data the council hold on them. To date, the council has received and responded to seven number data subject access requests in 2024.

Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

The Corporate Policy Group is chaired by the Cathaoirleach and is comprised of the Chairpersons of the Council's Strategic Policy Committees. Essentially the CPG fulfils the important role of a 'cabinet' of the Council. It has a central role to play in all matters of policy coming before the Council for consideration and adoption. It also has a major role in the preparation of the annual budget.

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Strategy Policy Committees are designed to strengthen the policy development role of the elected members and are supported by the executive. Each SPC has six elected members and six sectoral representatives. The SPC's Chairpersons are as follows:

SPC for Housing	Cllr Colm Carthy
SPC for Transport	Cllr Raymond Aughey
SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise	Cllr Sean Gilliland
SPC for Climate Change and Environment	Cllr Richard Truell
SPC for Tourism, Rural & Community Development; An Ghaeilge & Cultural Services	Cllr Sean Conlon

Corporate Services

Coiste Gaeilge

Tá na tosaíochtaí seo a leanas ag Coiste Gaeilge na bliana 2025

- Scéim Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta a leithdháileadh
- Eagrú imeachtaí sa Chontae as Gaeilge,
- Tacú a tabhairt do grúpaí áitiúla chun páirt a ghlacadh i Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Scéim Teanga a fheidhmiú
- A chinntiú go gcomhlíontar Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, arna leasú, agus go háirithe forálacha faoi Alt 10A maidir le fógraí

The Coiste Gaeilge have the following priorities for 2025

- Allocate annual Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme
- Host events in the County as Gaeilge
- Support local groups to participate in Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Implement Scéim Teanga
- Ensure compliance with Official Languages act as amended and in particular, provisions under Section 10A regarding advertisements.

Communications

Monaghan County Council use a mix of digital and traditional communication tools to proactively promote the image of Monaghan County Council to our audiences. Our external audiences are kept up to date through a variety of channels including our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X and LinkedIn), our website, the local press and broadcasting media and corporate publications. We have recently started producing videos for social media to highlight various projects/funding/events in the different sections of the council and are undertaking a substantial revamp of our website.

Internal Communications provide staff with up-to-date news and information. In 2024, the number of staff using the Reach app has significantly increased and a monthly staff newsletter is published and distributed to all staff. The corporate events calendar and news item on our staff portal is updated with various events and projects from all sections of the business.

In 2025, the Council will develop a Communications Strategy with a high-level action plan that will be clearly aligned with the 2025-2029 Corporate Plan.

Human Resources

Staff Headcount

The staff complement for Monaghan County Council as at 30th September 2024 was:

Core Staff	Number	Whole Time Equivalent
Managerial	4	4
Clerical/Administrative	219	207.96
Professional/Technical	100	98.7
Outdoor	134	127.4
Total Core Staff	457	438.06
Other Staff		
Contract Posts	13	12.06
Temporary/Seasonal	9	9
Retained Firefighters	61	61
Non DHP&LG	4	1.86
Total Other Posts	87	83.92

Recruitment

The Human Resource Management Section have conducted 36 recruitment competitions in 2024 to date. Over this period 82 staff were appointed (including Retained Firefighters and rehires) to positions within the Council.

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HR Payroll and Superannuation System (Core)

- Workforce Management Module (Core Time) move to Portal – is currently on hold. The Pilot site in the sector determined that there was too much functionality lost in the Portal module and the validation site agreed. The LGMA have reverted to the Access Group for improved functionality. No timeline on rollout.
- Monaghan County Council was the pilot site and the first Local Authority to rollout the move to fortnightly pay for the Retained Fire Fighters. Monaghan County Council currently has 61 Retained Firefighters. Phase 1 is currently underway rolling out to a number of other local authorities.
- Insight Reporting and Makodata reports are now fully operational and available for running all reports. Training is ongoing for Human Resource Staff.

Blended Working App

A new Blended Working App has been developed to better meet the needs of the organisation and was officially launched on the 1st October 2024. The new Blended Working App is intuitive with supporting resources easily accessible within the App. It facilitates external Ergonomics Assessment report to be uploaded within the App which is an enhanced feature from the previous application.

Training and Development 2024

A total of 133 Training courses (Face to Face/Online), Seminars, Webinars and Conferences were attended by various staff in Monaghan County Council from 1st January 2024 to date. This figure includes a total of 31 In-house training courses outlined below.

Third Level/Further Education

A total of 15 staff members were provided with financial assistance to pursue courses of further education which demonstrates a willingness by Management to support a culture of continuous learning and development in the organisation.

Mentoring Programme

Monaghan County Council piloted an all-inclusive Mentoring programme for Professional Technical, Administrative staff and Outdoor staff in 2023/2024. An initial assessment of the programme has been positive, and the process will undergo a full review in October to determine the course of programme for 2025.

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In-house courses delivered in 2024

Abrasive Wheels

CSCS - Signing Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks

Derelict Sites and Dangerous Structures

Dignity at Work Awareness Training

Defib/CPR Training

Driver CPC Module 1

First Aid Training

Fire Warden Training

Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

Health & Wellbeing Presentation - John Lonergan

Interviewee Preparation Training

IOSH Safety Health & Env for Construction Site Managers

Line Management Training

Location of Underground Services

Managing Difficult and Aggressive Behaviour

Manual Handling

Mobile Elevated Platform

Multi Tool with Attachments

Operation of Lawnmower/Strimmer

Overview of Planning Law

Powered Pole Pruner Maintenance and Operation Course

Retirement Planning Training

Road Opening & Reinstatement - Advanced

Road Opening & Reinstatement - Basic

Road Services Supervisors

Safe Pass

Safety Rep Training

School Warden Training

Serious Incident Training for Senior Staff

Staff Awareness Day

Working at Heights

Human Resources

Staff Awareness Day

Monaghan County Council held a Staff Awareness Day for newly recruited staff on the 1st & 15th of October 2024. Staff recruited in 2023 & 2024 (120 staff) were invited to a morning of presentations delivered by Directors of Service and a number of departments followed by lunch and a bus tour to a number of projects delivered by Monaghan County Council. The staff familiarization events was enjoyed by all who attended.



Health & Wellbeing

Monaghan Co Council aim to promote Health & Wellbeing in the Organisation. Spectrum Life Employee Assistance Programme offers a 24/7 careline which is totally confidential and offers support and counselling to all staff in Monaghan County Council. A number of very successful events were organised by the Health & Wellbeing committee for staff throughout 2024.

- **The Council Games 2024**
- See Change Green Ribbon Campaign 2024
- Wellness Walks during lunchtime
- Training on E-Bikes for use by staff in MCC



Human Resources

Sick leave

Monaghan County Council was placed well below the national average for 2023 of 3.77% for the rate of paid workdays lost through medically certified paid sick leave.

• **Table: Sick leave Performance Indicators for 2023**

Authority	Total Number of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Staff in LA at 31/12/2023	Percentage of paid working days lost to medically certified sickness absence	Percentage of paid working days lost to self-certified sickness absence
Monaghan County	428.18	3.59	0.11

Summary Sick-Leave Statistics 2019 - 2023						
Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Monaghan		3.47	2.27	2.66	3.03	3.59
Average		3.71	3.01		3.58	3.77
Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Monaghan		.17	0.7	.08	0.12	0.11
Average		0.41	unknown		0.32	unknown

The Health and Safety Unit (HSU) primary objective for 2024 is to provide and maintain the Health and Safety Management System and to continue to provide advice and assistance on matters of health and safety. Over the past number of years the HSU has purchased and installed defibrillators throughout the county. The unit maintains these defibrillators and replaces a number of parts each year that that are either used or through vandalism.

The HSU budget covers the following areas:

1. Salary and Expenses.
2. First Aid Supplies.
3. Defibrillator Maintenance.
4. Stationery and Sundries.

The HSU has been set at the same level over the years and it is not envisaged that it will increase in 2025 other than standard inflation. Note this year cost of AHSO has been deducted (I am presuming that this is most likely the deduction – unsure as not discussed with me).

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Campas Síochána
Mhuineacháin

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Peace Campus



Monaghan PEACE Campus reached the significant milestone of construction completion in May. A celebration event was held on Friday 10th May to mark this achievement, with over 200 people in attendance to acknowledge the significant levels of support from all those involved in the delivery of the project building. In attendance at the event was the Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council, Councillor David Maxwell, Minister for Social Protection and Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD, Chief Executive of SEUPB Gina McIntyre, John Smith, Deputy Secretary, Communities, Place and Local Government Group, Department for Communities; Chief Executive of Monaghan County Council Robert Burns, Director of Capital Projects at Monaghan County Council Cathal Flynn, Ian Crozier, CEO Ulster-Scots Agency, Elected Members, other local TDs, MEP's and representatives from the Department of Rural and Community Development (Ire) and the Department for Communities (NI).

Since May, Monaghan Town Library, Monaghan County Museum and multiple anchor tenants have commenced to provide a host of new cultural and community amenities. Monaghan Town Library opened its doors on Monday the 13th of May to start the next chapter in serving the town, with in excess of 5,100 visitors in its first week. The Monaghan County Museum opened in June. Hire and bookings of spaces and facilities started in the Autumn of 2024. Additional in-house services, stakeholders and partnership activities will form part of a five-year Development Strategy.



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Castleblayney Market Square Regeneration Phase II – Refurbishment of Castleblayney Market House & Market Square Public Realm

The Castleblayney Market Square Regeneration Phase II project comprises the refurbishment of the Market House to a mixed-use community facility and public realm enhancements to the surrounding Market Square area. A Category 1 RRDF grant application submitted in February 2024 for the project implementation was approved by the DRCD. The project has secured Decision Gate 1 – Approval in Principle in terms of Project Verification and Funding in Principle Agreement. The project has now moved into Decision Gate 2 – Pre-tender Approval stage. Subject to satisfactory compliance with the DRCD project stage approvals, it is expected that construction works will commence in early 2025



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Hope Castle, Annex & Adjacent Outbuilding in Lough Muckno

Structural inspections of Hope Castle, Annex & Adjacent Outbuilding were completed in Q2 2024. Following the inspections, the Council conducted a procurement competition to engage a contractor for clear-out works consisting of internal debris removal and removal of any unstable elements and finishes from the 3 buildings. The appointed contractor, MCB Civils Ireland Ltd commenced works in August 2024. It is expected that the clear out works for all 3 building will be completed in November 2024. Following completion of the clear out works, survey companies will be engaged to carry out relevant surveys of the building to inform design proposals for remedial works. In 2025, the Council intend to commence procurement of professional consultants to prepare design proposals and an associated part 8 planning application for remedial protective works to each building.



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Proposed Swimming Pool and Leisure Complex in Carrickmacross Town

Following a procurement competition, professional consultants S3 Solutions were engaged in Q2 2024 in relation to preparation of a Feasibility Study and Strategic Assessment for a proposed Swimming Pool and Leisure Complex in Carrickmacross. Public consultation surveys were completed in Q3 2024, and relevant data was reviewed in relation to the needs and demand analysis. The consultants are progressing financial and economic appraisal of potential project options. It is expected that the draft Feasibility Study and Strategic Assessment Report will be completed in Q4 2024. Subject to the feasibility report findings and recommendation, the project may be progressed in 2025 to the next stage, preliminary business case development.



Newbliss RRDF Enterprise and Digital Hub

Throughout 2024, the main contractor - Lowry Construction Ltd has progressed with the works under the supervision of our Employer's Representative, Hall Black Douglas Architects. The works are well advanced, with 2nd fix for Mechanical, Electrical and Joinery works underway.

Internal painting has commenced with all external painting now complete. Over the coming months, works will include completion of 2nd fix for Mechanical, Electrical and Joinery, installation of floor coverings, paving to the rear yard and works to the front entrance

The current estimated date for Substantial completion is the end of Q1 2025.

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Blackwater Valley Rural Enterprise and Digital Hub. (BV RED Hub)

Craftstudio Architecture Ltd obtained planning permission for the facility in February 2024. Completion of the detailed design followed, and in April a competition was advertised inviting suitable contractors to submit bids for the building's construction. This competition closed at the end of May and a preferred contractor was identified. In June, MCC made a submission to the Department seeking approval to award the contract. However, in mid-July the preferred contractor subsequently withdrew from the competition. The tenders were then reassessed, and a new preferred contractor identified. An updated submission was made to the Department in early August. We are currently awaiting approval to award this contract. The construction contract will run for 15 months from the date of the contract award.

Rockcorry Community Centre

In May 2024, funding of €2.9m was announced by the Department of Community and Rural Development through its Community Centre Infrastructure Fund for the construction of a new community centre in Rockcorry. Monaghan County Council are acting as lead partner in collaboration with Rockcorry Community Group on this project. In September 2024, a design team led by Hall Black Douglas Architects were appointed to develop the design and oversee construction of the project. It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q2 of 2025

Fermanagh St, Business Hub, Clones, Co. Monaghan

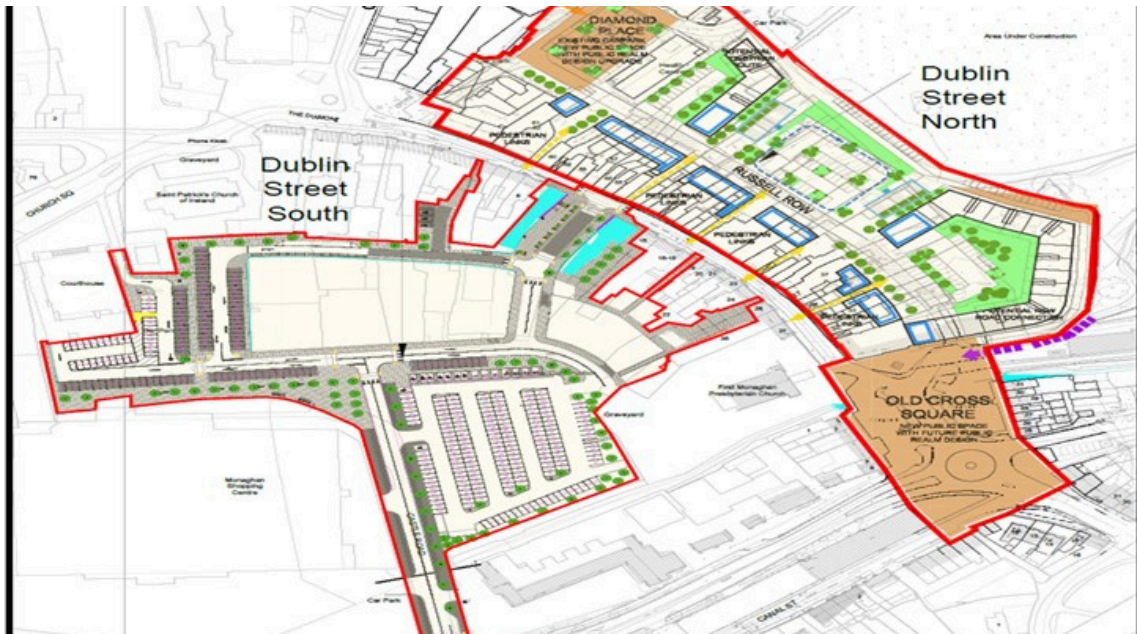
In August 2024, funding of €5.1m was announced by the Department of Community and Rural Development through its Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for regeneration Hubs in Clones. This project has two parts. Part 1 will see the renovation of the Lennard Arms. This project will be delivered by Ballybay Clones Municipal District. Part 2 will see the construction of a new business hub on Fermanagh St. Clones and will be delivered by the Capital Projects section. The building will be constructed on the old cinema site which is currently vacant. A design team led by Craftstudio Architecture Ltd has been appointed to oversee the construction of the project. It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q1 of 2025.

Dublin Street Regeneration

The Dublin Street Regeneration scheme is a proactive and innovative regeneration project for the Dublin Street area that will lead to the sustainable, coordinated and compact growth of Monaghan town centre. The project is currently being progressed in two phases South & North.

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Dublin Street South: The initial planning application in conjunction with an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in August 2022. In February 2023, ABP issued a further information request on the scheme proposals. The revised planning submission was issued to ABP in early December 2023 and the Council is currently awaiting a determination from ABP. Engagement and negotiations with affected property owners has been ongoing throughout 2024 and will continue in 2025, to date the Council has reached agreement to purchase 6 properties within the scheme area. Detailed designs for the proposed regeneration scheme are substantially complete and are scheduled to be finalised following ABP's planning decision.



Dublin Street North: The Design Team have been Developing the Design in consultation with all stakeholders and have carried out a number of site ecological, environmental and geotechnical surveys and investigations throughout 2024. Feedback has been received from An Bord Pleanála on the EIAR Scoping Study and the Design Team are currently preparing an Application for Approval and EIAR (Environmental Impact Assessment report) to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in Q4 2024. Engagement and negotiations with affected property owners has been ongoing throughout 2024 and will continue in 2025.

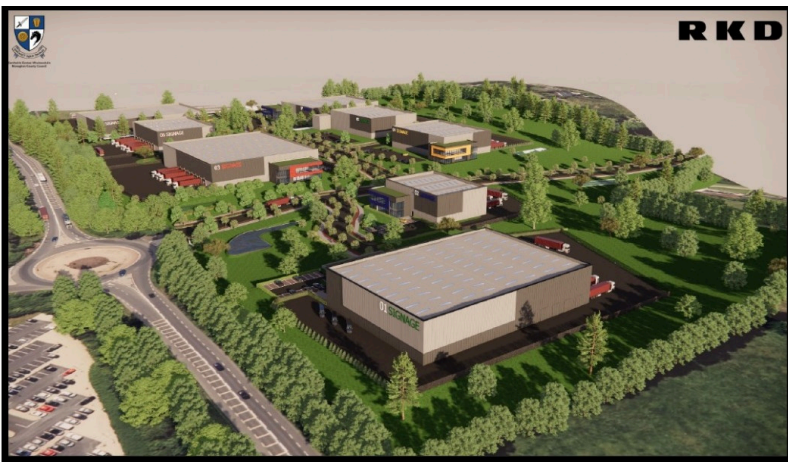
Monaghan County Council New Civic Office Headquarters

The Design Team have been busy preparing the Detailed Design for Monaghan County Council Civic Offices throughout 2024 and Part 8 Planning was granted at the April Council Meeting. The Procurement Process for the Works Contractor has commenced and will continue throughout 2024 and continue into Q1 2025.

A report on Tender and PSC (Public Spending Code) Final Business Case will then be prepared and presented to the Elected Members early in 2025 to decide if the project should proceed to construction. The project Steering Committee continue to meet at key stages as the project progresses.

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Civic Office in Roosky Monaghan, Computer-Generated Impression

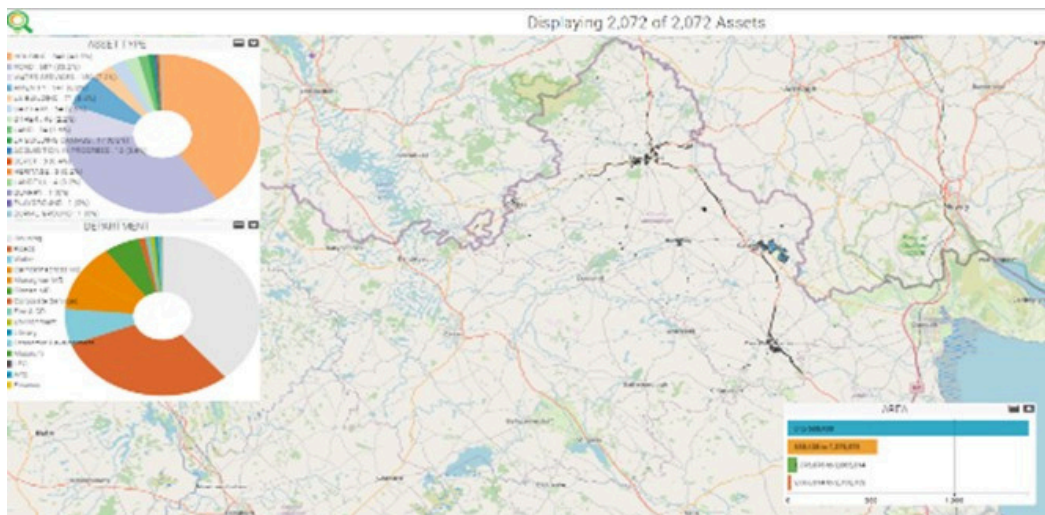


Annahagh West, Industrial Zoned Lands, Monaghan, Computer Generated Image of Business Park

Annahagh West, industrial zoned land Serviced Sites

Monaghan County Council commissioned a Feasibility Report for the potential of Services Sites at industrial zoned lands west of Annahagh Roundabout on the N2 in Monaghan. The plans were presented at the September Council Meeting where it was agreed to seek Expressions of Interest from the business community for Serviced Sites on the lands. Monaghan County Council are procuring a Design Team to further develop the proposals to service the sites and prepare a Part 8 Planning Application for access roads and utility infrastructure.

Property Asset Management

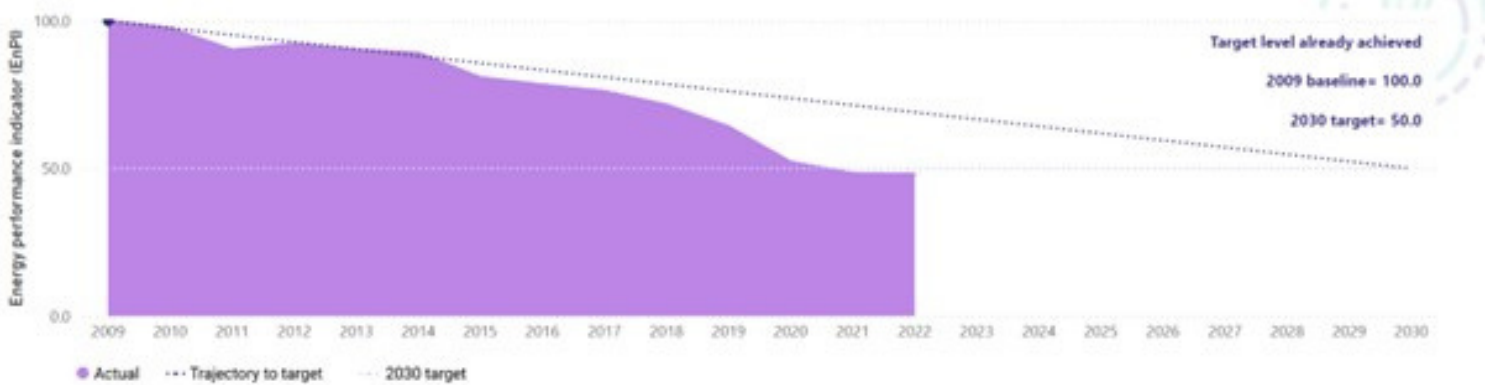


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Property Asset Management

The Council Property Management software system continues to be developed in 2024 to enable effective management of our property portfolio and to link it to the Financial Assets Register (FAR). The Council have worked closely with the national property database and the National Property Management Network to put in place modern and efficient systems and procedures to ensure that property assets are managed in a professional, co-ordinated, and effective manner and to ensure value for money.

Energy efficiency target



Energy

Monaghan County Council is making significant progress towards the 2030 Energy Target of 50% improvement in energy efficiency and has achieved an overall energy reduction of 52%. The new Climate Action Plan places a new 51% Carbon Reduction target on the public sector. This will require an increased focus on the upgrade of buildings to a higher BER rating and the reduction of Fossil Fuels from the transport fleet. Monaghan County Council actively continues to improve its energy performance and carbon footprint.

FASTER EV Rapid Chargers installed at Carrickmacross Civic Building and Courthouse Carpark
Monaghan



Information Systems and Innovation

Preamble for the 2025 IS Budget of Monaghan County Council

In an increasingly digital world, Monaghan County Council remains dedicated to leveraging technology to enhance public services, improve operational efficiency, and promote transparency. The 2025 IS budget reflects a strategic vision that balances our need for modernization, cybersecurity resilience, and community-focused digital initiatives. This year has seen significant achievements across key areas of IS, including cybersecurity, broadband expansion, application development, and infrastructure improvements. These accomplishments build on our past efforts and lay the groundwork for continued innovation in the coming years.

Cybersecurity

As technology evolves, so do the risks to digital security. Recognizing this, Monaghan County Council has prioritized cybersecurity as a fundamental pillar of our IS strategy. In 2024, we continued to invest in our 24x7 Security Operations Centre (SOC), managed by a trusted third-party provider, to offer round-the-clock monitoring of threats. The rapid advancement of cyber threats has demanded constant vigilance, and our cybersecurity team has collaborated closely with the SOC to conduct regular assessments, implement mitigation strategies, and stay ahead of emerging risks.



In anticipation of the NIS2 Directive, a new EU-wide cybersecurity legislation, becoming part of Irish law in October 2024, we took proactive steps to assess our readiness. A comprehensive security assessment was conducted using the Public Sector Cyber Security Baseline Standards, which has provided us with a clear roadmap to strengthen our defences. This initiative led to the creation of an Information Security Steering Committee focused on vulnerability management, along with a cross-department Information Security Committee to oversee ongoing improvements. These measures ensure that our systems are not only compliant but also resilient in the face of rising cyber threats. Furthermore, we have continued to emphasize cybersecurity awareness training for staff, recognizing that human error remains a critical vulnerability in any security framework.

Information Systems and Innovation



Broadband and Digital Inclusion

In 2024, significant progress was made in expanding broadband access across the county. Through our collaboration with National Broadband Ireland (NBI) and other partners, 73% of homes identified under the National Broadband Plan (NBP) will have been passed by year-end, a marked increase from 62% at the close of 2023. This expansion has been critical in bridging the digital divide, allowing more homes and businesses to access high-speed internet. In addition, Monaghan County Council has worked closely with providers like SIRO and Eir to extend gigabit-capable fibre networks across key areas, ensuring that residents and businesses have access to reliable, high-speed connectivity.

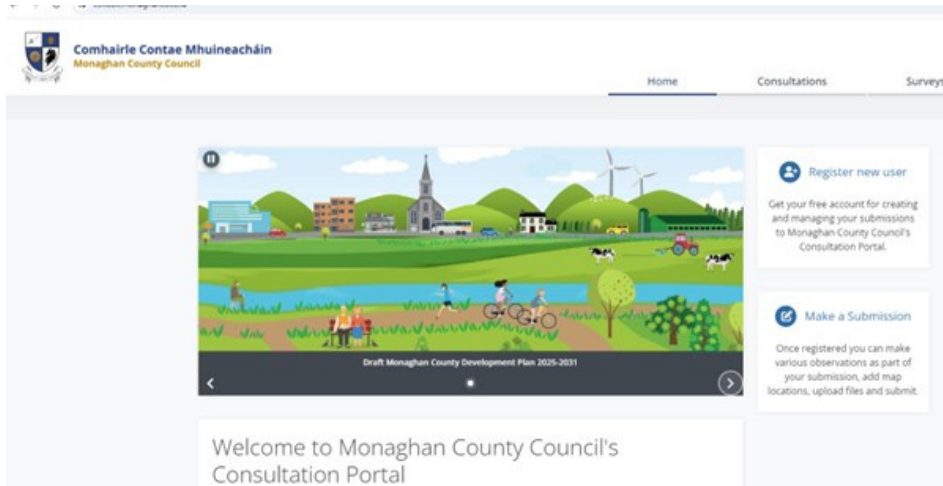
Our broadband initiatives have gone beyond infrastructure. We have also been actively engaged in promoting STEM education through programs like Vex Robotics, which was introduced to both primary and post-primary schools. This initiative has provided students with hands-on experience in programming, engineering, and robotics, fostering a culture of innovation and preparing the next generation for a technology-driven future. With continued support from Munster Technological University and other local partners, we are committed to expanding this program in the coming years. Additionally, we have introduced coding programs such as "Our Kids Code" in partnership with local libraries and community hubs, further contributing to digital literacy and inclusion.



Applications and Software Development

In 2024, several important projects were completed. Key systems such as iHouse and iReg were migrated to new dedicated servers, ensuring improved performance and reliability. We also rolled out new public consultation platforms, such as CiviQ, which has enabled more efficient and transparent communication between the government and the community.

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In collaboration with internal departments, the team worked on new internal workflows through the Laserfiche platform and supported a pilot project for the Commercial Rates system with the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). Additionally, Monaghan County Council played a key role in testing new financial reporting systems, providing valuable feedback that will benefit local authorities across the country. These efforts demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that our software systems are agile, responsive, and capable of meeting the growing demands of our organization and community.

Infrastructure and Technical Support

The Technical Support Team has had an exceptionally busy year and is projected to manage over 7,000 support desk tickets by year's end. This represents a 30% increase for support requests from previous years. This increase was driven by a rise in recruitment and staff transfers, each requiring new devices, system access, and support. Beyond day-to-day support, the team has played a crucial role in facilitating IS needs for new buildings, including the Peace Campus, Ballybay Library, and the relocated Capital Projects department. Ensuring high-speed broadband, secure networks, and adequate IS infrastructure in these locations was a substantial undertaking, but the team successfully delivered on all fronts.

Some of the standout infrastructure projects in 2024 were:

1. The completion of the Teams Telephony project, which transitioned all Monaghan County Council offices to a unified, fully resilient cloud-hosted phone system. This has not only improved communication across departments but also led to substantial cost savings by reducing the need for traditional phone lines and hardware.
2. Our commitment to sustainability was reflected in our network upgrades, where we chose SIRO's energy-efficient infrastructure, which consumes 60% less energy than traditional copper networks. These green choices align with our broader goal of reducing the carbon footprint of our IS operations.
3. A hybrid meetings solution has been provided to the councils elected members through the installation of a video conferencing solution and a portable audio-conferencing system, which is extremely versatile and easy to use. As part of the solution, we also purchased standalone portable RoadBuddy speakers and microphones which can be used by all staff to facilitate other meetings outside of the Council Chamber.

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Audio & Video Conferencing Equipment



Portable Speakers

Looking Forward

The 2025 IS budget is designed to maintain the momentum achieved this year and ensure that Monaghan County Council continues to provide innovative, secure, and efficient public services. Our focus for the upcoming year will be:

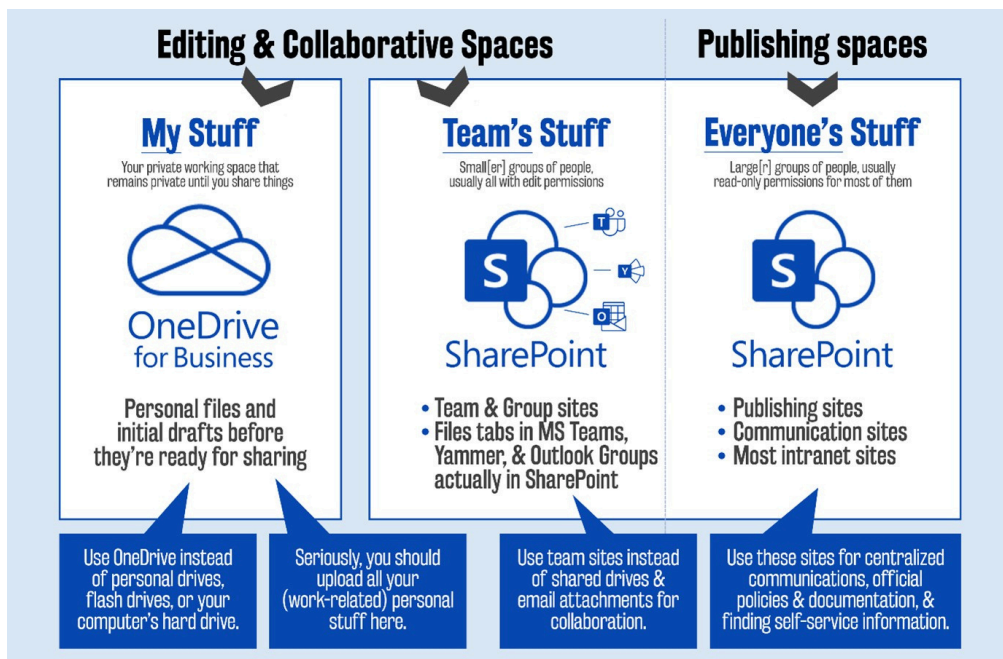
1. Strengthening our cybersecurity defences through vulnerability management along with modernizing our network infrastructure
2. Modernizing core IS infrastructure through consolidation of systems to cloud solutions along with refreshing aging hardware
3. Accelerating our digitisation of services/processes through our 3-pillar approach of using MyCoCo for public services, bespoke build to share applications for back-office functions, and Laserfische for internal process automation
4. Promoting digital literacy through educational programs such as VEX and Dreamspace initiatives.

Our digitisation strategy for the coming year is to engage with each section to identify which digitisation pillar a given service/process falls under followed by a working plan created by the IS team to migrate the service to the relevant digital platform. As part of this effort, we will be using the following metrics to gauge the effort required for each service/process:

- Volume of paper exchange either through public intake and/or internal printing
- Volume of hard copy storage required
- Volume of back scan required to digitise existing records
- Volume of destruction/shredding taking place
- Complexity of steps contained in the service/process

Along with these metrics the IS team will be asking each section to provide a champion that will assist the team with the digitisation effort. It is hoped with this collaboration the IS team will be able to provide a consistent approach to file management also as a means of removing duplicate data existing across various platforms

Information Systems and Innovation



Innovation 2025

Monaghan County Council stands out as a leader in fostering innovation and embedding it within its organisational structure. As one of the first local authorities to appoint a designated resource to innovation, we have been recognised for our pioneering approach. We want to continue to build and accelerate our focus on innovative practices that enhance efficiency, improve services, and cultivate a culture of creativity and problem-solving throughout the organisation.

We have an ambitious strategy, fully aligned with the Public Service Innovation Strategy, and as such prioritises:

- Putting citizens and users at the centre of innovation to enhance their experience of public services.
- Creation of a culture where all staff are inspired and empowered to innovate.
- Optimising efficiency across the organisation and the wider Public Service.
- Achieving 90% online service availability by 2030.
- Reducing environmental impact.

We will work collaboratively across each area of the organisation to harness innovative thinking and support the implementation of innovative work practices. Our key initiatives requiring designated budget include:

- Chief Executive Innovation Fund – a designated resource, endorsed by the CE to encourage and support the implementation of innovative ideas.
- Online Ideation Platform – hosting platform that supports the ongoing practise of online ideation challenges.
- Consultancy/Training – Small group training/consultancy led workshops to develop innovative thinking and specific workstreams.

Ballybay Clones Municipal District

Summary of the Principal Activities of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District 2024

Roads Programme 2024

In 2024, Ballybay-Clones Municipal District undertook a substantial programme of road infrastructural development. The Municipal District carried out drainage, bitmac overlay and surface dressing works for 14.1km on six local roads and two regional roads in the district under the restoration improvement grants scheme for an estimated €3M. Additional funding allowed for the resurfacing of a further regional road under the restoration improvement grants scheme.

There were a further 29km of roads surface dressed throughout the Municipal District on 19No. roads. The Municipal District also undertook extensive general repairs/maintenance to the road network in the district such as gully repairs/cleaning, road patching, hedge cutting, sweeping and scavenging. Following a road collapse, Climate Adaptation & Resilience funding seen the installation of large diameter extensive drainage and full road reconstruction of a 140m section of road.

Renewal Programme

Corrybrennan Playground Upgrade

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth approved funding to upgrade the existing Corrybrennan Playground. With Council match funding there was a budget of €240,000 which went towards the Project. The completed project brought a newly developed natural play area using materials such as sand, stone and timber, created a more secure play area and provided a new multi-use games area



Ballybay Clones Municipal District

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme

Corravoo Lake

The Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme provided funding in the sum of €30,000 for the improvement of access and car parking for fishing at the lake. Works also included installation of picnic benches.

Drumate Lake

The Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme provided funding in the sum of €30,000 for the improvement of access and car parking for fishing at the lake. Works also included installation of picnic benches.

Fermanagh Street Micro Park

With funding of €25,000 the new Micro Park was completed in January 2024. Due to its location, it has been regularly used by the Clones People while walking Fermanagh Street. Since its completion, Monaghan County Council, Arts Section have engaged an Artist to produce a Mural for the wall located next to the Micro Park. These works are currently at design stage and intend to be completed in Q1 2025

Low-Cost Improvement Scheme

The Municipal District applies annually for funding for Low-Cost Improvements Schemes to improve safety on Regional and Local Roads. In 2024 the Municipal District was successful in 3No. Funding Applications for Low-Cost Projects. The 3 projects include the following works:

- Improvement of visibility at the junction of the R-189 and the LT22803 in Magheranakelly, Drum - €25,800
- Improvement of visibility at the junction of the LP-3111, LP-3131, LP-4210 and the LS-82000 in Tossey, Castleblayney - - €25,000
- Additional anti-skid surfacing and renewal of road markings and lining for the village of Rockcorry on the R188 - €20,780

Ballybay Clones Municipal District



Municipal District meetings
The Elected Members held their AGM in June 2024. Cllr Richard Truell was elected Cathaoirleach and Cllr Pat Treanor Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Newly elected Cathaoirleach Cllr. Richard Truell and Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Treanor, Elected Members & Staff.

Active Travel

There is a wide range of Active Travel Projects being carried out in County Monaghan. There currently ten projects ongoing in the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District these include: -

- Low-Cost Junction Tightening - Newbliss (where R189 meets R183) with an allocation of €50,000.
- Clones Peace Link AT Scheme, with and allocation of €700,000.00 approved by NTA for Construction with works completing in quarter 4 2024.
- Lough Egish Village AT Scheme with an allocation of €225,000, construction will complete in quarter 4 2024.
- SRTS - St Tiarnach's €10,000. Urban Mobility/Sustainability AT Plans (Castleblayney, Ballybay, Clones, Carrickmacross) €65,000.
- Clones – Tirnahinch Rd Footpath €323,000, completed in quarter 3 2024.
- Bus Stop Enhancement Programme – consultation with NTA & MCC, programme of bus stop locations and associated works to be agreed with the NTA in advance of any construction commencing.
- Urban Mobility/Sustainability AT Plans (Castleblayney, Ballybay, Clones, Carrickmacross)

Ballybay Clones Municipal District

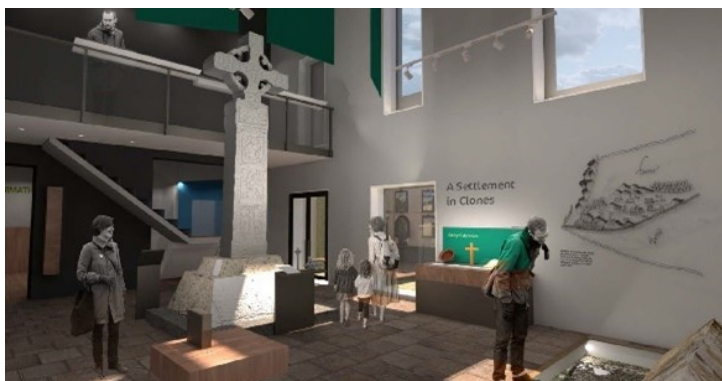
Rural Regeneration Development Fund

Ballybay-Clones Municipal District were successful in their application for €1.25million for the Architectural Restoration and Refurbishment of the Ballybay Market House to a Public Library and Community Hub

The Municipal District are in the process of completing the preliminary design and progressing to the detailed design stage. The Market House will be the new Ballybay Public Library, with a Children's library, and adult library and a Community Space to facilitate meetings and events for Ballybay's Community Groups. It is envisaged to have all works completed in Q1 2027.



Ballybay-Clones Municipal District were also successful in their application for €4.9million for the Clones Regeneration Project. This project includes a new Business Hub on Fermanagh Street and a Heritage Hub on the site of the former Lennard Arms Hotel.



The Municipal District are in the process of appointing a design team to continue with the detailed design stage. It is envisaged to have all works completed in Q1 2027.

Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway

The Ballybay – Clones Municipal District, and Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District procured a consultant to carry out Phase 2 Option Selection involving the examination of alternative options to determine the Preferred Option. A number of routes were evaluated in accordance with the Project Appraisal Guidelines in terms of Economy, Safety, Environment, Accessibility and Social Inclusion, Integration and Physical Activity. An Option Selection Report has been completed and identifies the Preferred Option for the Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway proposal.

Ballybay Clones Municipal District

Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund 2023 aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

Ballybay/Clones Municipal District have delivered 2 projects through this fund, these include.

·Outdoor Fitness Equipment Peace Link: -

A funding allocation of €45,000 has been received. This project is at procurement stage.

·New Playground equipment for Ballybay Town Park: -

Funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. The appointment of an approved Playground installation contractor is underway.

There is also another project underway in Clones for the upgrade of the bus stop and installation of a pedestrian crossing at 98th Avenue.



Presentation of scholarship awards by Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Sean Gilliland

Ballybay/Clones Municipal District work collaboratively with our communities, At the April Ballybay/Clones Municipal District meeting the annual Gaeltacht awards were presented to students from Largy College and Ballybay Community College which enabled these students to attend a residential Gaeltacht course during the summer of 2024. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Sean Gilliland presented these awards on behalf of the Elected Members of the Municipal District.

The Ballybay/Clones Municipal District on behalf of Monaghan County Council together with Christ Church Aughnamullen and Latton/Bawn Community Groups hosted the 50th Anniversary Commemoration for the life and service of the late Senator Billy Fox on Sunday 28th April with Taoiseach Simon Harris in attendance.

Ballybay Clones Municipal District



Taoiseach Simon Harris, Minister Heather Humphreys, Cathaoirleach Cllr. David Maxwell, MD Cathaoirleach Cllr. Sean Gilliland, Cllr. Richard Truell & CE Robert Burns

Proposals for 2025

The Ballybay Clones Municipal District contains over 40% of the county's road network. Major investment is required, particularly on the regional road network to ensure that the network is maintained to a satisfactory standard. The Municipal District will continue to work with the Elected representatives and staff from other sections in Monaghan County Council to ensure that funding is obtained, and all schemes delivered in 2025. Funding applications have been submitted for Low-Cost safety improvement works and bridge repair works in various locations in the Municipal District.

The Municipal District will continue to advance the projects in Ballybay and Clones, currently being funded under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and seek to develop schemes for further funding submissions under this programme.

The Municipal District has made comprehensive submissions under the Departments Town and Village Renewal and Outdoor Recreation scheme programmes and will progress these schemes following receipt of funding.

We will continue to support community and business groups in their activities and work closely with the Councils Housing and Planning section to develop solutions and programmes of work to address dereliction within the Municipal District.

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District

Summary of the Principal Activities of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District in 2024

Road Infrastructure

Regional and Local Roads:

In 2024, the Municipal District (MD) managed an investment of €4.5million in the Regional and Local Road network. Some 14km of the non-national road network was strengthened under the Restoration Improvement Programme and a further 28km was resealed under the Restoration Maintenance Programme. The Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works Programme 2024 provided for the completion of Phase 2 flood mitigation works to the LP3720 at Annadrummond. Funding received under the Lower Cost Safety Scheme enabled the implementation of safety improvement measures at 4 No. locations within the District, and monies secured under the Former National Road Rehabilitation Grant provided for the completion of resurfacing and drainage works on York Street/Dublin Road in Castleblayney.

Active Travel:

The MD continued to work closely with the Active Travel Unit throughout 2024. There are currently 6 No. schemes on going in the District, with a combined value of €530,000.

Regenerating our Town and Village Centres

The MD remained actively involved in facilities investment throughout 2024. In Carrickmacross, construction of the new C:TEK II Co-working Enterprise Hub continued apace, with works substantially completed in mid-October 2024. At a total cost of €5 million, the project shall realise the delivery of a new 1,450sqm Co-Working Enterprise Hub. The Hub shall provide workspace for business start-ups, re-locating enterprises and co-workers seeking to locate in Carrickmacross Town. The development will support talent retention within the South Monaghan area, provide a regional base for former commuters, and attract new start-ups from within the community and Northern Ireland.



Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District

The MD, in partnership with Farney Community Development Group (FCDG), plan to restore in full the Carrickmacross Workhouse site. In May 2024, a multi-disciplinary design team was engaged to complete detailed plans and costings for the restoration and re-development of the rear derelict buildings, together with an extended new-build multi-purpose Community Hub. The programme for the delivery of the current Category 2 enabling project anticipates a project duration of 12 months from the date of the appointment of consultants.



The Workhouse, Carrickmacross



Rear Derelict Buildings

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District

Investing in Public Spaces

Public Realm, Heritage and Amenity enhancements in the Village Heart and St. Mary's Space areas of Inniskeen Village:

Consultants have been appointed to progress the scheme through to construction tender stage. The scheme is currently at Design Stage. Subject to securing Part 8 planning approval, it is envisaged that works shall commence in Q1 2025.



Inniskeen Public Realm Spatial Plan

Convent Lands Landscape Masterplan:

Working together with the Town Regeneration Team, the MD has developed a landscape masterplan for the Convent Lands area of Carrickmacross Town. The plan is centred on providing the basis to enhance pedestrian and cycling linkages with the town centre, accommodating the potential expansion of the St Louis Secondary School, and providing clarity on the future role of publicly owned land in the area.



Convent Lands Landscape Masterplan

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District

Developing Outdoor Recreational Amenities

In 2024, the MD progressed the development of angling and boating facilities at both Lough Nagarnaman and Rahans Lake.



New jetty and slipway at Rahans Lake



Upgrade of jetty and car parking facilities at Lough Nagarnaman

Community Actions

The MD continues to work closely with communities to better target investment and improve the built environment.

Municipal District staff are progressing the installation of community-based CCTV Schemes for both main towns in the District. It is hoped that these schemes will become operational in the first half of 2025.

The MD engages regularly with both the Carrickmacross Town team and Castleblayney Town Regeneration Team to foster economic growth in both towns. These groups assist in planning and provide valuable feedback on proposed initiatives.

Tidy Towns - The MD supports these groups by way of annual contributions and logistical assistance throughout the year. In 2024, Carrickmacross Tidy Towns were awarded National Winner under the Town First Plan Category.

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District

Investment proposals for 2025

Investment in Town and Village centres shall remain a priority in 2025. Grant monies secured under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund shall provide for the detailed design of the Carrickmacross Main Street and Bridewell Lane Public Realm Enhancement Project, and the development of a “construction-ready” masterplan for the Carrickmacross Workhouse site. 2025 shall also realise the completion of public realm, and amenity enhancements to the Village Heart and St. Mary’s Space areas of Inniskeen Village.

Elsewhere, funding secured under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) shall allow for the continued development of outdoor amenities including:

- The development of a Recreational Masterplan for Creevy Lough.
- The further development and upgrade of Angling facilities at Lough Nagarnaman
- The development of a 7.9km standalone walking loop off the main Monaghan Way walking trail
- The creation of an outdoor sensory space adjacent to the existing playpark in Lough Muckno Park

Funding secured under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) shall also enable the development of a Greenspace Masterplan for the Gallows Hill Area in Carrickmacross Town. The Plan shall provide a framework of measures to deliver a new, usable, high quality and accessible public green space and amenity area to the northern end of town. Similarly, funding received under the TVRS shall provide for the development of a construction-ready plan for the re-development of The Bridewell building in Carrickmacross Town

Cooperation with Local Groups

The MD will once more work closely with local groups that are working to improve our communities; streetscapes; and built environment. The ongoing investment in these groups is central to our development strategy.

Tourism

The MD shall continue to work closely with the Tourism Officer to direct investment into the various tourism products of our District. Funding received under the ORIS shall provide for the enhancement of amenities and walking trails on Black Island at Lough Muckno. The scheme is currently at detailed design stage, and it is hoped to commence construction in early 2025. The project is scheduled for completion in Q2 2025.

Municipal District of Monaghan

Municipal District Meetings

- The Municipal District hold their monthly meeting on the third Monday of the month in the MTEK building along with other subcommittee meetings to discuss roads, budgets and other issues within the District. At the AGM in June 2024, Cllr. Sean Conlon was elected Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Seamus Treanor was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.
- The Schedule of Municipal District Works was presented to and approved by the members at the March meeting.

Retail Strategy for the Town/District.

- The Municipal District as part of the Town Team continue to support and promote our county town. In 2025 Monaghan Town Team/Monaghan Municipal District will continue to promote and highlight the shops, businesses and Hospitality through the town vouchers, media channels, radio advertising and town events.

Monaghan Town Voucher.

- Sales for the Monaghan Town Voucher has grown year on year. This has helped to retain and reduce economic leakage whilst supporting over 200 businesses. A campaign and a competition were run in 2024 to promote the Vouchers, providing an extra boost to the town.
- In order to facilitate the continued growth of the Monaghan Town Voucher Scheme in 2025, Monaghan Municipal District is investigating updating the town voucher scheme with new investment for management systems.

The Growth of the Monaghan Town Voucher

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Yearly Sales	€485,720	€746,200	€877,440	€984,620	€984,620	€1,706,340	€1,706,340

Municipal District of Monaghan

Monaghan Town Promotions.

·The Municipal District will continue in 2025 to assist the Town Team and other committees with the delivery of successful events to encourage promotion of Monaghan Town and Monaghan tourism as a destination to work, live and play.

·In 2024, the Municipal District in conjunction with the Town Team and Monaghan Food Network held many successful events including St. Patricks Day Parade, Street Food Festival, Mushroom Festival and Drumlin Storytelling Festival and Festival of Dracula at Halloween. In late November and December we will also have our annual Christmas Lights Switch On Event and combined Christmas Street Food Festival and Crocus Christmas Event.



Cooperation with Local Groups & Tidy Towns

·The Municipal District will work closely with local groups that are working to improve our communities; streetscapes; and built environment and provide funding throughout 2025. The ongoing investment in these groups is central to our development strategy.

·Monaghan Town achieved 2nd in the National IBAL litter league. It is the commitment of Monaghan Municipal District to build on these achievements and strive to obtain higher scores in 2025.

·The Municipal District manages and maintains many of the public open spaces and continues to adapt the grass cutting plans to meet pollinator friendly guidelines. Several areas have been planted with Pollinator friendly flowers including a wildflower meadow in the Broadroad Carpark.

Municipal District of Monaghan

Monaghan Municipal District Investment for 2025

·Investment in town and village centres will remain a priority in 2025. The Municipal District will also continue to work closely with the Tourism Officer to direct investment into the various tourism products of our District.

·The Municipal District and Tourism Section manage the Sliabh Beagh Cross Border Partnership committee. The District provided seed funding to jointly procure Consultants to complete a feasibility study / project development which formed the funding application for Shared Ireland funding. It is planned that these projects will develop in 2025 subject to success in acquiring the funding.

·Ballinode community centre is currently under construction with €500,000 funding from T&V and is due for completion in early 2025.

·Under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, St. Marys Hall, Scotstown secured €250,000 to upgrade and refurbish the community centre. The Municipal district provided the match funding for this project.

·A building was procured in Emyvale under the Building Acquisition Measure (BAM). €50,000 funding was secured under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Project Development funding, match funded by the Municipal District to develop the project for community use.

·Further to the completion of works in 2024, additional funding of €111,453 for Belgium Park has been secured from the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme to upgrade the soccer pitch.

·Funding of €50,000 has been secured under ORIS for the Ballinode-Scotstown link walkway. Proposals for this scheme commenced in 2024 and will progress into 2025.

·ORIS funding of €199,653 for Mullan Village Rural Walking Trail has been secured. Work will commence in 2025.

·Having secured funding of €100,000 from the Department of Transport and funding from other sources works at Peters Lake storm culvert will commence and be completed in 2025.

Car Parking

·The Municipal District operate and manage approximately 1,500 parking spaces in Monaghan town. The Municipal District will continue to promote the 'Pay by App' parking system, supplementing the existing facility to pay by cash. This APP allows customers to pay remotely online by phone or other devices.

Municipal District of Monaghan

Rossmore Forest Park.

·The Municipal District continue to invest in and maintain the recreation areas of the park. The Municipal District continue to work with the Town Team and various council sections to implement the Giant Trail which include the Giants, Queen Banba, Spike, the Cauldron of Plenty, The Morrigan, Roddy, The Druid, Big Ross, Muireann, Thoth and Ailinn and maintain these giants. Another giant, the giant squirrel, Mebh will be added to the trail in 2025.

·Coillte secured a grant to install new toilets in the park. The Municipal District will assist Coillte on this project.

·Under the Community Recognition Fund, the Park benefited by an extension to the playground and an additional accessible picnic area, completed at the end of 2024.

·A numbers trail is to be completed by end of 2024.

Road Infrastructure Works planned for 2025

·It is proposed under the Road Restoration, 2025 program to drain and re-surface approximately, 10km of Local roads and 1km of Regional Roads.

·It is proposed under the Restoration Maintenance, 2025 program to surface dress approximately, 18km of Local Roads and 5km of Regional Roads.

·The Municipal District will continue to carry out minor bridge repairs.

·The Municipal District will complete two grass verge cuts on National Roads, included with the grass cuts will be litter and ragwort removal.

·The Municipal District will complete a program of hedge cutting works on their own property and in strategic locations within the district as part of road safety.

·The Municipal District to complete a Roads (large patching) contract on regional and local roads.

·The Municipal District will carry out footpath replacement works in a number of areas. A section of footpath is to be replaced in Ballinode village.

·The Municipal District will complete a program of road marking works on regional and local roads.

·Drainage works will be completed on regional and local roads throughout the year.

·The Municipal District have submitted a list of Proposed Low-Cost Safety Schemes for funding which if successful will be completed in 2025.

·The Winter Maintenance program will commence on 14th October 2024 and will continue until 4th May 2025.

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Summary by Service Division	Expenditure €	Income €	Budget Net Expenditure 2025 €	%	Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2024 €	%
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income						
A Housing and Building	13,090,377	14,602,023	(1,511,646)	(5.0%)	(2,031,577)	(7.6%)
B Road Transport & Safety	27,951,302	19,834,084	8,117,218	27.0%	7,985,941	29.9%
C Water Services	10,148,969	9,590,410	558,559	1.9%	52,028	0.2%
D Development Management	14,823,663	7,376,496	7,447,167	24.8%	7,260,421	27.2%
E Environmental Services	10,801,574	3,363,473	7,438,101	24.8%	6,749,081	25.3%
F Recreation and Amenity	8,492,084	1,288,649	7,203,435	24.0%	5,967,241	22.3%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	557,945	230,119	327,826	1.1%	159,988	0.6%
H Miscellaneous Services	7,892,478	7,447,517	444,961	1.5%	562,858	2.1%
	93,758,392	63,732,771	30,025,621	100.0%	26,705,981	100.0%
Provision for Debit Balance	-		-			
ADJUSTED GROSS EXPENDITURE AND INCOME (A)	93,758,392	63,732,771	30,025,621		26,705,981	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances						
Provision for Credit Balance		-	-			
Local Property Tax		13,242,826	13,242,826			
SUB-TOTAL (B)			13,242,826			
AMOUNT OF RATES TO BE LEVIED C=(A-B)			16,782,795			
Net Effective Valuation (E)			66,651,290			
GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION (C/E)			0.2518			

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2025 and Estimated Outturn for 2024

Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A Housing and Building								
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	1,731,636	1,731,636	142,167	142,167	1,605,935	1,658,896	126,657	126,769
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	791,012	791,012	122,137	122,137	797,778	822,888	137,784	124,875
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	374,440	374,440	6,782,167	6,782,167	348,285	362,773	5,785,465	6,609,401
A04 Housing Community Development Support	411,862	411,862	52,938	52,938	345,468	355,615	49,889	52,191
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	380,173	380,173	283,579	283,579	234,841	297,009	174,363	228,391
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.	2,153,417	2,153,417	852,749	852,749	1,613,766	1,639,987	718,062	807,608
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme	3,792,549	3,792,549	3,741,797	3,741,797	3,631,101	3,635,005	3,588,667	3,639,113
A08 Housing Loans	794,917	794,917	615,204	615,204	626,239	675,316	498,336	614,005
A09 Housing Grants	2,356,830	2,356,830	1,847,402	1,847,402	2,254,887	2,360,203	1,665,953	1,743,133
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A12 HAP Programme	303,541	303,541	161,883	161,883	265,075	238,505	158,076	132,288
Division A Total	13,090,377	13,090,377	14,602,023	14,602,023	11,723,375	12,046,197	12,903,252	14,077,774

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2025 and Estimated Outturn for 2024

Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B Road Transport & Safety								
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	933,764	933,764	776,167	776,167	1,222,911	918,218	1,061,146	751,167
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	336,910	336,910	261,662	261,662	398,666	261,971	328,113	189,930
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,514,595	9,514,595	6,938,535	6,938,535	8,877,663	10,386,915	6,461,375	7,854,189
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	13,645,409	13,645,409	10,667,068	10,667,068	14,285,237	13,502,988	11,414,821	10,545,181
B05 Public Lighting	914,293	914,293	70,000	70,000	851,779	875,086	84,000	70,000
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	40,000	40,000	-	-	30,000	32,000	-	-
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	340,700	340,700	260,700	260,700	345,000	340,700	265,000	266,320
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education	95,340	95,340	-	-	90,099	90,099	-	-
B09 Car Parking	700,592	700,592	602,128	602,128	654,466	661,109	544,285	564,325
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog	59,464	59,464	36,278	36,278	78,106	91,512	36,955	36,971
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,370,235	1,370,235	221,546	221,546	1,365,753	1,239,717	286,104	136,291
Division B Total	27,951,302	27,951,302	19,834,084	19,834,084	28,199,680	28,400,315	20,481,799	20,414,374

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Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
C Water Services								
C01 Water Supply	1,583,754	1,583,754	15,984	15,984	1,856,692	1,602,813	36,923	37,088
C02 Waste Water Treatment	1,357,818	1,357,818	13,891	13,891	1,769,156	1,710,922	15,443	15,586
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Public Conveniences	65,319	65,319	578	578	64,835	65,007	578	578
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	6,668,160	6,668,160	6,433,912	6,433,912	5,955,192	5,963,068	5,523,611	5,735,019
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	338,339	338,339	18,056	18,056	838,697	829,230	21,573	20,259
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	26,602	26,602	1,767,897	1,767,897	92,439	68,578	3,150,388	3,130,404
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	108,977	108,977	1,340,092	1,340,092	20,000	45,000	1,263,656	1,293,656
Division C Total	10,148,969	10,148,969	9,590,410	9,590,410	10,597,011	10,284,618	10,012,172	10,232,590

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Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D Development Management								
D01 Forward Planning	855,143	855,143	18,600	18,600	527,269	588,698	38,469	38,595
D02 Development Management	1,900,586	1,900,586	451,482	451,482	2,161,666	2,339,582	606,314	458,925
D03 Enforcement	206,549	206,549	89,604	89,604	165,183	167,865	11,010	96,045
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	403,192	403,192	52,241	52,241	393,594	389,850	89,949	50,737
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	5,526,111	5,526,111	3,244,428	3,244,428	6,592,338	4,004,543	4,221,161	1,536,494
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	241,229	241,229	18,714	18,714	237,092	240,276	19,101	19,139
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	4,609,354	4,609,354	2,780,806	2,780,806	5,322,835	8,649,741	4,010,448	7,262,839
D10 Property Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,081,091	1,081,091	720,621	720,621	698,024	966,979	461,347	671,126
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	408	408	-	-	129,661	132,024	85,205	85,237
Division D Total	14,823,663	14,823,663	7,376,496	7,376,496	16,227,662	17,479,558	9,543,004	10,219,137

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Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E Environmental Services								
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare	662,207	662,207	211,038	211,038	627,312	564,417	189,878	166,186
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	89,953	89,953	203,722	203,722	89,471	83,626	218,233	216,245
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	154,000	154,000	151,000	151,000	199,000	198,000	196,000	196,000
E05 Litter Management	484,769	484,769	33,671	33,671	431,751	431,826	39,657	24,104
E06 Street Cleaning	1,163,882	1,163,882	-	-	1,097,499	1,151,998	-	-
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	505,999	505,999	31,541	31,541	490,787	489,871	31,967	32,571
E08 Waste Management Planning	125,667	125,667	2,168	2,168	126,162	113,635	2,045	2,064
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	13,000	13,000	-	-	13,000	13,000	-	-
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	354,428	354,428	117,891	117,891	376,887	372,790	147,159	119,208
E11 Operation of Fire Service	4,285,101	4,285,101	1,047,313	1,047,313	3,524,611	3,596,429	728,273	738,413
E12 Fire Prevention	267,983	267,983	111,585	111,585	249,275	253,531	111,810	113,923
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	901,288	901,288	167,926	167,926	639,067	669,181	80,008	112,925
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	450,648	450,648	142,372	142,372	450,253	470,156	119,174	130,449
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,342,649	1,342,649	1,143,246	1,143,246	450,715	453,710	260,904	261,001
Division E Total	10,801,574	10,801,574	3,363,473	3,363,473	8,765,790	8,862,170	2,125,108	2,113,089

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2025 and Estimated Outturn for 2024

Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
F Recreation and Amenity								
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations	423,935	423,935	50,000	50,000	329,981	349,817	-	145,083
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,755,791	3,755,791	186,755	186,755	3,303,742	3,366,626	96,846	138,923
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	1,139,517	1,139,517	3,000	3,000	1,103,974	1,123,806	3,000	3,000
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,260,715	1,260,715	767,000	767,000	30,000	30,000	27,000	27,000
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	1,881,126	1,881,126	250,894	250,894	1,621,885	1,631,169	222,949	220,171
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
Division F Total	8,492,084	8,492,084	1,288,649	1,288,649	6,420,582	6,532,418	380,795	565,177

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Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	557,945	557,945	230,119	230,119	573,527	570,832	341,891	410,844
G05 Educational Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Division G Total	557,945	557,945	230,119	230,119	573,527	570,832	341,891	410,844

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2025 and Estimated Outturn for 2024

Division & Services	2025				2024			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H Miscellaneous Services								
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account	161,943	161,943	160,161	160,161	160,572	165,964	160,886	160,937
H02 Profit & Loss Stores Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H03 Administration of Rates	2,634,347	2,634,347	12,054	12,054	2,712,140	2,565,689	71,509	11,614
H04 Franchise Costs	105,425	105,425	40,020	40,020	169,068	109,584	40,401	40,321
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	142,549	142,549	2,133	2,133	112,320	107,084	1,199	1,211
H06 Weighbridges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	-	-	31,620	31,620	-	-	25,720	31,620
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	2,777,675	2,777,675	22,818	22,818	2,655,498	2,675,672	23,372	63,589
H10 Motor Taxation	611,900	611,900	30,726	30,726	698,242	708,853	34,496	34,631
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,458,639	1,458,639	7,147,985	7,147,985	641,041	1,000,774	5,162,110	6,426,839
Division H Total	7,892,478	7,892,478	7,447,517	7,447,517	7,148,881	7,333,620	5,519,693	6,770,762
OVERALL TOTAL	93,758,392	93,758,392	63,732,771	63,732,771	89,656,508	91,509,728	61,307,714	64,803,747

TABLE C - CALCULATION OF BASE YEAR ADJUSTMENT

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	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
Rating Authority	Annual Rate on Valuation	Effective ARV (Net of BYA)	Base Year Adjustment	Net Effective Valuation	Value of Base Year Adjustment
	€	€	€	€	€
TOTAL					

Table D

ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2025 FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

Source of Income	2025 €
Rents from Houses	7,060,928
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	421,248
Parking Fines & Charges	600,000
Uisce Éireann	1,765,387
Planning Fees	323,588
Landfill Charges	106,500
Fire Charges	167,000
Local Authority Contributions	329,574
Superannuation	686,213
NPPR	10,000
Other income	3,030,294
Total Goods & Services	14,500,728

Table E

ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2025 FROM GRANTS & SUBSIDIES

	2025 €
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Housing and Building	6,787,994
Road Transport & Safety	690,979
Water Services	7,733,057
Development Management	1,700,198
Environmental Services	635,273
Miscellaneous Services	6,145,729
Sub-total	23,693,230
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	17,668,424
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport & the Gaeltacht	-
Defence	113,900
Library Council	2,500
Arts Council	83,000
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	1,240,912
Rural & Community Development	2,276,522
Environment, Climate & Communications	1,057,284
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	(2,800)
Other	3,099,071
Sub-total	25,538,813
Total Grants & Subsidies	49,232,043

Table F - Expenditure

Division A - Housing and Building

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A0101 Maintenance of LA Housing Units	992,408	992,408	915,924	945,997
A0102 Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	71,743	71,743	51,116	60,810
A0103 Traveller Accommodation Management	75,240	75,240	77,362	77,362
A0104 Estate Maintenance	-	-	-	-
A0199 Service Support Costs	592,247	592,247	561,533	574,727
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	1,731,636	1,731,636	1,605,935	1,658,896
A0201 Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	427,113	427,113	377,007	392,910
A0299 Service Support Costs	363,899	363,899	420,771	429,978
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	791,012	791,012	797,778	822,888
A0301 Debt Management & Rent Assessment	77,738	77,738	59,003	67,003
A0399 Service Support Costs	296,702	296,702	289,282	295,770
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	374,440	374,440	348,285	362,773
A0401 Housing Estate Management	278,030	278,030	232,623	237,396
A0402 Tenancy Management	-	-	-	-
A0403 Social and Community Housing Service	-	-	-	-
A0499 Service Support Costs	133,832	133,832	112,845	118,219
A04 Housing Community Development Support	411,862	411,862	345,468	355,615
A0501 Homeless Grants Other Bodies	200,000	200,000	120,000	180,000
A0502 Homeless Service	-	-	-	-
A0599 Service Support Costs	180,173	180,173	114,841	117,009
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	380,173	380,173	234,841	297,009
A0601 Technical and Administrative Support	650,930	650,930	555,931	553,085
A0602 Loan Charges	-	-	-	-
A0699 Service Support Costs	1,502,487	1,502,487	1,057,835	1,086,902
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.	2,153,417	2,153,417	1,613,766	1,639,987
A0701 RAS Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	898,140	898,140
A0702 Long Term Leasing	2,587,268	2,587,268	2,587,268	2,587,268
A0703 Payment & Availability	-	-	-	-
A0704 Affordable Leases	-	-	-	-
A0799 Service Support Costs	205,281	205,281	145,693	149,597
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme	3,792,549	3,792,549	3,631,101	3,635,005
A0801 Loan Interest and Other Charges	586,662	586,662	491,785	537,429
A0802 Debt Management Housing Loans	105,982	105,982	64,068	64,068
A0899 Service Support Costs	102,273	102,273	70,386	73,819
A08 Housing Loans	794,917	794,917	626,239	675,316

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A0901 Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
A0902 Loan Charges DPG/ERG	-	-	-	-
A0903 Essential Repair Grants	-	-	-	-
A0904 Other Housing Grant Payments	143,779	143,779	31,998	132,124
A0905 Mobility Aids Housing Grants	-	-	-	-
A0999 Service Support Costs	213,051	213,051	222,891	228,079
A09 Housing Grants	2,356,830	2,356,830	2,254,887	2,360,203
A1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
A1199 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-
A1201 HAP Operation Costs	178,452	178,452	182,675	152,193
A1202 HAP Agency Services	-	-	-	-
A1299 HAP Service Support Costs	125,089	125,089	82,400	86,312
A12 HAP Programme	303,541	303,541	265,075	238,505
Division A Total	13,090,377	13,090,377	11,723,375	12,046,197

Table F - Income				
Division A - Housing and Building				
Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	6,787,994	6,787,994	6,195,206	6,502,210
Other	10,667	10,667	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	6,798,661	6,798,661	6,195,206	6,502,210
Goods & Services				
Rents from Houses	7,060,928	7,060,928	6,042,721	6,868,413
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	421,246	421,246	343,740	421,236
Superannuation	106,982	106,982	99,951	100,883
Local Authority Contributions	96,206	96,206	90,634	67,032
Other income	118,000	118,000	131,000	118,000
Total Goods & Services	7,803,362	7,803,362	6,708,046	7,575,564
Division A Total	14,602,023	14,602,023	12,903,252	14,077,774

Table F - Expenditure

Division B - Road Transport & Safety

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B0101 NP - Surface Dressing	-	-	-	-
B0102 NP - Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	-	-	-	-
B0103 NP - Winter Maintenance	137,519	137,519	169,500	137,519
B0104 NP - Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	-	-	-	-
B0105 NP - General Maintenance	638,648	638,648	891,648	613,649
B0106 NP - General Improvements Works	-	-	-	-
B0199 Service Support Costs	157,597	157,597	161,765	167,050
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	933,764	933,764	1,222,911	918,218
B0201 NS - Surface Dressing	-	-	-	-
B0202 NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	-	-	-	-
B0203 NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	-	-	-	-
B0204 NS - Winter Maintenance	32,047	32,047	39,500	32,047
B0205 NS - Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	-	-	-	-
B0206 NS - General Maintenance	229,615	229,615	288,613	157,884
B0207 NS - General Improvement Works	-	-	-	-
B0299 Service Support Costs	75,248	75,248	70,553	72,040
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	336,910	336,910	398,666	261,971
B0301 Regional Roads Surface Dressing	934,500	934,500	881,000	934,500
B0302 Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	-	-	-	-
B0303 Regional Road Winter Maintenance	305,944	305,944	300,000	291,898
B0304 Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0305 Regional Road General Maintenance Works	2,252,102	2,252,102	2,258,295	2,252,102
B0306 Regional Road General Improvement Works	3,410,452	3,410,452	2,911,497	4,338,365
B0399 Service Support Costs	2,611,597	2,611,597	2,526,871	2,570,050
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,514,595	9,514,595	8,877,663	10,386,915
B0401 Local Road Surface Dressing	1,068,000	1,068,000	1,121,500	1,068,000
B0402 Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	6,587,697	6,587,697	6,442,673	6,612,979
B0403 Local Roads Winter Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0404 Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	1,294,275	1,294,275	1,900,000	889,275
B0405 Local Roads General Maintenance Works	2,557,478	2,557,478	3,489,208	2,890,843
B0406 Local Roads General Improvement Works	848,389	848,389	62,640	748,389
B0499 Service Support Costs	1,289,570	1,289,570	1,269,216	1,293,502
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	13,645,409	13,645,409	14,285,237	13,502,988
B0501 Public Lighting Operating Costs	743,300	743,300	707,300	728,300
B0502 Public Lighting Improvement	80,000	80,000	60,000	60,000
B0599 Service Support Costs	90,993	90,993	84,479	86,786
B05 Public Lighting	914,293	914,293	851,779	875,086

Table F - Expenditure

Division B - Road Transport & Safety

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B0801 Traffic Management	40,000	40,000	30,000	32,000
B0802 Traffic Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0803 Traffic Improvement Measures	-	-	-	-
B0899 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	40,000	40,000	30,000	32,000
B0701 Low Cost Remedial Measures	280,700	280,700	285,000	253,200
B0702 Other Engineering Improvements	80,000	80,000	80,000	87,500
B0799 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	340,700	340,700	345,000	340,700
B0801 School Wardens	54,590	54,590	54,590	54,590
B0802 Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	40,750	40,750	35,509	35,509
B0899 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education	95,340	95,340	90,099	90,099
B0901 Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	484,870	484,870	439,981	440,771
B0902 Operation of Street Parking	-	-	-	-
B0903 Parking Enforcement	-	-	-	-
B0999 Service Support Costs	215,722	215,722	214,485	220,338
B09 Car Parking	700,592	700,592	654,466	661,109
B1001 Administration of Roads Capital Programme	38,659	38,659	51,953	64,163
B1099 Service Support Costs	20,805	20,805	26,153	27,349
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog	59,464	59,464	78,106	91,512
B1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	111,129	111,129	176,270	26,270
B1199 Service Support Costs	1,259,106	1,259,106	1,189,483	1,213,447
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,370,235	1,370,235	1,365,753	1,239,717
Division B Total	27,951,302	27,951,302	28,199,680	28,400,315

Table F - Income

Division B - Road Transport & Safety

Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	690,979	690,979	1,223,480	606,120
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	17,668,424	17,668,424	18,396,201	18,296,149
Rural & Community Development	633,419	633,419	-	590,479
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	18,992,822	18,992,822	19,619,681	19,492,748
Goods & Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	600,000	600,000	540,000	560,000
Superannuation	60,187	60,187	67,440	68,066
Other income	181,075	181,075	254,678	293,560
Total Goods & Services	841,262	841,262	862,118	921,626
Division B Total	19,834,084	19,834,084	20,481,799	20,414,374

Table F - Expenditure				
Division C - Water Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
C0101 Water Plants & Networks	523,154	523,154	802,379	523,154
C0199 Service Support Costs	1,060,600	1,060,600	1,054,313	1,079,659
C01 Water Supply	1,583,754	1,583,754	1,856,692	1,602,813
C0201 Waste Plants and Networks	834,120	834,120	903,120	834,120
C0299 Service Support Costs	523,698	523,698	866,036	876,802
C02 Waste Water Treatment	1,357,818	1,357,818	1,769,156	1,710,922
C0301 Debt Management Water and Waste Water	-	-	-	-
C0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-
C0401 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	61,903	61,903	61,903	61,903
C0499 Service Support Costs	3,416	3,416	2,932	3,104
C04 Public Conveniences	65,319	65,319	64,835	65,007
C0501 Grants for Individual Installations	120,000	120,000	25,000	25,000
C0502 Grants for Water Group Schemes	-	-	-	-
C0503 Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	-	-	-	-
C0504 Group Water Scheme Subsidies	6,032,000	6,032,000	5,449,000	5,449,000
C0599 Service Support Costs	516,160	516,160	481,192	489,068
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	6,668,160	6,668,160	5,955,192	5,963,068
C0601 Technical Design and Supervision	-	-	-	-
C0699 Service Support Costs	338,339	338,339	838,697	829,230
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	338,339	338,339	838,697	829,230
C0701 Agency & Recoupable Service	1,000	1,000	68,628	43,628
C0799 Service Support Costs	25,602	25,602	23,811	24,950
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	26,602	26,602	92,439	68,578
C0801 Local Authority Water Services	49,721	49,721	20,000	45,000
C0802 Local Authority Sanitary Services	-	-	-	-
C0899 Local Authority Service Support Costs	59,256	59,256	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	108,977	108,977	20,000	45,000
Division C Total	10,148,969	10,148,969	10,597,011	10,284,618

Table F - Income

Division C - Water Services

Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	7,733,057	7,733,057	6,765,209	6,986,515
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	7,733,057	7,733,057	6,765,209	6,986,515
Goods & Services				
Uisce Éireann	1,765,387	1,765,387	3,148,364	3,148,864
Superannuation	59,388	59,388	66,021	66,633
Other income	32,578	32,578	32,578	32,578
Total Goods & Services	1,857,353	1,857,353	3,246,963	3,246,075
Division C Total	9,590,410	9,590,410	10,012,172	10,232,590

Table F - Expenditure				
Division D - Development Management				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D0101 Statutory Plans and Policy	599,350	599,350	371,020	424,020
D0199 Service Support Costs	255,793	255,793	156,249	164,678
D01 Forward Planning	855,143	855,143	527,269	588,698
D0201 Planning Control	1,133,853	1,133,853	1,281,515	1,421,691
D0299 Service Support Costs	766,733	766,733	880,151	917,891
D02 Development Management	1,900,586	1,900,586	2,161,666	2,339,582
D0301 Enforcement Costs	139,346	139,346	110,711	110,682
D0399 Service Support Costs	67,203	67,203	54,472	57,183
D03 Enforcement	206,549	206,549	165,183	167,865
D0401 Industrial Sites Operations	-	-	-	-
D0403 Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	-	-	-	-
D0404 General Development Promotion Work	-	-	-	-
D0499 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities	-	-	-	-
D0501 Tourism Promotion	252,347	252,347	282,316	274,734
D0502 Tourist Facilities Operations	34,305	34,305	32,912	32,912
D0599 Service Support Costs	116,540	116,540	78,366	82,204
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	403,192	403,192	393,594	389,850
D0601 General Community & Enterprise Expenses	1,118,534	1,118,534	1,870,438	1,354,022
D0602 RAPID Costs	-	-	277,255	-
D0603 Social Inclusion	3,124,063	3,124,063	3,251,878	1,402,031
D0699 Service Support Costs	1,283,514	1,283,514	1,192,767	1,248,490
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	5,526,111	5,526,111	6,592,338	4,004,543
D0701 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-
D0799 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-
D0801 Building Control Inspection Costs	175,392	175,392	168,696	168,696
D0802 Building Control Enforcement Costs	-	-	-	-
D0899 Service Support Costs	65,837	65,837	68,396	71,580
D08 Building Control	241,229	241,229	237,092	240,276

Table F - Expenditure

Division D - Development Management

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D0901 Urban and Village Renewal	213,354	213,354	187,020	193,354
D0902 EU Projects	469,311	469,311	161,700	161,700
D0903 Town Twinning	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
D0904 European Office	-	-	-	-
D0905 Economic Development & Promotion	1,676,412	1,676,412	3,088,289	6,379,396
D0906 Local Enterprise Office	1,242,313	1,242,313	1,208,213	1,208,213
D0999 Service Support Costs	977,964	977,964	647,613	677,078
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	4,609,354	4,609,354	5,322,835	8,649,741
D1001 Property Management Costs	-	-	-	-
D1099 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D10 Property Management	-	-	-	-
D1101 Heritage Services	741,032	741,032	468,138	635,315
D1102 Conservation Services	-	-	-	-
D1103 Conservation Grants	209,000	209,000	113,000	209,000
D1199 Service Support Costs	131,059	131,059	116,886	122,664
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,081,091	1,081,091	698,024	966,979
D1201 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	81,784	81,784
D1299 Service Support Costs	408	408	47,877	50,240
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	408	408	129,661	132,024
Division D Total	14,823,663	14,823,663	16,227,662	17,479,558

Table F - Income

Division D - Development Management

	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Income by Source				
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	1,700,198	1,700,198	1,551,271	1,097,381
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	1,240,912	1,240,912	1,209,721	4,359,817
Rural & Community Development	1,813,360	1,813,360	1,567,811	268,300
Other	1,658,908	1,658,908	4,080,495	3,378,585
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	6,213,378	6,213,378	8,409,298	9,104,083
Goods & Services				
Planning Fees	323,586	323,586	368,586	323,586
Superannuation	202,576	202,576	196,721	198,548
Other income	636,956	636,956	568,399	592,920
Total Goods & Services	1,163,118	1,163,118	1,133,706	1,115,054
Division D Total	7,376,496	7,376,496	9,543,004	10,219,137

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E0101 Landfill Operations	495,196	495,196	487,799	445,384
E0102 Contribution to other LAs - Landfill Facilities	-	-	-	-
E0103 Landfill Aftercare Costs.	98,276	98,276	77,000	53,276
E0199 Service Support Costs	68,735	68,735	62,513	65,757
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare	662,207	662,207	627,312	564,417
E0201 Recycling Facilities Operations	4,850	4,850	6,000	6,105
E0202 Bring Centres Operations	35,000	35,000	35,000	30,500
E0204 Other Recycling Services	300	300	2,500	200
E0299 Service Support Costs	49,803	49,803	45,971	46,821
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	89,953	89,953	89,471	83,626
E0301 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
E0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
E0401 Recycling Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0402 Organic Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0403 Residual Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0404 Commercial Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0406 Contribution to Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0407 Other Costs Waste Collection	154,000	154,000	199,000	198,000
E0499 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	154,000	154,000	199,000	198,000
E0501 Litter Warden Service	104,862	104,862	86,468	95,110
E0502 Litter Control Initiatives	82,000	82,000	71,000	66,126
E0503 Environmental Awareness Services	46,000	46,000	58,200	49,278
E0599 Service Support Costs	251,907	251,907	216,083	221,312
E05 Litter Management	484,769	484,769	431,751	431,826
E0601 Operation of Street Cleaning Service	925,000	925,000	875,000	925,000
E0602 Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	-	-	-	-
E0699 Service Support Costs	238,882	238,882	222,499	226,998
E06 Street Cleaning	1,163,882	1,163,882	1,097,499	1,151,998
E0701 Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	-	-	-	-
E0702 Enforcement of Waste Regulations	308,332	308,332	312,163	302,740
E0799 Service Support Costs	197,667	197,667	178,624	187,131
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	505,999	505,999	490,787	489,871

Table F - Expenditure

Division E - Environmental Services

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E0801 Waste Management Plan	90,717	90,717	95,991	81,991
E0802 Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	-	-	-	-
E0899 Service Support Costs	34,950	34,950	30,171	31,644
E08 Waste Management Planning	125,667	125,667	126,162	113,635
E0901 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
E0999 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
E1001 Operation Costs Civil Defence	244,106	244,106	229,378	241,878
E1002 Dangerous Buildings	-	-	-	-
E1003 Emergency Planning	15,780	15,780	10,080	20,080
E1004 Derelict Sites	-	-	31,410	-
E1005 Water Safety Operation	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,200
E1099 Service Support Costs	88,342	88,342	99,819	104,632
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	354,428	354,428	376,887	372,790
E1101 Operation of Fire Brigade Service	3,969,500	3,969,500	3,227,119	3,283,524
E1103 Fire Services Training	-	-	-	-
E1104 Operation of Ambulance Service	-	-	-	-
E1199 Service Support Costs	315,601	315,601	297,492	312,905
E11 Operation of Fire Service	4,285,101	4,285,101	3,524,611	3,596,429
E1201 Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	500	500	500	500
E1202 Fire Prevention and Education	182,668	182,668	168,456	168,456
E1203 Inspection & Monitoring of Commercial Facilities	-	-	-	-
E1299 Service Support Costs	84,815	84,815	80,319	84,575
E12 Fire Prevention	267,983	267,983	249,275	253,531
E1301 Water Quality Management	598,183	598,183	433,925	454,242
E1302 Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	-	-	-	-
E1399 Service Support Costs	303,105	303,105	205,142	214,939
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	901,288	901,288	639,067	669,181
E1401 Agency & Recoupable Service	135,750	135,750	111,000	122,199
E1499 Service Support Costs	314,898	314,898	339,253	347,957
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	450,648	450,648	450,253	470,156
E1501 Climate Change and Flooding	1,168,784	1,168,784	293,929	289,429
E1599 Service Support Costs	173,865	173,865	156,786	164,281
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,342,649	1,342,649	450,715	453,710
Division E Total	10,801,574	10,801,574	8,765,790	8,862,170

Table F - Income

Division E - Environmental Services

Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	635,273	635,273	772,026	515,273
Defence	113,900	113,900	113,900	113,900
Environment, Climate & Communications	1,057,284	1,057,284	-	250,429
Other	1,096,753	1,096,753	726,962	723,161
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	2,903,210	2,903,210	1,612,888	1,602,763
Goods & Services				
Landfill Charges	106,500	106,500	106,500	106,500
Fire Charges	167,000	167,000	207,000	219,001
Superannuation	87,613	87,613	86,570	87,375
Other income	99,150	99,150	112,150	97,450
Total Goods & Services	460,263	460,263	512,220	510,326
Division E Total	3,363,473	3,363,473	2,125,108	2,113,089

Table F - Expenditure

Division F - Recreation and Amenity

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
F0101 Leisure Facilities Operations	423,267	423,267	329,535	349,345
F0103 Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	-	-	-	-
F0199 Service Support Costs	668	668	446	472
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations	423,935	423,935	329,981	349,817
F0201 Library Service Operations	2,420,288	2,420,288	2,199,653	2,213,153
F0202 Archive Service	89,463	89,463	14,000	14,000
F0204 Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
F0205 Contributions to Library Organisations	-	-	-	-
F0299 Service Support Costs	1,116,040	1,116,040	960,089	1,009,473
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,755,791	3,755,791	3,303,742	3,366,626
F0301 Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	826,280	826,280	821,980	821,980
F0302 Playgrounds	75,000	75,000	60,000	75,000
F0303 Beaches	-	-	-	-
F0399 Service Support Costs	238,237	238,237	221,994	226,826
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	1,139,517	1,139,517	1,103,974	1,123,806
F0401 Community Grants	-	-	-	-
F0402 Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	-	-	-	-
F0403 Community Facilities	1,230,715	1,230,715	-	-
F0404 Recreational Development	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
F0499 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,260,715	1,260,715	30,000	30,000
F0501 Administration of the Arts Programme	533,779	533,779	437,205	453,451
F0502 Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	180,450	180,450	152,450	152,450
F0503 Museums Operations	463,498	463,498	473,370	427,225
F0504 Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
F0505 Festivals & Concerts	229,000	229,000	175,650	195,650
F0599 Service Support Costs	474,399	474,399	383,210	402,393
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	1,881,126	1,881,126	1,621,885	1,631,169
F0601 Agency & Recoupable Service	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
F0699 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
Division F Total	8,492,084	8,492,084	6,420,582	6,532,418

Table F - Income

Division F - Recreation and Amenity

Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport & the Gaeltacht	-	-	13,000	-
Library Council	2,500	2,500	-	-
Arts Council	83,000	83,000	83,000	88,000
Rural & Community Development	29,743	29,743	27,042	27,042
Other	179,878	179,878	102,000	245,973
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	295,121	295,121	225,042	361,015
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	93,788	93,788	86,013	86,812
Other income	899,740	899,740	69,740	117,350
Total Goods & Services	993,528	993,528	155,753	204,162
Division F Total	1,288,649	1,288,649	380,795	565,177

Table F - Expenditure				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
G0101 Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	-	-	-	-
G0102 Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	-	-	-	-
G0103 Payment of Agricultural Pensions	-	-	-	-
G0199 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-
G0201 Operation of Piers	-	-	-	-
G0203 Operation of Harbours	-	-	-	-
G0299 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	-	-	-	-
G0301 General Maintenance - Costal Regions	-	-	-	-
G0302 Planned Protection of Coastal Regions	-	-	-	-
G0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-
G0401 Provision of Veterinary Service	30,000	30,000	191,669	184,669
G0402 Inspection of Abattoirs etc	-	-	-	-
G0403 Food Safety	-	-	-	-
G0404 Operation of Dog Warden Service	332,515	332,515	218,864	219,089
G0405 Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	7,000	7,000	7,000	4,008
G0499 Service Support Costs	188,430	188,430	155,994	163,066
G04 Veterinary Service	557,945	557,945	573,527	570,832
G0501 Payment of Higher Education Grants	-	-	-	-
G0502 Administration Higher Education Grants	-	-	-	-
G0503 Payment of VEC Pensions	-	-	-	-
G0504 Administration VEC Pension	-	-	-	-
G0505 Contribution to Education & Training Board	-	-	-	-
G0506 Other Educational Services	-	-	-	-
G0507 School Meals	-	-	-	-
G0599 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G05 Educational Support Services	-	-	-	-
G0601 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
G0699 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-
Division G Total	557,945	557,945	573,527	570,832

Table F - Income

Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare

Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	(2,800)	(2,800)	170,000	170,000
Other	60,865	60,865	-	60,865
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	58,065	58,065	170,000	230,865
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	9,654	9,654	9,491	9,579
Other income	162,400	162,400	162,400	170,400
Total Goods & Services	172,054	172,054	171,891	179,979
Division G Total	230,119	230,119	341,891	410,844

Table F - Expenditure

Division H - Miscellaneous Services

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H0101 Maintenance of Machinery Service	60,043	60,043	51,358	51,358
H0102 Plant and Machinery Operations	-	-	-	-
H0199 Service Support Costs	101,900	101,900	109,214	114,806
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account	161,943	161,943	160,572	165,964
H0201 Purchase of Materials, Stores	-	-	-	-
H0202 Administrative Costs Stores	-	-	-	-
H0203 Upkeep of Buildings, stores	-	-	-	-
H0299 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit & Loss Stores Account	-	-	-	-
H0301 Administration of Rates Office	71,435	71,435	58,972	70,972
H0302 Debt Management Service Rates	305,186	305,186	249,778	249,778
H0303 Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,286,028	2,100,000
H0399 Service Support Costs	157,726	157,726	137,362	144,939
H03 Administration of Rates	2,634,347	2,634,347	2,712,140	2,565,689
H0401 Register of Elector Costs	8,293	8,293	78,760	50,835
H0402 Local Election Costs	68,748	68,748	58,175	25,000
H0499 Service Support Costs	28,384	28,384	32,133	33,749
H04 Franchise Costs	105,425	105,425	169,068	109,584
H0501 Coroner Fees and Expenses	104,411	104,411	99,229	93,229
H0502 Operation of Morgue	-	-	-	-
H0599 Service Support Costs	38,138	38,138	13,091	13,855
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	142,549	142,549	112,320	107,084
H0601 Weighbridge Operations	-	-	-	-
H0699 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	-	-	-	-
H0701 Operation of Markets	-	-	-	-
H0702 Casual Trading Areas	-	-	-	-
H0799 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	-	-	-	-
H0801 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-
H0899 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-

Table F - Expenditure

Division H - Miscellaneous Services

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H0901 Representational Payments	564,984	564,984	520,110	520,110
H0902 Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	72,000	72,000	66,000	66,000
H0903 Annual Allowances LA Members	175,000	175,000	170,000	125,000
H0904 Expenses LA Members	70,600	70,600	70,600	70,600
H0905 Other Expenses	29,897	29,897	40,000	81,069
H0906 Conferences Abroad	-	-	-	-
H0907 Retirement Gratuities	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
H0908 Contribution to Members Associations	25,095	25,095	22,095	25,095
H0909 General Municipal Allocation	1,008,510	1,008,510	973,332	973,332
H0999 Service Support Costs	731,589	731,589	693,361	714,466
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	2,777,675	2,777,675	2,655,498	2,675,672
H1001 Motor Taxation Operation	432,824	432,824	494,315	494,315
H1099 Service Support Costs	179,076	179,076	203,927	214,538
H10 Motor Taxation	611,900	611,900	698,242	708,853
H1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	1,140,115	1,140,115	379,324	335,334
H1102 Non Principal Private Residence Charge	-	-	-	-
H1103 DWTS Registration Fees	-	-	-	-
H1199 Service Support Costs	318,524	318,524	261,717	665,440
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,458,639	1,458,639	641,041	1,000,774
Division H Total	7,892,478	7,892,478	7,148,881	7,333,620
OVERALL TOTAL	93,758,392	93,758,392	89,656,508	91,509,728

Table F - Income

Division H - Miscellaneous Services

Income by Source	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	6,145,729	6,145,729	4,235,822	5,169,016
Other	92,000	92,000	137,990	483,816
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	6,237,729	6,237,729	4,373,812	5,652,832
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	66,025	66,025	67,685	68,315
Local Authority Contributions	233,368	233,368	108,942	108,942
NPPR	10,000	10,000	40,000	60,000
Other income	900,395	900,395	929,254	880,673
Total Goods & Services	1,209,788	1,209,788	1,145,881	1,117,930
Division H Total	7,447,517	7,447,517	5,519,693	6,770,762
OVERALL TOTAL	63,732,771	63,732,771	61,307,714	64,803,747

APPENDIX 1**SUMMARY OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR YEAR 2025**

Description	2025 €
Area Office Overhead	2,481,332
Corporate Affairs Overhead	1,841,465
Corporate Buildings Overhead	2,498,044
Finance Function Overhead	868,230
Human Resource Function Overhead	1,547,112
IT Services	2,164,844
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	5,408,549
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	16,805,576

APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2025

Description	2025	2025
	€	€
Discretionary		
** Discretionary Local Property Tax (Table A)	<u>13,242,826</u>	13,242,826
Self Funding - Revenue Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	<u>-</u>	-
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget		<u>13,242,826</u>
Self Funding - Capital Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	<u>-</u>	-
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget		<u>-</u>
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)		13,242,826

**This amount includes an equalisation contribution of €0 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund.