



Sligo.

Monthly Management Report

November 2025



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH
SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**



To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council

Re: Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for November 2025

Dear Councillor

I set out hereunder Monthly Management Report for November 2025, in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

Martin Lydon
Chief Executive

1. RECOURSE TO OVERDRAFT FACILITY (NUMBER OF DAYS PER MONTH AND INTEREST INCURRED):

The overdraft interest and fees applied from 16th February 2025 to 22nd August 2025 was €202,998.

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Year to Date to Quarter End 30/09/2025

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET	
	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Budget YTD 2025	% Spent 2025	Remaining 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Budget YTD 2025	% Rec'd 2025	Not Rec'd 2025	Actual 2025	Fav/(Unfav) 2025
	€	€	€		€	€	€	€		€	€	€
A Housing & Building	12,864,479	17,369,641	13,027,231	99%	162,752	11,106,078	14,872,455	11,154,341	100%	48,263	(1,758,401)	114,489
B Road Transport & Safet	22,353,656	24,620,126	18,465,095	121%	(3,888,561)	17,121,067	17,500,871	13,125,653	130%	(3,995,415)	(5,232,588)	106,853
C Water Services	2,932,756	4,147,434	3,110,575	94%	177,820	2,606,313	3,996,309	2,997,232	87%	390,919	(326,443)	(213,099)
D Development Managem	7,324,227	8,968,853	6,726,640	109%	(597,588)	2,328,250	2,738,694	2,054,021	113%	(274,229)	(4,995,977)	(323,358)
E Environmental Services	7,636,301	10,149,579	7,612,184	100%	(24,117)	1,716,335	2,809,876	2,107,407	81%	391,072	(5,919,965)	(415,189)
F Recreation & Amenity	4,374,271	6,375,508	4,781,631	91%	407,360	422,627	791,725	593,793	71%	171,167	(3,951,644)	236,193
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	533,398	906,822	680,116	78%	146,718	295,322	372,243	279,182	106%	(16,140)	(238,077)	162,858
H Miscellaneous Services	6,299,246	8,227,473	6,170,605	102%	(128,642)	7,508,190	9,488,332	7,116,249	106%	(391,941)	1,208,944	263,299
LG Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-%	-	9,328,550	12,438,066	9,328,550	100%	-	9,328,550	-
RA Rates	-	-	-	-%	-	11,885,603	15,756,861	11,817,646	101%	(67,957)	11,885,603	67,957
	64,318,334	80,765,435	60,574,076	106%	(3,744,258)	64,318,334	80,765,430	60,574,073	106%	(3,744,261)	-	3

Capital Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Year to Date to Quarter End 30/09/2025

	Opening Balance	Expenditure	Income				Transfers		
	Balance at 01/01/2025	Expenditure YTD	Grants	Loans	Other	Total Income YTD	Transfer from Revenue	Transfer to Revenue	Internal Transfers
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
01 Housing & Building	(217,037)	34,080,147	33,716,776	-	1,081,274	34,798,051	-	-	-
02 Road Transport & Safety	648,163	5,955,194	4,699,906	-	2,565,567	7,265,473	-	-	-
03 Water Services	(23,521)	1,776,364	1,520,331	-	243,528	1,763,860	-	-	-
04 Development Management	6,154,321	11,454,742	8,538,293	-	1,830,085	10,368,377	-	-	-
05 Environmental Services	63,506	989,865	717,434	-	50,515	767,949	-	-	-
06 Recreation & Amenity	1,487,641	477,971	210,414	-	34,532	244,946	-	-	-
07 Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	152,115	178,848	135,394	-	-	135,395	-	-	-
08 Miscellaneous Services	1,283,965	1,598,613	220,077	-	425,610	645,688	-	-	-
Total	9,549,153	56,511,745	49,758,626	-	6,231,111	55,989,736	-	-	-
									9,027,145

Analysis of Debtors - Period 01/01/2025 to 30/09/2025

	Opening Balance 01/01/2025	Invoices	Current Debtors Movement				Gross Closing Balance	Bad Debt Provision	Net Closing Balance 30/09/2025
	€	€	Receipts	Refunds	Write Offs	Waivers	€	€	€
Trade Debtors									
Government Debtors	9,132,874	86,807,622	77,370,253	-	-	-	18,570,243	-	18,570,243
Commercial Debtors - Rates	6,747,180	15,847,392	12,191,918	-	(110,967)	8,689	10,282,998	4,654,574	5,628,424
Commercial Debtors Other (including PEL & IW)	(155,300)	1,808,227	1,896,319	-	-	-	(243,392)	-	(243,392)
Non-Commercial Debtors	1,460,200	6,055,939	6,041,641	-	(775)	-	1,473,722	1,311,029	162,694
Other Services	662,317	1,852,617	1,918,948	-	(85,458)	15,788	494,740	290,626	204,115
Other Local Authorities	29,305	347,201	351,730	-	-	-	24,776	-	24,776
Sub-Total	17,876,577	112,718,997	99,770,809	-	197,200	24,477	30,603,088	6,256,228	24,346,860

Other Debtors									
Development Levy Debtors (Current Only)	320,997						741,482	128,456	613,027
Other	-						-	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors	(1,457,239)						(1,457,239)	-	(1,457,239)
Prepayments	605,588						40,341	-	40,341
Sub-Total	2,383,824						2,239,063	128,456	2,110,607

TOTAL DEBTORS	20,260,401						32,842,151	6,384,684	26,457,467
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APPENDIX 7

Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2025

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2025	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustment	Write Offs	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection =(B+C-D-E-F)	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/09/2025 =(G-H)	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collec =(H)/(G-J)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	6,747,180	15,847,392	66,288	66,288	8,739	22,474,916	12,191,918	10,282,998	3,031,454	* 62%
Rents & Annuities	1,222,318	5,217,339	-	(522)	-	6,440,179	5,163,833	1,276,346	-	80%
Housing Loans	451,804	749,715	-	1,223	-	1,200,296	782,780	417,516	-	65%

*Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication

2. EMERGENCY CAPITAL WORKS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET (INCLUDING ESTIMATED FINANCIAL LIABILITY):

3. OPERATION/PROGRESS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

134 grant offers were issued - total allocation: €144,393. To date, 44 no. claims totalling €36,609, have been processed and payments made. Deadline to submit claims is 31st December.

Community & Voluntary Grants 2025

232 grant offers were issued - total allocation: €130,000. To date, 86 no. claims totalling €51,970, have been processed and payments made. 67 grant claims, totalling €37,990, are currently being processed for payment.

Outstanding claims are currently being pursued, comprising 33 submissions under the Seasonal Lights and Greening scheme, with a final claim deadline of 9th December.

2023 - 2027 LEADER Programme

As at 18th November, 39 no. LEADER Projects have been approved by the LCDC / LAG to the value of €1,628,849.95

Monthly Returns in the amount of €295,603.04 for the 2023/2027 LEADER Programme have been received.



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Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028

The 2025 SICAP Budget is €759,192. The 2025 allocation for New Arrivals is €209,299. As of the 19th November 2025, 75% of the overall budget of €968,491 was expended (€745,710.25)

Progress under annual targets, as of 19th November 2025, for SICAP Goal 1 and Goal 2 is outlined in the table overleaf.

Annual KPI Targets & Actuals			
	Target	Actuals	% Achieved
KPI 1	50	40	80%
KPI 2	431	542	125%

People living in disadvantaged Communities, actual 18% vs target 28%



Sligo PEACEPLUS Programme

Processing of the six retrospective expenditure claims has been ongoing throughout November.

An Advance Request was submitted to the SEUPB on 17th November for the maximum amount of €720,757.60. This request was made to support cash-flow requirements, as all 15 projects are scheduled to commence in 2026.

Site visits to each of the 4 capital project locations have taken place.



Sligo Age Friendly Alliance

Sligo Age Friendly and Sligo GAA have been awarded €25,000 to improve Markievicz Park as an Age Friendly Stadium. The first stage, a walkability audit by the Sligo Older People's Council, will take place in 2026. Sligo GAA was one of four County Boards shortlisted nationally.

Sligo Age Friendly Older People's Council (OPC) 2025 AGM

The Sligo Older People's Council met with the Development Planning Unit in relation to the new Sligo Streets Urban Development Plan. The purpose of the meeting was to gain the perspective of the Older People of Sligo and the challenges they have to navigate in Sligo.

Healthy Sligo

The Healthy Sligo Programme will extend through 2026 to build on outcomes in mental health and physical activity. Programmes will continue across the county with partners including Sligo Sports and Recreation Partnership, community groups, and a new initiative with NW Cornerstone supporting Housing First clients.

Sligo PPN

- On 25th November Sligo PPN hosted their Annual Meeting in The Model Niland.
- Sligo PPN supported Saolta to host an information workshop 'Migration & Global Citizenship Education' on 27th November.
- 10 representatives have been sourced through the PPN network for the Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership.
- Sligo DPO has a call out for PPN nominees for the new Disability Consultative Committee. There will be 5 lived experience representatives in total.



Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership

The Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) is a government initiative aimed at improving safety and wellbeing in communities across Ireland to identify and address community safety concerns at a local level.



Sligo LCSP replaces the existing Joint Policing Committees and has a total of 26 members approved by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration. Members include representation from local Councillors, Public agencies, Resident groups, Community representatives including youth, new and minority communities, social inclusion, community and voluntary sector, Education, Business, Rural/Farming, Probation and LDC sectors.

Sligo LCSP will be led by an independent Chairperson and supported by a dedicated Community Safety Co-Ordinator and a Community Safety Administrator.

The Inaugural meeting of Sligo LCSP is scheduled to take place on 8th December 2025.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

LAIT hosted 28 clinics with 177 individuals.



LAIT continues to support Aremoja Women's Group with their monthly coffee mornings. The most recent coffee morning was themed around October Breast Cancer Awareness month. The session focused on women's health, early detection and supports for those effected by breast cancer. LAIT have funded English classes facilitated by Sligo Family Resource Centre, from basic classes (grade A1) up to upper intermediate (grade B2) along with conversational English.

LAIT have funded vouchers for the ImagiNation for IPAS cohorts, prioritising children who have not secured ECCE placements. The ImagiNation is a colourful, screen-free, role play experience designed for toddlers, preschoolers and early age primary explorers. These vouchers can be accessed through Sligo Family Resource Centre.

Offer a Home

Under the Offer a Home Programme Sligo County Council has:

47	Properties Allocated
83	Pledges withdrawn or not viable

4. PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICES BASED ON REPORTS TO ENTERPRISE IRELAND:

Financial Supports

€23,054 in financial supports approved consisting of 2 Grow Digital Vouchers, 1 Energy Efficiency grant and One LEAN business support.

Training & Events

- Start Your Own Business Programme, 12 participants
- Good Governance for the Childcare Sector in assoc. with Sligo County Childcare Committee, 20 participants
- Social Media Marketing for Startups, 15 participants
- Mastering LinkedIn for Business, 15 participants

Group Training activities had 62 participants during November.

Mentoring

54 participated in one-to one activities in November which included the following clinics:

- Business Advisory Clinics
- Social Media
- Generative AI for Marketing
- Mastering LinkedIn for Business
- Business Advice clinics

Sligo Women in Business

Sligo Women in Business Network's November meeting was focussed on the theme of driving sales and services at peak trading time - how to maximise business opportunities while ensuring your business is inclusive and welcoming for customers and staff alike. The Meeting had 50 participants.

Consultancy – Productivity Supports

- 1 'LEAN for Business' assignment was approved.
- 2 'Green for Business' assignments were approved.

SocoLab – The Creative Industries in Ireland and the UK

LEO Sligo participated in an event focussed on the creative industries in Ireland and the U.K. The event was held in SocoLab, Strandhill and featured input from Enterprise Ireland, LEO Sligo, Creative Heartlands, MSLETB XR Hub, WRAP, Creative Europe, as well as leading creative businesses from Ireland and the U.K.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AIM Centre

The AIM Centre has been named the European Winner in the 'Supporting the Digital Transition' category at the European Enterprise Promotion Awards in Copenhagen. They were also nominated for the Irish Enterprise Awards by EU Business News for their work in Manufacturing & Technology sector.



Mary Harty and Julie Dowling of the AIM Centre, receiving their EU EEP award in Copenhagen

Two MSLETB – Skills to Advance courses were launched in partnership with AIM - 'Fundamentals of Digital Manufacturing' and 'B2B Business Growth & Brand Traction'.

Night Time Economy

Sligo Abbey, as part of a collaboration between Sligo BID Night Time Economy initiative, Music Generation Sligo, the Office of Public Works (OPW), Sligo Abbey, and Sligo County Council will host a musical event on 7th December.

Sligo Christmas light turn-on took place with live music and street entertainment on 30th November on O'Connell Street.

PEACEPLUS Funding – Investment Area 2.4 Smart Towns and Villages

On 17th November, SEUPB announced almost €2.5 million funding for the Connexus Project, led by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council with Sligo and Leitrim County Councils as partners. Building on the Connected Hubs model, the 3-year project will foster knowledge exchange between hubs in ROI and NI and provide rural and coastal hubs with expert support, events, and new equipment. It is scheduled to commence in early 2026.

Sligo Economic Forum

A meeting of Sligo Economic Forum took place in the Art Deco Theatre in Ballymore on 21st November with presentations from Dr. Helen McHenry on the Sustainable Mobility Index and Mícheál McGinty, Town Regeneration Officer who provided an overview of current capital delivery and plans.

Sligo Business Network

Organised by Sligo Chamber of Commerce, the Sligo Business Network in London event took place on 13th November at the Kimpton Fitzroy Hotel in London, where the diaspora was provided updates on key developments and projects in County Sligo.



Tourism

Sales Internationalisation Programme – Fáilte Ireland

"The Tourism Section, in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, delivered a bespoke Sales Internationalisation Plan for Sligo tourism businesses. Attended by accommodation and experience providers, the programme focuses on market trends, destination USP, and case studies, aiming to attract more international visitors and reduce reliance on the domestic market.



Sales presentations to Abbey Tours Group

The Tourism Officer led a sales delegation to the Abbey Tour Group headquarters in Dublin, one of Ireland's largest tour operators with multiple brands. Following proactive research by the Tourism Section, Sligo was invited as the first destination to present directly to planners and group buyers. Showcased experiences included Atlantic Sheepdogs, The Model, the Coleman Irish Music Centre, and OPW sites at Carrowmore and Sligo Abbey. The initiative aims to increase pre-booked tours to Sligo and establish long-term strategic partnerships.



Sligo Food & Drink podcast support

The Tourism Section supported the Bear Bia podcast, a leading food and drink platform, showcasing Sligo producers including Hawks Rock Distillery, The White Hag Brewery, and The Sligo Oyster Experience. Available on Spotify and Amazon, the episode highlights the craft and expertise of Sligo's food and drink scene.



5. PROGRESS IN PREPARING REPORTS/MATERIAL REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL.

Chief Executive's Diary attached.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday 1st December

10.00am December Plenary Meeting

Tuesday 2nd December

3.30pm Visit to the Korean Ambassador, Council Chamber, County Hall

Wednesday 3rd December

11.00am SPC4 – Placemaking, Council Chamber, City Hall

Friday 5th December

9.30am Procedures Committee, Members Room, County Hall

Monday 8th December

11.30am LCSP Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

Tuesday 9th December

10.00am LTACC Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

Wednesday 10th December

9.30am Sligo LCDCC / LAG Meeting

11.30am SPC 1 Housing & Corporate Governance Meeting, Chamber, City Hall

5.00pm Annual Mass, Council Chamber, County Hall



LATEST NEWS

CONDÉ NAST NAMES SLIGO ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST UNDERRATED CITIES



Sligo has been announced as one of the most underrated cities in Europe by the prestigious travel brand – Condé Nast Travel.

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CATHAOIRLEACH SUPPORTS BABY TALKS INITIATIVE AT SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



Cathaoirleach Councillor Dónal Gilroy visited Sligo University Hospital on the 17th November to mark World Prematurity Day, showing his support for the Baby Talks initiative alongside staff from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Sligo Libraries.

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SLIGO TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON EVENT



The twinkling of the Christmas lights to mark the official start of the cheery Christmas season took place on Sunday 30th November on O'Connell Street, Sligo.

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CHRISTOPHER O'DONNELL AWARDED HISTORIC FREEDOM OF COUNTY SLIGO



In a landmark moment for County Sligo, the Freedom of the County—the highest civic honour ever bestowed by the local authority—was awarded to double Olympian and European champion Christopher O'Donnell at a moving ceremony held at County Hall on Wednesday, 12th November 2025.

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AIM CENTRE WINS EUROPEAN AWARD FOR SUPPORTING THE DIGITAL TRANSITION AT THE EUROPEAN ENTERPRISE PROMOTION AWARDS 2025



AIM Centre has been named the European Winner in the 'Supporting the Digital Transition' category at the European Enterprise Promotion Awards (EEPA) 2025, held during the SME Assembly in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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TUBBERCURRY WINS AT ALL ISLAND IPB PRIDE OF PLACE AWARDS



Tubbercurry was honoured at the all-Ireland Pride of Place community awards on Friday November 7th, in Limerick. The town claimed first place in the Area with a Population 2000-5000, with Tubbercurry Town Team representatives traveling to the Treaty City for the event.

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CELEBRATING WILLIAM BOURKE COCKRAN ; EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE TO HONOUR A FORGOTTEN SLIGO STATESMAN



The remarkable transatlantic life and legacy of William Bourke Cockran was celebrated in Sligo in November through a special exhibition and conference exploring his enduring influence on Irish, American, and world affairs.

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SLIGO COMMUNITIES EMBRACE COMPOSTING WITH LEAF MOULD PROJECT



Six community groups across Sligo are taking a proactive step toward sustainability by participating in a Leaf Mould Composting Project this Autumn. Supported by Sligo County Council's Environment and Biodiversity teams.

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HONOURING OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS - CATHAOIRLEACH'S AWARDS 2025



The Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Councillor Dónal Gilroy, has announced details of the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025.

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RECRUITMENT

Sligo. COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH
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**CLERICAL OFFICER
GRADE III**

APPLY NOW

CLOSING DATE:
4:30pm Thursday 18th December 2025

APPLICATIONS:
www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/

VIA EMAIL ONLY:
jobs@sligococo.ie

Clerical Officer (Grade III)

Completed application forms must be returned to the Human Resources Department **via email only** to jobs@sligococo.ie

Closing date: 4.30pm Thursday 18th December

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**ASSISTANT PROJECT
MANAGER**

APPLY NOW

ROLLING COMPETITION

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Assistant Project Manager

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**SCHOOL WARDEN
(PART-TIME)**

APPLY NOW

ROLLING COMPETITION

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School Warden (Part-Time)

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**ASSISTANT ENGINEER
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

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Assistant Engineer & Executive Engineer

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Please note there is no closing date for these competitions and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.