



Sligo.

Monthly Management Report

October 2025



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH
SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**



To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council

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

Dear Councillor

I set out hereunder Monthly Management Report for October 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 27th June 2025 was €110,400.19.

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 2025.

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. Deadline to submit claims was 31st October 2025.

Allocations under the Seasonal Lights and Greening element of the C&V Grants issued 24th October 2025 to eligible groups under the scheme.

2023 - 2027 LEADER Programme

As at 20th October 2025, **39** no. LEADER Projects have been approved by the LCDC / LAG to the value of **€1,628,849.95**.

LEADER claims approved in respect of **9** no. projects, in the amount of **€510,748.88**.

Monthly Returns in the amount of **€271,264.51** 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 October 2025, 75% of the overall budget of €968,491.00 was expended (€726,368.25)

Progress under annual targets, as of 19th of October 2025, for SICAP Goal 1 and Goal 2 is outlined in the table below:

Annual KPI Targets & Actuals			
	Target	Actuals	% Achieved
KPI 1	50	39	78%
KPI 2	431	491	114%

People living in disadvantaged Communities, actual 9% vs target 18%



Sligo PEACEPLUS Programme

A meeting of the PEACEPLUS Partnership and Steering Group took place on Wednesday 15th October 2025. Both project partners, The Hawk's Well Theatre and Music Generation attended and gave updates on their projects.

The second tender evaluation panel sat on the 17th October 2025. Three projects were evaluated, and three successful bidders were selected. The third tender evaluation panel sat on the 23rd October 2025 where a further three projects were evaluated. Two successful bidders were selected. There are a further four projects outstanding at various stages of procurement.



Sligo Age Friendly Alliance

The Sligo Age Friendly Alliance met on the 3rd October 2025, where members of the alliance were joined by mobile Xray Ireland who are now offering a mobile Xray service for people who cannot attend hospitals in their own home. The alliance also received presentations from Sligo Fire Service and Age Friendly Homes. The meeting was attended by two members of the Sligo Older People's Council Executive Committee who discussed right size housing, footpath obstruction and disabled parking in Sligo.



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

The 2025 annual Sligo OPC took place in the Silgo Southern hotel on 22nd October. Over 120 people attended AGM which was opened by the Mayor of the Borough District of Sligo Municipal District Cllr Gino O'Boyle. The AGM agenda included:

- Presentations from Carol McCormack Solicitors, An Garda Síochána, Alone and Kate Gibbons SCC on some of the Age Friendly and accessible initiatives completed by SCC in recent years.
- There were 38 information stands from various agencies, public bodies and voluntary groups exhibiting on the day, including several SCC departments.



Healthy Sligo

Aremoja women's group

The Aremoja women's group is directly targeting ethnically non-Irish women in County Sligo and delivering wellbeing programmes including physical activity, nutrition, mindfulness in a safe inclusive space. Participation has increased significantly in this programme and has promoted culturally diverse groups promoting social cohesion and a strong sense of belonging. This programme has enabled a multicultural approach to building stronger relationships with community and the multicultural event in October proved to be very successful providing food, music, art and conversation and was well attended.

Downs Syndrome Sligo

Adult drama classes at the Hawk's Well resumed this autumn after a successful spring term. Equal Vibes organised a social event in Sligo on 12th October, with members from our branch and neighbouring Down Syndrome Ireland branches invited. This pilot aims to establish a long-term, independent, and sustainable social outlet in the community. The group is preparing for a Christmas carol performance and fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul. A videographer will capture rehearsal footage in October for use by Healthy Sligo.

Decider Skills

The training was delivered on October 6th and 7th with 20 participants and 10 more participants will attend virtually in November. This training will support the brief intervention mental health programme starting in Ballymote and having a trained number of practitioners in the wider community will be a great asset for the County.

Brief Intervention mental health service for young adolescents

This service will be situated in the Ballymote Family Resource Centre and will accommodate young adolescents between the ages of 18 to 24 years. The Ballymote Family Resource Centre is responsible for ensuring the screening and referrals of clients. The oversight of the referral process will be the responsibility of the CHO 1 Psychology Services, Primary Care Community, Sligo/Leitrim / West Cavan/South Donegal UNDER Dr Joanne O'Halloran. Supervision of the psychotherapist is provided by Dr Joanne OHalloran HSE Primary Care services.

Sligo PPN

- The community outreach programme has continued with a PPN presence at a number of events including most recently the 30th Anniversary celebration for Sligo FRC. The PPN also had a space at the Parkinson's Northwest Branch event in the Sligo Park. The next phase is a call out to all PPN member groups to invite the PPN facilitator to individual meetings to explore how the PPN can support their group activity.
- The National PPN conference took place on 16th and 17th October in Trim, Co Westmeath. 6 PPN reps attended along with Sligo PPN staff.
- Sligo PPN are supporting Saolta to host an information workshop 'Migration & Global Citizenship Education' on 24th November open to Elected Members, SCC staff, PPN representatives and the CIF.



Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

LAIT hosted 15 clinics supporting 52 individuals.



In conjunction with Diversity Sligo, an Empowering Parents session took place on 9th October which focused on access to support services and education on the rights and care of children in Ireland.



Offer a Home

Under the Offer a Home Programme Sligo County Council has:

47	Properties Allocated
81	Pledges withdrawn or not viable
2	Remedial works required or assessments being undertaken

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

Financial Supports

€143,737 was approved in Feasibility Study (€21,582), Priming (€47,156) and Business Expansion (€74,999) Grants at the October meeting of the LEO Evaluation and Approvals Committee.

Training & Events

87 people participated in training programmes as follows:

- Start Your Own Business
- Social Media Marketing for Start-ups
- Auto-enrolment and what it means for my Childcare business
- Budget briefing with Sligo Chamber of Commerce

Mentoring

53 participated in mentoring activities in October which included the following clinics:

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

Consultancy

2 Digital for Business, 1 Green for Business assignments were made.

Sligo Women in Business

The National Women's Enterprise Day Event (Sligo & Leitrim) took place. 34 Sligo members were in attendance in a joint event in Lough Rynn based on the theme of "Rebel Minds".



	Financial Support Packages	Training	SYOB Training	MDP	General Training	Mentoring	RD&I	Lean	Green	EEG	Digital for Business	TOV*	Grow Digital Voucher	MFI**	Client Transfers
Metric 2025	36	910	91	91	728	299	1	13	16	16	13	n/a	5	11	4
Outturn Q3	14	951	61	38	852	279	0	8	20	16	18	n/a	8	YE	5
% Target Achieved to Q3 2025	39%	105%	67%	42%	117%	93%	0%	62%	125%	100%	138%	n/a	160%	YE	125%
* TOV scheme closed 31/12/24															
** MFI calculated Year end															

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AIM Centre

The AIM Centre presented six smart manufacturing use cases at the final RoboDemo meeting in Finland in October. Hosted the Data2Sustain Healthcare Innovation Symposium and launched the second AI Accelerator Programme in Sligo. Also, participated in major EU events in Brussels and Norway, promoting AI, ESG, and SME resilience. Sponsored the “Best Application of AI in Manufacturing” award and joined Ireland’s AI Factory Antenna.



Night Time Economy

Sligo successfully submitted its Purple Flag renewal and secured €15K in NTE Pilot funding, with similar support expected next year. Events like Culture Night and sensory-friendly skating are underway, with marketing assets and a Festival Coordinator role in progress. Transport plans include a late-night bus pilot in 2026 and a student-focused research partnership with ATU. Safety initiatives include renewed Safe and Sound campaigns, Ask For Angela training, and retail crime prevention efforts.

Sligo Business Improvement District (BID)

Submissions were invited from the public in response to the proposal for continuation of the Sligo BID 2026-2031. Closing date was 24th October.

AEC (Atlantic Area Corridor)

Capital Delivery Team conference took place in Athlone on 1st October with the Economic Development Officer attending in their Atlantic Area Corridor role. The conference explored cross departmental collaboration and engagement with stakeholders.

Local Economic Community Plan

A monitoring and evaluation of the Local Economic and Community Plan, Sligo 2023 is being carried out by the Economic Development officer. Results were presented to the LCDC at their meeting on 29th October. A final report will be completed by the end of the year.

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

Chief Executive's Diary attached.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday 3rd November

9.00am	CPG Meeting
10.00am	Sligo County Council November Ordinary Meeting
3.00pm	Arts Assessment Panel Meeting

Monday 10th November

9.30am	Sligo – Drumcliffe MD Meeting
10.00am	Borough District of Sligo MD Meeting

Wednesday 12th November

4.00pm	Freedom of the County Conferring Ceremony Council Chamber, County Hall
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Monday 17th November

10.00am	Budget Meeting of Sligo County Council
3.00pm	Ballymote – Tubbercurry MD Meeting

Monday 24th November

10.30am	Uisce Éireann Workshop with Elected Members
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Friday 28th November

5.30pm	Civic Reception for Arrow Harps FC and Gurteen Celtic FC ladies football teams, Chamber, City Hall
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LATEST NEWS

COUNCIL WELCOMES FUND TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION IN CO. SLIGO



Sligo County Council has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien, of the new Community Climate Action Fund.

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OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY – ROAD SAFETY OPERATIONS



Bank Holiday Weekends are one of the busiest periods on Irish roads. They are also one of the periods during which road users are at the highest risk of being involved in a fatal or serious road traffic collision. For this bank holiday weekend, Local Authorities Road Safety Officers have three simple messages.

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COOLERA/STRANDHILL FOOTBALL TEAMS HONOURED WITH CIVIC RECEPTION



Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Fergal Nealon joined by Minister Marian Harkin, Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science launched Our Lived Memories at Sligo Central Library; a collection of five women's journeys in stories, poems and photographs.

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SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL WELCOMES AMBASSADORS FROM ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, UKRAINE AND CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES OF POLAND



Sligo County Council was honoured to host a distinguished delegation of ambassadors and diplomatic representatives from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Poland at County Hall on Thursday 9th October.

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EXHIBITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED DRESS EMBROIDERY PROJECT



The Hawk's Well Theatre launches 'The GFA for Gen Z – Project Lighthouse' a PEACEPLUS funded project that aims to share perspectives of the journey from conflict to PEACE and history of the Good Friday Agreement.

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HAWK'S WELL THEATRE EXPANDS INTO HISTORIC ART DECO THEATRE IN BALLYMOTE



Hawk's Well Theatre, in partnership with Sligo County Council, is proud to announce its expansion into the iconic Art Deco Theatre in Ballymote – a landmark moment for arts and culture in County Sligo.

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RECRUITMENT

Sligo. COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH
SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
GRADE VII**

**SENIOR STAFF OFFICER
GRADE VI**

APPLY NOW

CLOSING DATE:
4:30pm Thursday 6th November

APPLICATIONS:
www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/

VIA EMAIL ONLY:
jobs@sligococo.ie

Administrative Officer (Grade VII)

Senior Staff Officer (Grade VI)

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

Closing date for completed applications is no later than **4.30pm on Thursday, 6th November 2025.**

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EXECUTIVE ARCHITECT

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Executive Architect

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SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

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ROLLING COMPETITION

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Assistant Engineer and Executive Engineer

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The banner features the Sligo County Council logo and crest at the top. The background shows a person's hands working on architectural blueprints on a desk, with a laptop and a calculator nearby. A yellow banner across the middle contains the job title. A red 'APPLY NOW' button with a hand cursor is on the right. The bottom left has a 'ROLLING COMPETITION' label and application details. The bottom right specifies the application method.

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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

APPLICATIONS:
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VIA EMAIL ONLY: jobs@sligococo.ie

School Warden (Part-Time)

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

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