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Management Report

**For Quarter Ending
31st December 2025**



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To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council

**Re: Chief Executive's Quarterly Management Report for
October – December 2025**

Dear Councillor

I set out hereunder Quarterly Management Report for October – December 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



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LIVE INVEST VISIT



BRÍAN FLYNN

Director of Services

Live Invest Visit & Borough District of Sligo Municipal District

HOUSING

Housing Assistance Payment Programme

There are 649 active tenancies, with 36 tenancies set up in 2025.

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

There are 213 active RAS tenancies in the Council.

Acquisitions, including Part V acquisitions

During 2025, 23 units were acquired by the Council (3nr. Tenant in Situ and 20nr. Part V units). The acquisition of a further 3nr. Part V units are due to be completed early Q1/2026. The Council is also progressing the acquisition of a further 3nr. units under the TiS scheme.

C.A.S. and C.A.L.F. Acquisitions (Approved Housing Bodies)

C.A.S. – 1 no. units (Tenant in situ) delivered / 1 unit at sale agreed.

Voids Funding Programme 2025

During 2025 the Council received an allocation of €286,000 for 26nr. Properties (€11,000 per property). The total expenditure to date amounted to €1,096,462, with the shortfall being met from the Councils own resources.

Private House Grants

€2,635,668.30 (322 grants) was paid to applicants under this Programme for 2025. €493,352.68 was provided from the Council's own resources, with the balance of €2,142,315.62 being paid by Department allocation. The scheme is currently paused for new applications, with only Medical Priority 1 applications being considered.

Housing Adaptation Works/Extensions/DPG'S 2025

The grant allocation for adaptations from the Department for 2025 was €703,497, with an extra €1,938 allocated in December 2025 thereby increasing the overall allocation to €705,435, 90% of which is recouped from DHLGH.

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme 2025

The grant allocation from the Department for 2025 was €1,258,000 in respect of 37 units. The Council provided €173,125 from its own resources towards the Programme. The current position in relation to the Programme is as follows:

- Tranche 1 (7 No. Houses) works have been completed.
- Tranche 2 (12 No. houses). Works have been completed on 9 No. houses and are ongoing on the remaining 3 No. houses.
- Tranche 3 & Tranche 4 (10 No. houses). Works have been completed.
- Tender preparation on Tranche 1 2026 has commenced.

Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2025-2029

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 was adopted by members of Sligo County Council on 4th November 2024. The targets/achieved to date for the programme are set out below:

Accommodation Type	Target 2025-2029	Achieved 2025-2029
Group Housing	3	0
Specific Purchase	5	0
Upgrade of existing facilities	12	0
Council Tenancy	41	3
RAS/HAP	5	0
Voluntary Housing	18	2
TOTAL	81	5

Ongoing projects include:

Group Housing Traveller Accommodation Scheme at Glenview, Sligo - 3 no. new Dwellings

Tender process complete with Stage 4 approval from the Department on 10/12/2025. The intention is to be on site in Q1 2026.

Ballyfree/Cloonamahon upgrades

A Stage 2 application was submitted to the Department on 22nd July 2025, and a response is still awaited.

North-West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2023-2028

Work is ongoing implementing the Plan based upon annual priorities agreed by the NW Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum.

There is a focus on implementing actions in the National Youth Homeless strategy, in collaboration with Tusla and Department of Housing.

There are currently five Shared Tenancy units operating in Sligo Town, governed by a licence agreement. These units accommodate a number of single persons registered as homeless in furnished Council properties.

The Housing First programme continues to be implemented in Sligo. Five new tenancies commenced in 2025, with a number of others in train. It continues to be difficult to source or acquire additional one bed units.

Four units in Sligo Town are now operational for families requiring intensive supports under SLA with Focus Ireland CLG. The focus remains with providing these families with long-term accommodation, thereby freeing up the transitional accommodation for others.

There are two properties accommodating homeless singles who have low/no support needs in Collooney (up to 17 beds) and Sligo Town (19 beds). A family hub has been set up in a property in Sligo town and this accommodates up to 32 persons. There are also a number of families accommodated in temporary placements.

The Council has also tendered for the ongoing provision and management of Properties for Homeless Accommodation. This will be finalised shortly.

Sligo County Council Homeless Team is developing an Assertive Street Outreach Service to support and signpost those rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping. The proposed service was tendered, but the preferred tenderer subsequently withdrew due to their inability to fulfil the contract.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People

The Sligo Housing and Disability Steering Group (HDSG), as part of the statutory response to the National strategy continues to meet quarterly to ensure implementation of the local Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability 2021-25.

Allocations

SCC allocates properties in accordance with its Allocations Scheme. See Table below for details of offers of tenancy as at 30/11/2025.

Offers of Tenancy	Accepted	Refused	Pending
115	95	16	4

Housing Assessment

There are 1,584 households on the housing list as at 30/11/2025 – see table below.

No. of households approved for Social Housing Support	1,584
No. of households availing of HAP and approved for a transfer	595
No. of Council/RAS/AHB Tenants approved for a transfer	264
No. of remaining households i.e. Net Housing Need	725

Private Rented Accommodation Standards

660nr. Tenancy inspections have been carried out as of November 2025. The Council have issued 134nr. Improvement Notices to landlords in the year to date.

Breakdown of Inspections

109 no. HAP
 48 no. RAS
 135 no. AHB
 10 no Complaints
 316 no. Student accommodation
 42 no Other
660 Total

COMMUNITY

Local Enhancement Programme 2025 & 2026

A total of 136 grant offers have been issued to successful applicants, representing an overall allocation of €144,393. To date, claims amounting to €133,139 have been processed.

The new 2026 Local Enhancement Programme, announced in December 2025, allocates €144,393 to Sligo for capital projects only. This year's scheme does not provide funding for current or operational costs. Applications will open on 9th February 2026 and close on 27th February 2026. Details will be advertised through the usual local print and social media channels.

Community & Voluntary Grant Scheme 2025

A total of 232 grant offers have issued to successful applicants, representing an overall allocation of €130,000. To date, claims amounting to €94,842 have been processed.

The 2026 Community & Voluntary Grant scheme will open in early January 2026 with a proposed closing date of 23rd January 2026. This scheme will be advertised through local print and social media channels as well as through Sligo PPN. The application process will be by way of online applications through the Council's Online Services Portal.

Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2023-2027

As at 29th December 2025, 47 no. LEADER Projects have been approved by the LCDC / LAG to the value of €1,909,743.90

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

Monthly Returns amounting to €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 overall 2025 programme budget was €968,491.00 (general SICAP budget of €759,192.00 and the allocation for New Arrivals of €209,299.00).

As of 29th December 2025, 100% of the overall budget has been committed.

Progress under Annual KPI targets for both Goal 1 and Goal 2 is outlined in the table overleaf:

Key Performance Indicators

Annual Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target	Actuals	% Achieved
KPI 1	50	53	106
KPI 2	431	579	134
% of Supported Individuals who fall into local priority target group(s)	18.00	28	



The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020

PEACE PLUS

Processing of the six retrospective expenditure claims continued throughout November. KPMG has been appointed as Financial Controller, and the processing of claims will commence in January.

An initial advance request of €720,757.60 was submitted to the SEUPB on 17th November 2025. Following consultation, a revised request of €638,770.60 was made. This advance is essential to maintain cash flow for the Programme, as all 15 projects are scheduled to commence in 2026.

Site visits have been completed at each of the four capital project locations, and procurement activities are progressing well

Four Tenders evaluations have been carried out for 11 projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme, with successful bidders identified for seven projects. An additional evaluation panel will convene in January to assess two further projects, while procurement remains outstanding for the final two projects.

The Annual Review with the SEUPB took place on 17th December, and feedback on Programme progress was positive.



This project is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

Sligo Age Friendly Programme

The Q4 meeting of the Sligo Age Friendly Interagency Alliance was held on 3rd October 2025.

A highly successful Annual Plenary of the Older People's Council took place at the Southern Hotel on 22nd October 2025.

Sligo Age Friendly and Sligo GAA have secured €25,000 in funding to enhance Markievicz Park and transform it into an Age Friendly Stadium. This initiative will be delivered in stages, beginning with a walkability audit of the stadium in 2026, led by the Sligo Older People's Council.

In December 2025, Paula Lavelle, Acting Age Friendly Co-ordinator, met with representatives from the GAA and Age Friendly Ireland during a familiarisation visit to Markievicz Park.

The Sligo Older People's Council met in Quarter 4 with the Development Planning Unit to discuss the new Sligo Streets urban development plan. The meeting focused on understanding the perspectives of older people in Sligo and the challenges they face navigating the town.

Disability Consultative Committee

The inaugural meeting and reconvening of the Disability Consultative Committee (DCC) took place on Thursday, 11th December, at County Hall. This followed extensive engagement with the Disability Persons Organisation (DPO) and Public Participation Network (PPN) regarding membership. Key business included the election of Cllr Declan Bree as Chairperson and the adoption of Standing Orders and Terms of Reference.



Margaret McConnell delivered a presentation outlining the role and operation of the DCC, as well as the Disability, Inclusion and Access Strategy 2024–2027. Both are designed to work in tandem to promote inclusion and accessibility across Council services and ensure alignment between Council policies and disability-related issues.

The DCC term will run concurrently with the Council term, from June 2024 to May 2029.

Healthy Sligo

Work on the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) Round 4 (2023–2025) continued, focusing on two key objectives in the Sligo HIF Plan:

- Increasing participation in physical activity among target groups
- Enhancing positive mental health

A notable highlight was the *Caltragh – Sligo Woodland School Community Wellbeing “A Year in Nature”* initiative, which expanded its community space with new infrastructure, including a second bench, planting over 2,000 spring bulbs and apple trees, and promoting food-to-table conversations.

The Healthy Sligo Programme concluded its three-year cycle in December 2025, following extensive public consultation in late 2025. Priorities identified included:

- Increasing the percentage of adults and children meeting physical activity guidelines
- Improving mental health levels as measured by the Energy and Vitality Index

The programme adopted a collaborative approach, engaging partners such as Sligo Sport and Recreation, HSE, Foróige, Connecting for Life, and numerous community groups. It also worked cross-departmentally within Sligo County Council and aligned with strategic plans, including the LECP 2030.

Sligo Public Participation Network (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.
- The call for nominees for the Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership concluded and 10 representatives were sourced through the PPN network.
- Sligo Disability Persons Organisation (DPO) proposed 5 PPN nominees for the reformed Sligo Disability Consultative Committee which had its first meeting on 11th December.

Power to change

- The national research programme exploring the pressures and challenges facing the community sector is in the final stages. There was a final in-person workshop on 27th November in the Clayton Hotel and an online session with the National Secretariat Network took place in mid-December.

Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)



The inaugural meeting of the Sligo LCSP took place on 8th December, marking the start of a collaborative approach to community safety. The partnership aims to ensure community interests are represented and to develop a coordinated, interagency strategy for local safety plans.



Membership

The LCSP comprises of seven elected members of Sligo County Council, alongside representatives from local communities, service providers, and other key stakeholders.

Members were selected in accordance with criteria set by the National Office for Community Safety, and other factors to ensure the broadest representation across community safety sectoral interests, demographics, and community interests in the county. Members are appointed by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a term of three years.

Chair and Vice-Chair

Following the election process at the inaugural meeting, Cllr Marie Casserly was elected Chairperson, and Ms. Pippa Black was elected Vice-Chairperson.

Meetings

The LCSP will meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings scheduled as needed to progress its work. The partnership will also hold one closed meeting annually for elected representatives (Councillors and Oireachtas members) and one open public meeting to engage with the wider community.

Sligo Local Community Safety Plan

Consultation for the Sligo Local Community Safety Plan will commence in 2026, guided by the forthcoming National Safety Strategy. The plan will outline actions to improve community safety and provide mechanisms for communities to hold local services accountable for delivery.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

LAIT hosted 28 clinics with 177 individuals.



In Q4 2025, LAIT continued its strong community engagement through several initiatives:

- **Are moja Women's Group:** Monthly coffee mornings were supported, attracting an average of 38–43 attendees and receiving highly positive feedback.
- **English Language Classes:** LAIT funded six weekly classes over a 14-week period, facilitated by Sligo Family Resource Centre. Classes ranged from beginner (A1) to upper-intermediate (B2), including conversational English and parent-friendly sessions where children were welcome.
- **ImagiNation Vouchers:** LAIT provided vouchers for IPAS cohorts, prioritising children without ECCE placements. ImagiNation offers a creative, screen-free role-play experience with themed spaces such as a supermarket, café, and animal hospital, fostering creativity and confidence. Vouchers are available through Sligo Family Resource Centre.

Under the Offer a Home Programme Sligo County Council has:

47	Properties Allocated – accommodating 178 individuals
83	Pledges withdrawn or not viable

ENTERPRISE

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)



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.

€44,071 in financial supports approved consisting of 3 Grow Digital Vouchers, 3 Energy Efficiency grants and One LEAN business support.

Training, Events and Mentoring Supports

There were 191 business participants on training programmes in quarter four:

- 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
- Start Your Own Business Programme
- Good Governance for the Childcare Sector
- Social Media Marketing for Startups
- Mastering LinkedIn for Business

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.

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". 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.



Mentoring

There was a total of 94 participants in business mentoring programmes during the quarter

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

Productivity Supports

4 Digital for Business and 3 Green for Business assignments were made during the quarter.

Estimated Year End Performance on Metrics

LEO Sligo is on track to surpass many of its 2025 performance targets. Demand for Green and Digital supports has risen sharply, driven by several successful local campaigns. Training participation has increased through enhanced stakeholder collaboration, while mentoring services have expanded significantly, offering more short-term assignments to a wider range of businesses.

Although the number of approved Feasibility Studies, Priming, and Business Expansion grants is influenced by external factors and application volumes—and the overall target has not been met—the quality of applications and approved funding amounts has been notably higher in recent years.

Applications for LEAN funding have declined due to the surge in demand for Green and Digital supports. Similarly, uptake of the MFI loan fund can be impacted by the availability of finance from other local financial institutions.

	Total Approvals MI: Feas/Prim/BE	Agile / R&D	Grow Digital	EEG	Mentoring	Total Training	SYOB(seminar &programme)
Sligo	No Of Projects Approved	No Of Projects Approved	No Of Projects Approved	No. of Clients Approved	Total Participants	Total Participants	Total Participants
Annual Target	36	1	5	16	299	910	91
Estimated Year End Output*	19	0	11	20	416	1,154	90
	Mgt. Dev.	General Training	Lean	Green	Digital	Client Transfers	MFI
Sligo	Total Participants	Total Participants	No. of Clients Approved	No. of Clients Approved	No. of Clients Approved	LBO to EI Transfer	No. of Applications
Annual Target	91	728	13	16	13	4	11
Estimated Year End Output*	111	953	10	23	22	5	7
* Based on LEO Client Management System. Outputs to be verified by Enterprise Ireland							
** Estimated.Final output to be provided by Microfinance Ireland							

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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. Consultations with selected Connected Hubs in Sligo commenced in December to ensure matching with criteria for project and capacity for engagement in programme. Pending Letter of Offer, Connexus is expected to officially start in April 2026.

AIM Centre

The AIM Centre was 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.



Other activities:

- AIM participated in major EU events in Brussels and Norway, promoting AI, ESG, and SME resilience.
- 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.
- Launched two MSLETB Skills to Advance courses - 'Fundamentals of Digital Manufacturing' and 'B2B Business Growth & Brand Traction'.
- The Western Development Commission (WDC) has launched the Landing Studio at CREW, Galway, a purpose-built space designed to support creative enterprises and innovation-led startups across the West and Northwest. The AIM Centre will join the Landing Studio as its anchor tenant.

Night Time Economy

Sligo successfully submitted its Purple Flag renewal and secured €15K in NTE Pilot funding, with similar support expected next year.

Other activities include:

- Culture Night and sensory-friendly skating.
- Transport plans include a late-night bus pilot in 2026 and research partnership with ATU.
- Renewed Safe and Sound campaigns including 'Ask For Angela' training, and retail crime prevention efforts.
- Sligo Abbey, as part of a collaboration between Sligo BID NTE, Music Generation Sligo, the Office of Public Works (OPW), Sligo Abbey, and Sligo County Council hosted a musical event on 7th December.

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. The BID proposal will now proceed to a ratepayer's plebiscite in January.

AEC (Atlantic Area Corridor)

Capital Delivery Team conference took place in Athlone on 1st October. The conference explored cross departmental collaboration and engagement with stakeholders. At the December meeting of AEC Officers, representatives of the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (DETE) and the relevant development officers outlined the context and process of the forthcoming development of new Regional Enterprise Plans. All areas await issue of end-term review.

Sligo Economic Forum

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

Sligo Business Network

A collaboration between Sligo County Council and Sligo Chamber of Commerce, and the Sligo Business Network in London event took place on 13th November at the Kimpton Fitzroy Hotel in London, where the diaspora was addressed by Cathaoirleach Councillor Dónal Gilroy and the executive provided updates on key developments and projects in County Sligo. A further event took place on 27th November in the St. Stephens Green Club where the attendees were addressed by Minister of State Frank Feighan and Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Feargal Nealon.



Aidan Doyle, CEO Sligo Chamber of Commerce, Martin Lydon, CE Sligo County Council, Emer Concannon, Director of Services, Liam Kiely, Head of Enterprise and Brian Flynn, Director of Services attending the Sligo Business Network event in St. Stephens Green Club

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BUSINESS



Andy Rogers and Miles Hooton from Sazerac who presented Garavogue Whiskey tasting



Bernard Brennan and Dónal Gilroy, Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council

Sligo Business Network host central London event

The Sligo Business Network's held its latest networking event Kimpton Fitzroy hotel in Russell Square in London. Guests heard a series of talks on developments around Sligo County, housing, infrastructure and tourism led by Sligo's County Manager, Martin Lydon. The keynote speaker was Tommy Higgins

chairman of Sligo Rovers FC, formerly of Ticketmaster Europe. He spoke about the 24 million plan to rebuild Sligo FC's home, The Showgrounds. Music was by The Peppercorn. Guests were given a 'gooly bag' of products by Sligo companies including Voya Organic skincare items; food toppings by Good4U; books from the Blue

Photos: Malcolm McNally



Tommy Higgins, Chairman of Sligo Rovers Football Club



Brendan Connee, Anne Geaghan (Irish World) and Gerald Sweeney



Bernard Dwyer from PHD Access and Martin Lydon, CEO of Sligo County Council



Ann-Marie McLoughlin and Magda Hall



Bob Coggins (The White Hag) and John Gavaghan (Riverside Hotel)

TOURISM

Sunday Business Post Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards

Sligo County Council were shortlisted for these prestigious industry awards in the category for AI Innovation of the Year. Although unsuccessful on this occasion, being shortlisted amongst prominent organisations including the Central Bank of Ireland, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Smart Docklands and St James Hospital provided extremely positive exposure.

Attendance at ITIC Conference (Irish Tourism Industry Confederation)

The ITIC conference is one of the most prominent events in the tourism industry calendar. A keynote address was delivered by TV presenter Timmy Mallet who specifically referenced Sligo and his travel experiences on a number of occasions to the delegates during his presentation.

International Sales Program for tourism businesses in Sligo:

The Tourism Officer has worked closely with Fáilte Ireland to develop a bespoke international sales strategy for Sligo tourism. This process involves workshops with local tourism businesses and direct engagement with consultants to design and implement the tailored plan.



Support for Ireland Golf Convention in Sligo:

Support was provided to the organisers of the Ireland Golf Convention that took place in Sligo at the Radisson Blu Hotel. This brought 60 international golf buyers who connected with 80 Irish suppliers and showcased the world class golf available in Sligo along with the broader North West region.

Additional Tourism Activities:

- **Sales presentations to Abbey Tours Group** - The Tourism Officer led a sales delegation to the headquarters of the Abbey Tour Group in Dublin.
- **Sligo Food & Drink podcast support** - The Tourism section supported the delivery of a specific food and drink podcast called Bear Bia.
- **Holiday World invitation** - Significant preparation work was undertaken for the Holiday World Show taking place in the RDS in January 2026. Twenty-one stakeholders have agreed to be involved.
- **Cluster Development Event for food, wellness and activity experiences** - The tourism section worked closely with Fáilte Ireland for their Cluster Development programme
- **So Funny Sligo Comedy Festival** - The tourism section helped to facilitate and support the launch event for the So Funny Sligo Comedy Festival
- **Festivals and Events** - A meeting of the Festivals and Events Oversight Committee took place on 20th November. 14 applications were received Commercial and Tourism Festival & Events Category 2.



CULTURE

LIBRARY SERVICE

Right To Read - October Children's Book Festival

Author and illustrator Niamh Sharkey, young adult author Amy Clarkin, and author Brian Gallagher facilitated events for Children's Book Festival throughout October. Bookmark-making workshops also ran with school classes using design prompts inspired by the late author Manchán Magan.

Right To Read - Family Time at the Library

Family Time at the Library events held in December included Christmas craft workshops and Christmas-themed family Storytimes.

Skills for Life

Sligo Library partnered with Sligo Community Training Centre and Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB to provide free access to Driver Theory course materials. Trainees participated in tutoring and practice sessions.



L-R Katie Sullivan Smyth (Tutor, Sligo CTC), Michelle Brennan (Executive Librarian, Sligo Central Library), Nicolas Hadi, Aaron Cunningham, Casey O'Brien (Sligo CTC trainees)

Ballymote Community Library's knitting group, the Saturday Stitchers, met 11 times between October and December. They showcased their beautiful handknits in the library window before donating them to Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Digital Skills classes ran in collaboration with Sligo Leader in Sligo Central Library and Ballymote and Tubbercurry Community Libraries.



Healthy Ireland at Your Library Events

In November and December, Sligo Central Library, and Ballymote and Tubbercurry Community Libraries delivered wellness activities as part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library campaign. Chair yoga sessions ran for adults and creative mindfulness workshops with local schools.



Chair Yoga with HIAYL coordinator Michele Cashman and facilitator Louise Waters

Sligo Live at Sligo Central Library

As part of Sligo Live Festival, Sligo Central Library hosted Blánid and a full audience for a beautiful, atmospheric performance.



Commemorations Programme 2025

Memories Become Words, a creative writing workshop series ran in Sligo Central Library during October.

The Word – November 2025

Author Maggie Armstrong was in conversation with Elske Rahill with music by Claudia Schwab.



The Word featuring Maggie Armstrong in conversation with Elske Rahill. Music with Claudia Schwab. Open Mic facilitated by Dean McMorro

Launch of *Our Lived Memories*

Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Fergal Nealon was joined by Minister of State Marian Harkin, to launch *Our Lived Memories* in Sligo Central Library; a collection of five women's journeys told through stories, poems, and photographs. This project was supported by the Collaboration and Innovation Fund under the Adult Literacy for Life Strategy, co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.



Collaboration with Tubbercurry Family Resource Centre

Tubbercurry Community Library partnered with Tubbercurry Family Resource Centre to deliver seven successful workshops for children during October and November: bracelet-making, pop art, creative collage, creative mindfulness, RoboThink, art and painting.

Cyber Safety

A cyber safety workshop, supported by the cybersafety.ie project at MTU Cork, ran in Sligo Central Library to a packed audience.

Science Festival 2025

Workshops for schools held during November, supported by Science Festival ATU Sligo, included Bee Science Shows, Who are you callin' Airhead, Fan-Powered car workshops and Bugs for Life workshops.



School Visits in Q4

- Sligo Central Library hosted 32 school and playschool class visits.
- Tubbercurry Community Library hosted 29 school and playschool class visits.
- Ballymote Community Library hosted 33 school class visits.
- Enniscrone Branch Library hosted 5 school class visits.

Groups and Community Activities

- Sligo Central Library hosted St Michael's Book Club, Down Syndrome Library Club and Ciorcal Comhrá.
- Tubbercurry Community Library hosted Book Club meetings, Crafter's Group, Down Syndrome Library Club, and Creative Writing group.
- Ballymote Community Library hosted Book Club meetings, Saturday Stitchers gatherings, Parent & Toddler group, Documentary Club and Ciorcal Comhrá.

Sense-Ability Services

222 people used the Sensory Room in Ballymote Community Library in Q4.



Library Branch Footfall in Q4

- 21,240 children and adults visited Sligo Central Library in Q4.
- 8,131 visited Ballymote Community Library.
- 6,388 visited Tubbercurry Community Library.
- 1,202 visited Enniscrone Branch Library.
- 36,961 was the total footfall across all branches, with 636 logins for The My Open Library service in Tubbercurry Community Library during Q4.

SLIGO ARTS SERVICE

Sligo Arts Service continued to deliver on the commitments of the Arts Plan and under its Partnership Agreement with the Arts Council.

Artist Supports & Awards

LIVE/WORK/PLAY Artist Bursaries

The Arts Assessment Panel awarded a total of €11,380 to 23 artists working in a variety of artforms in Rounds 3 & 4 of the new Live/Work/Play Artist Bursary Scheme. In total 36 artists were awarded funding of €19,990 through this scheme in 2025.

UNHEARD VOICE Award

Iseult Healy was selected as the Unheard Voice Award recipient for 2025. Iseult will receive an award of €2,000 plus mentored support as part of the programme.

Micro Bursaries

Following an open call, 5 artists received micro bursaries to attend Visual Artist Ireland's Annual Get Together, a key networking event for visual artists in Ireland.

Public Art

The Public Arts Steering Group convened in November to approve the contracting of a new Public Art Manager for an 18-24 month period to oversee delivery of 3 new public art projects. The budget for Per Cent for Art is circa €1.99 million (September 2025). A new round of Public Art commissioning will commence in early 2026, in line with Sligo County Council's Public Art strategy. A new working group comprising of representatives from the Steering Group is now also in place

Primary Colours Arts in Education Programme

The Primary Colours programme concluded in October with an exhibition of work titled iúl" (meaning attention) by participating artists Lucy Goodier and Margaret Kilcoyne at the Hyde Bride Gallery in the Yeats Building who had worked with Sligo Sudbury School (Lucy Goodier) & Gaelscoil Chnoc na Ré. The exhibition was also supported by a schools workshop programme in the gallery.

Arts in Health

With the support of Creative Ireland, work has commenced on developing a new multi-faceted Arts in Health programme which, subject to funding will commence in 2025

Arts Grants 2026

Following an Open Call in November, 32 applicants have been received for the 2026 Arts Grant Fund, totalling €629,833. The total fund for 2026 is €282,000 and applications will be assessed in early January with announcements made in February.

2026 Funding

Funding of €75,000 was confirmed in December from the Arts Council under Sligo County Council's Partnership agreement towards 2026 programming initiatives.

CLIMATE & INFRASTRUCTURE



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Director of Services

Climate & Infrastructure & Sligo-Drumcliff Municipal District

ROADS OPERATIONS

NON-NATIONAL SCHEMES ACTIVE TRAVEL

Footpath Schemes

Planning and Design works continue for improved Active Travel Footpath Schemes at several locations throughout the county including the following:

- **Ballygawley to Castledargan** – Detailed design completed. NTA approval requested to start discussion with landowners.
- **Carrarow to Cuilbeg (GAA Pitch)** – Part 8 process ongoing.
- **Clarion Road** – Preliminary design ongoing.
- **Coolaney to Rockfield** – Tender review ongoing.
- **Top Road Rosses Point** – Awaiting photomontages before meeting with community
- **Low cost junction works** – Second Sea Road / Tubbercurry / Gaol Road.

Cycle Path Schemes

- **Cleveragh Drive** – Proceeding to Section 38 process.
- **Strandhill** – Review of proposed design at Junction ongoing.
- **Caltragh / Newtown Holmes** – Preliminary design ongoing – NTA Approval requested to progress to Stage 4.
- **First Sea Road** – Review of proposed design for junction ongoing.

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School Schemes are ongoing and are at various stages of feasibility and preliminary design for:

- **Scoil Ursula, Knappagh Road, Sligo** – Statutory Process. Part 8 publication in February 2026.
- **St Johns N.S., Temple Street, Sligo** – Section 38 process shall commence in January 2026.
- **Scoil Náisiúnta Réalt na Mara, Rosses Point** – Awaiting photomontages before meeting with community.
- **Round 3 - High Speed Rural Roads** – Tenders received and tender review ongoing

Pathfinder Schemes

Carraroe to City Centre Active Travel Corridor

Section is split in two phases Phase 1 Carraroe to Burton St and Phase 2 Burton Street to Bridge Street.

Documents being updated as per NTA request. Proceeding to stage 4 – public consultation and engagement with stakeholders in January 2026 for Phase 1.

Sligo City to ATU Sligo (Active Travel Corridor incorporating contraflow cycle lanes at Bridge Street / Stephen Street / The Mall)

Preliminary Design is with NTA for review.

Regional & Local Roads Programme

The 2025 programme includes works at approximately 250 locations across the county. Planning, procurement, and commencement of works has been ongoing during Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 of 2025. The programme includes the following works:

Programme	Description	2025 allocation €	Progress
Restoration Maintenance & Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	Surface Restoration	2,187,000	Complete.
Restoration Improvement	Road Strengthening	9,290,000	Complete.
Discretionary Grant	Maintenance & Improvement	2,298,000	Complete.
Climate Adaptation Grants	Road improvement Works to mitigate the impact of Climate Change	463,000	Complete.
Drainage Grants	Improvement of road drainage systems in response to severe weather events	516,000	Complete.
Community Involvement Schemes	Improvement works on mostly Class 3 Roads, part funded by community		Complete.

Local Improvement Schemes	Improvement works on non-public roads serving public amenities and/or agriculture.		Complete.
Clár Schemes	Investment programme which provides funding for small-scale – infrastructural projects in rural areas		Complete.

Eastern Garvoge Bridge and Approach Roads

- Advance Works to assist in the completion of the detailed design is ongoing.
- The detailed design of the projects is substantially complete.
- The initial step in the procurement process has been initiated. The Prequalification questionnaire (PQQ) was published on etenders, and an assessment panel has carried out the initial assessment of the submissions
- Preparation of Contract documents has started and will be completed by Q1 2026.
- Construction tender documents to be issued in early Q2 2026.
- Construction Stage planned to start in early Q3 2026 (subject to Ministerial Approval).
- The closeout of Landowner Agreements and Accommodation Works is progressing.

MCR to Burton Street Link Road

It is anticipated that the works will be substantially complete by End July 2026.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Community Climate Action Fund

€415,000 has been allocated to community groups out of a total of €445,000 (Strand 1 €405,000, Strand 1a €40,000) at end of Quarter 4 2025. New round of funding (Strand 1 €405,000) was launched in October 2025.

SEAI Pathfinder 1.0 and 2.0

Pathfinder 1.0: Three contractors have qualified as part of the Stage 1 procurement process, Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ). The Design Team are finalising the Stage 2b Detailed Design documents with preparations for Stage 2 tendering underway. The energy upgrade works will disrupt County Hall and Fire station from April to November 2026. The phasing of these works is currently under consideration.

Pathfinder 2.0 and GEMINI project: No tender responses received for Architect Led Design Team for Energy Upgrades to Sligo Regional Sports Centre. New approach to tendering underway with Tipperary Energy Agency appointed to complete an Investment Grade Audit. Discussions regarding implementing geothermal (GEMINI) stages of project continuing.

Decarbonisation Zone

Two number EU funded projects underway, EUI-NatUR-W (Lorca) project (Nature Based Solutions) and Interreg Europe SmartForm project (Engaging DZ Stakeholders). Local Stakeholder Group event took place in City Hall in October 2025.

Sligo County Council will welcome SMARTFORM project partners to Sligo in February 2026 and EUI-NaturW project partners in March 2026.

ISO 50001 Energy Management System

Following Sligo County Council's ISO 50001 Certification in February 2025, the Surveillance Audit took place over two days in November and December 2025.

PARKS

Cleveragh Regional Park

In November 2025, the Council was notified of successful funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for the Cleveragh Learn to Cycle Facility, securing an allocation of €112,500 to support project delivery. Following Council approval of the Part 8 for Cleveragh Regional Park, work progressed on developing the detailed design and preparing tender documentation for the facility.

Sligo Outdoor Recreation Strategy

The launch of the Outdoor Recreation Strategy was delayed pending additional support funding discussions with DRCDG (Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht) regarding emerging environmental assessment requirements for the final report. Following the award of additional grant funding, screening for Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Screening was finalised in Quarter 4 and the outcome reports have been submitted to all relevant agencies for review. Subject to final submissions and determination it is intended to progress the Sligo Outdoor Recreation Strategy in early 2026.

Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Funding

Sport Ireland has awarded a grant of €25,000 to SSRP under the Healthy Ireland Open Water Swimming Infrastructure Fund. The Council will collaborate with SSRP to deliver the project by mid-2026. The initiative includes the installation of a beach shelter and shower unit at Dunmorán Strand, as well as a beach shelter unit at Mullaghmore.

Mitchell Curley Park

Specialist playground contractors have been appointed to progress playground rehabilitation works and the installation of an outdoor calisthenics' gym area at Mitchell Curley Park with works scheduled to be completed in Quarter 1 2026.

Finisklin Park / Waste Management

Landfill rehabilitation works at Finisklin Park were completed in Quarter 4 of 2025. All capital grant drawdowns have been finalised, with a final payment of €302,390 received by the Council in early December. The overall rehabilitation project is now fully complete, and the site will continue to be maintained and monitored. Environmental monitoring and reporting—including groundwater, leachate, and gas emissions analysis—have been concluded, and the end-of-year report is under final review.

Significant areas of rehabilitated parkland have been developed, with many sections now available for recreational use. Subject to future funding opportunities, plans include the development of additional play and recreational facilities, positioning Finisklin Park as a high-quality amenity for the Sligo community.

WATER QUALITY

RMCEI Plan

During Quarter 4 implementation of the of RMCEI inspection programme for 2025 was ongoing. NEMIS returns for Quarter 4 2025 are being compiled for return to the EPA.

Drinking Water

Implementation of the drinking water monitoring programme for public water supplies, group water supplies (GWS), and small private supplies (SPS) continued in Quarter 4 2025, in accordance with the annual monitoring programme and Uisce Éireann (UE) requirements.

The Environment Section continue to liaise with the HSE, GWSS and SPS in relation to the provision of drinking water in GWS and SPS and drinking water non-compliances. Efforts ongoing in Quarter 4 to identify additional SPS to add to register of supplies. Quotes received for 2026 routine monitoring programme.

Surface Water Monitoring

Implementation of the annual river and lake monitoring plans prepared in accordance with the national WFD monitoring programme continued during Quarter 4 in accordance with our RMCEI programme. The Section is on target for 100% compliance with the programme for 2025.

Investigative River Sampling

Additional investigative monitoring was carried out in the Feorish, Grange, and Unshin River catchments during Quarter 4 2025 under RMCEI work programme.

Agriculture

Implementation of the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) was ongoing during Quarter 4 2025. We will exceed our target allocation of 79 GAP inspections under the 2025 NAIP with 83 new inspections carried out in 2025. Efforts continued in Quarter 4 to close out existing open files arising from inspections carried out earlier in 2025. New LIPIS data has been received in Quarter 4 from LAWPRO, and we continue to liaise with our GIS Section to map the data for our 2026 NAIP programme. In November, an additional agricultural advice notice was placed in the Sligo Weekender relating to land spreading activities and the prohibited land spreading period. All agricultural complaints received in Quarter 4 were investigated.

Planning Application Assessment

Planning remains busy in Quarter 4 2025 with Environment reporting on all domestic, commercial, and agricultural developments. The Environment Section has dealt with 443 applications to date in 2025.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems

Twelve inspections completed in Quarter 4 2025 under our RMCEI Programme. Seven queries relating to the NIP and HSOCA Grant Schemes received in Quarter 4 2025 were addressed

Developer Provided Infrastructure

Weekly inspections at Ríocht na Sí Housing Estate with no further issues arising. Mechanical and Electrical carried out at Aylesbury Park wastewater pumping station with pumps now working, automatic change over and dial out has been installed and a non-functioning valve to emergency overflow tank has been replaced. Environment carrying out weekly inspections.

RBMP/LAWPRO Engagement

LAWPRO are continuing to focus their work programme within the Owenmore River/Templehouse Catchment during Quarter 4 2025. All queries and referrals received during Quarter 4 are being addressed. From 2026 local authorities will have to prepare an annual report highlighting what actions are being carried out in Sligo to implement the national Water Action Plan 2024.

RMCEI

Staff attended the annual RMCEI workshop in Portlaoise on 26th November 2025. There have been some proposed changes to National Enforcement Priorities which will be taken into consideration in preparing of annual RMCEI Plan for 2026. RMCEI plan for 2026 and progress report for 2025 to be submitted to the EPA by end of February 2026.

Group Water Supply Schemes

Payments made to ten group water schemes in Design Build Operate bundle for Subsidy B. Two well grants and one domestic lead remediation grant paid. Recoupment of expenditure on Corrick GWS Measure A(2); Castlebaldwin GWS Measure A(4) and Keash GWS Measure A(6). Tender documents prepared for consultants for Amalgamation of Carrownadargny and Saint James Well GWS into Geevagh Highwood GWS.

Strandhill Coastal Erosion Project

The Consultants are preparing design and screening report for Phase 0 involving the most urgent works over 90 metres at car park.

PLACEMAKING



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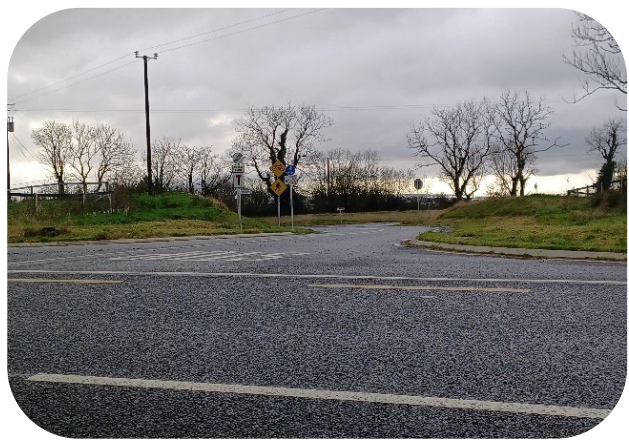
SLIGO REGIONAL DESIGN OFFICE

N16 Lugatober (Drumkilsellagh to Lugnagall) Project

The new N16 Lugatober scheme, including its active travel facilities, is now open to the public. The works are substantially complete. Following the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit, remedial safety works have now been completed. These works included additional signage, fencing and tactile paving. Some snagging items have also been addressed by the main contractor over the past quarter; however, some minor items remain. Upon full completion, the scheme will progress to Phase 7 - Close Out and Review, in line with the Project Management Guidelines for National Roads.



Additional fencing at Collinsford



Additional signage at L47311

N17 Knock to Collooney Project

This project is currently at Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

Tender competitions were progressed for the procurement of topographic and hydrographic surveys, along with LiDAR assessments, for sections of the preferred route—specifically from Ireland West Airport Knock to Charlestown, and from north of Tobercurry to Collooney. Apex Surveys were awarded the contract and works are due to commence in January 2026.

In addition to these works, the Regional Design Office is preparing tender documents to run a procurement process for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary consultancy to assist with the delivery of the project through:

- Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation
- Phase 4: Statutory Processes (Planning Application)

Further details are available at the project website address provided below.

N17 Knock to Collooney Project website

<https://n17knockcollooney.ie/>

N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Project

Tender documents for procurement of a contractor to complete (1) outstanding civil, fencing and remedial works and (2) landscaping works were prepared and advertised on eTenders. Tender Assessment is ongoing with the works expected to commence in Q1, 2026.

N16 Sligo to Drumkilsellagh Project

The project is currently advancing through Phase 2 (Option Selection) in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines.

A range of Environmental and Engineering Specialists have been engaged to undertake assessments that will inform the identification of the Preferred Route. Initial activities commenced during this reporting period.

As part of these works, certain specialists will conduct environmental walkover surveys within the defined Constraints Study Area on behalf of Sligo County Council. These surveys began in mid-December 2025 and will continue into Quarter 1 of 2026.

Greenway and Active Travel Schemes

Sligo Greenway Collooney to Bellaghy

During the public consultation held in late 2024, Iarnród Éireann advised that it could not support the use of the disused railway alignment for the greenway at this time but indicated support for exploring an alternative “alongside” option running parallel to the railway.

Sligo County Council subsequently undertook a high-level review of an alongside option. The review concluded that while technically feasible, the alongside option introduces significant additional constraints, costs, and risks compared to the Emerging Preferred Corridor centred on the disused railway line.

Based on these findings, Sligo County Council has concluded that the alongside option is not a viable or recommended alternative to the Emerging Preferred Corridor which is centred on the disused railway line.

Considering the above, Sligo County Council, in consultation with TII, suspended any further work on this project. However, the Council remains committed to the development of greenway infrastructure in County Sligo and, should Iarnród Éireann revert to their original decision to support the development of the Sligo Greenway centred on the disused railway line, Sligo County Council, in consultation with TII, will seek to resume the development of the project, subject to financial resources being available at that time.

Sligo Greenway Collooney to Bellaghy Project website

www.sligogreenway.ie

SLNCR Sligo to Enniskillen Greenway

The project is being delivered in line with TII's Project Management Guidelines and is led by Leitrim County Council. Arup, appointed as the Technical Advisor, is contracted by Leitrim County Council to support delivery from Phase 1 through to the end of Phase 4, as well as elements of Phase 5.

Sligo County Council is also supporting the project by providing the services of a Project Liaison Officer for the Sligo section.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) approved all Phase 2 (Option Selection) deliverables submitted and has granted approval to progress to Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation). Phase 3 is now underway.

TII Project Phase	Status
Phase 0 Scope and Pre-Appraisal	Completed
Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility	Completed
Phase 2 Options Selection	Completed
Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation	Ongoing
Phase 4 Statutory Process	Yet to Start
Phase 5 Enabling and Procurement	Yet to Start
Phase 6 Construction and Implementation	Yet to Start
Phase 7 Close out and Review	Yet to Start

SLNCR Sligo to Enniskillen Greenway Project website

www.sln-cr-greenway.com

Collooney to Toberbride Active Travel

This project is being delivered in accordance with TII's Project Management Guidelines. It is currently progressing through Phase 2 Options Selection. Various surveys are ongoing which will assist with the progression of this project through Phase 2 and with the identification of the Emerging Preferred Corridor. Technical advisors (DBFL Consulting Engs) are contracted to assist with bringing the project from Phase 2 to the end of Phase 4.

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Phase 0 Scope and Pre-Appraisal	Completed
Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility	Completed
Phase 2 Options Selection	Ongoing
Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation	Yet to Start
Phase 4 Statutory Process	Yet to Start
Phase 5 Enabling and Procurement	Yet to Start
Phase 6 Construction and Implementation	Yet to Start
Phase 7 Close out and Review	Yet to Start

N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin

This project is being delivered in accordance with TII's Project Management Guidelines. It is currently in Phase 2 (Option Selection), during which an Emerging Preferred Corridor has been identified. Public Consultation No. 3 on the Emerging Preferred Corridor was held in July/August 2025. Technical advisors (DBFL Consulting Engs) are contracted to assist with bringing the project from Phase 2 to the end of Phase 4.

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Phase 0 Scope and Pre-Appraisal	Completed
Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility	Completed
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Phase 7 Close out and Review	Yet to Start

N4/N16 Sligo Urban Active Travel Scheme

A report has been prepared proposing various Active Travel interventions which could be advanced along the N4 and N16 in the Sligo Urban Area. TII reviewed this report and has indicated their preference for Sligo County Council to seek a 2026 funding allocation to progress schemes along the N16 East West from the N4/N15 Junction to the R286/Molloway Hill/N16 Junction and along the N16 North South from the R286/Molloway Hill/N16 Junction to the N16 Abbvie Roundabout.

Further Active Travel Schemes

The following Active Travel schemes are in the early stages of project development:

- N15 Grange Active Travel Scheme
- N17 Curry Active Travel Scheme
- N59 Ballysadare Active Travel Scheme

Technical advisors (Tobin Consulting Engineers) are contracted to assist with bringing both the N15 Grange and the N59 Ballysadare Active Travel Schemes from Phase 0 to the end of Phase 5. A Section 38 Public Consultation for the N59 Ballisodare Pedestrian Crossing Road Safety Improvement Scheme was held from 27 November to 18 December 2025. An in-person consultation event took place on 10 December 2025. A decision on the outcome of this consultation is anticipated in early 2026.

The N17 Curry Active Travel Scheme is being progressed internally by the Sligo Regional Design Office.

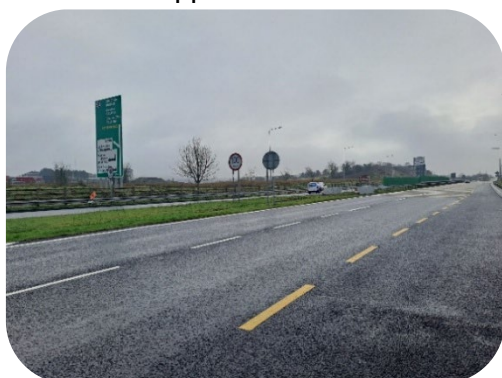
National Road Pavement (PARR) Schemes

The Contract Close-Out Report for the N59 Owenbeg Phase 3 Pavement Recycling and Resurfacing Contract has been submitted to TII Networks. The Close-Out Report for the N15 Rathcormack South Pavement Resurfacing Contract is being progressed.

The N4 Inner Relief Road Pavement Resurfacing Project

In Quarter 3, Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd. completed approximately 1.2 km of resurfacing from south of the Summerhill Roundabout to the N4/Custom House Quay junction.

In Quarter 4, the contractor completed remedial works, enabling TII Networks to implement safety improvements on the approach to Summerhill Roundabout under the N4 MMArc contract.



Remedial safety improvement works underway on the northbound approach to Summerhill Roundabout



Resurfacing works successfully completed at Summerhill Roundabout to enhance road safety

National Road Safety Improvement Schemes

Construction works on the following three National Road Safety Improvement Schemes were completed in December 2025. Stage 3 Road Safety Audits for each scheme are scheduled to take place in early January 2026.

- N15 Shannon Eighter (HD15) Pedestrian Crossing Road Safety Improvement.
- N17 Tubbercurry (HD15) Pedestrian Crossings Road Safety Improvement.
- N17 – L 8319 Curry Road Safety Improvement.



N15 Shannon Eighter (HD15) Pedestrian Crossing Road Safety Improvement Scheme



N17 Tubbercurry (HD15) Pedestrian Crossings Road Safety Improvement Scheme



N17 - L 8319 Curry Road Safety Improvement Scheme

PLANNING & HERITAGE

PLANNING

Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 – Proposed Variation

In July 2025, the Minister for HLGH issued “*NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities*” (under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000) and wrote to Chief Executives indicating that “*there is now an urgent need for development plans to be updated to reflect the requirements of the recently approved Revised NPF in respect of housing*”.

Having reviewed the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 with regard to the new Guidelines, the Chief Executive prepared a report for the Elected Members of Sligo County Council, setting out the development capacity of existing zoned lands, including detailed information on the serviced status and planning status of lands, and recommending the means by which it is proposed to secure the objectives of these Guidelines, i.e. a Variation of the Development Plan.

At the ordinary Council Meeting on 1 December 2025, the Members considered the Report and agreed to commence the process of making a Variation to the Sligo CDP 2024-2030.

SEA screening is a mandatory legal requirement before the Planning Authority can publish a notice of consultation on a Draft Variation. On 18 December 2025, the Development Planning Unit sent a Preliminary Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report to the prescribed environmental authorities, requesting them to return comments by 18 January 2026.

Proposed Sligo Town and Environs Urban Area Plan

Chapter 6 in Part 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 – which is due to commence on 31 December 2025 – contains provisions for the preparation of Urban Area Plans instead of Local Area Plans.

In summer 2025, the Development Planning Unit carried out non-statutory pre-draft consultation on a proposed Sligo Town and Environs Urban Area Plan and received 49 submissions. Several stakeholder consultation meetings have taken place during Q4 2025. Work on the drafting of the Sligo Town and Environs Urban Area Plan will continue in Q1 2026.

Development Management / E-Planning update

There has been a significant increase in the number of planning applications lodged in the last three years. A total of 488 applications were lodged in 2023 which has increased to 559 in the middle of December in 2025.

A similar increasing trend is evident in the number of applications received through the E-Planning portal from 77% in 2023 to 97% in 2025.

Land Activation Measures

Derelict Sites

There are 46 properties presently on the Derelict Sites Register. A total of €14,350 of Derelict Sites Levies have been collected to date for 2025.

Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

There is still a significant uptake of this scheme in Sligo with 514 applications received to date. The graphical representation below gives the breakdown of applications received in each MD and details of progress in each stage of the process.

Municipal District	Received	Initial Site Inspections Completed	Grants Approved	Grants Rejected	Final Inspection	Applicant paid
Borough District of Sligo	138	120	120	7	79	62
Sligo / Drumcliff	135	109	109	6	64	53
Tubbercurry / Ballymote	241	182	182	10	68	66
Total	514	411	411	23	211	181

An example of before and after photographs of a derelict site that was brought back in to use with the aid of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant are shown below.



Enhanced Defective Blocks Scheme

Ten Applications have been received to date and 8 have been determined by the Housing Agency to have met the damage threshold. It is expected that the remediation option for each of these properties will be decided by the Housing Agency in Q2/Q3 2026.

HERITAGE, CONSERVATION, BIODIVERSITY, WORLD HERITAGE

County Sligo Heritage Strategy 2023-2030

Implementation of the County Sligo Heritage Strategy 2023-2030 is underway. Delivery of the strategy is led by the Heritage Office, with oversight from Sligo Heritage Forum which meets quarterly. The Sligo Heritage Forum held its final meeting of the year on the 2 December 2025.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026

34 applications were received for the grant scheme by the deadline of the 26 September 2025. Following grant assessment, a proposed schedule of projects was submitted to the Department for further assessment and grant approval. Announcement of BHIS 2026 grant allocations is expected in January 2026.

County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–2030

The Biodiversity Action Plan provides a practical roadmap to protect, manage, and promote Sligo's extensive natural resources, and reflects the Council's commitment to embedding biodiversity across all departments, while aligning local priorities with national and international policy.

The Plan includes information on Sligo's protected species and habitats, relevant legislation, priority areas of work, and the key threats facing biodiversity. It sets out 52 objectives under five strategic themes, covering both internal Council policies and practices, and partnerships across organisations and communities. The Biodiversity Action Plan will be implemented by the County Sligo Biodiversity Officer, supported by the Biodiversity Working Group.

The County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan is available at [County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 – 2030](#)



Chief Executive of the Heritage Council, Virginia Teehan with the Cathaoirleach and Chief Executive of Sligo County Council, and members of the County Sligo Biodiversity Working Group at the launch of the County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–2030 in December 2025

UNESCO World Heritage Bid – The Passage Tomb Landscape of County Sligo

Sligo County Council continues to liaise with the World Heritage Unit, at the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to progress the World Heritage bid.

The Nomination Team (advisory) and Project Team (operational) have had two successful meetings this quarter. Branding / visual identity concepts are progressing.



HOUSING CAPITAL

Work progressed on Sligo's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 as follows:

Social Housing Construction Contracts

Camross, Ballymote

Work progressed on the construction of a scheme of 39 social housing units using modern methods of construction (steel frame construction).

Works substantially completed on the first phase of delivery December 2025: 17 units
Second phase of delivery of 22 units anticipated in March 2026.

Southern Place, Knappagh Road, Sligo

Works substantially completed on the construction of a scheme of 4 social housing units December 2025.

Carney

Works progressed on the construction of 25 Social Housing units. Expected delivery Q2 2026.

Geldof Drive & Benson Court Cranmore

Works progressed on the construction of 30 Social Housing units. Expected delivery Q2 2025.



Finisklin, Sligo

Works progressed on the construction of 47 Social Housing units using modern methods of construction (timber frame). Expected delivery Q4 2026.



Robbers Lane Maugheraboy

Works progressed on the construction of 62 Social Housing units. Expected delivery Q2-Q3 2026.



Grange

Works commenced on site for the construction of a scheme of 16 Social Housing units via Design and Build Contract using modern methods of construction ICF.



New Contract awards and contracts underway

Dromore West & Easkey (26 social housing units total)

Design & Build Contractor Contract awarded December 2025: using modern methods of Construction (timber frame construction).

Collooney (31 social housing units)

Design & Build Contractor Contract awarded December 2025: using modern methods of Construction (steel frame construction).

Glenview Park Ash Lane (3 no units)

Contract awarded December 2025: works anticipated to start on site January 2026.

Pirn Mill Road (20 units)

Tender via Regional Contractor Framework received December 2025, tender assessment underway.

Cairnsfoot Field

A procurement process for a mixed tenure housing scheme for Cairnsfoot Field, Cranmore Road, Sligo is in progress.

Projects in Development

- Rathellen, Finisklin, (63 units)
- Carrowbunnaun (51 units)
- High Street, Sligo (5 units)
- Grange Phase 2 (12 units)

SLIGO EAST CITY, CRANMORE & ENVIRONS REGENERATION PROJECT



PHYSICAL REGENERATION

Sligo East City Community Resource and Recreation Centre

Work is ongoing on progressing the new centre with the CRP team continuing to meet Board of Management Members of stakeholder organisations through the Project Working Group. A business consultant has been working with the three key stakeholder groups to compile a business plan for the running of the new centre. Once the Business Plan is completed, the design of the new centre will be finalised and will progress to a Stage 2 funding submission in Q1 2026 and a Part VIII Planning process.

Environmental Improvements: Upgrade works to Devin's Drive, Cranmore Road, and open spaces Centre Block Site and Mounds.

Design proposals are being developed for environmental upgrades in tandem with the design of the Resource and Recreation Centre. Current proposals include a cycle path to run along Devin's Drive, new pedestrian crossing points and traffic calming measures. Redevelopment of the Centre Block site will also facilitate improvements to create quality open spaces in Cranmore, including a multi-use games area (MUGA) and additional parking.

These proposals will also be submitted to the DHLGH for Stage 2 funding approval, followed by a Part VIII planning Process.

Building & Environmental Upgrades – Phase 3, - 132 Houses, Final Phase

Project is currently in final Defects period.

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC REGENERATION

Education and Enterprise Co-ordinator

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has committed to funding this position for a period of 2 years from appointment, or until 30th September 2027, whichever comes first.

Estate Management

The Estate Management Team, in collaboration with Tidy Towns, has secured dog fouling signage, which will be erected shortly. As part of a pilot scheme with Cranmore Co-op, funding was sourced for a dog waste bin and bag dispenser. New dog fouling bin stations are scheduled for installation in Q1 2026, with the Estate Officer currently arranging the placement of poles throughout the estate.

The Estate Management Team continues to work with the Roads Department regarding abandoned vehicles. In Q4, 5 abandoned vehicles were reported, 3 of which have since been removed.

Changed Opening Hours for Cranmore Regeneration Project offices

With the conclusion of the third phase of the Building and Environmental upgrades in Q4 2025 and in line with the proposed exit strategy, the Cranmore Regeneration Project Office at Devin's Drive will be reducing public opening hours from January 2026.

This will be communicated to residents through all relevant channels including the Cranmore Co-op Newsletter and social media, along with signage on the office.

The new opening hours will be Monday – Thursday 10am to 1pm. Meetings can be arranged by appointment, by calling the Regeneration Office Team.

Estate Management, Repairs and Emergency contact details are available through the Housing Section at County Hall Riverside.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

RURAL CAPITAL DELIVERY TEAM

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Project Funding 2025

Sligo County Council secured a total of €999,750 in funding for five local projects under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

The CDT are working closely with local communities to develop and deliver three main projects each receiving €300,000 in funding:

- Ballygawley (Community Hub building)
- Cliffoney (Multipurpose community space)
- Easkey (Playground and sensory garden).

Project Development Measures each receiving €49,875 in funding:

- Riverstown (Public Realm)
- Strandhill (Tidal pool)

Ballymote Courthouse Development

An architect led design team was appointed under a Project Development Measure (2022) to explore potential uses for the old Courthouse Building in Ballymote. Further to Sligo County Council securing agreement under the Libraries Capital Programme for a Community Library in the Building, a Part VIII planning submission can now proceed in Q1 2026.

Town Centre First

Launch of Town Teams

In November 2025, the Town Regeneration Officer supported by the CDT launched four new Town Teams in Ballymote, Ballisodare, Enniscrone and Collooney. Each launch event was well attended and attracted broad representation from within each community. The CDT supported by speakers from ATU Sligo and community management facilitators delivered presentations on the role of a Town Team and the need to develop Town Plans with regards to securing future funding. Further events are planned for 2026 to support the strengthening of Town Teams in each of the four areas.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST		TOWN CENTRE FIRST		TOWN CENTRE FIRST		TOWN CENTRE FIRST	
Collooney Town Team Launch Thursday 27th November 2025 7:30pm Teeling Centre Sligo County Council are inviting resident groups, community organisations, businesses, & other community stakeholders to join the Collooney Town Team 		Ballymote Town Team Launch On Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 7:30pm in the Coach House Hotel, Ballymote Sligo County Council are inviting resident groups, community organisations, businesses, & other community stakeholders to join the Ballymote Town Team 		Ballisodare Town Team Launch On Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7:30pm in Corhownagh Parish Centre, Ballisodare Sligo County Council are inviting resident groups, community organisations, businesses, & other community stakeholders to join the Ballisodare Town Team 		Enniscrone Town Team Launch Tuesday 25th November 2025 7:30pm Ocean Sands Hotel Sligo County Council are inviting resident groups, community organisations, businesses, & other community stakeholders to join the Enniscrone Town Team 	
Contact Sligo County Council Town Regeneration Officer for further information: TRO@sligococo.ie		Contact Sligo County Council Town Regeneration Officer for further information: TRO@sligococo.ie		Contact Sligo County Council Town Regeneration Officer for further information: TRO@sligococo.ie		Contact Sligo County Council Town Regeneration Officer for further information: TRO@sligococo.ie	

The 'Beachery' Rosses Point

This Town Centre First funded Project includes the refurbishment and extension of the 'Beachery', Rosses Point to accommodate the existing uses of the Sligo Surf Lifesaving Club and Sligo County Council, in addition to the provision of a new community café, outdoor seating, parking and ancillary services. The project includes the preparation of a Natura Impact Assessment which is being finalised and necessitating an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. It is anticipated that this application will be submitted in Q1 2026.



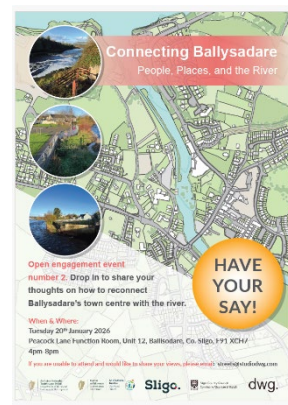
Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Rosses Point Community Boat Park – Regeneration Project

Sligo County Council has secured Category 2 funding approval in principle of €558,000 for the Rosses Point Community Boat Park. This multi phased project will seek to develop phase 1 in preparation of future Category 1 funding.

Ballisodare – Regeneration Project

This project has gained momentum following the appointment of a design Team in July 2025. An initial and highly successful round of public consultation was held on the 7th of October 2025 which resulted in direct engagement with over 100 local people. Initial design concepts have been prepared for the "Dun Maeve" site along with adjoining riverside spaces. The initial concepts developed through stakeholder and public consultation will be presented to the local community at an upcoming consultation event scheduled for the 20th January 2026.



Enniscrone RRDF – Cliff Bath Project

A multi-disciplinary consultant team was appointed in November 2025. Site investigations are currently ongoing along with stakeholder engagement regarding the use of the Bath House and Pavillion building. It is envisaged, subject to Department approval, works will be tendered in Q3 2026.



Historic Towns Initiative 2025 – Former Ballymote Courthouse Project

Conservation works commenced under the Historic Towns Initiative 2025 of the former Ballymote Courthouse. Works are currently ongoing and include the replacement of the existing roof, windows and rainwater goods, preserving an important piece of our architectural heritage.

Watersports Enhancement Facilities

The Watersports Enhancement Facilities at Enniscrone and Rosses Point have been tendered and are currently being assessed by the appointed Consultant Team. Subject to Fáilte Ireland approval and funding, it is envisaged that the projects will go to site in Q1 2026.



URBAN REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS

Implementation of Sligo Public Realm

Stephen Street / Holborn Street / Rockwood Parade / Water Lane / Tobergal Lane

The Tender Assessment is ongoing for the public realm enhancement works for the Sligo Streets project. It is expected that the contract will be awarded in Q4 2025, with a view to works commencing in Q1 2026.

City Campus - Sligo's Cultural and Learning Hub project (encompassing Connaughton Road / Stephen Street / Holborn Street / Lake Isle Road)

Following appointment of Reddy Architecture, a public consultation was held in November to assist in the preparation of a Masterplan for the Sligo City Campus Project. Delivery scheduled for July 2026.

The Compulsory Purchase Order process for land required has been initiated.

Sligo Museum Building

The contract for essential maintenance works on the fabric of Sligo County Museum is now nearing completion, supported by funding from the Historic Structures Fund

Thrive – Sligo Gaol Project

Project work underway following award of €7 million under the THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme to deliver the Sligo Gaol Project, a transformative initiative that will restore and repurpose the historic Sligo Gaol into a publicly accessible community and tourism asset in the heart of Sligo Town.

GOVERNANCE



MARIE WHELAN

Director of Services

Finance and Corporate Governance

FINANCE

MAJOR EXPENDITURE AND INCOME LINES FOR EACH SERVICE DIVISION (INCLUDING PERFORMANCE AGAINST FIGURES PROVIDED IN THE ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET AND AGAINST EXPECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE PROFILES);

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 & Safety	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 Management	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 30/09/2025
	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	-	-	-	500,867
02 Road Transport & Safety	648,163	5,955,194	4,699,906	-	2,565,567	7,265,473	-	-	-	1,958,442
03 Water Services	(23,521)	1,776,364	1,520,331	-	243,528	1,763,860	-	-	-	(36,025)
04 Development Management	6,154,321	11,454,742	8,538,293	-	1,830,085	10,368,377	-	-	-	5,067,956
05 Environmental Services	63,506	989,865	717,434	-	50,515	767,949	-	-	-	(158,410)
06 Recreation & Amenity	1,487,641	477,971	210,414	-	34,532	244,946	-	-	-	1,254,615
07 Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	152,115	178,848	135,394	-	-	135,395	-	-	-	108,661
08 Miscellaneous Services	1,283,965	1,598,613	220,077	-	425,610	645,688	-	-	-	331,040
Total	9,549,153	56,511,745	49,758,626	-	6,231,111	55,989,736	-	-	-	9,027,145

PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITY REVENUE COLLECTION LEVELS (INCLUDING AGED DEBT ANALYSIS);

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

	Opening Balance 01/01/2025 €	Current Debtors Movement					Gross Closing Balance €	Bad Debt Provision €	Net Closing Balance 30/09/2025 €
		Invoices €	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

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday 12th January

- 9am CPG Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall
- 10am January Plenary Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall
- 3pm Meeting of the Cathaoirleach's Awards Committee, Members Room

Monday 19th January

- 9.30am Sligo Drumcliff MD Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall
- 10am Borough MD Meeting, Chamber, City Hall

Tuesday 20th January

- 11am Update on Ballysadare RRDF Scheme Meeting, Chamber, City Hall

Monday 26th January

- 2pm Ballymote-Tubbercurry MD Meeting, Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry

Wednesday 28th January

- 6pm Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025 Ceremony, Council Chamber, County Hall

LATEST NEWS

SLIGO CROWNED IRELAND'S CLEANEST TOWN IN IBAL 2025 RANKINGS



Sligo has been named Ireland's Cleanest Town in the 2025 Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) rankings, marking a historic first for the town.

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HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL HARE'S CORNER BIODIVERSITY PROJECT OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS AS IT RETURNS TO SLIGO FOR SECOND YEAR



Applications are now open for The Hare's Corner, an innovative biodiversity project developed by the nonprofit Burrenbeo Trust, which is returning to Sligo for its second year in partnership with Sligo County Council.

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CIVIC RECEPTION HONOURS THREE SPORTING HEROES



Sligo County Council held a special Civic Reception at County Hall on to honour three outstanding athletes whose achievements have brought immense pride to Sligo and to Ireland: Gearóid McDaid, Cian McMunn, and Paddy Reape.

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR NATURE: SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL LAUNCHES BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2025–2030



Sligo County Council marks a significant milestone with the launch of the County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–2030.

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N17 KNOCK TO COLLOONEY [ATLANTIC ECONOMIC CORRIDOR] TRANSPORTATION PROJECT - UPDATE DECEMBER 2025



Sligo County Council is pleased to provide an update on the progress of the N17 Knock to Collooney [Atlantic Economic Corridor] Project, which is currently advancing through Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project Management Guidelines.

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AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. YONG-KIL KIM, VISITS COUNTY HALL, SLIGO



Sligo County Council was honoured to welcome His Excellency Mr. Yong-kil Kim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Ireland, to County Hall.

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SLIGO GREENWAY (COLLOONEY TO BELLAGHY) – PROJECT UPDATE FROM SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL



Sligo County Council, in consultation with TII, is suspending any further work on this project.

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GENDER PAY GAP REPORT 2025



Sligo County Council has today published its Gender Pay Gap Report for 2025. The gender pay gap is the difference in the average hourly wage of men and women across a workforce. Employers with more than 250 employees in Ireland are now required to publish their gender pay gap data.

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