



Sligo.

Monthly Management Report

May 2026



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SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**



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To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council

Re: Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for May 2026

Dear Councillor

I set out hereunder Monthly Management Report for May 2026, 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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1. RECOURSE TO OVERDRAFT FACILITY (NUMBER OF DAYS PER MONTH AND INTEREST INCURRED):

The overdraft interest and fees applied from 24th November 2025 to 20th February 2026 was €52,416.03.

Revenue Account by Division with Adopted Budget (Including Transfers) Year to Date to Quarter End 31/03/2026

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET	
	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Budget YTD 2026	% Spent 2026	Remaining 2026	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Budget YTD 2026	% Rec'd 2026	Not Rec'd 2026	Actual 2026	Fav/(Unfav) 2026
	€	€	€		€	€	€	€		€	€	€
A Housing & Building	4,492,197	18,660,763	4,665,191	96%	172,994	3,720,665	16,146,572	4,036,643	92%	315,978	(771,532)	(142,984)
B Road Transport & Safety	4,645,326	25,098,273	6,274,568	74%	1,629,242	2,861,755	17,811,484	4,452,871	64%	1,591,116	(1,783,571)	106,853
C Water Services	777,181	2,913,681	728,420	107%	(48,761)	700,844	2,680,580	670,145	105%	(30,699)	(76,337)	(18,062)
D Development Management	2,173,071	9,235,842	2,308,960	94%	135,889	677,610	3,041,944	760,486	89%	82,876	(1,495,461)	53,013
E Environmental Services	2,601,425	10,420,524	2,605,131	100%	3,706	672,929	2,457,694	614,424	110%	(58,505)	(1,928,496)	62,211
F Recreation & Amenity	1,597,823	6,940,218	1,735,055	92%	137,232	142,270	823,236	205,809	69%	63,540	(1,455,553)	73,692
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	182,531	817,814	204,454	89%	21,923	82,239	306,747	76,687	107%	(5,552)	(100,292)	27,475
H Miscellaneous Services	2,052,146	8,536,553	2,134,138	96%	81,992	2,422,666	10,424,715	2,606,179	93%	183,512	370,520	(2,826)
J Central Management Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LG Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-%	-	3,283,634	13,134,535	3,283,634	100%	-	3,283,634	-
RA Rates	-	-	-	-%	-	3,946,214	15,796,162	3,949,041	100%	(67,957)	3,946,214	(2,826)
	18,521,700	82,623,667	20,655,917	90%	2,134,217	18,510,825	82,623,671	20,655,918	90%	2,145,092	(10,874)	(10,875)

Capital Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Year to Date to Quarter End 31/03/2026

	Opening Balance	Expenditure	Income				Transfers			Balance at 31/03/2026
	Balance at 01/01/2026	Expenditure YTD	Grants	Loans	Other	Total Income YTD	Transfer from Revenue	Transfer to Revenue	Internal Transfers	
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
01 Housing & Building	147,370	9,668,243	9,453,403	-	(61,133)	9,392,270	-	-	-	(128,602)
02 Road Transport & Safety	2,457,484	860,715	418,812	-	45,840	464,653	-	-	-	2,061,423
03 Water Services	(1)	435,373	51,044	-	82,639	133,683	-	-	-	(301,691)
04 Development Management	6,992,634	4,211,596	2,394,778	-	792,915	3,187,693	-	-	-	5,968,731
05 Environmental Services	(87,792)	178,298	4,089	-	1,171,237	1,175,326	-	-	-	909,236
06 Recreation & Amenity	1,069,694	140,542	218,782	-	-	218,782	-	-	-	1,147,934
07 Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	260,612	27,018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233,595
08 Miscellaneous Services	598,960	17,977	-	-	11,252	11,252	-	-	-	592,235
Total	11,438,963	15,539,761	12,540,909	-	2,042,749	14,583,658	-	-	-	10,482,859

Analysis of Debtors - Period 01/01/2026 to 31/03/2026

	Opening Balance 01/01/2026 €	Invoices €	Current Debtors Movement Receipts €	Refunds €	Write Offs €	Waivers €	Gross Closing Balance €	Bad Debt Provision €	Net Closing Balance 31/03/2026 €
Trade Debtors									
Government Debtors	5,874,133	21,821,885	12,448,040	-	-	-	15,247,978	-	15,247,978
Commercial Debtors - Rates	6,564,080	15,784,855	2,812,308	-	(612)	-	19,537,239	5,656,419	13,880,820
Commercial Debtors Other (including PEL & IW)	(277,554)	451,871	309,154	-	-	-	(134,836)	-	(134,836)
Non-Commercial Debtors	1,306,715	2,172,989	1,999,051	-	(1,925)	-	1,482,578	1,311,029	171,549
Other Services	467,329	1,130,276	454,878	-	368	7,538	1,134,822	290,626	844,196
Other Local Authorities	521,546	1,287,698	569,654	-	-	-	1,239,589	-	1,239,589
Sub-Total	14,456,250	42,649,574	18,593,086	-	(2,169)	7,538	38,507,370	7,258,074	31,249,296
Other Debtors									
Development Levy Debtors (Current Only)	686,512						527,327	145,781	381,546
Other	-						-	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors	1,459,923						1,459,923	-	1,459,923
Prepayments	609,646						254,981	-	254,981
Sub-Total	2,756,081						2,242,231	145,781	2,096,450
TOTAL DEBTORS	17,212,331						40,749,601	7,403,855	33,345,746

APPENDIX 7

Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2026

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2026	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustment	Write Offs	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection =(B+C-D-E-F)	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/03/2026 =(G-H)	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collec =(H)/(G-J)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	6,564,080	15,784,855	(118)	(494)	-	22,349,548	2,812,308	19,537,239	3,645,969	* 15%
Rents & Annuities	1,129,176	1,830,322	-	(1925)	-	2,961,422	1,659,446	1,301,976	-	56%
Housing Loans	412,448	249,942	-	-	-	662,390	206,365	456,024	-	31%

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

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



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

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

It is expected that the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht will announce the successful applicants during Quarter 2 of 2026.

Community & Voluntary Grants 2026

The claim phase of the scheme is currently underway and will continue over the coming months.

Category	2026 Budget Breakdown	
Burial Grounds	€30,000	All grants paid for 2026
Estates & Area Up-Keep	€32,500	Groups invited to submit claims - ongoing
Tidy Towns	€30,000	Groups invited to submit claims - ongoing
Community Events	€12,500	Groups invited to submit claims - ongoing
Community Heritage Projects & Events	€15,000	Groups invited to submit claims - ongoing
Seasonal Lights & Greening	€10,000	Groups invited to submit claims - ongoing
	€130,000	

2023 - 2027 LEADER Programme

As of 26th May 2026, 52 no. LEADER Projects have been approved by the LCDC / LAG to the value of €2,164,138.40.

LEADER claims approved in respect of 20 no. projects, in the amount of €854,528.31

Monthly Return payments in the amount of €534,957.59 for the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme have been received.



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

The overall 2026 programme budget is €991,752.00 broken down as follows:

- 2026 general SICAP budget is €782,453
- Allocation for New Arrivals is €209,299

Progress under Annual KPI targets for Goals 1 & 2, is outlined in the table overleaf:

	Target	Actuals	%Achieved
KPI 1	50	32	64%
KPI 2	431	197	46%
% of Supported Individuals who fall into local priority target group(s)	18.00	10	



Sligo PEACEPLUS Programme

Capital Projects

Tendering is nearing completion for the four capital projects. The following elements remain outstanding:

- **Spanish Armada Museum (Building Works):** A quotation has been received, and the contract with the builder is currently being drafted.
- **Wellness Room & Dromore West Digiversal:** This includes the design and installation of the Wellness Room (incorporating a Sensory Pod) and the procurement of retractable seating. Two tenders have been received and will be evaluated during the first week of June.
- **PAZMAS Armada Trail Signage:** A site visit to Donegal took place on 28th May 2026.

An online meeting with the SEUPB was held on 9th May 2026 regarding access restrictions at the Dispensary Building (a heritage structure) in Ballymote under the Celtic Connections Project. An updated accessibility proposal is currently being finalised for submission to the SEUPB. Window repairs have been completed, and internal snagging works are ongoing.

Project Partner Initiatives

Both partner projects are now in the delivery phase, with participants actively engaged and project activities underway:

- **GFA for Gen Z** – Project Lighthouse, Hawk's Well Theatre
- **Tuning into Social Inclusion** – Music Generation MSLETB

Programmes

Of the remaining nine projects, seven have been fully contracted, while one project remains at the procurement stage. The contract for this final project has been issued, and the PEACEPLUS Team is currently addressing pre-contract queries. It is anticipated that the contract will be signed and returned in early June.



Sligo Age Friendly Programme

The Age Friendly National Older People's Council Convention took place in Athlone on 7–8 May, with Sligo represented by Executive Committee member Phillip Maree. Under the theme *"Thriving Together"*, the programme included a Public Realm Workshop, panel discussions featuring the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, SEAI, and the CSO, as well as a themed gala dinner.

An Age Friendly Open Day was held at Sligo Library on 21st May as part of the Bealtaine festival programme. Library services were showcased, with a particular focus on one-to-one support for the BorrowBox app, which provides free access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers, and magazines.

An Age Friendly training and networking event took place at Monaghan Peace Campus on 26th May, attended by the A/Programme Manager and the Chair of the Older People's Council.

Disability Consultative Committee

The Committee met on 30 April 2026. A number of presentations were delivered, including from Sligo Sport and Recreation on their Sports Inclusion Disability Project, and from the Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) on the launch of the ILMI/HSE Taskforce Drug Report.

Interdepartmental Team

The Sligo County Council Interdepartmental Team met to bring together staff from across all departments to collaborate on actions arising from the Disability, Inclusion and Access Strategy, particularly those that span multiple service areas.

Healthy Sligo

Funding for the Healthy Sligo 2026 programme extension is currently pending final confirmation from the Department.

In the interim, work is progressing on stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, and programme development. This includes continued collaboration with key service providers and partners to finalise the 2026 Service Level Agreements, ensuring alignment with national health and wellbeing objectives and local programme priorities.

Projects will commence once funding approval is received from Pobal, which is expected shortly.

The 2026 programme has been agreed with the LCDC and aligns with Healthy Sligo's strategic priorities, including the promotion of physical activity, mental health, and overall community wellbeing.



Sligo PPN



- Twelve episodes of the Sligo PPN podcast are now available, showcasing the work of member groups and highlighting what makes the community sector in Sligo unique. The latest episode, recorded at the Community Expo, features a range of local organisations. All episodes are available at: <https://www.sligoppn.com/podcast/>
- A new PPN representative has been nominated for the SPC3 Community and Voluntary seat. Charley Utting (Sligo Pride) will be presented to the Corporate Policy Group for endorsement. A nomination for the environment seat on the Sligo Leader Partnership is also undergoing final eligibility checks. The Sligo PPN Secretariat seat remains vacant.
- The PPN Strategic Plan (to 2029) is currently being finalised and is due for publication in June.
- PPNs nationwide are conducting surveys with representatives to assess experiences at decision-making tables and identify ways to strengthen the community voice. In Sligo, the findings will inform ongoing engagement with Sligo County Council to enhance public participation.
- On 23rd June, a group of PPN representatives will visit Leinster House at the invitation of Senator Nessa Cosgrove.
- Sligo PPN is working with the Irish Environmental Network (IEN) to host a national information workshop on data centres, focusing on policy, environmental, and energy impacts.

Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)



- The Community Safety Fund ran from April to May 2026. One application was submitted by Sligo LCSP on behalf of Sligo BID for a two-year Public Spaces Coordinator pilot across three locations, with results expected in October 2026.
- A safety mapping exercise has commenced to identify and map existing community safety plans. This work will inform the drafting of the Community Safety Plan currently being developed by Sligo LCSP.
- A national NOCS meeting took place in Athlone on 27th May, attended by Chairs, Vice Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators. The meeting provided updates from the National Office and facilitated the sharing of experiences across LCSPs, including plan development, consultation processes, subgroups, working groups, and community safety events.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The LAIT hosted 15 clinics, engaging with 11 refugees.



Garda Clinics

Two Garda information clinics were delivered across IPAS accommodation settings in May. The sessions focused on building relationships between An Garda Síochána and residents, promoting community safety, and increasing awareness of Garda roles beyond law enforcement.

Community Gardaí provided consistent information on engagement, crime prevention, and support services. Residents actively participated in Q&A sessions, with key topics including Garda vetting (particularly for healthcare roles), driving regulations, residency documentation, employment rights, and pathways into the Gardaí.

Africa Day

Africa Day 2026 was celebrated at The Model on 25th May with a vibrant afternoon and evening programme. Activities included a cultural artefacts exhibition, family-friendly workshops, Afro song and dance, and an African food experience delivered by Sligo Global Kitchen. The event also featured a traditional Igbo wedding interpretation and concluded with a choral performance.

Summer Camps

LAIT is collaborating with Sligo Family Resource Centre to deliver a coordinated summer camp programme, enabling 60 children to participate in local activities. Camps include Sligo Rovers Soccer, arts and crafts at the library, Fitkids Gymnastics, and multisport programmes at the Sligo Regional Sports Complex.

Offer a Home

Under the Offer a Home Programme Sligo County Council has:

- 45nr. properties allocated – housing 173 individuals
- 85nr. pledges withdrawn or not viable

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

Training

The Local Enterprise Office delivered a Start Your Own Business Programme, a SAGE 50 Improvers course, and a Social Media for Start-Ups programme. A total of 53 participants took part, supporting both early-stage and established businesses in developing key skills.

Mentoring

A total of 23 one-to-one mentoring sessions were delivered in May, providing tailored guidance to business owners and entrepreneurs.

Productivity Supports

The Local Enterprise Office continues to promote productivity and sustainability in line with government policy. During the period, two Digital for Business Consultancy Grants and three Grow Digital Grants were approved, along with one Green for Business and four Energy Efficiency grants. These supports are seeing strong uptake, particularly in the hospitality and retail sectors.



Sligo Women in Business Network (SWIBN)

The May networking event took place on 26th May in collaboration with Europe Direct at Sligo Library, featuring a workshop on effective pricing. A total of 42 members attended.



SocoLab

The MSLETB XR Hub was officially launched on 15th May in Strandhill, marking a significant step forward in immersive technology development in the region. Located at SocoLab, the facility serves as a regional centre for digital innovation, immersive technologies, and future-focused learning.

It aims to bridge education and industry by supporting learners, educators, employers, and communities, positioning Sligo as a hub for advanced technological skills.

Student Enterprise Programme

The National Final took place on 7th May in Mullingar, with three Sligo schools represented:

- **Junior category:** Peter Kilcullen, *Chop Chop*, Coláiste Iascaigh
- **Intermediate category:** Kyle Derrig-Vaughan and Shay McClelland, *K&S Valeting*, Corran College
- **Senior category:** Brandon Jordan, Eoghan McGuinness and Philip Somers, *Coastal Calendars*, Jesus and Mary Secondary School

Plug into the West

The Western Development Commission hosted its first “Plug into the West” event at the London Irish Centre, Camden on 13th May. Sligo and Mayo LEOs, Enterprise Ireland, regional innovation centres, and businesses participated, showcasing the innovation and opportunities across the West and North West to a London-based audience.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Arctic Edge Project

The fourth Arctic Edge partner meeting took place in Reykjavík in May. Now in Period 4, the project is focused on finalising pilot projects with two North West SMEs and recruiting for its mentoring programme. Site visits to Icelandic manufacturing businesses provided insight into real-world applications and supply chain challenges. This EU-funded project supports rural SMEs through digital technologies to enhance efficiency, resilience, and connectivity.



Arctic Edge Partners at the JBT Marel manufacturing plant, Reykjavik

PEACEPLUS Connexus Project (Investment Area 2.4 – Smart Towns and Villages)

A Request for Tender issued in April closed on 22nd May, with evaluations now complete. It is expected that a contract will be awarded and work will commence by mid-June. The Connexus project supports community-led digital hubs across Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Ireland, promoting digital inclusion and rural regeneration.

Night Time Economy

"Good Evening and Good Night Sligo" delivered 48 events across 45 businesses in May. Despite poor weather impacting footfall, feedback remained positive, with 90% of businesses open to future participation and 87.5% of attendees indicating they would return.

The NTE promotional video continued its regional cinema campaign, reaching 138,896 people. The One@One Late Night Bus pilot received positive feedback, particularly for Sunday services, with security presence highlighted as a key support. A second phase is planned for the June Bank Holiday.

The NTE Advisor represented Sligo at the LGMA Scaling Regional Tourism Conference, strengthening engagement with Fáilte Ireland. Ongoing initiatives include collaborations with Sligo Pride, the Yeats Society, OPW, and Cruinniú na nÓg, along with a Community Safety Fund application for key public spaces. An update on the extension of the NTE pilot and Advisor role beyond September 2026 is expected in June.

TOURISM



El Galeón Andalucía Visit (July 2026)

The world's largest galleon replica will visit Sligo from 30 June to 13 July, with public tours from 1–12 July. The visit will commemorate Sligo's Spanish Armada heritage and launch the 2026 Remembering the Armada Festival.

Milan Sales Mission

The Tourism Officer participated in a joint sales mission to Milan with industry partners, promoting the Milan-Bergamo route and Sligo's food, wellness, and activity offering to travel agents and media.



Sligo Picnic Initiative

Launched in collaboration with the Sligo Food Trail, the initiative includes 17 providers offering premium takeaway food experiences, supporting culinary tourism and aligning with national policy.

WC Strandhill Launch

The WC Sligo initiative has been extended to Strandhill, with participating businesses providing public access to facilities, improving visitor experience in line with the "Nice Toilet" model.

Sligo Rovers / National Surf Centre Collaboration

A joint initiative showcased the National Surf Centre as a team-building and corporate venue, with Sligo Rovers players participating in surf and facility experiences. The project highlights Sligo's adventure and corporate tourism offering.

Festival Makers Conference

Sligo hosted the Arts Council's Festival Makers Conference, welcoming over 200 organisers. The Tourism Section contributed to discussions, highlighting the Council's Festival and Events Strategy and developments such as Queen Maeve Square.



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

Chief Executive's Diary attached.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday 8th June

- 10:00am June Plenary Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall
3:30pm Meeting of Twinning Committee, Management Suite Meeting Room

Tuesday 9th June

- 9:30am Sligo Heritage Forum Meeting & Site Visit
2:00pm Biodiversity Working Group Meeting

Wednesday 10th June

- 11:30am SPC 1 Housing & Governance Meeting, Chamber, City Hall
2:30pm PEACEPLUS Partnership Meeting

Tuesday 16th June

- 11:30am Audit Committee Meeting, Members Room, County Hall

Thursday 14th May

- 7:00pm Launch of Sligo County Fleadh, Barrell House (White Hag Brewery pub), Ballymote

Thursday 18th June

- 10:00am Meeting of Twinning Committee, Members Room, County Hall

Friday 19th June

- 9:30am AGM of Sligo-Drumcliff MD, Council Chamber, County Hall

Wednesday 24th June

- 11:00am SPC 4 Placemaking Meeting, Chamber, City Hall

Thursday 25th June

- 12:00pm AGM of Sligo County Council, Council Chamber, County Hall

Monday 6th July

- 2:00pm AGM of Ballymote-Tubbercurry MD, Council Chamber, County Hall

Friday 17th July

- 10:00am AGM of Borough District of Sligo MD, Council Chamber, City Hall



LATEST NEWS



CATHAOIRLEACH'S RECEPTION HONOURS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THREE REMARKABLE WOMEN

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Dónal Gilroy hosted a special reception at County Hall on Tuesday, 26 May to honour three exceptional women whose contributions have made a lasting impact on Irish life – Caroline Currid, Sandy Kelly, and Eileen Magnier.

[View full story](#)



SLIGO BIODIVERSITY WEEK CELEBRATES NATURE AND SECURES €96,000 IN BIODIVERSITY FUNDING

National Biodiversity Week showcased Sligo's spectacular natural world, with events running from Friday 16th to Sunday 24th May drawing people of all ages, backgrounds and levels of experience from across County Sligo.

[View full story](#)



€455,518 APPROVED FOR 30 COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROJECTS ACROSS COUNTY SLIGO

Sligo County Council welcomes the announcement by the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien TD, of approved funding under the Community Climate Action Programme Fund.

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BLUE FLAG AND GREEN COAST AWARDS 2026

Sligo County Council has been notified by An Taisce of the results of its Blue Flag and Green Coast Award applications for the 2026 bathing season.

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RECRUITMENT

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CLOSING DATE:
4.30pm Thursday 4th June 2026

APPLICATIONS:
www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/

VIA EMAIL ONLY: jobs@sligococo.ie

Clerk of Works

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

Closing date for applications is
4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4th June 2026