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Management Report

**For Quarter Ending
30th June 2026**



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To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council

**Re: Chief Executive's Quarterly Management Report for
April – June 2026**

Dear Councillor

I set out hereunder Quarterly Management Report for April – June 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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LIVE INVEST VISIT



BRÍAN FLYNN

Director of Services

Live Invest Visit & Borough District of Sligo Municipal District

HOUSING

Housing Assistance Payment Programme

There are 613 active tenancies, with 13 tenancies set up in 2026.

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

There are 207 active RAS tenancies in the Council.

Acquisitions, including Part V acquisitions

Five units have been acquired by the Council in the year to date (one Tenant in Situ and four Part V units). The acquisition of a further four Part V units is progressing and will be finalised in the coming weeks. The Council is also progressing the acquisition of a further two units under the TiS scheme.

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

C.A.S. – 0 no. units (Tenant in situ) delivered / 0 unit at sale agreed.

Voids Funding Programme 2025

This Programme supports the refurbishment of void/vacant Council properties. Refurbishment works for 2026 are estimated to cost the Council circa €800,000.

The Department has allocated €363,000 for 33 properties (€11,000 per property) in the current year. Any shortfall between Council expenditure and Department funding will be met from the Councils own resources.

The total expenditure by the Council to date amounts to €564,838. A claim for €121,00 has been submitted and paid by the Department. Net expenditure is €443,838.

Private House Grants

The Grant capital allocation from the Department for 2026 is €2,728,170, with €2,318,945 funded by the Department and the balance of €409,225 being the contribution of match funding from the Council. €1,119,258 (115 grants) has been paid to applicants under this Programme in the year to date. The scheme is currently paused for new applications, with only Medical Priority 1 applications being considered. A request for additional funding was made to the Department in April. The Department has recently confirmed an additional allocation of €500,000 which will require additional match funding from the Council of €88,235.

Housing Adaptation Works/Extensions/DPG'S 2025

The Grant allocation from the Department for 2026 is €705,436 (€705,435 in 2025). This level of funding will support adaptations to some 50 units together with two extensions. The Department will recoup 90% of the spend, with the remaining 10% being funded by way of contribution from the Council's own resources. The total expenditure by the Council to 18th June 2026 amounts to €59,939.

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme 2025

The grant allocation from the Department for 2026 is €1,520,000 in respect of 40 units. The Council will provide at least €100,000 from its own resources towards the Programme.

Legacy 2025 (3 units) – snag works to be carried out by contractor. Final sign off inspections to be carried out once this complete.

- Tranche 1 (10 units) – Works are nearing completion, with snagging due to commence shortly. Some house completions have been delayed pending ESB attendance to relocate cables, which is required to facilitate completion of the external wall insulation.
- Tranche 2 & 3 (18 units) – These tranches were tendered together. The tender has been awarded, and the contractor is expected to commence works shortly.
- Tranche 4 (11 units) – Pre-inspections are to be completed, and the scope of works finalised prior to tender. The tender is scheduled to be issued at the end of July.

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 overleaf:

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	4
RAS/HAP	5	0
Voluntary Housing	18	2
TOTAL	81	6

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

Construction started 23rd March 2026, with a 12–14-month completion timeframe.

North-West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2023-2028

Work is ongoing on the implementation of the Plan, guided by the annual priorities agreed by the North West Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum.

At present, five Shared Tenancy units are operational in Sligo Town. These units are governed by licence agreements and provide furnished accommodation for single individuals registered as homeless within Council-owned properties.

Sligo County Council has a target of delivering nine Housing First tenancies in 2026 for individuals on the programme waiting list. However, sourcing or acquiring suitable one-bedroom units remains a significant challenge.

Four units in Sligo Town are operational to accommodate families requiring intensive supports, delivered under a Service Level Agreement with Focus Ireland. The priority remains to transition these families into long-term, housing solutions, thereby freeing up transitional accommodation for other households in need.

Currently, two properties provide accommodation for single individuals with low or no support needs, located in Collooney (capacity of up to 17 beds) and Sligo Town (19 beds). Additionally, two hubs providing emergency accommodation for families providing 32 and 37 beds are in operation in Sligo Town with support services including DVAS, CYPSC and HSE CDNT teams involved in its service. A number of families also remain in temporary accommodation.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People

The second meeting of 2026 took place on 28 May. Additional meetings of the sub-group, the Disability Action Team, are scheduled between quarterly sessions to support ongoing strategic implementation. To date in 2026, eleven allocations have been made to persons with disabilities.

Allocations

SCC allocates properties in accordance with its Allocations Scheme. See Table below for details of offers of tenancy in the year to date.

Offers of Tenancy	Accepted	Refused	Pending
53	44	6	3

Housing Assessment

There are 1,654 households on the housing list – see table below.

No. of households approved for Social Housing Support	1,654
No. of households availing of HAP and approved for a transfer	560
No. of Council/RAS/AHB Tenants approved for a transfer	286
No. of remaining households i.e. Net Housing Need	799

Private Rented Accommodation Standards

A target of 1,287 tenancy inspections has been set by the Department for 2026. This includes student properties.

253 no. Tenancy inspections have been carried out this year up to 1st April 2026. The Council have issued ten Improvement Notices to landlords in the same period.

Breakdown of Inspections

15 no. HAP
 44 no. RAS
 134 no. AHB
 7 no Complaints
 53 no. PRTB
253 Total

COMMUNITY

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

The list of successful applications, comprising 145 projects, was approved by the LCDC on 15 April 2026 and subsequently submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht on 21 April 2026.

As previously advised by the Department, it is anticipated that the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht will announce the successful applicants in late June 2026.

Community & Voluntary Grant Scheme 2026

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

Category	2026 Budget	Allocation
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	

Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

The Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) was officially launched by Sligo County Council and IPB Insurance on Friday, 19th June 2026. The Fund reflects a shared commitment to empowering communities to take practical action to improve their local environment.

LEAF will support Tidy Towns committees, Residents' Associations, and voluntary community groups registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN). It also encourages collaboration with schools, sports clubs, and local organisations under the theme "Communities Working Together for Climate."

The scheme has been advertised for the submission of applications. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 15th July, 2026.

[Local Environmental Action Fund \(LEAF\) Applications](#)



Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2023-2027

- 56 no. LEADER Projects have been approved by the LCDC / LAG to the value of €2,284,978.76
- LEADER claims approved in respect of 20 no. projects, in the amount of €854,528.31.
- Monthly return payments in the amount of €463,963.23 for the 2327 LEADER Programme have been received.



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

- 2026 overall programme budget - €991,752.00.
 - General SICAP budget is €782,453.00
 - Allocation for New Arrivals is €209,299.00.

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

Key Performance Indicators

Annual Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	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	



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

Capital Projects

Tendering for the four capital projects is nearing completion. The remaining outstanding elements are:

- Retractable Seating – Dromore West Digiversal: Procurement of seating is still to be finalised.
- PAZMAS Armada Trail Signage: A Request for Quotations (RFQ) has been issued, and submission deadline was 25 June 2026.

Project Partner Projects

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

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

Programmes

Of the nine remaining projects:

- Seven projects have been fully contracted.
- One project remains at procurement stage.
- The final contract has now issued, and it is anticipated that it will be signed and returned within the next two weeks.



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

Sligo Age Friendly Programme

Sligo County Council's Age Friendly Programme undertook a walkability audit of Markievicz Park on 17 April 2026. Conducted in collaboration with Sligo GAA, the audit examines the visitor experience of the stadium across a wide range of abilities.

The Sligo Age Friendly Alliance met on 22 April 2026.

- Declan Gaffney, National Technical Programme Manager for Age Friendly Ireland, delivered a presentation on *Age Friendly Housing Rightsizing – National Best Practice*.
- A second presentation was delivered by Transition Year students, Hannah Milanzie and Izabella Lehany McGoldrick from St Mary's College, Ballysadare. Their project, Farmlink 65+, proposes a pilot programme to support farmers aged 65 and over in adapting to the increasing digitalisation of farming and Department of Agriculture services.

The Age Friendly National Older People's Council Convention took place in Athlone on 7–8 May 2026, attended by Sligo Executive Committee member Phillip Maree, under the theme "*Thriving Together*".

An Age Friendly Open Day was held at Sligo Library on 21 May 2026 as part of the Bealtaine Festival. Library services were showcased, alongside one-to-one support for the BorrowBox app, providing free access to eBooks, audiobooks, eNewspapers, and magazines.

An Age Friendly training and networking day took place at Monaghan Peace Campus on 26 May 2026, attended by the Acting Programme Manager and the Chair of the Older People's Council.

Disability Consultative Committee

The Disability Consultative Committee met on 30 April 2026, during which a number of presentations were delivered:

- Sligo Sports and Recreation presented on their *Sports Inclusion Disability Project*.
- Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) provided an overview of the *ILMI/HSE Taskforce Drug Report* launch.

At this meeting, the Committee also established a Steering Group to support key elements of the Sligo Unlimited – Inclusion & Social Impact Framework project.

The Steering Group held its inaugural meeting on 15 June 2026, during which a Terms of Reference was agreed. Its purpose is to:

- Provide strategic guidance and informed advice to Sligo County Council
- Support the appointed consultant
- Guide the external-facing and consultative aspects of the Sligo Unlimited project

Interdepartmental Team

The Sligo County Council Interdepartmental Team met on 9 April 2026, bringing together staff from across all departments to:

- Collaborate on actions arising from the Disability, Inclusion and Access Strategy
- Progress initiatives that span multiple service areas

Healthy Sligo

Funding for Healthy Ireland Round 4 to support the Healthy Sligo 2026 programme extension is currently pending final confirmation from the Department.



In the interim, work is continuing across:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Strategic planning
- Programme development

This includes detailed collaboration with a wide range of service providers and partners to co-develop and refine 2026 Service Level Agreements (SLAs), ensuring alignment with overarching health and wellbeing objectives while maintaining a strong focus on local programme outcomes.

Projects will commence once funding confirmation is received from Pobal, with this confirmation now considered imminent.

Programme Planning & Development for 2026

Programmes for 2026 have been agreed with the LCDC and align with Healthy Sligo's strategic priorities of improving physical activity, mental health, and overall community wellbeing. The agreed programmes are as follows:

- Stronger for Longer
- Activator Poles Programme
- FunFit Programme
- Junior Parkrun Expansion
- Family Resource Centres
- Aremoja Women's Group
- Down Syndrome Sligo
- Cornerstone Partnership
- Sligo Traveller Support Group
- Youth Brief Intervention Service – Ballymote FRC
- Play Therapy
- Year in Nature Programme – Caltragh
- Rural Community Reconnection

Sligo Public Participation Network (PPN)



There are now eighteen episodes of the PPN Podcast available. The series showcases the work of member groups and highlights what they value about the community sector in Sligo. The latest episode features Sligo Rovers, with a particular focus on their work in promoting community inclusion. All episodes are available at: <https://www.sligoppn.com/podcast/>

On 18 May 2026, Sligo PPN hosted its Community Expo and Research Launch Event in partnership with Atlantic Technological University (ATU). The event included over 30 exhibitors representing communities across the county. Dr. Orla Flynn, President of ATU, officially launched the research document and reaffirmed ATU's commitment to strengthening its partnership with Sligo PPN, including dedicating resources to progressing the research into action. The event also provided an opportunity for community engagement through participation in the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) survey.

Sligo PPN is the main supporter of Street Feast, with numerous events held across the county over the weekend of 23–24 May 2026. A full national report is expected in the coming weeks.

Work is ongoing on the development of the Sligo PPN Strategic Plan 2026–2029, which will set out key priorities, commitments, and actions for the coming years.

Sligo PPN is currently collaborating with the Irish Environmental Network (IEN) to host a national information workshop on data centres in Ireland, exploring policy considerations as well as environmental and energy impacts.

Sligo PPN has also supported ATU in submitting a funding application to develop an initiative examining the role of disinformation in influencing community acceptance of renewable energy projects.

Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)



Sligo LCSP has submitted a funding application on behalf of Sligo BID for a two-year Public Spaces Coordinator pilot project, proposed across three locations. A decision on this application is expected in Q3 2026.

Work is currently underway on a safety mapping exercise to identify and document existing community safety plans across the county. This process will play an important role in informing the development of a comprehensive Community Safety Plan for Sligo, which is being progressed by the LCSP.

Engagement at national level continues, with representatives attending an in-person meeting with the National Office for Community Safety (NOCS) in Athlone on 27 May 2026. The event, themed "*Making the Mandate Meaningful*", brought together Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators from LCSPs nationwide. It provided a valuable opportunity to share experiences, receive updates from NOCS, engage with presentations from the Data and Analytics team, and participate in open discussions on the practical implementation of the LCSP mandate.

At its meeting on 28 May 2026, the LCSP agreed to establish a dedicated Community Safety Plan Subgroup. This group will guide and support the preparation of a three-year Community Safety Plan for Sligo, ensuring a structured and informed approach to its development.

It is intended that a public consultation process will begin in early July 2026. This will commence with the launch of a Community Safety Survey, which will be made available on the LCSP website and promoted through social media channels. The survey will remain open for a period of approximately six to eight weeks, providing an opportunity for the public to contribute their views and inform the final plan

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

LAIT hosted 34 clinics with 241 individuals.



Garda Clinic's

As part of ongoing engagement with residents in IPAS accommodation settings, two Garda information clinics were delivered in May 2026. These sessions focused on strengthening relationships between An Garda Síochána and residents, while promoting community safety and increasing awareness of the Garda role beyond law enforcement. Community Gardaí provided clear and consistent messaging on community engagement, crime prevention and available support services.

Africa Day

Africa Day 2026 was celebrated at The Model on 24 May with a vibrant and well-attended event showcasing African culture. The programme included a cultural artefacts exhibition, family-friendly creative workshops, and an Afro song and dance session. A highlight of the event was an African food experience delivered through Sligo Global Kitchen, followed by a traditional Igbo wedding interpretation. The celebrations concluded with a choral performance, providing a fitting close to the day.

Summer Camps

LAIT is working in collaboration with Sligo Family Resource Centre to coordinate a summer camp programme for refugee children. This initiative will support 60 children in participating in a range of local community camps, including Sligo Rovers Soccer, arts and crafts activities in the library, FitKids Gymnastics, and multisport programmes at Sligo Regional Sports Complex.

Refugee Week

As part of Refugee Week (15–21 June 2026), a Food and Gathering event was held at Funke Restaurant, bringing together women from diverse cultural backgrounds in a welcoming and inclusive setting. The event focused on storytelling, connection and shared experiences, with participants reflecting on themes of home, family, tradition, belonging and courage.

Refugee Week also included a Family Fun Day at The Showgrounds, delivered in partnership with Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership, Sligo Rovers, the Sligo Volunteer Centre and LAIT. This community-based event provided an inclusive environment for families and children, centred on the theme of courage. A wide range of activities—including football drills, archery, play equipment, face painting and creative workshops—helped to foster participation, social connection and enjoyment.

ENTERPRISE

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)



Financial Supports

€219,122 was approved in Feasibility, Priming and Business Expansion Grants at a LEO Evaluation and Approvals Committee meeting on the 22nd June.

- Energy Efficiency Grants €58,612
- Grow Digital Voucher €18,960.

Productivity Supports

€52,236 was allocated in productivity supports which included Digital for Business, Green for Business and Lean for Business supports.

- Digital for Business €8,610
- Green for Business €19,926
- Lean for Business €23,700

Training

A total of 165 participants took part in training programmes delivered by the LEO. These included Start Your Own Business programmes, Sligo County Childcare Financial sessions, Sligo Women in Business networking, and management development initiatives such as *The AI Advantage* and *SAGE 50 Improvers*.

Mentoring

A total of 57 participants engaged in mentoring supports provided by the LEO. These covered areas such as tax clinics, social media clinics, and business website review clinics, in addition to general advisory sessions. The LEO also delivered on-site business advisory clinics, including a visit by a Business Advisor to SocoLabs on 23rd June. Clinics are being planned for South Sligo in July.

Sligo Women in Business Programme

The SWIBN April networking meeting took place at the Yeats Building on 28 April 2026, with an attendance of 36 members. The session focused on *"Wisdom – Life Lessons from Business"* and featured presentations from SWIBN members Odilon Hunt of AVA Systems and Eileen Forrestal of Get Up and Go Publications Ltd. The event also included a short business spotlight delivered by Marketing with Mamta, focusing on digital marketing.



The May networking meeting was held on 26 May 2026 in collaboration with Europe Direct at Sligo Libraries and was attended by 42 members. This session featured a practical workshop on effective pricing, providing attendees with valuable insights into pricing strategies and business sustainability.

The June meeting, titled “*How AI Can Become Your Smartest Business Assistant*,” focused on the practical application of artificial intelligence in business. The session explored how AI tools can support efficiency, productivity, and innovation across a range of business activities.

National Enterprise Awards

Sligo was well represented at the National Enterprise Awards, with ENGD OC BIM Specialists receiving the prestigious *Outstanding Achievement Award*. The company, which previously represented LEO Sligo at the Awards in 2008, was recognised as an exemplary business that has successfully progressed from Local Enterprise Office support to scaling internationally with the assistance of Enterprise Ireland.

Sligo was also represented at the Awards Final by Gerry McGowan of GerTEK Project Management & Technical Services Ltd.



Student Enterprise

The Student Enterprise Programme National Final took place at the Mullingar Park Hotel on 7 June, with three schools representing Sligo across the competition categories.

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

Plug into the West

The Western Development Commissions first ‘Plug into the West’ event took place at the [London Irish Centre](#) in Camden in May. Participants included Sligo and Mayo Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland, (Regional); Innovation centres and businesses. The event showcased the innovation, ambition and momentum happening across the West and North West of Ireland to London-based professionals, businesses, and founders.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AIM Centre

During Q2, the AIM Centre expanded its national footprint with the opening of its first external base in Galway, strengthening engagement with medtech and life sciences companies while retaining its headquarters in Sligo and operating as Ireland's National AI Studio for Manufacturing.

On 3rd June, AIM Centre received approval as Lead Partner on RE:FLEX, a new €1.23 million Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) project that will help SMEs across Ireland, Finland, Sweden and Iceland reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions through smarter electricity use.

Arctic Edge Project

The fourth Arctic Edge Partner Meeting took place in Reykjavik in May. The project has now entered Period 4, focusing on finalisation of pilot projects with two North West SMEs and recruitment for a mentoring programme. Engagements with Icelandic manufacturing companies supported knowledge exchange on supply chain challenges in peripheral regions.



Atlantic Economic Corridor

AEC Officers met twice in Q2. Matters explored included regional innovation and EU presidency priorities, and the recently published WDC Diaspora Research – summary, full report and webinar [here](#). Engagement with the Western Development Commission commenced on a Creative Mapping project aimed at strengthening the economic potential of the creative industries across the region. This collaborative work remains ongoing with publication anticipated later in 2026.

Connexus Project – PEACEPLUS

The Connexus project formally commenced on 1 April 2026, and the first contract for Facilitation and Development was issued on 12th June after an eTenders process. The first meeting of the participating Hubs representatives took place on 18th June with lively engagement of members from Sligo, Leitrim and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council areas.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

In April, nine projects were approved under the Night Time Economy (NTE) Pilot Activity Grant Call, with delivery taking place between April and September, focusing on Sunday to Thursday evening activation.

A key highlight was the “Good Evening & Good Night Sligo” initiative, delivered in May. The programme featured 48 events across 45 businesses, contributing to a vibrant and diverse evening economy offering. Despite some adverse weather conditions, the initiative achieved strong levels of engagement, with both participating businesses and attendees expressing a clear willingness to engage in similar initiatives in the future.

The One@One Late Night Bus Pilot, launched in April, has also received positive feedback during its initial rollout. Demand was particularly strong for Sunday night services, where uptake was notably high. The inclusion of on-board security was identified as a critical success factor, enhancing passenger confidence and contributing to the overall quality of the service. A second phase of the pilot was successfully delivered over the June Bank Holiday weekend.

TOURISM

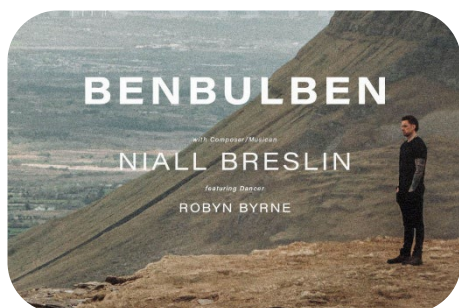
Cross Departmental Planning for Arrival of *El Galeón Andalucía*

Ongoing collaboration between the Tourism Section, Roads Section, and the Sligo Harbour team continues in preparation for the arrival of the Spanish Armada replica ship, *El Galeón Andalucía*.

Extensive engagement has also taken place with the Remembering the Armada Festival Committee to ensure that the visit aligns with and enhances the festival's commemorative objectives. It is anticipated that the vessel will be positioned off Streedagh Strand prior to its arrival into Sligo, facilitating commemorative events marking the sinking of three Armada ships off the Sligo coast in 1588.



Premiere of “Be The Mountain” – A Short Film by Niall Breslin



The Tourism Section collaborated with musician and wellbeing advocate Niall ‘Bressie’ Breslin on the production of a short film centred on Benbulbin.

The premiere took place at the Art Deco Theatre in Ballymote, attracting a full audience, and was followed by an engaging Q&A session with Bressie, during which he discussed the inspiration behind the project.

Since its release on YouTube, the film has received strong media coverage and very positive audience reception.

Milan Sales Mission

Sligo was represented on a targeted sales mission to Milan, in collaboration with Ireland West Airport Knock, neighbouring counties, and Tourism Ireland.

Tourism and industry representatives, including those from the food, wellness, and activity sectors, engaged directly with travel agents and media in the Italian market. The initiative aimed to promote the Ryanair service from Milan Bergamo to the west of Ireland, positioning Sligo as a key destination offering distinctive visitor experiences.

Festival Makers Conference in Sligo

Sligo hosted the Arts Council of Ireland's Festival Makers Conference, welcoming over 200 festival organisers and managers from across the island.

The conference provided an important platform for knowledge sharing and sectoral exchange. The Tourism Section contributed to panel discussions, highlighting Sligo County Council's Festival and Events Strategy (2025), along with key place-making developments such as Queen Maeve Square.



Carrowmore Visitor Centre Reopens

April marked the reopening of the newly refurbished Carrowmore Visitor Centre, a key OPW heritage site central to Sligo's Neolithic tourism offering.

The redevelopment represents an investment of approximately €1.5 million, supported by the OPW, Fáilte Ireland, and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The upgraded facility was officially opened by Minister Boxer Moran and Minister Christopher O'Sullivan, and now offers enhanced interpretation, improved visitor amenities, upgraded toilet facilities, an all-weather shelter, and improved internal and external layouts to optimise visitor flow and overall experience.

New WC Strandhill Initiative

The WC Sligo initiative has been successfully extended to Strandhill, with six local businesses now participating in the scheme.

This initiative improves the overall visitor experience by providing access to restroom facilities within participating businesses. Inspired by the European "Nice Toilet" model, the scheme encourages businesses to make facilities accessible as part of a broader effort to enhance hospitality and visitor friendliness. Strandhill's participation places it within a growing network of destinations prioritising accessibility, comfort, and positive visitor engagement.

Facilitation of Fáilte Ireland Support for Food Tourism

Fáilte Ireland has introduced a targeted support initiative for food and culinary tourism, aligned with the National Tourism Policy Statement.

Engagement has taken place with the Taste of Sligo Food Festival to leverage this support in developing a clear unique selling proposition (USP) for the festival. This includes funding for developmental and enabling work designed to support the festival's growth, positioning, and long-term sustainability.

Sligo Picnic

Collaboration with the Sligo Food Trail has supported the rollout of the Sligo Picnic initiative, an innovative concept designed to enhance the visitor experience.

Participating businesses now offer premium picnic options using bespoke branded packaging that is both biodegradable and reusable. The initiative allows visitors to enjoy high-quality local food in a variety of outdoor settings, including hikes, beaches, golf courses, and scenic locations throughout the county.

CULTURE

LIBRARY SERVICE

Spring Into Storytime 2026

Sligo Libraries delivered a *Spring into Storytime* initiative, in collaboration with Libraries Development, LGMA, offering a diverse programme of events designed to promote reading, creativity, and literacy development.

As part of the initiative, authors Kevin Moran, Meg Grehan, and Úna Woods facilitated engaging sessions with primary and secondary school students across the network of library branches.



The Word – April 2026

The April edition of *The Word* featured award-winning writer Garrett Carr, author of *The Boy from the Sea*, a Sunday Times Best Book of the Year 2025 and An Post Novel of the Year Award 2025 shortlist title. Carr was in conversation with Alice Lyons, with musical accompaniment by Mark McGovern.



My Little Library Book Bags Initiative Launched



Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Fergal Nealon has launched the My Little Library Book Bag initiative for children starting school in 2026, joined by Inspiring Minds Preschool.

Sligo Libraries invite families with children starting primary school in September 2026 to visit their local branch and collect a free book bag, supporting a positive start to school and a love of reading.

Bealtaine Festival

Throughout May, Sligo County Libraries participated in the national Bealtaine Festival, celebrating creativity and lifelong learning in older age with a varied programme of events. Highlights included Five Ways to a Healthier You with Dr Ailís Brosnan, How Media Works with Aoife Barry, Exploring Ireland's Bats with Mary Roberts of Bat Conservation Ireland, a Sligo Central Library Open Day and Help Session, and The Hits and Misses of Aspiring Authors Over 60 with Tom Sigafos and Dr Chris Sparks.



The programme also featured Digital Skills Workshops in collaboration with MSLETB

Biodiversity Week

During National Biodiversity Week, Sligo Central Library hosted Mary Roberts from Bat Conservation Ireland for an engaging and educational workshop for primary schools, with a second event for adults offered insights into Ireland's bat populations and conservation efforts.

In addition, Sinéad O'Hanlon delivered a series of upcycling workshops encouraging creativity and sustainability within local communities.

Poetry Day Ireland

As part of Poetry Day Ireland and the Bealtaine Festival, poet Terry McDonagh facilitated a series of events, including children's poetry workshops encouraging creativity, language development, and self-expression. and adult Poetry Sharing Events, celebrating poetry, storytelling, and the enjoyment of coming together through shared reading experiences.



Active Citizenship Voter Education Programme

Sligo Community Training College trainees took part in a one-day workshop with Sligo Central Library staff, exploring democracy and key issues such as housing, education, and employment. The session helped build awareness and confidence in voting, with all participants receiving a certificate of completion.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

Sligo County Libraries participated in Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 on 6th June, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people. Library branches across the county welcomed thousands of children and young people throughout the day.

Preparations commenced in April, with a series of “Cruinniú Saturdays” held in the lead-up to the main event. These included MakerMeet STEM sessions, digital art workshops with Wayne O’Connor, and creative workshops with Lisa Cannon, where participants explored beaded jewellery making and carnival mask design.

The initiative encouraged young people to engage with literature, arts, and cultural activities, while strengthening their connection with their local library service.

In Enniscrone Branch Library, Cruinniú na nÓg featured a range of structured creative activities, including art and craft workshops delivered by the Creator Van. A highlight of the day was a Hullabaloo pottery session in the Courthouse, where participants designed and decorated their own mugs.



Right to Read – Summer Stars 2026



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Dónal Gilroy launched Summer Stars 2026 with St. John’s NS, along with Maï Traoré and Shane Crossan of Sligo Rovers.

To mark the FIFA World Cup 2026, Sligo Libraries introduced the World Cup of Books, encouraging children to read from the Ultimate Football Heroes series and vote for their favourite.

Staff promoted the programme through school visits in May and June, reaching over 40 primary schools across the county. The summer events programme commenced in late June with Siarscéal Young Adult Creative Writing Workshops facilitated by Sarah O’Keeffe.

Summer Stars runs nationally from June to August, encouraging children to enjoy reading throughout the summer.

Adult Learning and Community Events

- Memories in a Box workshops in partnership with MSLETB
- Healthy Ireland at Your Library initiatives; an ADHD workshop for adults during National Carers Week, Chair Yoga sessions, and a Men’s Health Week event in collaboration with MABS and Skills for Life.
- Refugee Week Open Day
- Active Citizenship Voter Education initiative with Sligo Community Training Centre and Europe Direct
- Driver Theory Training sessions in partnership with Sligo Community Training Centre

- Baby Week storytime in partnership with Tubbercurry Family Resource Centre
- Fostering information sessions with Tusla
- Adult Guidance drop-in information sessions with MSLETB
- Digital Skills Workshops delivered in collaboration with the Sligo Leader Partnership.



Memories in a Box series of workshops, Senior Library Assistant Jen Emery Sligo Library in collaboration with Joan Moffitt, Adult Literacy and Family Learning coordinator with MSLETB

Groups and Community Activities

- Sligo Central Library hosted Down Syndrome Library Club, Kitchen Crafts Craft Group, bi-weekly Ciorcal Comhrá sessions, Women's Shed Creative Writing Group, Sligo Library Book Club, and St. Michael's Book Club.
- Tubbercurry Community Library hosted Book Club meetings, Crafter's Groups, The Down Syndrome Library Club, Creative Writing Groups, Saturday Storytimes, visits to Baileys Nursing Home and Ciorcal Comhrá.
- Ballymote Community Library hosted Book Club meetings, Saturday Stitchers gatherings, Parent & Toddler group, Documentary Club and Ciorcal Comhrá.
- Enniscrone Branch Library hosted Book Club meetings.

Sense-Ability Services

385 people used the Sensory Room in Ballymote Community Library in Q2.

School Visits in Q2

Sligo Central Library hosted 27 school and playschool class visits.

Ballymote Community Library hosted 38 school and playschool class visits.

Tubbercurry Community Library hosted 40 school and playschool class visits.

Enniscrone Branch Library hosted 8 school class visits.

Library Branch Footfall in Q2

25,967 children and adults visited Sligo Central Library in Q2.

10,306 visited Ballymote Community Library.

7,949 visited Tubbercurry Community Library.

1,117 visited Enniscrone Branch Library.

45,339 was the total footfall across all branches.

1,670 logins for the My Open Library service in Tubbercurry Community Library during Q2.

SLIGO ARTS SERVICE

Q2 2026 was a productive period for Sligo Arts Service, with significant progress made across public art, strategic planning, arts programming and artist supports. Key developments included community consultations for new public art commissions, commencement of the new County Arts Plan process, the launch of the new [Sligo Arts website](#), and preparations for Sligo's EU Cultural Presidency Programme.



Public Art

Community consultations were held in Dromore West, Easkey, Collooney and Castlebaldwin as part of a "*Be Part of the Conversation*" initiative for two new public art commissions. An online survey was also launched to gather wider community input. Feedback will inform artist briefs, with appointments expected later in 2026 and project delivery commencing in early 2027.

New Arts Plan

Work has commenced on the development of a new County Arts Plan. Following the appointment of an Arts Consultant, a public survey has now been launched as part of the "*Be Part of the Conversation*" initiative and this will be followed by a series of public and stakeholder consultations over the coming months, delivered both in-person and online.

New Website

The new Sligo Arts website was launched during the quarter, providing a central resource for artists, arts organisations and the public. The site includes information on funding opportunities, arts programming, public art, artist supports and arts news, together with a new mailing list service.

Arts Programming

The reimagined Bealtaine Festival 2026 delivered a broader multi-disciplinary programme, including new opportunities for older artists through a residency scheme and CPD event. Sligo Orpheus Choir was invited to lead the Bealtaine Dawn Chorus for 2026, marking Sligo's participation for the first time in this national event.

The Folk/Lure Arts + Health residencies continued in Collooney and Easkey, engaging up to 30 participants weekly. The new Arts in Education programmes also progressed through The Wonder Programme residencies in two local early years settings and two Smart Arts events for primary school students at The Model and the Hawk's Well Theatre.

The Culture Night 2026 funding scheme has attracted 38 applications, with assessments currently underway.

Artist Supports

Eight artists received awards under the second round of the Live/Work/Play Bursary Scheme, with the third round of bursaries currently being assessed. Five applications were received for the INCU/SPACE Award and the new CPD Programme commenced with strong participation across its first three sessions. Micro-bursaries were also provided to support artist attendance at sectoral conferences and events.

EU Presidency Programme 2026

Preparations are well advanced for Sligo's EU Cultural Presidency Programme, commencing in July. The programme will feature twelve multi-disciplinary events delivered in partnership with the local arts and cultural sector. It will also include the presentation of the World Press Photo exhibition by Sligo County Council in Queen Maeve Square during August and September.

CLIMATE & INFRASTRUCTURE



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ROADS OPERATIONS

NON-NATIONAL SCHEMES ACTIVE TRAVEL

Footpath Schemes

Planning and Design work continues for improved pedestrian and cycle schemes under the funding stream of active travel. The National Transport Authority have allocated €3.5m for 2026. Works are progressing at several locations throughout the county including the following:

Ballygawley to Castledargan

The scheme is currently at Phase 4 Statutory Processes. The NTA has requested a Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA). Our consultant, EGIS, is currently preparing a fee proposal and programme to complete this work, which will be submitted to the NTA for approval upon completion. Moving forward with this scheme is entirely dependent on the NTA's approval of the CBA.

The estimated timeline for the project is as follows:

- CBA Completion & Approval: 3 months
- Phase 4 Statutory Process – Part 8: 4 months
- Phase 5 Detailed Design and Procurement: 5 months
- Phase 6 Construction and Implementation: 9 months
- Based on the schedule above, construction works are estimated to begin on-site in July 2027, with overall project completion by March 2028.

Carrarow to Cuilbeg (GAA Pitch)

The scheme is currently at Phase 5 Detailed Design and Procurement, with EGIS serving as the consultant. The remaining timeline for the project is as follows:

- Phase 5 Detailed Design and Procurement: 5 months
- Phase 6 Construction and Implementation: 8 months

Based on this programme, works are estimated to begin on-site in November 2026, with construction wrapping up by July 2027.

Clarion Road

Preliminary design ongoing.

Coolaney to Rockfield

Preferred contractor identified. It is anticipated that construction works will commence in Q3 of 2026.

Top Road Rosses Point

Awaiting photomontages before meeting with community.

Low cost junction works

Preliminary designs ongoing.

Cycle Path Schemes

Cleveragh Drive – The remaining timeline is as follows:

- Phase 5 Detailed Design and Procurement: 4.5 months
- Phase 6 Construction and Implementation: 9 months

Works are estimated to begin on-site in October 2026, with construction completed by July 2027.

- **Strandhill** – Documents for the statutory process are being compiled.
- **Caltragh / Newtown Holmes** – NTA have given direction to complete the scheme on a phased basis. Detailed designs and discussions are ongoing with the NTA.
- **First Sea Road** – Preliminary design on going. Detailed examination of the junction with Strandhill road on going.

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 Q2 2026
- **St Johns N.S., Temple Street, Sligo** – Section 38 process shall commence in Q2 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

Scheme is split into two phases Phase 1 Carraroe to Burton Street 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 Q2 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 2026 programme includes works at approximately 250 locations across the county. The programme includes the following works:

Programme	Description	2026 allocation €	Progress
Restoration Maintenance & Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	Surface Restoration	2,245,500	69 no schemes totalling 109km. 45% complete.
Restoration Improvement	Road Strengthening	9,882,500	75 no schemes totalling 61.9km. 40% complete.
Discretionary Grant	Maintenance & Improvement	2,362,500	15% complete.
Climate Adaptation Grants	Road improvement Works to mitigate the impact of Climate Change	463,000	9 schemes county wide - 5% complete.
Drainage Grants	Improvement of road drainage systems in response to severe weather events	516,000	5% complete.
Community Involvement Schemes	Improvement works on mostly Class 3 Roads, part funded by community	512,475	Not Started.
Local Improvement Schemes	Improvement works on non-public roads serving public amenities and/or agriculture.	501,740	Not Started.
Clár Schemes	Investment programme which provides funding for small-scale – infrastructural projects in rural areas	502,599	9 projects – not started.

Eastern Garvoge Bridge and Approach Roads

- The initial step in the procurement process has been initiated. The Prequalification questionnaire (PQQ) stage has been completed, and the preferred contractors have been identified.
- Detailed design is complete.
- Procurement package for the preferred contractors has been completed.

- Procurement package for the works has been issued to the office of the Minister of Transport for approval
- Review and discussions ongoing with the Department of Transport
- Construction Stage planned to start in Q4 2026
- The closeout of Landowner Agreements and Accommodation Works is progressing.

MCR to Burton Street Link Road

- Construction work is substantially completed
- Expected completion envisaged late July 2026.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Community Climate Action Fund

DCEE / Pobal have approved €29.5 million for successful Community Climate Projects nationally. €455,518.00 will be awarded to 30 groups in Sligo under Strand 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme. Letters of Offer and Grant Funding Agreements have issued to all successful Sligo groups.

SEAI Pathfinder 1.0 and 2.0

Pathfinder 1.0: Joseph McMenamin & Sons have been appointed, with the contractor commencing in May 2026 for retrofit works to County Hall and Sligo Fire Station with significant disruption anticipated until Q1 2027.

Pathfinder 2.0 and GEMINI project: An Investment Grade Audit has been completed for the energy retrofit of Sligo Regional Sports Centre with the next steps including a Thermal Response Test for the Geothermal System and the commencement of a Pre Qualification Questionnaire for a Design Build Operate Maintain with Energy Performance Guarantees framework.

Decarbonisation Zone

Sligo County Council continues to participate in the Interreg Europe funded SMARTFORM project aiming to support the engagement of community stakeholders on Climate Action.

Sligo County Council also continues to participate in the European Urban Initiative funded NaturW project with the aim of developing and implementing Nature-based Solutions

The EnergyCloud initiative continues with over 40 no. tenants benefitting from an installed Climeite device allowing them to avail of free electricity for their immersion (free hot water) during times of excess renewable electricity generation on the grid.

ISO 50001 Energy Management System

Sligo County Council won the Energy Management Award at the recent Ulster & Connacht Optimising Power @ Work Awards. The award recognises leadership in going beyond internal energy savings to inspire wider change. Judges praised the Council's success in scaling energy initiatives across multiple sites, strong staff engagement, and community actions like the Retrofit Ready roadshow.

Sustainable Energy Communities

Sligo County Council continues to support the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities programme via the Atlantic Technology University (ATU Contract Research Unit) and the SEAI Energy Master Plan MOU whereby bridge financing is provided to complete Local Energy Master Plans.

Support also continues for the Sligo Leitrim Energy Agency towards the objective of increasing the level of retrofit activity across Sligo and Leitrim.

PARKS

Cleveragh Regional Park

Following the completion of detailed design and the preparation of tender documentation, tenders for the Learn to Cycle project at Cleveragh were issued, with submissions closing in February 2026. Subject to contractor appointment, availability, and compliance with budget requirements, it is anticipated that construction will commence on site in Q2 2026 and be completed by Q3 2026.

In March 2026, in collaboration with the Climate Action Coordinator, a funding application was submitted seeking €250,000 under the NWRA DZ Scheme for the Cleveragh Regional Park – Biodiversity and Nature Restoration Project.

In mid-February 2026, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) announced a National Development Plan-funded pilot initiative to support the development of nature-based play projects, with two €100,000 pilot projects to be funded nationally. In preparation for a potential Sligo County Council application, work has begun on developing a detailed concept for a nature-based playground as part of the Cleveragh Regional Park play facilities. To inform the proposal, a series of children's consultations are currently underway. Sligo County Council submitted an application for the Nature-Based Space at Cleveragh Regional Park prior to the closing date of 27 March.

Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Funding

Contractors have been appointed to deliver swim shelter infrastructure at Mullaghmore and Dunmorán using funding allocations allocated to Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership from Sports Ireland

Delayed availability of shelters from suppliers has resulted in installation delay – current projected availability of units from supplier is late July 2026

It is intended, subject to beach shelter availability, that works will progress in Q3 2026.

Finisklin Park

In May 2026, following extensive engagement with the FAI and FIFA regarding the Council's expression of interest, Finisklin Park was selected as one of two pilot locations in Ireland for the installation of a FIFA-sponsored Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). Subsequently, the Council signed an agreement for the delivery of a new 40m x 20m synthetic football pitch at the site.

The tender process has been completed, and subject to funding approval, it is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in July 2026. The Council will be responsible for all enabling works, including drainage, foundations, groundworks, and kerbing. A FIFA-appointed contractor will thereafter undertake installation of the synthetic pitch and associated infrastructure.

The Council continues to explore landscaping and funding opportunities to support its commitment to developing a diverse range of recreational amenities at Finisklin Park, with the aim of establishing the park as a high-quality community asset for Sligo.

On 12 June 2026, in collaboration with the Council's Climate Action and Biodiversity Officers, the Parks Section secured a €100,000 grant to deliver nature-based solutions at the park. Planned interventions include:

- Implementation of a perennial planting scheme
- Installation of native hedging
- Development of sustainable footpaths
- Measures to improve water management and drainage outcomes

It is expected works on the project will commence in Q3 2026.

WATER QUALITY

RMCEI Plan

Implementation of the RMCEI Plan for 2026 was ongoing during the second quarter of 2026. NEMIS returns for the first quarter of 2026 were submitted as required. The Environment Section continues to liaise with the I.T. Section regarding the development and implementation of a new CRM system. This will facilitate better recording of inspection information for compilation of NEMIS and EPA returns as part of the RMCEI process.

Drinking Water

Implementation of the drinking water monitoring programme for public water supplies (PWS), group water supplies (GWS), and small private supplies (SPS) progressed in Q2 2026. The monitoring programme for 2026 has been contracted out to Southern Scientific. Efforts are ongoing to identify additional premises/small private supplies that come under the remit of national drinking water regulations. Two staff attended EPA drinking water workshop in Portlaoise on 15 April. A meeting was held with the HSE on 17 April to discuss private water supplies, the annual monitoring programme and non-compliance notification procedures.

Surface Water Monitoring

Implementation of the annual river and lake monitoring programme is 100% compliant for Q1 and Q2 2026. There is a significant increase in the lake programme for 2026 with lakes in the programme now being monitored 12 times during 2026. Sampling requirements will reduce to previous levels again in 2027.

Agriculture

The target number of inspections under the NAIP for 2026 remains the same as 2025 (79 inspections). Q1 returns under the NAIP were submitted to the EPA as required in April 2026, and compilation of the Q2 returns is ongoing with returns to be submitted to the EPA by the end of July 2026.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems

The inspection programme under the EPA NIP commenced in Q1 2026. Six inspections have been recorded to date under the NIP. Two High Status Objective Catchment Area inspections have been carried out, and Environment have dealt with 32 queries relating to domestic wastewater treatment grant schemes to date in 2026.

Developer Provided Infrastructure

During Q2 2026 routine inspections were carried out on a weekly basis at Ríocht na Sí Wastewater Treatment Plant and at Aylesbury Park wastewater pumping station. Both are operating effectively at the present time. Repairs have also been carried out at the wastewater treatment plant serving Dromroe Housing Estate, Castlebaldwin, and the plant is now operational.

RBMP/LAWPRO Engagement

From 2026, local authorities are required to prepare an annual report highlighting what actions are being carried out to implement the National Water Action Plan 2024 under the Water Framework Directive. A template document has been provided to local authorities which must be submitted to LAWPRO at the earliest opportunity. Two staff attended a public meeting with LAWPRO in Tubbercurry on 29 April relating to the proposed survey works that will be carried out in the Owenmore River Catchment during 2026. Sligo County Council facilitated the most recent quarterly Border Regional Operational Committee meeting which was held in the Council Chamber on 3 June.

Bathing Water Programme 2026

The 2026 bathing water monitoring programme commenced on 25 May 2026. Monitoring will be carried out at the Council's five designated bathing water locations, with additional sampling undertaken at Dorin's Strand, Strandhill Beach, and Gibraltar Point.

Following a quotation process, the 2026 monitoring programme has been contracted to a private laboratory.

All samples collected to date in 2026 have been fully compliant with the requirements of national bathing water regulations.

Waste Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers are concentrating on implementing the RMCEI plan and dealing with complaints being received by the Section. During Q2 Staff held a meeting with the EPA relating to RMCEI figures and National Enforcement Priorities progress report for 2025. Staff continue to attend quarterly WERLA meetings. Waste Enforcement officers scheduled to attend training on Waste Collection Permits. Staff are managing to inspect all the Article 27 notifications being received in 2026. C&D waste may place additional demands on the RMCEI Plan for 2026 taking into consideration there is no C&D waste facility currently within the County.

Strandhill Coastal Erosion Project

This project is due to be lodged for Part 8 planning at the beginning of July 2026.

PLACEMAKING



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SLIGO REGIONAL DESIGN OFFICE

N16 Lugatober (Drumkilsellagh to Lugnagall) Project

The N16 Lugatober scheme, including its active travel facilities, is now open to the public. All Works identified by the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit, including signage, lining, fencing and tactile paving were completed. Some snagging items for the Main Construction Contract were also completed by the main contractor. The scheme will progress to Phase 7 - Close Out and Review, in line with the Project Management Guidelines for National Roads

N17 Knock to Collooney Project

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

Topographic and hydrographic surveys commenced in January 2026, for remaining 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 will be ongoing over the coming months.

In addition to these works, the Regional Design Office is running a tender competition for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary consultancy to assist with the delivery of the project through Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) and Phase 4 (Statutory Consent) of the TII Project Management Guidelines. Subject to TII approval, it is anticipated that the consultancy team will be appointed during 2026. Further details are available at the project website address provided overleaf.

N17 Knock to Collooney Project website<https://n17knockcollooney.ie/>**N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Project**

Procurement of a contractor to complete (1) outstanding civil, fencing and remedial works and (2) landscaping works is now complete. The Contract was awarded to John Donlon Plant Hire Ltd. (t/a Donlon Civil & Building Services) in May 2026. Works are expected to be ongoing throughout 2026 and Q1 2027.

N16 Sligo to Drumkilsellagh Project

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

This phase involves a detailed multi-criteria assessment of feasible route options to identify an Emerging Preferred Corridor. It is anticipated that this corridor will be identified during 2027, at which point a public consultation will take place. A range of Environmental and Engineering Specialists are continuing to undertake assessments that will inform the identification of the Emerging Preferred Route.

Greenway and Active Travel Schemes**Sligo Greenway Collooney to Bellaghy**

The project remained suspended during the reporting period.

The Regional Design Office of Sligo County Council met with representatives of Iarnród Éireann to provide an update on the status of the project and to outline progress achieved to date. As part of this engagement, the Office presented the key findings and recommendations of the Alongside Options Report for consideration by Iarnród Éireann.

Sligo Greenway Collooney to Bellaghy Project websitewww.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 through Phase 1 to Phase 4, as well as elements of Phase 5. Sligo County Council is 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 through Phase 2 to Phase 4.

Presently work is ongoing on the Identification of the Emerging Preferred Corridor. However, due to the complexity of the scheme this is taking longer than originally anticipated. Once the Emerging Preferred Corridor has been selected, this will be offered for Public Consultation.

TII Project Phase	Status
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. All Phase 2 deliverables were approved by TII. The project progressed to Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation in April 2026. This phase will involve the refinement of the Preferred Route Corridor, further technical assessment, and evaluation of environmental impacts to inform the design of a preferred route. Technical advisors (DBFL Consulting Engs) are contracted to assist with bringing the project through Phase 2 to Phase 4.

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

N4/N16 Sligo Urban Active Travel Scheme

A report was prepared proposing various Active Travel interventions which could be advanced along the N4 and N16 in the Sligo Urban Area. A Tender competition is underway to procure technical advisors who will assist with the progression of 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 Abbie Roundabout section of the scheme.

Further Active Travel Schemes

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

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

Technical advisors, Tobin Consulting Engineers, are contracted to assist in the delivery of both the N15 Grange Active Travel Scheme and the N59 Ballysadare Active Travel Scheme from Phase 0 through to the completion of Phase 5. Surveys and site investigations in both villages are ongoing. Feasibility and Options Reports are currently being prepared. Coordination has also been undertaken with the Ballysadare Regeneration Project and the proposed bus stop improvement schemes to ensure a collaborative approach is taken for the N59 Ballysadare Active Travel Project.

The N17 Curry Active Travel Scheme is being progressed internally by the Sligo Regional Design Office. The Feasibility and Options Reports has commenced.

National Road Pavement (PARR) Schemes

The N4 Inner Relief Road Pavement Resurfacing Project

The construction contract for this project is in the defects period.

N16 Lugatober to County Boundary - Pavement Resurfacing Contract

Tender documents were completed and the project was advertised on eTenders with a competition return date of Friday 10th July 2026.

National Road Safety Improvement Schemes

Procurement for the N59 Ballysadare Pedestrian Crossing Road Safety Improvement Scheme construction contract is currently underway, with a tender return date set for the end of June 2026. Construction works are expected to commence shortly thereafter, with completion targeted for August 2026.

Progress is also advancing on two additional Road Safety Improvement Schemes:

- N15 Cloyspara Road Safety Improvement Scheme.
- N59–L2802 Hungary Rock Road Safety Improvement Scheme.

A public consultation process is currently ongoing for the N15 Cloyspara Road Safety Improvement Scheme. This includes in-person consultation meetings with over 30 landowners who are indirectly affected by the proposed scheme. The deadline for submissions is 9 July 2026.

In relation to the N59–L2802 Hungary Rock Road Safety Improvement Scheme, a preliminary design has been completed to establish the lands required for the Project. Negotiations regarding the acquisition of the lands is ongoing.

PLANNING & HERITAGE

PLANNING

Variation No. 1 of Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030

The main purpose of the Variation No. 1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 (CDP) was to align the Plan with Ministerial Guidelines issued in 2025 in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), i.e. the “National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities” (HGR Guidelines).

Following the receipt of seventy-four (74) submissions during the consultation period (of which one was withdrawn), the Chief Executive’s Report was circulated to the Elected Members on 24 April 2026. At the ordinary Council meeting on 11 May 2026, the Members resolved to make the Variation No. 1 of the Sligo CDP 2024-2030, which became operational on the same day.

An updated version of the CDP, incorporating the Variation and all the necessary minor modifications, will be published shortly on the Council’s website.

Proposed Sligo Town and Environs Urban Area Plan

Work on the preparation of the Sligo Town and Environs Urban Area Plan (UAP) will continue in Q3 2026, with a view to completing a Draft UAP for public consultation in Q4 2026.

Review of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly’s Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

On 26 March, the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) notified the Council of pre-draft public consultation on the review of its Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), to be conducted between 26 March and 22 May 2026.

Recognising the critical role of the RSES in implementing the National Planning Framework (NPF) at regional level and in providing a clear spatial and investment framework for growth, the Development Planning Unit made a submission – on behalf of Sligo County Council – in accordance with Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2024.

The submission focused on a limited number of strategic issues of regional importance, aligned with the mandatory content of an RSES under the Planning and Development Act 2024. It also indicated the Council Planners’ availability to meet with NWRA officials to discuss any of the matters raised in this submission, and their openness to collaboration in the drafting of the revised RSES in parallel with the preparation of the (Draft) Sligo Town Urban Area Plan.

Land Activation Measures

Derelict Sites

There are 45 properties presently on the Derelict Sites Register. A total of €28,065 of Derelict Sites Levies have been collected to date for 2026.

Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

A total of 600 applications have been 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	162	138	129	9	87	77
Sligo / Drumcliff	154	137	125	4	76	72
Tubbercurry / Ballymote	284	226	204	11	107	99
Total	600	501	458	24	270	248

Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme

Thirteen applications have been received to date, twelve of which have been submitted to the Housing Agency. Ten have met the damage threshold criteria. There are 5 applications in Sligo – Drumcliffe MD Area and 8 applications in Ballymote – Tubbercurry MD area. It is expected that the remediation option for the 10 properties that have met the damage threshold will be decided by the Housing Agency in 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. A funding allocation of €40,000 has been secured from the Heritage Council to support the delivery of the Heritage Strategy in 2026.

Community Monuments Fund 2026

On 17 April the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced the recipients of the Community Monuments Fund 2026. A total funding award of €390,000 has been allocated to Sligo projects as follows: Moygara Castle (€100,000 for works), Moymlough Castle (Conservation Management Plan), Keeloges Church (€130,000 for works) and Court Abbey (€130,000 for works).

Biodiversity Week 2026

Sligo County Council was proud to present National Biodiversity Week 2026, a ten-day celebration of the county's remarkable natural heritage. Running from Friday 15th to Sunday 24th May, this year's programme was made possible through partnerships with wildlife groups and individuals across Sligo and invited people of all ages to explore, learn about, and help protect Sligo's unique wildlife and habitats.



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 advance Sligo's World Heritage bid. A draft Preliminary Assessment Request (PAR) was submitted to the Department in May 2026. The draft PAR is currently under review by the Department prior to submission to UNESCO in September. The document outlines the proposed World Heritage Site, seeks expert guidance, and requests a recommendation to proceed with the nomination.

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 July 2026.



Southern Place, Knappagh Road, Sligo

Works substantially completed on the construction of a scheme of 4 social housing units December 2025. Awaiting final connection to foul network by Uisce Éireann.

Carney

Works progressed on the construction of 25 Social Housing units. Expected delivery Q4 2026.



Geldof Drive & Benson Court Cranmore

Works progressed on the construction of 30 Social Housing units. Expected delivery Q3 2026.



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 Q4 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. Expected delivery Q4 2026.

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). Expected delivery Q1 2027.

Collooney (31 social housing units)

Design & Build Contractor Contract awarded December 2025: using modern methods of Construction (steel frame construction). Expected delivery Q2 2027.



Glenview Park Ash Lane (3 no units)

Contract awarded December 2025. Expected delivery Q1 2027.

Pirn Mill Road (20 units)

On site. Traditional Contract and Construction. Expected delivery Q3 2027.

Cairnsfoot Field

A procurement process for a mixed tenure housing scheme for Cairnsfoot Field, Cranmore Road, Sligo is in progress. Ongoing rounds of dialogue with potential developers Q3 2026.

Projects in Development

- Rathellen, Finisklin, (63 units) – Contractor Tender Q3 2026
- Carrowbunnaun (51 units) – Expected to go for Part 8 Q3 2026
- High Street, Sligo (5 units) – Part 8 in progress
- Grange Phase 2 (12 units) – Part 8 secured. Stage 1 (SAQ) Tender Advertised in Q3.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

RURAL CAPITAL DELIVERY TEAM (CDT)

In Q2 2026, the CDT continued its close collaboration with local communities and the Department of Rural and Community Development & the Gaeltacht (DRCDG). The team are currently supporting approximately 90 individual projects across County Sligo.

These projects are being implemented under a range of strategic investment programmes, under the following funding streams:

- Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes including Town Regeneration (TVRS)
- Outdoor Recreational Infrastructural Schemes (ORIS)
- Community Recognition Fund (CRF)
- Community Centres Investments Fund (CCIF)

Ballymote Courthouse Development

Sligo County Council has secured agreement under the Libraries Capital Programme for a Community Library in the Courthouse Building in Ballymote. A Part VIII planning submission is currently being prepared for submission in Q3 2026, along with the procurement of a consultant team to deliver the next stage of the project.

Town Centre First

Town Teams

The Town Regeneration Officer (TRO), supported by the CDT, has continued to engage with the newly established Town Teams in Ballymote, Ballisodare, Enniscrone, and Collooney, focusing on governance and funding opportunities for the progression of Town Plans.

In addition, tenders are currently being assessed by the TRO for the appointment of consultants to prepare a Town Plan for Ballymote. Ongoing engagement is also taking place with the Tubbercurry Town Team, with a particular emphasis on identifying and advancing funding opportunities.

The 'Beachery', Rosses Point

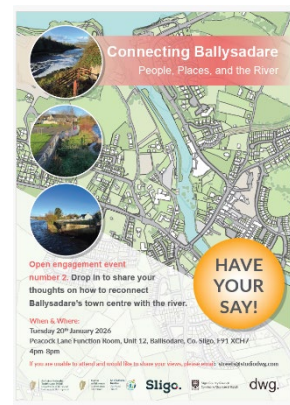
This Town Centre First funded Project includes the refurbishment and extension of the 'Beachery', Rosses Point to accommodate the existing uses of the Sligo Surf Lifesaving Club and Sligo County Council, in addition to the provision of a new community café, outdoor seating, parking and ancillary services. Following the completion of a Natura Impact Assessment which is currently being finalised it is anticipated that this application to An Coimisiún Pleanála will be submitted in Q3 2026.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Ballisodare – Regeneration Project

Following on from the second consultation, a third public consultation was held on 7 May 2026. This event was well attended by local residents and stakeholders and showcased the key findings and emerging concept proposals for various sites along the river.

Work is currently being progressed towards statutory approvals for four key sites adjacent to the river, with submissions targeted for Q3 2026.



Enniscrone RRDF – Cliff Bath Project

Tender documentation is currently being developed, alongside the preparation of Disability Access Certificate (DAC) and Fire Safety Certificate applications, which are scheduled for submission in Q3 2026.



Enniscrone Pavilion Building – view from “the Hollow”

Site investigations are ongoing, including a detailed study of the Bath House, as well as comprehensive ground investigation works across the entire site.

Engagement with key stakeholders is also continuing in relation to the future operation and management of the Bath House and Pavilion building.

Watersports Enhancement Facilities

The Watersports Enhancement Facilities at Enniscrone and Rosses Point were initially tendered prior to December 2025. A revised tender package was subsequently prepared and reissued in April 2026.

The tender evaluation process is currently underway, with construction works anticipated to commence in Q3 2026.

Community Centres Investment Fund (CCIF)

The Capital Delivery Team (CDT) currently has two CCIF-supported projects underway:

Ballymote

Decision Gate 2 (pre-tender approval to proceed) has been secured from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG). A detailed design process is currently ongoing, and it is anticipated that the tender will be published in Q3 2026.

Project Value: €3.8 million

Kilglass

Decision Gate 2.3 approval to proceed to the appointment of a contractor has been achieved. The project is currently underway, with significant progress made on the construction of the building superstructure. The first funding claim to DRCDG is presently being prepared.

Project Value: €1,345,207.25

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Significant progress has been achieved during the quarter in relation to the delivery of ORIS projects. Highlights include the following

Union Wood

Substantial completion of the upgrade of 4.5km of walking trail on the Sligo Way on the Union Wood to Sligo Wood Section in the vicinity of Lough Lumman.

Project value €222,222.



Tubbercurry Forest Trail

The successful tendering and appointment of a contractor in relation to Tubbercurry Forest Trail upgrade inclusive of the provision of new trail head facilities and car park on Sligo County Council owned property.

Project value €222,222.

Colga Lake Trail

The successful tendering and appointment of a contractor in relation to the Colga Lake Trail inclusive of the provision of a new trail accessing the lake and improved facilities in the layby.

Project value €140,000.



Community Recognition Fund (CRF)

Tubbercurry

A range of CRF projects are now underway. Completed projects include Tubbercurry Pump Track and Multi-use games area.

Project Value: €198,660



URBAN REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS

Implementation of Sligo Public Realm

Works progressed on the Sligo City Public Realm Enhancement Project ('Sligo Streets 1': Stephen Street, Holborn Street, Rockwood Parade, Tobergal Lane and Water Lane), a major regeneration initiative funded through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) under the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Programmed for completion in Q4 2027.

Contract awarded in April 2026 for an Urban Designer/ Landscape-Architect led, Multi-Disciplinary Design Team to progress the design and delivery of the Sligo City Centre public realm enhancement scheme's next stage which is the upgrade of five further areas within the town core, namely Abbey Street, Castle Street, Grattan Street, Old Market Street and Market Cross ('Sligo Streets 2').

City Campus

Consultancy work on development of Masterplan underway. Due for completion in July 2026.

HTI

Historic Towns Initiative 2026 – Conservation works to City Hall and Yeats building

Contract awarded in May 2026 for a Conservation Grade 1 Architect to progress the scope of works and delivery of the conservation works to City Hall and the Yeats Building.

THRIVE

Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE) project – Sligo Gaol

Grant Agreement for THRIVE Strand 2 project signed in June 2026. This agreement provides funding to Sligo County Council for the project entitled the "Sligo Gaol" to progress long-standing plans to conserve one of the region's most historic and *At-Risk* heritage structures, Sligo Gaol and sustainably repurpose it to serve as a community, tourism, and enterprise amenity.

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 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 Balance at 01/01/2026	Expenditure Expenditure YTD	Income				Transfers			Balance at 31/03/2026
	€	€	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

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

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

	Opening Balance 01/01/2026 €	Current Debtors Movement					Gross Closing Balance €	Bad Debt Provision €	Net Closing Balance 31/03/2026 €
		Invoices €	Receipts €	Refunds €	Write Offs €	Waivers €			
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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday 1st July

12.30pm Raising of flags ceremony to mark the commencement of EU Presidency, County Hall

Thursday 2nd July

4.00pm Mayor's Reception for Special Olympians, Council Chamber, City Hall

Friday 3rd July

3.00pm Official welcome of the visit of El Galeón Andalucía, Sligo Harbour

Saturday 4th July

2.00-5.00pm Ocean FM Outside Broadcast at the El Galeón Andalucía
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Dara Mulvey to be interviewed*)

Saturday 4th July

3.00pm Opening of Cairde Visual Exhibition and Cairde Festival launch
(*Mayor Cllr Gino O'Boyle*)

Saturday 4th July

4.00pm Launch of Cleveragh Community Bowling Club
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Dara Mulvey*)

Monday 6th July

9.00am CPG Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

10.00am July Plenary Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

2.00pm Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD AGM, Council Chamber, County Hall

5.00pm Official launch of W.B. Yeats Exhibition, with visiting Ambassadors, Council Chamber, County Hall

Wednesday 8th July

9.30am Sligo LCDC / LAG Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall



Thursday 9th July

11.45am Contract signing - Glenview Housing, Ash Lane, Members Room, County Hall

Saturday 12th July

1.30pm National Day of Commemoration Ceremony, City Hall

13th-15th July

Elected Members and Management Team visit to Cork

Wednesday 15th July

12.00pm PEACEPLUS Launch of Project "Quiet Conversations", Chamber, City Hall

Thursday 16th July

9.30am Sligo Drumcliff MD Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

Friday 17th July

10.00am AGM of Borough District of Sligo MD, Chamber, City Hall

Monday 20th July

10.00am Borough District of Sligo MD Meeting, Chamber, City Hall

2.00pm Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD Meeting, Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry

Thursday 23rd July

6.00pm Open the 67th Yeats International Summer School, Methodist Church, Wine Street
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Dara Mulvey*)

Friday 31st July

9.30am Official opening Ballymote Heritage Weekend, Teagasc Centre, Ballymote
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Dara Mulvey*)

LATEST NEWS

COUNCILLOR DARA MULVEY ELECTED CATHAOIRLEACH OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL



At its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25th June, Cllr Dara Mulvey was elected Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council.

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SLIGO SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS



ENGDOC BIM Specialists, who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Sligo, were winners at this year's National Enterprise Awards.

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SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL WINS REGIONAL ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARD



Sligo County Council has been awarded the Energy Management Award at the Ulster and Connaught Regional Optimising Power @ Work Awards.

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COUNCILLOR EDEL MCSHARRY ELECTED CATHAOIRLEACH OF SLIGO-DRUMCLIFF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



At its AGM held on 19th June, Councillor Edel McSharry was elected Cathaoirleach of Sligo-Drumcliff Municipal District.

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SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL LAUNCHES MAJOR COMMUNITY FUND TO SUPPORT TIDY TOWNS AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



Sligo County Council & IPB Insurance Launch €100,000 Local Fund to Support "Communities Working Together for Climate".

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RIVERSTOWN SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND AT PRESTIGIOUS ENTENTE FLORALE EUROPE 2026



Riverstown, County Sligo, has been chosen to represent Ireland in the prestigious Entente Florale Europe 2026 competition, following its nomination by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

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RIVERSTOWN SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND AT PRESTIGIOUS ENTENTE FLORALE EUROPE 2026



Sligo has once again been officially named Ireland's cleanest town, securing the top spot in the latest nationwide survey published by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL).

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SLIGO NAMED IRELAND'S CLEANEST TOWN





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