



# Sligo.

## **Management Report**

**For Quarter Ending  
30 September 2026**



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**To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council**

**Re: Chief Executive's Quarterly Management Report for  
July – September 2026**

Dear Councillor

I set out hereunder Quarterly Management Report for July – September 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 594 active tenancies in the Council.

### Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

There are 203 active RAS tenancies in the Council. A further 200 tenants are availing of RAS through the AHB sector.

### Acquisitions, including Part V acquisitions

To date in 2026, the Council has acquired eleven units, comprising of four Tenant in Situ (TiS) and seven Part V units. A further two Part V acquisitions are at an advanced stage and are expected to be completed shortly.

By year end, the Council anticipates acquiring approximately twenty additional Part V units and a further three TiS properties under the Social Housing Second-Hand Acquisitions Programme 2026.

### Voids Funding Programme 2026

The Department has allocated €363,000 for 33 properties (€11,000 per property) for 2026. 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 €883,773.

## Private House Grants

In June 2026, an additional €500,000 was allocated by the Department of Housing, increasing the total 2026 budget to €3.316m (€2.819m Department funding & €497k Council match funding).

To date, 166 grants have been paid at a value of €1.627m. A further 141 grants with a value of €1.722m have been approved and are awaiting completion of works, while 120 applications (estimated value €1.1m) are currently being processed. A considerable number of the applications currently being processed will fall due for payment in 2027.

With 427 applications received year-to-date and significant expenditure already committed, the scheme remains closed to new applications, other than Medical Priority 1 applicants.

## Housing Adaptation Works/Extensions/DPG'S 2026

The Grant allocation from the Department for 2026 is €705,436. The expenditure by the Council on works completed under this scheme in 2026 is €317, 595 (22 properties). A further 33 properties are yet to be completed, with budget remaining of €387,840.

## Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme 2026

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) – works complete Q3 2026.

- Tranche 1 (10 units) – works complete.
- Tranche 2 & 3 (18 units) – Contractor has started works.
- Tranche 4 (11 units) – Tender awarded and Contractor has ordered windows/door and will be on site once delivery of same.

## Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2025-2029

The targets/achieved to date for the programme are set out below:

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

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

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

## North-West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2023-2028

Implementation of the Plan continues in line with the priorities of the North West Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum.

Five Shared Tenancy units are operational in Sligo Town, while four family support units are managed by Focus Ireland under a Service Level Agreement. The Council aims to deliver nine Housing First tenancies in 2026; however, securing suitable one-bedroom units remains challenging, with one tenancy delivered to date.

Accommodation for single adults is provided in Collooney (17 beds) and Sligo Town (19 beds), while two family emergency accommodation hubs in Sligo Town provide 69 beds, supported by a range of statutory and community services. A number of families also remain in temporary accommodation.

The Council has submitted a funding application to the Department for a new 12-bed unit in Sligo Town for single homeless women.

## National Housing Strategy for Disabled People

The third meeting of 2026 of the Housing Disability Steering Group was held on 22 September. Following representation, it was agreed to invite a representative from “Before We Die” to join steering group. To date, eleven allocations for disabled persons have been made in 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for 16 December 2026.

## Repairs

At 31<sup>st</sup> August, a total of 2,687 repair requests (including repeat requests) were received from tenants.

## Allocations

The Table below outlines offers of tenancies in the year to date.

| Offers of Tenancy | Accepted | Refused | Pending |
|-------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| 63                | 59       | 3       | 1       |

## Housing Assessment

There are 1,643 households on the housing list – see table overleaf.

| No. of households approved for Social Housing Support         |  | 1,643 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|
| No. of households availing of HAP and approved for a transfer |  | 543   |
| No. of Council/RAS/AHB Tenants approved for a transfer        |  | 292   |
| No. of remaining households i.e. Net Housing Need             |  | 808   |

In the year to date, 206 no. Social Housing Support applications have been received, 171 no. of which were deemed to be valid applications.

## Stock Condition Surveys

Stock Condition Surveys of Council properties are ongoing and will inform future Planned Maintenance programmes.

The Department has allocated €235,420 in 2026 to support the Planned Maintenance and Stock Condition Survey programme.

Assess Ireland was engaged from 31 August to assist Council staff in completing the surveys.

## Private Rented Accommodation Standards

A target of 1,287 tenancy inspections has been set by the Department for 2026. This includes student properties and Approved Housing Bodies. Assess Ireland have been contracted from 31<sup>st</sup> August to assist in the completion of inspections on behalf of the Council.

# COMMUNITY

## Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Total amount of LEP Grants awarded 2026: €160,830 to 145 Community Groups.

| Total of grants paid to date | Claims received pending payment | Total   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| €25,455                      | €11,714                         | €37,169 |

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

## Community & Voluntary Grant Scheme 2026

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

| Category                             | 2026 Budget     | Grants Paid to date | Claims received pending payment | Balance to be claimed |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Burial Grounds                       | €30,000         | €30,000             | €0.00                           | €0.00                 |
| Estates & Area Up-Keep               | €32,500         | €23,622             | €6,510                          | €2,368                |
| Tidy Towns                           | €30,000         | €15,737             | €3,085                          | €11,178               |
| Community Events                     | €12,500         | €7,031              | €2,403                          | €2,316                |
| Community Heritage Projects & Events | €15,000         | €6,801              | €4,653                          | €3,546                |
| Seasonal Lights & Greening           | €10,000         | €0.00               | €0.00                           | €10,000               |
|                                      | <b>€130,000</b> | <b>€83,191</b>      | <b>€17,401</b>                  | <b>€29,408</b>        |

## Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

The scheme closed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026, with 12 applications received. Eleven grants, totalling €49,807, were approved and offered on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026. To date, €1,724 has been paid to one successful applicant.

## Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2023-2027

As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 61 LEADER projects had been approved to a value of €2,485,185.11. Claims approved for 33 projects totalled €1,229,177.40, while €463,963.23 in monthly return payments had been received under the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme.



Arna chomhchistiú ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta | Co-funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht

## 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     | 43      | 86         |
| KPI 2                                                                   | 431    | 388     | 90         |
| % of Supported Individuals who fall into local priority target group(s) | 18.00  | 28.07   |            |



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

## Sligo PEACEPLUS Programme Capital Projects

Tendering for the capital projects is nearing completion. Requests for tenders are currently live on eTenders for:

- The acquisition of retractable seating for the **Dromore West Digiversal**.
- Building works at **The Nest, Quay Street**.

### 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

All remaining projects have been contracted. Many have already held their official launches and are actively delivering programme activities. It is anticipated that the remaining projects will be formally launched within the coming month.

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Local Community  
Development Committee

The Programme is a funding partnership between the European Union, the governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and the Northern Ireland executive and will be administered by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)



## Sligo Age Friendly Programme

### Over 55s Climate Course

The Over 55s Climate Course commenced on 15 September 2026, with strong participation from older people across the county. Developed by Sligo Age Friendly, Sligo Libraries and Sligo County Council's Environment Section, the six-week programme promotes climate awareness and sustainability.

### Energy Cloud Pilot

The Energy Cloud Pilot Programme is a collaboration between Sligo Age Friendly, Energy Cloud, and Sligo County Council, supporting older people to live independently in their own homes. The initiative provides smart energy diversion devices to participating Age Friendly households across County Sligo, enabling them to utilise surplus renewable energy that would otherwise go unused. To date, 11 households have benefited through access to free hot water and improved home comfort.

## Healthy Sligo

A submission was made to Pobal seeking indicative funding allocations for Year 5 (2027) of the Healthy Ireland programme. The submission includes proposals for the continuation of existing initiatives, together with a number of new project opportunities.



The programme's two key outcomes for 2027 will remain unchanged:

- Increasing the percentage of adults and children meeting recommended physical activity guidelines.
- Improving levels of positive mental health across the population.

## HeartSafe Project

Sligo County Council continues to participate as an Associate Partner in the HeartSafe Project, led by Croí Heart & Stroke Charity. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the Council was pleased to support and coordinate a community event in Queen Maeve Square, where Croí provided free heart health checks and CPR demonstrations.



## Sligo Public Participation Network (PPN)

As of September 2026, 24 episodes of the Sligo PPN Podcast are available online. Recent episodes feature the Sligo Cancer Support Centre and Tubbercurry Old Fair Day. All episodes can be accessed at: <https://www.sligoppn.com/podcast/>



The National PPN Conference took place in Roscommon on 24 and 25 September 2026, with six Sligo PPN representatives attending.

Sligo PPN is currently engaging with the Irish Environmental Network (IEN) regarding the development of national information sessions on topics including data centres in Ireland and proposed changes to environmental assessment requirements for housing developments.

Sligo PPN has supported Atlantic Technological University (ATU) in the preparation of a funding application for an initiative exploring the role of disinformation in influencing community acceptance of renewable energy projects.

The Sligo PPN Resource Worker will present at the HSE Patient and Public Partnership Conference 2026 in October. The presentation will focus on the All Together Now project, delivered in partnership with the HSE, and will outline key learnings from the co-design of a population health approach for Ireland. The project report was launched in September 2026.

An opportunity is currently available for all PPN member groups to participate in Equality and Access Training, developed with the support of Sligo Disability Participation and Consultation Network (DPO). The training programme is scheduled to take place in early October.

There are currently **two PPN representative vacancies** to be filled on the:

- Sligo PEACEPLUS Committee
- Sligo LCDC Social Inclusion Sub-Committee

## Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

The public consultation process for the preparation of the Sligo Community Safety Plan 2026-2029 commenced in July 2026, with a countywide survey remaining open until 18 September 2026, generating over 500 survey responses.



Following a procurement process, Meehan Tully & Associates Ltd. was appointed to assist with plan preparation, with a draft plan expected by year-end.

## Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Following the Government's announcement on the phased withdrawal of State-supported accommodation for people displaced from Ukraine, the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) undertook an extensive programme of engagement with Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) residing in accommodation centres across County Sligo. Information clinics were delivered across centres to ensure residents were informed of the forthcoming changes and understood the supports, services and accommodation options available to them.



## Intercultural Workers Network

On 16 September, LAIT Sligo and LAIT Leitrim jointly hosted a meeting of the Intercultural Workers Network, bringing together frontline practitioners and organisations supporting the integration of migrant communities across both counties.

## Community Integration Forum

The Community Integration Forum continues to meet on a bimonthly basis, with the next meeting scheduled for 20 October 2026.

Sligo County Council has commissioned research to provide an evidence-based foundation for the development of a Diversity and Integration Strategy for County Sligo. The resulting position paper is currently at final draft stage and is awaiting approval prior to publication.

## Offer a Home

Currently there are 41 properties in the OAH Sligo scheme housing 153 individuals.

- 1 property has moved to a private rental agreement
- 1 active notice of termination on a property

## Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP)

Sligo County Council has received approval for funding of up to €314,869 under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP) to support the housing and integration of 85 Programme Refugees across County Sligo. Work is now underway to determine the next steps for implementation of the programme.

# ENTERPRISE

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)



### Financial Supports

A total of €73,412.84 was approved during the quarter, broken down as follows:

- Grow Digital Voucher €9,725
- Market Explorer Grant €29,955.34
- IP Start €4,320
- Energy Efficiency Grant €29,412.50

### Productivity Supports

€49,938 was allocated in productivity supports which included Digital for Business, Green for Business and Lean for Business supports.

- Digital for Business €21,156
- Green for Business €22,140
- Lean for Business €6,642

### Mentoring

A total of 71 participants availed of mentoring supports provided by the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) during the quarter. This included 36 clients who attended one-to-one mentoring clinics covering areas such as taxation, social media and digital marketing, business website reviews, and general business advisory supports. During the period, LEO Sligo approved 13 mentoring assignments, along with a further four single-session assignments. In addition, 12 clients attended on-site business advisory clinics in City Hall, while LEO delivered six on-site business advisory clinics in Ballymote Library during August.

### Business Skills Training

The LEO delivered a range of training programmes during the quarter, with 125 participants taking part in initiatives including Social Media Marketing workshops, a Financial Management Training Programme for the childminding sector developed in partnership with the Sligo County Childcare Committee, and the Start Your Own Business Programme.

### Sligo Women in Business Programme

The August SWIBN meeting took the form of an informal summer networking event, attracting 30 attendees, including four new members. The September meeting, held in partnership with TU RISE at ATU, focused on the theme *Communicate to Grow: Build Reach, Build Revenue*. The practical marketing masterclass was designed to help business owners strengthen their communications, increase visibility and create new growth opportunities. A total of 50 members registered for the event.

## Get Exporting

Five LEO Sligo client companies are participating in the 2026 Get Exporting Programme. The programme supports businesses at all stages of their export journey through a combination of workshops, webinars, one-to-one mentoring from export advisors, and access to a comprehensive suite of digital resources.

## 10X North West

LEO staff and client businesses participated in the 10X North West event held at the AIM Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The programme connected experienced entrepreneurs with local businesses, providing valuable insights and support. Participating businesses shared their experiences and highlighted the positive impact the programme has had on their growth and development.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### AIM Centre

The AIM Centre continued delivery of its AI Accelerator Programme during Q3, supporting SMEs to identify and implement practical artificial intelligence solutions through the National AI Studio. Activity during September included hosting an *AI for Good Discovery Day* for community and social enterprise organisations, while ongoing efforts promoted AI adoption and digital transformation across the region.

### Arctic Edge Project

Work continued on pilot architecture development throughout the quarter, with partner engagement resuming in August following the summer period. The project has now reached approximately two-thirds of its duration, with all actions progressing in line with the approved project plan.

### Atlantic Economic Corridor

The Atlantic Economic Corridor January to June 2026 report was submitted in July. Engagement across the network recommenced in September following the summer break.

### Connexus Project – PEACEPLUS

A key milestone was achieved during the quarter with the completion of baseline assessments of digital hub facilities in Sligo and Leitrim. Preparations also continued for the official project launch, scheduled for October 2026.

### Night Time Economy (NTE)

The Night Time Economy Pilot continued to deliver initiatives focused on accessibility, safety and vibrancy. Accessibility mapping is nearing completion, with a public digital map due to launch in October.

Six events were supported as part of *Culture Night Late*, including the large-scale *Sleeping Giant* installation, which attracted approximately 1,800 attendees and generated significant evening footfall in Sligo Town.



Progress was made on the Purple Flag application, the European Capitals of Small Retail application, the Care in the Square initiative, and new data projects to support evidence-based planning. The pilot also received confirmation of a further 12-month extension during the quarter.

## Sligo Economic Forum

The Q3 meeting of the Sligo Economic Forum focused on a review of its Terms of Reference using a Futures Present Narrative approach. Members agreed to prioritise a targeted range of key issues, including:

- Education and skills
- Infrastructure and connectivity
- Renewable energy
- Collaboration and effective information sharing

The Forum is scheduled to meet again in Q4.

## Additional Activities

Attendance at the *All-Island Food Networks Gathering 2026* provided valuable insights into the common opportunities and challenges facing food networks across Ireland. The event also included an overview from Fáilte Ireland on the development of its forthcoming Culinary Tourism Strategy for Ireland.

The National Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy continued to progress through extensive stakeholder engagement. Following 26 regional information and consultation events, progress update sessions were held in Galway during September. The draft plan is expected to proceed to a further phase of public consultation in Q1 2027.

## TOURISM

### Ireland West Knock Airport Local Authority Event

The Tourism Section participated in a regional tourism stakeholder event hosted by Ireland West Airport Knock on 29<sup>th</sup> September for Local Authority partners and councillors. The event highlighted the airport's importance to the region and the significant economic and tourism benefits delivered in partnership with stakeholder local authorities.

### Riverstown Tidy Towns Win Gold at Entente Florale Europe Awards

Riverstown Tidy Towns secured a Gold Medal at the Entente Florale Europe Awards Ceremony held in Carlow on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## El Galeón Andalucía

In July, *El Galeón Andalucía*, a replica Spanish Armada galleon, visited Sligo Port for a two-week period, attracting an estimated 40,000 visitors. Delivered in partnership with the Remembering the Armada Festival Committee, Grange, and supported by Sligo Tourism Development Association and Fáilte Ireland, the visit aligned with the objectives of the Destination and Economic Development Plan (DEDP). The event generated significant tourism interest and delivered substantial economic benefits for the county.



## Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards

Sligo County Council has been shortlisted in the *Best Digital Marketing Campaign of the Year* category at the Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards for the Visit Sligo Fleetwood Jack campaign, *Sligo From Above*. Featuring aerial footage of County Sligo's landscapes and attractions, the campaign achieved over one million views across social media platforms.

## Festivals and Events

Festival Capacity Building Training continued throughout the quarter, with a series of tailored workshops developed in response to sector needs. Training sessions included *Festival Marketing That Works*, *Create Better Content With What You've Got*, and the final workshop in the AI series, *Build Your Festival AI Team-Mate*. These initiatives continue to strengthen the marketing and organisational capacity of festival and event organisers across the county.

## ATU Student Content Development Initiative

As part of the Festival Capacity Building Programme, marketing students from Atlantic Technological University were engaged to create 60-second promotional reels for participating festivals. The content will support future social media marketing and promotional campaigns.

## Visit Sligo Presence at Festivals

The Tourism Section maintained a strong promotional presence at key events throughout the quarter. At Tubbercurry Old Fair Day, tourism businesses were provided with an opportunity to showcase their offerings to an estimated 25,000 visitors. A Visit Sligo promotional stand was also featured at the Taste of Sligo Food Festival in Queen Maeve Square, supporting tourism-related businesses in promoting their products and services.



## Festival and Event Support

During the quarter, Sligo County Council provided grant and capacity-building support to 16 festivals and major events across County Sligo, helping to enhance the county's tourism offering and strengthen its year-round events programme.

# CULTURE

## LIBRARY SERVICE

### National Public Libraries Open Day 2026

National Public Libraries Open Day took place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September encouraging everyone to take a closer look at public library services. Events were held in library branches, and a national media campaign encouraged existing library members, community groups, and supporters to champion library services and introduce new members to the range of services available.

### Investigators Book Club

The Investigators Book Club, devised by librarian Laura Brett in Sligo Central Library, was selected by Libraries Development LGMA for the Public Libraries Open Day 2026 national campaign with media coverage in the *Irish Independent* and *Irish Daily Mail*.



Róisín and Liam Watters  
of the Young  
Investigators' Book Club

### Heritage Week 2026

#### Irish Wool Craft

Sligo Central Library hosted a Heritage Week exhibition of crafts by the Sligo Library Kitchen Crafts group. Mary Cooper of Markree Woolcraft facilitated workshops, funded through *Skills for Life*, exploring the heritage of traditional Irish wool crafts, the use of locally sourced fibres, and techniques such as spinning, felting, and dyeing.



Mary Cooper of Markree Woolcraft in  
Ballymote Community Library

### Sligo Field Club



Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Thomas Walsh was joined by CE Martin Lydon, County Librarian Dónal Tinney, Sligo Field Club President Wendy Lyons, Dympna, Ross and Claire Mannion for a Heritage Week event in Sligo Central Library.

Dr. Fiona Gallagher of Sligo Field Club presented on the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Sligo Field Club Journal*, due for publication in December 2026.

Ross Mannion presented on his late father Aidan Mannion's extensive collection and plans for how these objects will be curated and displayed with the support of Sligo County Museum.

## Right to Read – Summer Stars 2026

The Summer Stars Reading Challenge concluded with award ceremonies recognising the achievements of 1,651 children who participated in 2026. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Dara Mulvey presented medals and certificates in Ballymote Community Library, Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Thomas Walsh presented in Sligo Central Library, and Cllr. Barry Gallagher, Cathaoirleach of the Ballymote-Tubbercurry Municipal District, presented in Tubbercurry Community Library.



## Adult Learning and Community Events

- Digital Skills Workshops delivered in collaboration with the Sligo Leader Partnership.
- Adult Guidance drop-in information sessions in collaboration MSLETB.
- South Sligo Summer School music sessions in Tubbercurry Community Library.
- Creative Summer Camp workshops in Tubbercurry Community Library in collaboration with Tubbercurry FRC.
- Ballymote Pride of Place Presentation Awards in Ballymote Community Library.
- Sligo Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) hosted public consultations across Sligo Library branches.

## Groups and Community Activities

Sligo Central Library hosted 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 along with a new Conversational Irish weekly session.



Bailey's Nursing Home visit from Marie O'Donovan, Branch Librarian, Tubbercurry Community Library

Tubbercurry Community Library hosted Book Clubs, Crafter's Groups, Creative Writing Group, Ciorcal Comhrá and Gardening Club. Staff facilitated weekly Storytime sessions for children and their parents and also made monthly visits to Bailey's Nursing Home.

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.

## Driver Theory Training - Skills for Life

Sligo Library collaborated with Sligo Community Training Centre and MSLETB to provide trainees with free access to Driver Theory course material. Learners participated in tutor and practice sessions designed to build confidence and develop skills required for the Driver Theory Test. The programme was funded through *Skills for Life Business and Employment Skills*.

## Ciorcal Comhrá

Bhí an-áthas ar Leabharlann Shligigh fáilte a chur roimh Molly Nic Céile, údar Gaeilge I mo Chroí, le déanaí.

Labhair Molly faoina leabhar, faoin dúil mhór atá aici sa Ghaeilge agus faoin inspioráid a spreag a cuid scríbhneoireachta. Gabhaimid buíochas le gach duine a d'fhreastail ar ár gCiorcal Comhrá Speisialta. Rinne An Ciste Spreagtha ó Chonradh na Gaeilge urraíocht ar an imeacht.



Ciorcal Comhrá speisialta Molly Nic Céile, údar Gaeilge I mo Chroí, le déanaí

## World Cup of Books

Sligo County Libraries delivered a World Cup of Books initiative based on the *Ultimate Football Heroes* series, to coincide with the 2026 World Cup. Children were encouraged to read about their favourite footballers and participate in an interactive voting challenge. A Family Football Quiz took place as part of the programme.

## Integration Team – Craft Workshop at Sligo Central Library

Sligo Central Library in collaboration with the Integration Team hosted a series of craft workshops for children from IPAS centres. The workshops were facilitated by Sinead O'Hanlon and provided the children with an opportunity to take part in creative, hands-on activities in the library.



Michelle Brennan Executive Librarian with Mark Miller of Tusla Fostering and Ken McMoreland,

## Tusla Fostering Information Session

Sligo Central Library hosted a Tusla Fostering Information Session during National Fostering Awareness Month. Mark Miller, Senior Social Work Practitioner with Tusla Fostering, was joined by long-term foster carer Ken McMoreland to provide information and insight into fostering. The session offered attendees an opportunity to learn more about fostering and ask questions about becoming a foster carer.

## Sustainable Goals Week – Sligo Central Library

During Sustainable Goals Week Sligo Central Library hosted Martin Gardiner from *Gardens for Life* for an informative talk on seed saving and no-dig gardening. The session, funded by Europe Direct, provided practical advice on sustainable approaches to growing and caring for gardens.



## Sense-Ability Services

506 Library members used the Sensory Room in Ballymote Community Library during Q3.

## School Visits in Q3

- Sligo Central Library hosted 10 school and playschool class visits.
- Ballymote Community Library hosted 13 school and playschool class visits.
- Tubbercurry Community Library hosted 12 school and playschool class visits.
- Enniscrone Branch Library hosted 3 school class visits.
- DEIS School Summer Camp events were held in Sligo Central Library.
- July Provision events with Europe Direct and Coola Post Primary School included a quiz and a nature talk.

## Library Branch Footfall in Q3

- 29,519 children and adults visited Sligo Central Library during Q3.
- 9,839 visited Ballymote Community Library.
- 7,762 visited Tubbercurry Community Library.
- 1,265 visited Enniscrone Branch Library.
- The total footfall across all branches was 48,385.
- My Open Library service in Tubbercurry Community Library had 633 logins during Q3.

## SLIGO ARTS SERVICE

Work progressed on the development of the new Arts Plan 2026–2031, with extensive consultation across the arts and cultural sector, while two new Public Art commissions moved towards advertisement.



The quarter also saw the delivery of Culture Night 2026 and the flagship World Press Photo exhibition as part of Sligo's EU Presidency Programme. Artist development remained a key priority, with continued investment in bursaries, professional development and opportunities for artists to engage with national industry events. Arts in Education activity also resumed for the new academic year.

### Public Art

Following community consultations, artist briefs are now at final draft stage for two new Public Art commissions in the Dromore West/Easky and Collooney/Castlebaldwin areas and are expected to be advertised by the end of September. Planning is also underway for a community meeting to inform the artist brief for Commission 3 in Sligo Town.

An RFQ is now prepared for the appointment of another Public Art Project Manager to oversee Commissions 4, 5 and 6, in line with "*Living Landscapes / Tírdhreacha Beo*", Sligo's Public Art Commissions Plan 2022–2028.

### New Arts Plan

The consultation process for the new Arts Plan continued throughout Q3. The online survey surpassed its target of 100 responses, attracting over 200 participants. Consultation activities included two in-person sectoral sessions, attended by 50 artists and a range of local cultural venues and organisations, as well as an online engagement event for community and amateur arts groups across the county.

Emerging findings were presented to the September SPC meeting. Stakeholder engagement also continued throughout September with elected members, council management and staff, the Arts Council, and other key partners to help inform the development of the Plan.

### Arts Programming

Culture Night 2026 and the World Press Photo Exhibition, presented in Queen Maeve Square as part of Sligo's EU Presidency Programme, were the Arts Service's key programme highlights during Q3.

Culture Night 2026 was a major success, featuring a diverse programme of live performance, music, visual arts, workshops, film screenings and participatory projects across the county. A significant attraction was *The Sleeping Giant*, a large-scale installation in Queen Maeve Square which drew substantial public interest and engagement.

The Arts Service supported 26 Culture Night events, including five with a multicultural focus, nine taking place in small towns and villages, and six Culture Night Late events delivered in partnership with the NTE Pilot Initiative. An additional four unfunded events were promoted, bringing the total programme to 30 listings. As many listings incorporated multiple performances, workshops, talks and exhibitions, approximately 40 individual events and activities were delivered overall.

The Arts in Education Programme recommenced during the quarter, including a second artist residency at Benbulbin Community Childcare. Further engagements with primary schools through the Smart Arts programme are currently being finalised. In addition, Creative Ireland funding has been secured to expand the Arts + Health programme, with a particular focus on increasing engagement with healthcare workers in the coming months.

## Artist Supports

Six artists received awards under the third round of the Live/Work/Play Bursary Scheme, with the final round of 2026 bursaries currently being assessed. Five applications were received for the INCU/SPACE Award, with one award made. Five applications were also received for the UNHEARD VOICE Award, which supports individuals from communities and backgrounds under-represented in Irish writing.

More than 100 artists have now participated in the new free CPD Programme. Due to demand, an additional event has been added to the original programme and is scheduled to take place later in 2026. SAS's commitment to supporting artists to attend industry events also continued, with nine artists receiving Micro-bursaries to attend Visual Artists Ireland's Annual Get Together in September.

## EU Presidency Cultúr Programme 2026

Sligo's EU Cultural Presidency Programme is now underway. The programme's flagship event, the World Press Photo exhibition, was curated by the Arts Service and took place in Queen Maeve Square throughout August and September.

Over its 28-day run, the exhibition attracted an estimated 17,000 visitors and contributed to a 7% increase in footfall in Queen Maeve Square. In addition, Cairde, Sligo Jazz, Tread Softly and the Remembering the Armada Festival presented EU-themed cultural events during Q3, contributing to a wider programme of cultural activity across the county.



# 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

Detailed design completed. NTA requested update of preliminary appraisal and submission of detailed business case. Active travel working on the completion of these documents.

##### Carrarow to Cuilbeg (GAA Pitch)

Planning and Design have been completed – works ongoing on completion of tender documents. It is anticipated that this tender package will be finalised in Q4 of 2026:

##### Clarion Road

Preliminary design ongoing.

##### Coolaney to Rockfield

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

## Top Road Rosses Point

Full review of current scheme currently ongoing as requested by the NTA.

## Low cost junction works

Tender for works has been completed.

## Cycle Path Schemes

- **Cleveragh Drive** – Design and Planning stages have been completed – the project is currently at tender stage. It is envisaged the project will commence in January 2027:
- **Strandhill** – Documents for the statutory process are being completed.
- **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 is completed, project has progressed to detailed design and tender process.
- **Scoil Náisiúnta Réalt na Mara, Rosses Point** – Awaiting photomontages before meeting with community.
- **Round 3 - High Speed Rural Roads** – Tenders received and tender review ongoing.

## Pathfinder Schemes

### Carraroe to City Centre Active Travel Corridor

Section is split in two phases Phase 1 Carraroe to Burton 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 Q4 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<br>€ | Progress                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Restoration Maintenance & Supplementary Restoration Maintenance | Surface Restoration                                                                                   | 2,245,500            | 69 no schemes totalling 109km. 85% complete.  |
| Restoration Improvement                                         | Road Strengthening                                                                                    | 9,882,500            | 75 no schemes totalling 61.9km. 75% complete. |
| Discretionary Grant                                             | Maintenance & Improvement                                                                             | 2,362,500            | 85% complete.                                 |
| Climate Adaptation Grants                                       | Road improvement Works to mitigate the impact of Climate Change                                       | 463,000              | 9 schemes county wide - 60% complete.         |
| Drainage Grants                                                 | Improvement of road drainage systems in response to severe weather events                             | 516,000              | 75% complete.                                 |
| Community Involvement Schemes                                   | Improvement works on mostly Class 3 Roads, part funded by community                                   | 512,475              | 77% complete.                                 |
| Local Improvement Schemes                                       | Improvement works on non-public roads serving public amenities and/or agriculture.                    | 501,740              | 70% complete.                                 |
| Clár Schemes                                                    | Investment programme which provides funding for small-scale – infrastructural projects in rural areas | 502,599              | 75% complete.                                 |

## Eastern Garvoge Bridge and Approach Roads

- Detailed design is complete.
- Procurement package for the preferred contractors has been completed.
- Sligo County Council have secured Ministerial approval to proceed to the next step for the procurement process.
- 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 completed. The scheme is operational for traffic.
- Final account shall be finalised by end of Q4 2026.

# CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

## ENVIRONMENT

### Climate Action

#### Community Climate Action Fund

Under Strand 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme, a total of €455,518 has been awarded to 30 groups across County Sligo. Grant Funding Agreements have been signed, and project implementation is now underway, with support being provided by the Council's Community Climate Action Officer to assist participating groups in delivering of their projects.

#### SEAI Pathfinder 1.0 and 2.0

**Pathfinder 1.0:** Retrofit works ongoing at County Hall and Sligo Fire Station since May 2026 with disruption to staff and public anticipated until Q1 2027.

**Pathfinder 2.0 and GEMINI project:** Terra Geoserv Ltd has been appointed to complete a Thermal Response Test at Sligo Regional Sports Centre to inform final design of 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 50 no. tenants benefitting from an installed Climate device allowing them to avail of free electricity for their immersion (free hot water) during times of excess renewable electricity generation on the grid.

#### Sustainable Energy Communities

Sligo County Council continues to support the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities programme via the SEAI Energy Master Plan MOU whereby bridge financing is provided to complete Local Energy Master Plans (EMPs). EMPs are currently being developed in Ballymote and Tubbercurry.

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

## PARKS & CEMETERIES

### Cleveragh Regional Park

Works commenced in July 2026 on the Learn to Cycle Project at Cleveragh Regional Park. Construction works are scheduled to be finalised before the end of Q4 2026.

Works has commenced on the preparation of relevant tender documents to progress works on biodiversity improvement as part of the Cleveragh Regional Park - Biodiversity and Nature Restoration Project grant funding allocation of €250,000 from the Northwest Regional Assembly DZ scheme. The project will involve the introduction of a range of new native woodland forest areas in the parklands to include for native oak and birch woodlands, invasive weed control in the established woodlands, and other biodiversity interventions. Stage 1 works are scheduled to be completed in Q4 2026 with other works programmed for Q1-Q3 2027 subject to appointment of suitable contractors.

In September 2026, Sligo County Council was notified of the successful allocation of €8.8 million in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF) for Precinct 1 of Cleveragh Regional Park. This significant investment will support the implementation of the Cleveragh Regional Park Masterplan, contributing to the continued development of the park and substantially enhancing the range and quality of recreational amenities and infrastructure available to residents and visitors alike. A phased programme of works is expected to commence in late 2027, with project completion anticipated by late 2029.

### Finisklin Park

Work has commenced on the installation of a new FIFA-sponsored 40m x 20m Multi-Use Games Area at Finisklin Park. All preliminary drainage and groundworks, together with the installation of surround kerbing and various gravel layers, were completed by a Council-appointed contractor in July and August 2026. An FAI/FIFA-appointed contractor is scheduled to complete the installation of the synthetic pitch and associated surrounds in Q4 2026. All works are expected to be completed by December 2026.

In June 2026, the Council was notified of the successful outcome of a grant application to River Basin Management Services (formerly LAWPRO) for nature-based solution interventions at Finisklin Park. An initial grant allocation of €100,000 was subsequently increased to €150,000 in August 2026, following negotiations and consideration of submitted tenders for elements of the project. The project includes a 27% match-funding contribution from the Council.

Tenders have been issued for a range of biodiversity interventions, including the provision of a native hedgerow planting scheme, a networked pond drainage system, additional sustainable footpaths, a high-quality large-scale perennial planting scheme, and measures to improve water and drainage management outcomes.

Pond construction works were completed in August 2026, while footpath development works are currently progressing on site. The overall project is scheduled for completion in Q4 2026.

## Cemeteries

Responsibility for the management and maintenance of cemeteries transferred from the Roads Section to the Parks and Cemeteries Section in August 2026.

Work has commenced on the development of a prioritisation system to identify and advance potential cemetery upgrade and improvement works, together with the preparation of a structured programme of cemetery maintenance and enhancement projects for delivery in 2027.

Other key areas of focus include the development of an overall cemetery strategy to address emerging demand for new and extended burial capacity across County Sligo, as well as progressing proposals for the provision of columbaria at identified high-priority cemetery locations.

## WATER QUALITY

### RMCEI Plan

Implementation of the RMCEI Plan for 2026 was ongoing during the third quarter of 2026. NEMIS returns for the second 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

- In line with the Drinking Water Regulations 2023, as amended, the drinking water monitoring programme for Group Water Schemes (GWS) and Small Private Supplies (SPS) continued to progress throughout Q3 2026.
- Boil Water Notices were imposed on two Small Private Supplies following the detection of microbiological exceedances.
- The public water supply monitoring programme continues to be overseen on behalf of Uisce Éireann.
- Staff attended the annual National Federation of Group Water Schemes (NFGWS) Rural Water Conference in Tullamore, providing an opportunity to engage with sector stakeholders and keep abreast of developments in rural water services and policy.

### Bathing Water Programme

- The final sample of the bathing season was taken on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026.
- Several water quality incidents were attended in the Enniscrone area across the season. Incidents were managed in line with the national protocols set out by the EPA in conjunction with the HSE.
- The National Public Participation program under which new bathing areas can be proposed remains open until the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026. No proposal has been received in 2026 to date.

## Surface Water Monitoring

Implementation of the annual river and lake monitoring programme is 100% compliant for Q1, Q2, and Q3 2026. Some additional investigative river sampling was carried out in the third quarter 2026 in the following river catchments: Duff, Carney, Douglas. Additional sampling is scheduled for fourth quarter 2026 as part of the RMCEI annual report in the Feorish and Unshin River catchments.

## Agriculture

The target number of inspections under the NAIP for 2026 remains the same as 2025 (79 inspections). Q2 returns under the NAIP were submitted to the EPA as required in August 2026.

## Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems

The inspection programme under the EPA National Inspection Plan (NIP) commenced in Q1 2026, with seven inspections completed to date and further inspections scheduled for Q3 and Q4. In addition, 11 High Status Objective Catchment Area inspections have been carried out. The Environment Section has also responded to 50 enquiries relating to Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems Grant Schemes during 2026.

## RBMP/LAWPRO Engagement

From 2026, local authorities are required to prepare an annual report outlining actions undertaken to implement the National Water Action Plan 2024 under the Water Framework Directive. A reporting template has been issued to local authorities and will be submitted to LAWPRO in due course.

Staff continue to liaise with the River Basin Management Service (formerly LAWPRO) in relation to ongoing catchment survey work across County Sligo, with all referrals received being investigated and addressed as appropriate.

## Waste Enforcement

Waste Enforcement Officers are concentrating on implementing the RMCEI plan and dealing with complaints being received by the Section.

Staff are managing to inspect all the Article 27 notifications 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

Part 8 planning approval was obtained at September's plenary meeting. Works are to be carried out in Q4.

# PLACEMAKING



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## SLIGO REGIONAL DESIGN OFFICE

### N16 Lugatober (Drumkilsellagh to Lugnagall) Project

The N16 Lugatober scheme is being progressed through the latter stages of Phase 6 (Construction and Implementation) and will progress to Phase 7 - Close Out and Review, in line with the TII 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 continued with these works in the period.

The Regional Design Office ran 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. Following completion of the procurement process, Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd. – AECOM Ireland Ltd. Alliance was identified as the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and subsequently appointed by Sligo County Council. Further details are available at the project website address provided below.

#### N17 Knock to Collooney Project website

<https://n17knockcollooney.ie/>

## N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Project

John Donlon Plant Hire Ltd. (t/a Donlon Civil & Building Services) is advancing outstanding civil, fencing, remedial and landscaping works. Works are expected to be ongoing throughout 2026 and Q1/Q2 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. Traffic surveys are currently being conducted to inform the process.

## Greenway and Active Travel Schemes

### Sligo Greenway Collooney to Bellaghy

Engagement between Sligo County Council and Iarnród Éireann continued during the quarter, with meetings held to discuss the status of the Sligo Greenway project and options for progressing the scheme. The Council outlined the work completed to date, including the findings of the Alongside Options Report, and discussions took place regarding the requirements necessary to facilitate further project advancement.

Iarnród Éireann advised that it is undertaking further internal and departmental consultation regarding the issues discussed. The Council will continue to work with Iarnród Éireann and Transport Infrastructure Ireland in pursuit of an agreed framework for progressing the project.

| TII Project Phase                           | Status       |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Phase 0 Scope and Pre-Appraisal             | Completed    |
| Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility             | Completed    |
| Phase 2 Options Selection                   | Under Review |
| 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 |

### Sligo Greenway Collooney to Bellaghy Project website

[www.slilogreenway.ie](http://www.slilogreenway.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. TII has approved all Phase 2 deliverables, and Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) is ongoing. Phase 3 will develop the design to define landtake, identify and mitigate impacts, and progress the project through the statutory processes.

| 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](http://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

The project is progressing through Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation. 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. A Ground Investigation tender process was progressed in the period. Tender assessment is ongoing. Preliminary design is progressing, including horizontal and vertical alignment modelling, preparation of the Flood Risk Assessment Report, assessment of bridge options, drainage design and development of the construction methodology.

| 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 |

## N4/N16 Sligo Urban Active Travel Scheme

This project which is in its infancy stages shall be delivered in accordance with TII's Project Management Guidelines. O'Connor Sutton Cronin & Associates were recently procured and 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 Abbvie 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. A Feasibility and Options Report was submitted to the TII for the Ballysadare project in the period. Coordination has also been undertaken with the Ballysadare Regeneration Project, the Road Safety Improvement Scheme and the proposed bus stop improvement scheme 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 is ongoing.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026. The Tender Assessment process is ongoing.

### N59 Tullylin to Fiddaun – Pavement Resurfacing Project

A tender process was advanced to procure Technical Advisors to assist with progressing the project through detailed design and into the construction and closeout phases. TII approval to award this contract has been sought.

### N17 Circular Road/Church Street – Pavement Resurfacing Project

Tender documents were prepared to procure Technical Advisors to assist with progressing all professional services necessary to assess, develop, obtain approval for, design and deliver this Project. The tender process has commenced.

## National Road Safety Improvement Schemes

Construction of the N59 Ballisodare Pedestrian Crossing Road Safety Improvement Scheme is now substantially complete. The pedestrian crossing will be opened to the public upon commissioning of the electrical supply to the Belisha beacons by ESB Networks.



Progress is also continuing on the following Road Safety Improvement Schemes:

- N15 Cloyspara Road Safety Improvement Scheme.
- N59–L2802 Hungary Rock Road Safety Improvement Scheme.
- N15/L3402 Oxfield Junction Road Safety Improvement Scheme.

A public consultation for the N15 Cloyspara Road Safety Improvement Scheme was undertaken during June and July 2026 and included in-person consultation meetings with landowners indirectly affected by the proposed development. Following the consultation process, the Sligo Regional Design Office (SRDO) has been working in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to develop a preferred scheme option.

For the N59/L2802 Hungary Rock Road Safety Improvement Scheme, agreement in principle has been reached with the affected landowner regarding the acquisition of lands required for the scheme.

With regard to the N15/L3402 Oxfield Junction Road Safety Improvement Scheme, a preferred design solution has been developed in consultation with TII and affected landowners. The design proposal, including details of land acquisition requirements, is now finalised for presentation to the affected landowners and business owners.

# PLANNING & HERITAGE

## PLANNING

### Relevant amendment to the Planning and Development Act 2024

On 12 August 2026, the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2026 came into effect. The Act of 2026 allows the current Development Plans to remain in force on a transitional basis, until no later than a specified date between February and December 2030. The relevant date for this purpose is linked to the date on which the relevant Development Plan was made under the Act of 2000.

Based on the specific provisions of the 2026 Act, the period for commencing the review of the Sligo CDP 2024-2030 would be between 30 September 2027 and 12 May 2028.

New consultation requirements introduced by the Act of 2024 specify that the Council must furnish a detailed report to the Office of the Planning Regulator at least three months before commencing the CDP review. The Development Planning Unit will engage with the OPR before the end of 2026 to clarify the extent and content of this report, as well as the optimal timing for consulting formally with the Office.

### Proposed Sligo Town and Environs Urban Area Plan

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

## LAND ACTIVATION MEASURES

### Derelict Sites

There are 45 properties presently on the Derelict Sites Register. A total of €28,415 of Derelict Sites Levies have been collected to date for 2026.

### Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

A total of 635 applications has been received to date, with 478 being the subject of approvals. This has resulted in 287 vacant properties being returned to residential use.

Since the introduction in March 2026 of the Expert Advice Grant for the new Vacant Above Shop Conversions Grant, a total of 6 applications have been received.

## Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme

Fifteen applications have been received to date, all of which have been submitted to the Housing Agency. Fourteen have met the damage threshold criteria. There are 6 applications in Sligo – Drumcliffe MD Area and 9 applications in Ballymote – Tubbercurry MD area. It is expected that the remediation option for the properties that have met the damage threshold will be decided by the Housing Agency in Q4 2026.

## HERITAGE, CONSERVATION, BIODIVERSITY, WORLD HERITAGE

### County Sligo Heritage Strategy 2023-2030

Significant progress was made in Q3 2026 by Sligo Heritage Office through continued implementation of the County Sligo Heritage Strategy 2023-2030, heritage programming and heritage supports. Sligo Heritage Forum and the Sligo Biodiversity Working Group held their quarterly meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026.

### Heritage Week 2026

Sligo County Council was proud to present National Heritage Week 2026, a nine-day celebration of the county's remarkable heritage. Running from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, National Heritage Week is a celebration of Ireland's cultural, built and natural heritage. The theme for Heritage Week 2026 was Heritage at Risk. Sligo hosted 73 events across the county all made possible by the interest and commitment of local communities and individuals with a passion for Sligo's heritage.



### Conservation Grant Schemes

The Heritage Office continues to support grantees awarded funding in 2026 under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Thatched Buildings Scheme and the Community Monuments Fund. The total conservation grant allocation for Sligo in 2026 is €573,295. Grant calls have issued for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2027 (closing 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026) and the Historic Structures Fund 2027 (closing 27<sup>th</sup> November 2027). For details see [www.sligococo.ie/grants](http://www.sligococo.ie/grants).



## Conservation of Medieval Churches



Conservation works have commenced at Keeloges Church, Ballintrillick, a 12th-century medieval church in Council ownership. Works will be completed in Q4 2026, which will see the building conserved and safe public access restored.

Conservation works (Phase 1) will soon be underway at Court Abbey, Lavagh, Co. Sligo and will include vegetation control and conservation of the west gable of the abbey. Once the vegetation

has been controlled, the abbey will be laser scanned by The Discovery Programme which will inform future phases of conservation.

## Buildings of Ireland Charitable Trust – Sligo Symposium

The Buildings of Ireland Charitable Trust held it's Sligo Symposium on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at City Hall, Sligo titled 'A Bringing Together: Recordings of Significance from the Northwest'. The symposium celebrated the rich architectural heritage of Sligo and the Northwest and was presented by the Buildings of Ireland Charitable Trust in partnership with Sligo County Council, Roscommon County Council, Leitrim County Council, ATU Sligo, Architecture at the Edge and The Heritage Council.



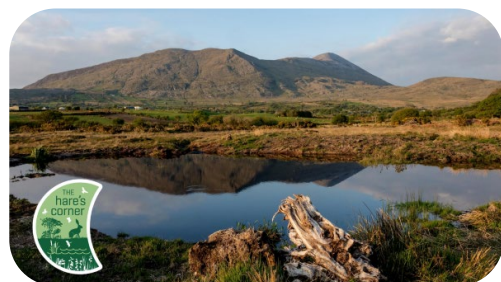
## BIODIVERSITY

### Killaspugbrone Dunes

Wildlife and vegetation monitoring of Killaspugbrone commenced in August 2026, including surveys for the narrow-mouthed whorl snail (*Vertigo angustior*), badgers, and rare plant species including round-leaved wintergreen. This work forms part of a Conservation Management Plan for the Sligo County Council-owned land within the Special Area of Conservation, funded by the Local Biodiversity Action Fund and being delivered as part of the County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan.

### Hare's Corner

The Hare's Corner continued to be delivered across County Sligo, with ecologists visiting 20 sites to complete 'Plans for Nature' to write bespoke plans with key recommendations for enhancing biodiversity. Hydrologists completed pond visits in preparation for wildlife pond construction at 19 sites.



The Hare's Corner is in its second year in Co. Sligo, with hundreds of actions underway, with schools, landowners and community groups planting mini woodlands, hedgerows, heritage orchards, and creating wildlife ponds. The project is funded by the Local Biodiversity Action Fund and is part of the County Sligo Biodiversity Action Plan.

## WORLD HERITAGE

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

Sligo County Council continues to liaise with the World Heritage Unit at the National Monuments Service, DHLGH to advance Sligo's World Heritage bid. A Preliminary Assessment Request (PAR) was submitted to the Director of the World Heritage Centre in Paris on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026. The document outlines the proposed Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) for the World Heritage Site, seeks expert guidance, and requests a recommendation to proceed with the nomination. The Passage Tomb Landscape of Sligo branding is complete, and a dedicated website and social media are in process. 'Meitheal', an event in support of World Heritage involving 700 local people, took place at Cummeen Strand on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

# HOUSING CAPITAL

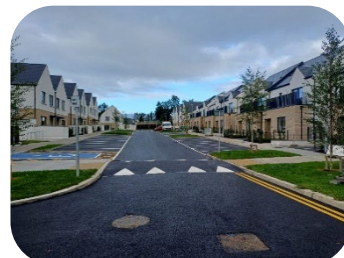
Work progressed on Sligo's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 as follows:

## 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) and a design and build contract.

Contractor expected delivery Q4 2026.



### Southern Place, Knappagh Road, Sligo

Construction of a four-unit social housing scheme has been completed.

### Carney

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



### Geldof Drive & Benson Court Cranmore

Works progressed on the construction of 30 social housing units across two sites in Cranmore: Geldof Drive and Benson Court. Contractor expected delivery Q4 2026.



### Finisklin, Sligo

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



### Robbers Lane Maugheraboy

Works progressed on the construction of 62 Social Housing units. Contractor expected delivery Q4 2026.



### Grange

Works progressed on site for the construction of a scheme of 16 social housing units via Design and Build Contract using modern methods of construction: ICF. Contractor expected delivery Q4 2026.



## Dromore West & Easkey



Work is progressing on construction of 26 no. units across the sites at Dromore West and Easkey using modern methods of construction (timber frame construction) and a design and build contract. Contractor expected delivery Q2 2027.

## Collooney

Work is progressing on construction of 31 no. units using modern methods of construction (steel frame construction). Contractor expected delivery Q3 2027.

## Glenview Park Ash Lane

Work is progressing on construction of 3 no. units. Contractor expected delivery Q2 2027.



## Pirn Mill Road, Sligo

Work is underway on construction of 20 no. units. Contractor expected delivery Q4 2027.

## Cairnsfoot Field

A procurement process for a mixed tenure housing scheme for Cairnsfoot Field, Cranmore Road, Sligo is in progress. Dialogues are continuing with potential developers.

## Projects in Development

- Rathellen, Finisklin, (63 units) – Tender Assessments in progress
- Carrowbunnaun (51 units) – Expected Part 8 publication Q4 2026
- High Street, Sligo (5 units) – Part 8 secured, tender document preparation in progress
- Grange Phase 2 (12 units) – Part 8 secured, tender document preparation in progress.

# CAPITAL PROJECTS

## RURAL CAPITAL DELIVERY TEAM (CDT)

In Q3 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 approval under the Libraries Capital Programme to develop a new Community Library in the Courthouse Building, Ballymote. The Part VIII planning proposal was approved by the Elected Members at the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026. A Stage 2 funding application has also been submitted to the DRCDG, and, subject to approval, consultants are expected to be procured in Q4 2026

## Town Centre First

### Town Teams

The Town Regeneration Officer (TRO), supported by the Community Development Team (CDT), has continued to work closely with the Town Teams in Ballymote, Ballisodare, Enniscrone and Collooney, providing support on governance, identifying funding opportunities, and progressing Town Plans.

Consultants have been appointed to prepare Town Plans for Ballymote and Ballisodare and are currently engaging with local communities as part of the plan development process. Ongoing engagement is also continuing with the Tubbercurry Town Team, with a particular focus on identifying and advancing funding opportunities.



## Tubbercurry Community Park Masterplan

This Town Centre First-funded project, supported by match funding from the Tubbercurry Development Company, aims to develop a Masterplan for a Community Sports Campus in Tubbercurry. Consultants have been appointed to prepare the Masterplan, with a view to progressing the necessary documentation for a statutory planning submission in Q2 2027.



## Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

### Rosses Point Community Boat Park

Funding of €558,000 was secured in March 2026 for the Rosses Point Community Boat Park project. The initial phase of the project involves securing a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) to enable progression through the statutory planning process. Sligo County Council has completed a pre-application consultation with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) and is preparing a MAC application for submission.



### Ballisodare – Regeneration Project

Following the final public consultation event in May 2026, statutory approvals for four key sites in Ballisodare are being advanced, with Part 8 submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála targeted for Q4 2026. The proposals include the enhancement of a series of riverside public spaces and the development of a new Community Library on the site of the former Dún Maeve Hotel, contributing to the ongoing regeneration and revitalisation of the town centre.



### Enniscrone RRDF – Cliff Bath Project

Progress is continuing on the Enniscrone Cliff Bath Project, with Stage 1 of a two-stage contractor procurement process now underway. A Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) was published on eTenders in September 2026, with the establishment of a panel of suitably qualified contractors targeted for Q4 2026.

Detailed design work is also progressing to inform the preparation of tender documents and support a Stage 3 funding submission to the DRCDG in Q1 2027. Engagement with key stakeholders is 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 Q4 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 DRCDG. The project was tendered in July 2026 and returned tenders are currently under evaluation.

*Project Value: €3.8 million (est.)*

### Kilglass

Decision Gate 2.3 approval to proceed to the appointment of a contractor has been achieved. The project is advancing and the build is currently at roof level. The second funding claim to DRCDG is presently being prepared.

*Project Value: €1,345,207.25*

## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Sligo County Council sought Expressions of Interest from the public under the ORIS 2026/2027 funding programme. Following assessment, six Measure 1 applications and three Project Development Measure (PDM) applications were submitted to the DRCDG for consideration in September 2026.

Further applications under Measures 2 and 3 are currently being developed and will be submitted to the Department in advance of the December 2026 deadline.

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

### Union Wood

The upgrade of a 4.5km section of the Sligo Way walking trail between Union Wood and Slish Wood, in the vicinity of Lough Lumman, has been completed. The works included the installation of new signage.

*Project value €222,222.*

### Tubbercurry Forest Trail

The provision of new trail head facilities and car parking is progressing, and completion is expected in Q4 2026.

*Project value €222,222.*

### Colga Lake Trail

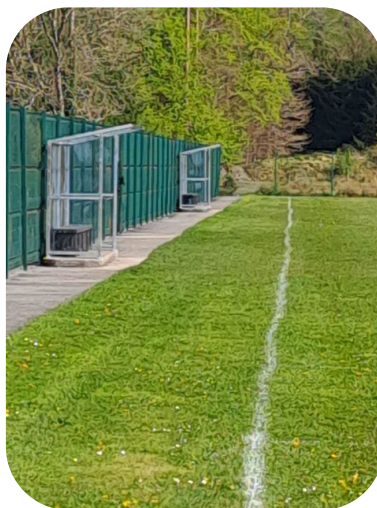
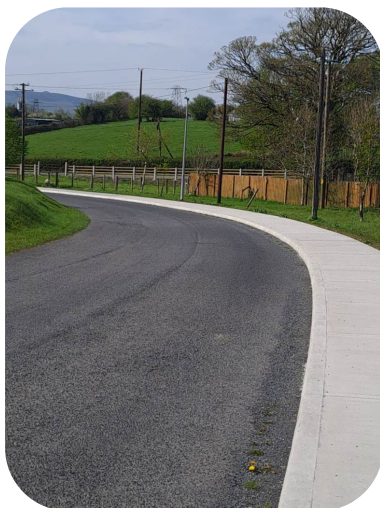
The successful tendering and appointment of a contractor in relation to the Colga Lake Trail inclusive of the provision of a new trail accessing the lake and improved facilities in the layby.

*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*) and Ballisodare Community Park Upgrades – including footpaths, landscaping, seating, signage and dug outs (*Project Value €118,685*).



### Pride of Place

County Sligo was represented in the 2026 All-Island Pride of Place Competition by Ballymote in the 2,000 to 5,000 population category and Culfadda in the 0 to 300 population category. Sligo County Council supported and promoted both nominations in recognition of the significant contribution of local communities to enhancing their areas and improving quality of life for residents and visitors.

Successful judging events were held in both communities on 28 August 2026, providing an opportunity to showcase local achievements, community leadership, volunteerism and ongoing development initiatives.

The Pride of Place Gala Awards will take place on 24 October 2026 at the Convention Centre Dublin, where communities from across the island of Ireland will be recognised and celebrated for their commitment to community development and civic pride.

## URBAN REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS

### Implementation of Sligo Public Realm

Works are progressing on the Sligo City Public Realm Enhancement Project ('Sligo Streets 1'), encompassing Stephen Street, Holborn Street, Rockwood Parade, Tobergal Lane and Water Lane. The URDF-funded project remains on schedule for completion in Q4 2027. The temporary closure phase of Holborn Street has been completed and full public access restored.

Design work is also progressing on 'Sligo Streets 2', which will deliver public realm upgrades at Abbey Street, Castle Street, Grattan Street, Old Market Street and Market Cross.

### City Campus

The draft City Campus Masterplan, incorporating new library and museum facilities together with public realm improvements, has been completed and will inform the forthcoming Sligo Urban Area Plan, due for publication before year-end.

### Town and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF)

In September, the Council received confirmation of funding approvals under Round 1 of the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (formerly URDF) for:

- Sligo Harbour Quay Regeneration: €150,000 (Category 1A – Design)
- Cleveragh Regional Park Precinct: €8.8 million (Category 1B – Works)

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

In September 2026, a contract was awarded for conservation works at City Hall and the Yeats Building. Works include window repairs, masonry repointing, and the repair and replacement of rainwater goods.

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

Enabling works at the Old Gaol site were completed in July 2026 in preparation for the main conservation and redevelopment project. Procurement of a Conservation Grade 1 Architect-led multidisciplinary design team commenced in August. The appointed team will progress the detailed design and delivery strategy for the conservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of the building.

# 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 30/06/2026**

|                                            | 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                       | 9,193,984         | 18,660,763        | 9,330,381         | 99%          | 136,397        | 7,786,940         | 16,146,572        | 8,073,286         | 96%          | 286,346        | (1,407,044) | (149,949)        |
| B Road Transport & Safety                  | 12,335,314        | 25,098,273        | 12,549,136        | 98%          | 213,822        | 8,745,518         | 17,811,484        | 8,905,742         | 98%          | 160,224        | (3,589,796) | 53,598           |
| C Water Services                           | 1,613,254         | 2,913,681         | 1,456,840         | 111%         | (156,413)      | 1,381,460         | 2,680,580         | 1,340,290         | 103%         | (41,170)       | (231,794)   | (115,243)        |
| D Development Management                   | 4,428,117         | 9,235,842         | 4,617,921         | 96%          | 189,804        | 1,517,031         | 3,041,944         | 1,520,972         | 100%         | 3,941          | (2,911,086) | 185,863          |
| E Environmental Services                   | 5,248,458         | 10,420,524        | 5,210,262         | 101%         | (38,197)       | 1,364,265         | 2,457,694         | 1,228,847         | 111%         | (135,418)      | (3,884,194) | 97,221           |
| F Recreation & Amenity                     | 3,385,751         | 6,940,218         | 3,470,109         | 98%          | 84,358         | 366,016           | 823,236           | 411,618           | 89%          | 45,603         | (3,019,735) | 38,756           |
| G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 344,958           | 817,814           | 408,907           | 84%          | 63,949         | 198,152           | 306,747           | 153,374           | 129%         | (44,779)       | (146,806)   | 108,728          |
| H Miscellaneous Services                   | 4,359,133         | 8,536,553         | 4,268,276         | 102%         | (90,857)       | 5,089,896         | 10,424,715        | 5,212,357         | 98%          | 122,461        | 730,763     | (213,318)        |
| J Central Management Charges               | -                 | -                 | -                 | -            | -              | -                 | -                 | -                 | -            | -              | -           | -                |
| LG Local Property Tax                      | -                 | -                 | -                 | -%           | -              | 6,567,268         | 13,134,535        | 6,567,268         | 100%         | (1)            | 3,283,634   | 1                |
| RA Rates                                   | -                 | -                 | -                 | -%           | -              | 7,892,428         | 15,796,162        | 7,898,081         | 100%         | 5,653          | 3,946,214   | (5,653)          |
|                                            | <b>40,908,970</b> | <b>82,623,667</b> | <b>41,311,833</b> | <b>99%</b>   | <b>402,864</b> | <b>40,908,974</b> | <b>82,623,671</b> | <b>41,311,835</b> | <b>99%</b>   | <b>402,861</b> | <b>4</b>    | <b>2</b>         |

## Capital Account Income &amp; Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date to Quarter End 30/06/2026

|                                             | Opening Balance       | Expenditure       | Income            |          |                  |                   | Transfers             |                     |                    |                       |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                                             | Balance at 01/01/2026 | Expenditure YTD   | Grants            | Loans    | Other            | Total Income YTD  | Transfer from Revenue | Transfer to Revenue | Internal Transfers | Balance at 31/06/2026 |
|                                             | €                     | €                 | €                 | €        | €                | €                 | €                     | €                   | €                  | €                     |
| 01 Housing & Building                       | 147,370               | 26,082,369        | 24,898,495        | -        | 475,868          | 25,374,363        | -                     | -                   | -                  | (560,635)             |
| 02 Road Transport & Safety                  | 2,457,484             | 2,414,275         | 1,984,750         | -        | 161,760          | 2,146,511         | -                     | -                   | -                  | 2,189,720             |
| 03 Water Services                           | (1)                   | 1,032,981         | 841,331           | -        | 153,733          | 995,064           | -                     | -                   | -                  | (37,918)              |
| 04 Development Management                   | 6,992,634             | 8,449,904         | 167,368           | -        | 1,463,340        | 8,119,523         | -                     | -                   | -                  | 6,662,253             |
| 05 Environmental Services                   | (87,792)              | 1,461,421         | 4,089             | -        | 1,203,245        | 1,370,613         | -                     | -                   | -                  | (178,600)             |
| 06 Recreation & Amenity                     | 1,069,694             | 383,772           | 517,268           | -        | 1,029            | 518,297           | -                     | -                   | -                  | 1,204,220             |
| 07 Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 260,612               | 47,061            | -                 | -        | -                | -                 | -                     | -                   | -                  | 213,552               |
| 08 Miscellaneous Services                   | 598,960               | 473,829           | 220,175           | -        | 246,699          | 466,874           | -                     | -                   | -                  | 592,005               |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>11,438,963</b>     | <b>40,345,613</b> | <b>35,285,571</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>3,705,674</b> | <b>38,991,245</b> | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>10,084,596</b>     |

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

Analysis of Debtors - Period 01/01/2026 to 30/06/2026

|                                               | Opening Balance<br>01/01/2026<br>€ | Current Debtors Movement |                   |              |                 |               | Gross Closing Balance<br>€ | Bad Debt Provision<br>€ | Net Closing Balance<br>30/06/2026<br>€ |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                               |                                    | Invoices<br>€            | Receipts<br>€     | Refunds<br>€ | Write Offs<br>€ | Waivers<br>€  |                            |                         |                                        |
| <b>Trade Debtors</b>                          |                                    |                          |                   |              |                 |               |                            |                         |                                        |
| Government Debtors                            | 5,874,133                          | 57,994,558               | 40,017,421        | -            | -               | -             | 23,851,271                 | -                       | 23,851,271                             |
| Commercial Debtors - Rates                    | 6,564,080                          | 15,784,855               | 9,195,947         | -            | 422,699         | 1,637         | 12,728,653                 | 5,231,472               | 7,497,182                              |
| Commercial Debtors Other (including PEL & IW) | (277,554)                          | 810,965                  | 702,437           | -            | -               | -             | (169,025)                  | -                       | (169,025)                              |
| Non-Commercial Debtors                        | 1,306,715                          | 4,226,335                | 4,039,489         | -            | (1,925)         | -             | 1,495,486                  | 1,311,029               | 184,457                                |
| Other Services                                | 467,329                            | 2,686,723                | 2,311,808         | -            | 16,590          | 8,438         | 817,216                    | 290,626                 | 526,591                                |
| Other Local Authorities                       | 521,546                            | 1,352,603                | 1,806,604         | -            | -               | -             | 67,545                     | -                       | 67,545                                 |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                              | <b>14,456,250</b>                  | <b>82,856,040</b>        | <b>58,073,706</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>437,364</b>  | <b>10,074</b> | <b>38,791,146</b>          | <b>6,833,126</b>        | <b>31,958,020</b>                      |

|                                         |                  |  |  |  |  |  |                  |                |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Other Debtors</b>                    |                  |  |  |  |  |  |                  |                |                  |
| Development Levy Debtors (Current Only) | 686,512          |  |  |  |  |  | 387,414          | 145,781        | 241,633          |
| Other                                   | -                |  |  |  |  |  | -                | -              | -                |
| Current Portion of Long Term Debtors    | 1,459,923        |  |  |  |  |  | 1,459,923        | -              | 1,459,923        |
| Prepayments                             | 609,646          |  |  |  |  |  | 386,386          | -              | 386,386          |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                        | <b>2,756,081</b> |  |  |  |  |  | <b>2,233,723</b> | <b>145,781</b> | <b>2,087,942</b> |

|                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL DEBTORS</b> | <b>17,212,331</b> | <b>41,024,869</b> | <b>6,978,907</b> | <b>34,045,962</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|

## 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<br>=(B+C-D-E-F) | Amount Collected | Closing Arrears at 30/06/2026<br>=(G-H) | Specific Doubtful Arrears | % Collec<br>=(H)/(G-J) |
|                   | €                             | €          | €                          | €          | €                 | €                                    | €                | €                                       | €                         |                        |
| Rates             | 6,564,080                     | 15,784,855 | 142,190                    | 280,509    | 1,637             | 21,924,600                           | 9,195,947        | 12,728,653                              | 3,317,989 *               | 49%                    |
| Rents & Annuities | 1,129,176                     | 3,539,185  | -                          | (1925)     | -                 | 4,670,286                            | 3,367,856        | 1,302,429                               | -                         | 72%                    |
| Housing Loans     | 412,448                       | 490,369    | -                          | -          | -                 | 902,817                              | 466,023          | 436,794                                 | -                         | 52%                    |

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

- 11.00am Connexus Project Launch, Galgorm Resort Ballymena  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)
- 12.30pm Formal reopening of Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo  
(*Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Walsh attending*)

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

- 10.00am Awarding of QQI certificates to students attending NLN Sligo, Sligo Park Hotel  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- 6.30pm Presentation of Benemerenti Medal to John Barry, Mullaghmore Church  
(*Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Walsh attending*)

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- 9.00am CPG Budget Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall
- 10.00am October Plenary Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

- 12.00pm Pilot of new LC subject, Climate Action & Sustainable Development - Summerhill College and Sligo Grammar School, Queen Maeve Square  
(*Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Walsh attending*)

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

- 6.00pm National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2026, Limerick  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

- 7.15pm Opening Concert of Con Brio, The Model, Sligo  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

2.45pm Siarscéal Festival Book Launch "Unspoken", Sligo Central Library  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

10.30am Sligo Age Friendly Annual Event, Sligo Park Hotel  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am NWRA Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

6.30pm Micro Business Awards 2026, Castle Dargan Hotel  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am Sligo Drumcliff MD Budget Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall  
10.00am Borough MD Budget Meeting, Chamber, City Hall  
2.00pm Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD Budget Meeting, Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

9.00am Regional Health Forum West Committee Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

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

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

7.00pm Pride of Place Awards 2026, Convention Centre, Dublin  
(*Cathaoirleach Cllr Mulvey attending*)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

11.00am SPC 2 Climate & Infrastructure Meeting, Council Chamber, County Hall

## LATEST NEWS

### VISIT OF MINISTER JOHN CUMMINS



Sligo County Council was pleased to welcome Minister of State for Local Government and Planning, John Cummins TD, to County Hall on Wednesday, 30 September 2026.

[View full story](#)

### €118,000 AWARDED FOR YOUR PUBLIC SPACES PROJECT



Sligo County Council has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan TD, of funding of €118,000 under the 2026 Community Safety Fund for the yOur Public Spaces project by Sligo County Council's Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP).

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### AMBASSADORS' VISIT STRENGTHENS TIES BETWEEN SLIGO AND LITHUANIA



Sligo County Council was honoured to welcome H.E. Jonas Grinevičius, Ambassador of Lithuania to Ireland, and H.E. Séadhna MacHugh, Ambassador of Ireland to Lithuania, to County Sligo for a special two-day visit on 23 and 24 September 2026, as part of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union programme, under which County Sligo has been paired with Lithuania.

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## CIVIC RECEPTION STRENGTHENS LONGSTANDING LINKS BETWEEN SLIGO AND CROZON



Sligo County Council was honoured to host a Civic Reception in City Hall on Friday, 18 September, for Deputy Mayor Anne-Hélène Bernard, Deputy Mayor Françoise Segalen and a delegation from Crozon, marking the continuing friendship between the twin towns of Sligo and Crozon.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO RIVERSTOWN TIDY TOWNS ON GOLD MEDAL SUCCESS AT ENTENTE FLORALE EUROPE CEREMONY



Sligo County Council extends its warmest congratulations to Riverstown Tidy Towns on securing a Gold Medal at the Entente Florale Europe Awards Ceremony held in Carlow Town on Saturday evening.

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## CATHAOIRLEACH OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL WELCOMES PROGRESS ON SLIGO GREENWAY PROJECT



Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Cllr Dara Mulvey has welcomed the recent announcements regarding the Sligo Greenway project and the positive progress being made towards its delivery.

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