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LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGET

FOR

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 2025

LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Authority Budget and Calculation of Annual Rate on Valuation for the Local Financial Year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

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LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Chief Executive's Office,
Aras an Chontae,
Longford.

15th November 2024

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Council.

Local Authority Budget for Local Financial Year ending 31st December 2025

Dear Member,

I enclose herewith the draft Local Authority Budget of Longford County Council for the financial year ending **31st December 2025**.

Estimated expenditure and income have been classified into Service Divisions, Services & Sub-Services.

Following discussions with the Corporate Policy Group, details of the contents of each Service Division are enclosed for the information of the Members.

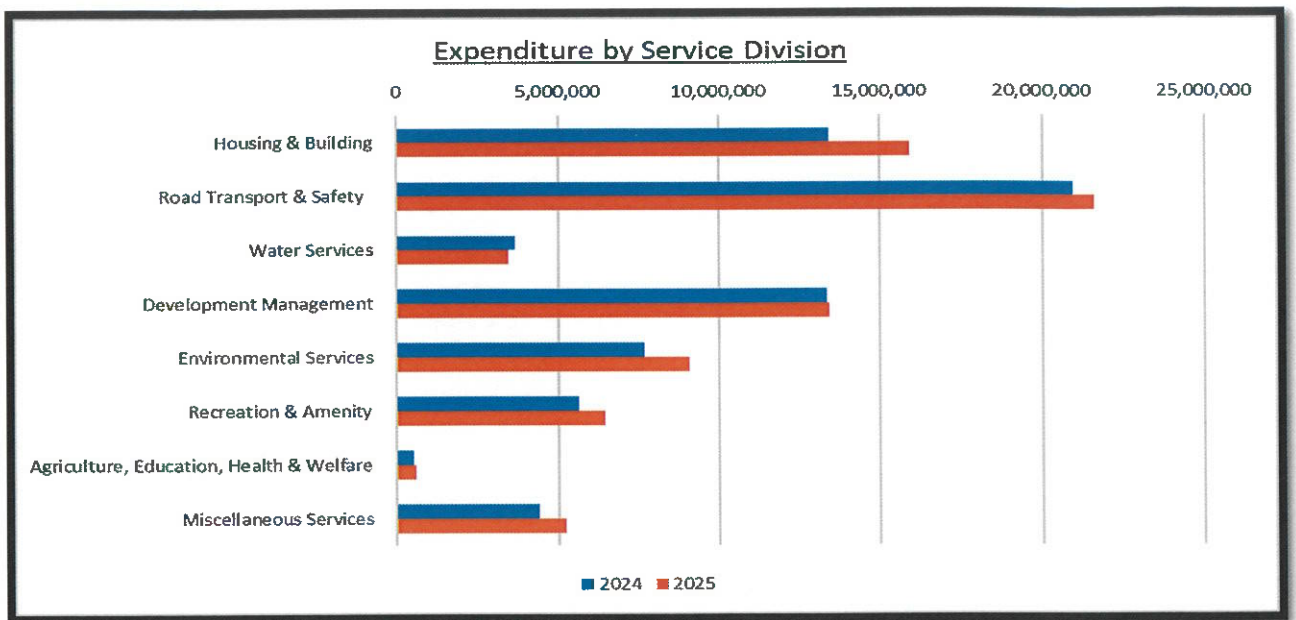
Budget 2025 - Financial Context

Listed, hereunder, are the **Estimated Expenditure** figures for **2025** with a comparable list of the adopted figures for 2024 under each Service Division.

Division	Service Division	Adopted Expenditure 2024	Budgeted Expenditure 2025	Increase/ (Decrease)	% increase (Decrease)
		€	€	€	%
A	Housing & Building	13,438,136	15,963,963	2,525,827	19%
B	Road Transport & Safety	20,894,453	21,554,623	660,170	3%
C	Water Services	3,733,708	3,476,593	(257,115)	-7%
D	Development Management	13,368,105	13,416,159	48,054	0%
E	Environmental Services	7,683,946	9,077,336	1,393,390	18%
F	Recreation & Amenity	5,651,435	6,432,978	781,543	14%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	561,633	610,307	48,674	9%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,440,396	5,229,022	788,626	18%
	Total	€69,771,812	€75,760,981	€5,989,169	9%

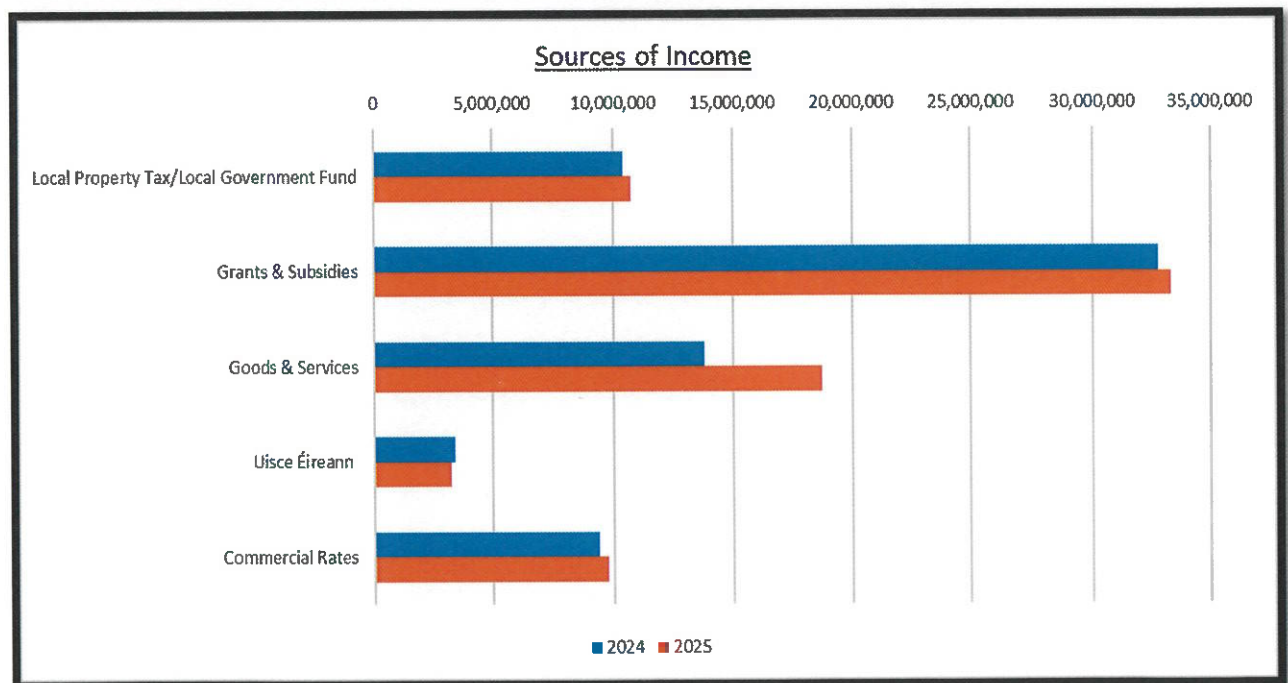
Table A, which is enclosed, shows that expenditure is estimated at **€75,760,981** and income, including Local Property Tax and other income, is estimated at **€66,031,444**, leaving a balance of **€9,729,537** to be funded by way of Commercial Rates.

The General Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) required for 2025, is **€0.2647**.



The **Estimated Income** of the Council for 2025 is as follows, with comparative figures for 2024.

Sources of Income	2024	% Mix 2024	2025	% Mix 2025	Increase/ (Decrease)
	€	%	€	%	€
Local Property Tax/Local Government Fund	10,728,561	15%	10,737,076	14%	8,515
Grants & Subsidies	32,810,835	47%	33,150,826	44%	339,991
Goods & Services	13,448,267	19%	18,894,803	25%	5,446,536
Uisce Éireann	3,408,262	5%	3,248,739	4%	(159,523)
Commercial Rates	9,375,889	13%	9,729,537	13%	353,648
Total	€69,771,814	100%	€75,760,981	100%	€5,989,167



Key items for the 2025 budget are as follows:

1. As a fundamental pillar of Longford County Council's **Strategic Business Plan (2025-2029)** the **Local Property Tax (LPT)** variation rate was maximised at **15% for the Council Term 2025-2029** by the Members at the **11th of September 2024** Council meeting, meaning no change for Longford LPT payers on previous years.

2. An increase in payroll costs due to:
 - Increased Staffing under the **Workforce Plan**.
 - Increased remuneration due to pay restoration under the ***Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (FEMPI) Act 2015*** and additional pay increases as ratified in October 2022, under the current public service pay agreement ***Building Momentum***.
 - Increasing **Pension Costs** for 2025, due to an ageing workforce profile.

3. Longford County Council in common with the other smaller Local Authorities have a very limited local revenue raising capacity, and when LPT revenue is maximised, as in Longford, the only other source available to maintain a competitive advantage is Commercial Rates.
 Provision in the form of a commercial rates increase in 2025 has been made to finance the match funding requirements of Longford County Council's ambitious five-year **Strategic Business Plan**, the '**Longford Strategy**', which is envisaged to attract a further **€80m** in Urban and Rural Regeneration Development Funds to County Longford. This is in addition to the **€75m already committed** under these programmes since 2019. This Strategic Business Plan will provide the Council with the opportunity to maximise the potential of the current strong economic situation nationally and provide the flexibility to avail of anticipated funding opportunities that will continue to be very impactful in Co. Longford.
 It will also serve to protect Longford County Council against any global economic pullback, should it occur, in the medium to longer term.
 In conjunction with this a **Small Ratepayers Support Scheme** has been formulated to alleviate the effects on the smallest most vulnerable ratepayers in Co. Longford. Longford County Council recognise that these businesses face significant challenges and financial headwinds in the current environment and have formulated a scheme that **will benefit 86% of Longford ratepayers**.
 This Co. Longford specific scheme, together with the national **Increased Cost of Business (ICOB)** and the recently announced **Power-Up Grant** will go towards relieving the increasing financial burdens that the small Ratepayers of Co. Longford continue to face.

 In line with the provisions of **Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019**, Longford County Council advertised **Notice of a Public Consultation** process on the **11th of September 2024** and sought written submissions by 25th September 2024 on the making of a scheme to provide an abatement of rates in respect of **vacant commercial properties**. **No submissions** were received in this regard.
 The 2025 Budget proposes the continuation of the existing vacant property abatement scheme, whereby Longford County Council will grant a **write off equivalent to 100%** of commercial rates invoiced during 2025.

4. **Payroll, Pension & Gratuity** costs represent circa. **40%** of the Revenue Budget, this is in line with sectoral and indeed current private sector percentages.

5. A large portion of the Council's costs are **fixed and non-discretionary**, including a large proportion of non-pay expenditure which covers subscriptions to various national bodies, loan charges, insurance, standing charges and rents.

6. In an economic environment which has endured **over a 20% inflationary** post-pandemic rise, which hit construction costs & energy costs particularly severely, every effort has been made to maintain, and in most cases even expand essential services within the financial constraints that we are working under for 2025.

CONTINUED POST PANDEMIC PROGRESSION

The COVID-19 pandemic and the emergency measures taken to mitigate it have had a significant impact on the finances of all local authorities, including Longford County Council since 2020.

This has resulted in a reduction in, and uncertainty of, various income sources, together with increased levels of spend. Reductions in income have also had a bearing on the cash flow of local authorities and present real challenges around the ability to deliver services.

Blended working, increased technology investment, recruitment and retention costs and the loss of a level of corporate knowledge due to several retirements have all been new challenges both on an operational and a financial front.

However, with challenges come opportunities and Longford County Council would be confident that the track record of proactive adaptability and resilience shown in recent years will continue to serve us well into the future and we are confident that this Budget equips us to meet and overcome external and internal challenges as they arise.

NATIONAL INFLUENCES & IMPACTS

Longford County Council through the Chief Executive and Director of Finance have continued to liaise with the ***Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH)***, on several acute financial matters that directly affect this local authority, for instance:

- Lost Commercial Rates Income resulting from the closure of the Lough Ree Power Station.
- The emerging funding-gap due to the refurbishment of Council owned housing voids.

To withstand the on-going cost of living crisis in the post pandemic environment, it is obvious that the current level of financial shock being experienced by small vulnerable local authorities like Longford County Council cannot be remedied without continued interventions and critical supports from national funding sources.

It is imperative that Longford County Council who were in a very robust financial position at the start of 2024, do not see a diminution of that hard won position as a result of the current global uncertainties and that they are in a solid financial position to take full advantage of any buoyancy that may manifest in coming years.

This position was built over nearly a decade, through the strong collaborative partnership relationship that exists between the citizenry and communities of County Longford, their Elected Members and the Council Executive and it is imperative for the future development of the county that this position remains.

LANESBOROUGH POWER STATION CLOSURE INCOME IMPACTS

On **8th November 2019** the ESB announced the closure of the peat-powered generating plant at Lanesboro, Co Longford. This plant stopped generating electricity in December 2020.

This came as a huge blow to the region in terms of employment & local economic activity. Longford County Council was negatively impacted not only by the potential loss of Commercial Rates income from the plant itself, but also the potential loss of this local income stream from suppliers to the plant e.g., Bord Na Mona, etc.

The Annual Rates Income from the Lough Ree Power Station had been **€1,200,500**; the single biggest Ratepayer in Longford, which accounted for nearly **13%** of the total Rates base in Co. Longford.

The loss of this income would severely hamper the delivery of a range of services and supports currently provided by Longford County Council to its citizens in communities that have already borne the brunt of this accelerated decision.

Current indications are, as a result of the collaborative efforts of the National & Local Public Representatives from County Longford and the Head of Finance and Chief Executive of Longford County Council through the ***Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage*** that this acute financial challenge will once again be alleviated for 2025, this budget takes account of this.

However, from 2025 onwards there is **no guarantee of related future funding** from this source.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (LGF) & LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LPT)

In line with the commitment in the Programme for Government – Our Shared Future; the allocation mechanism for LPT has changed, from 2023 it allows for 100% of the estimated yield to be retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected.

Up to then, 80% of the estimated LPT yield before variation, was retained locally and 20% was used to provide equalisation funding to those local authorities with lower property tax bases. Under the new model, all equalisation funding will be met by the Exchequer, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their Baseline.

Circular Fin 12/2024 advised Longford County Council that its provisional Local Property Tax allocation for 2025 following the decision taken locally to vary the base rate and also due to the increase following the Local Property Tax Baseline Review 2023 would be **€10,737,076**.

The amount of LPT collected in County Longford was **€2,533,284**, and the amount received from the Equalisation Fund is **€8,203,792**, giving a baseline of **€10,737,076**.

The value to Longford County Council of the potential increase or decrease in 2025 LPT Allocation for every 1% of variation implemented is **+/- €22,028**.

On **September 11th, 2024**, Members voted to vary the rate of LPT in Longford by **+ 15%**. The impact of this is that Longford County Council, will benefit from an increase of **€330,428** in LPT funding available to them for 2025.

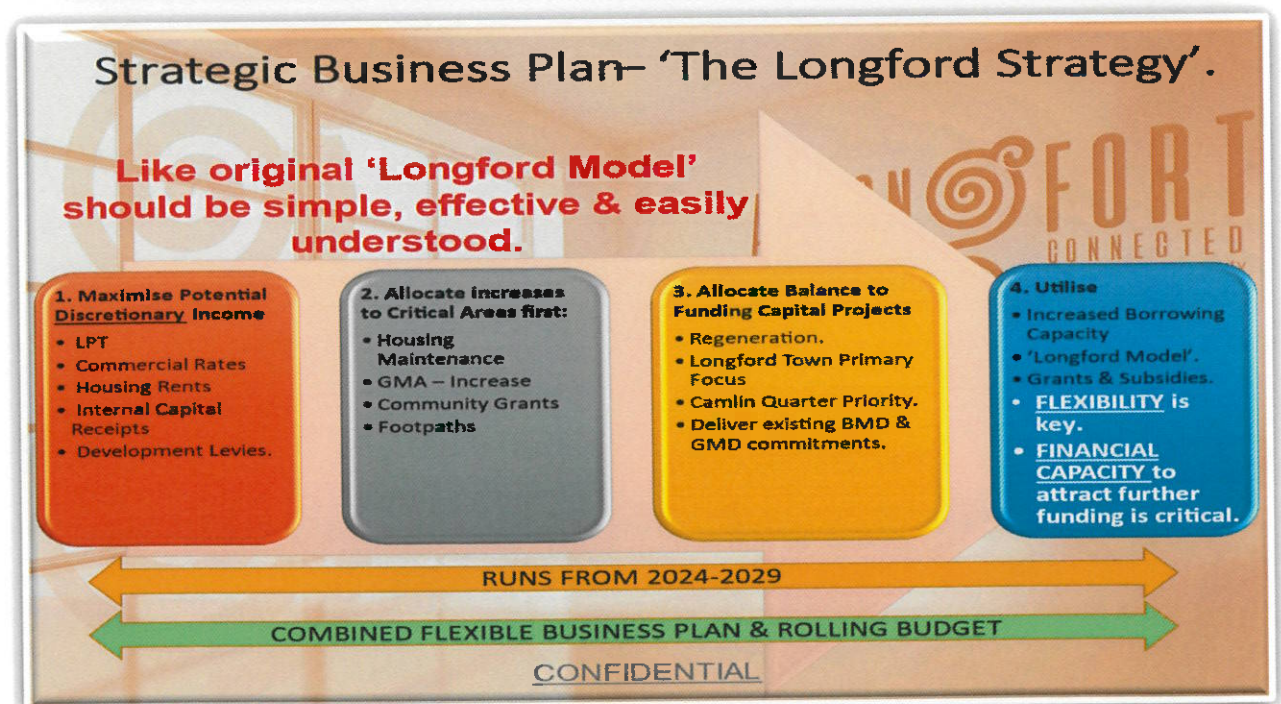
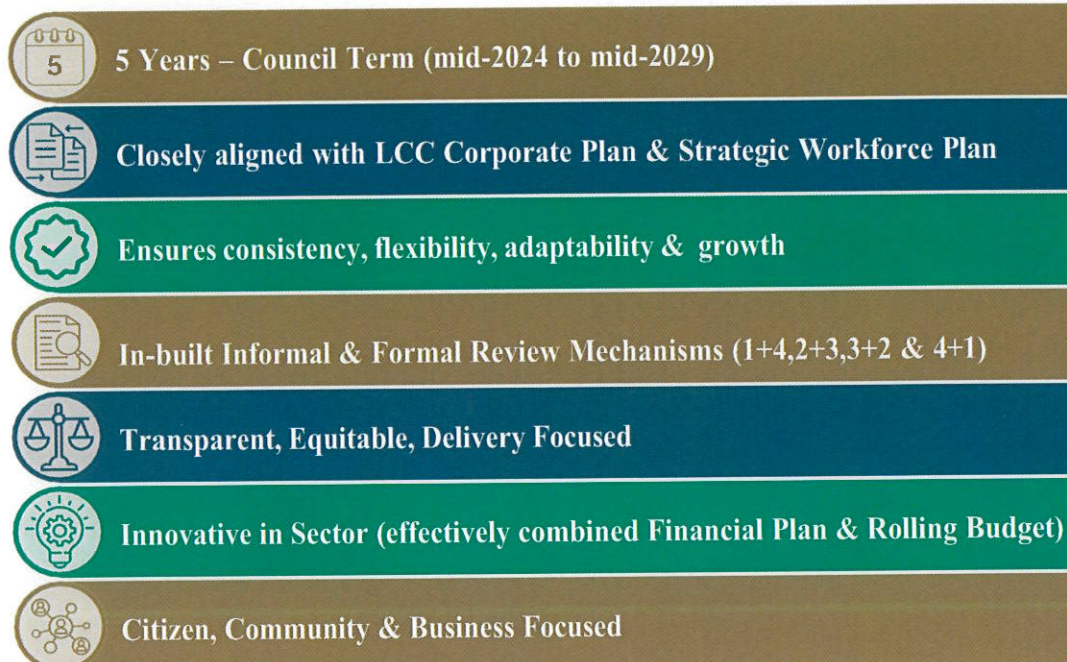
STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN (SBP) 2025-2029:

With a new Council (2024-2029), comes a new vision and a new plan.

Since the Local Election in June 2024, this new Council in conjunction with the Council Executive have been formulating a new **Strategic Business Plan (SBP)**, which together with the **Corporate Plan** and the **Workforce Plan** is envisaged to underpin the continued successful delivery of services and realise its ambitious plans for the full term of this Council and beyond.

This new **Strategic Business Plan (SBP)** endeavours to build on the success of the '**Longford Model**' which was formulated at the inception of the previous Council and was directly successful in attracting **over €75m** Capital Investment Funding to Co. Longford during the term of the last Council.

GUIDING PRINCIPALS



Key Takeways



Financial Benefits of 'Longford Model'

- Total Income increased by €32.3m (42%) during previous Council Term 2019-2024.
- Longford Co.Co. benefitted from being first mover on LPT max. upward variation.
- Leads on to 'Longford Strategy' funding model for current Council Term 2025-2029.



Capital Investment by Longford County Council

- 85 Projects worth €31.09m have benefitted from Match-Funding (2019-2024)
- Match Funding of €3.5m has already been provided by Longford County Council.
- Greater Focus on Longford Town from 2025-2029.



Committed & Future Investment ('Longford Strategy')

- 39 Countywide Projects worth €49.05m On-going.
- LPT (Max Variation) Funding committed to end of 2029.(€1.5m more Match Funding)
- 'Longford Strategy' has potential to fund projects to the value of €80m (2025-2029).

Like the 'Longford Model' this new 'Longford Strategy' is innovative within the Local Authority Sector and should like its predecessor prove to be the exemplar strategy for the smaller local authorities that need to maximise what funding they can raise locally to effectively leverage national funding for the benefit of their areas.

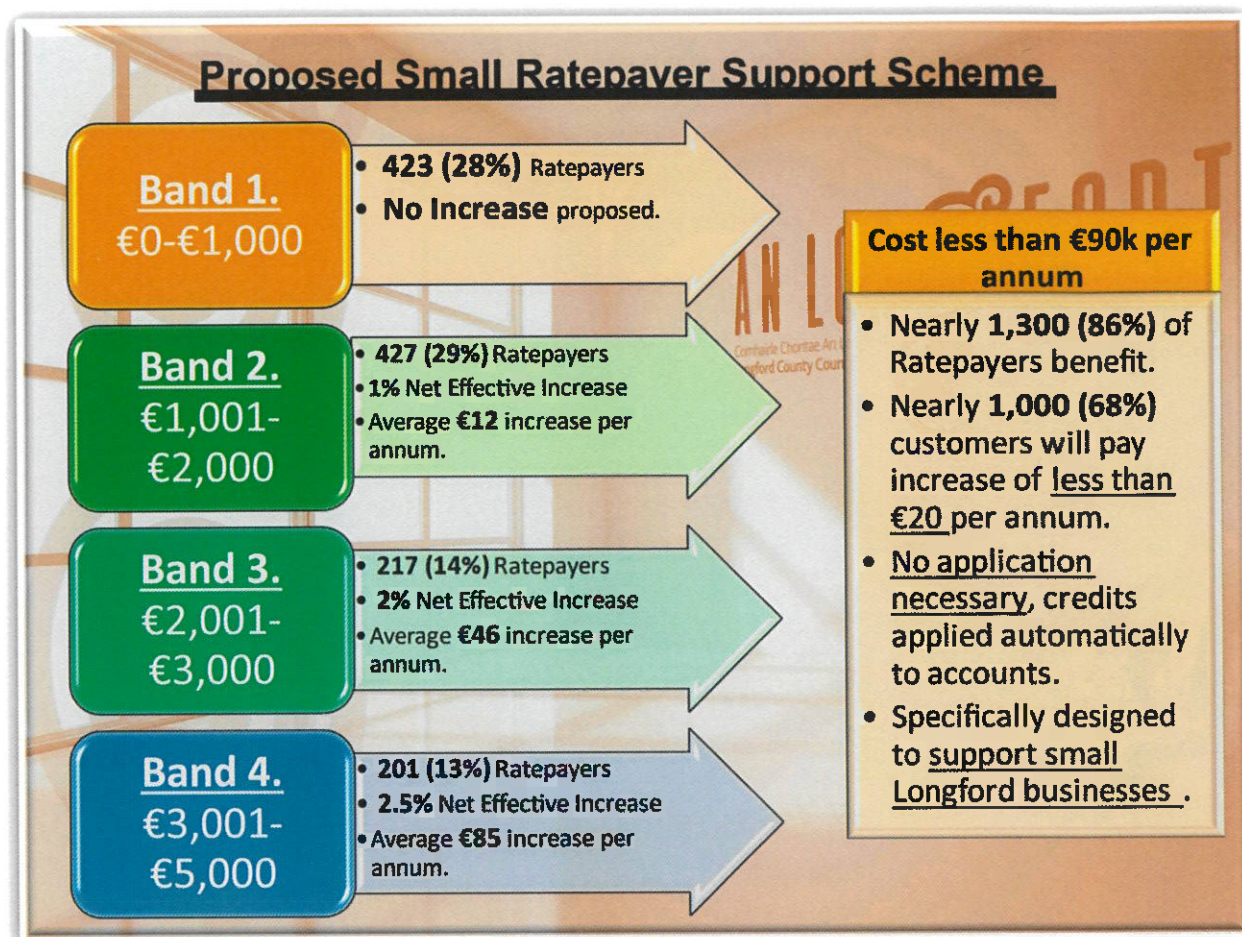
A fundamental principal of this 'Longford Strategy' is that in order to maximise local funding streams, the interests of Longford Ratepayers and LPT payers should be foremost in the consideration of Annual & Multi Annual Budgets.

It has already been decided that Longford LPT Payers will continue to pay at the same rate that has been applicable since 2019.

This Budget while relying on a 5% Commercial Rates increase for 2025, mitigates its effects on 86% of the Ratepayers in Co. Longford, and will have no financial effect at all on 1/3 of these.

The 'Longford Strategy' has inbuilt a formal review mechanism that will track delivery of new Capital Projects and Infrastructure to any increases in Commercial Rates, while also offering the flexibility to factor in any buoyancy resulting from the on-boarding of any new or extended commercial premises or any upward valuations to existing rateable premises or rateable global infrastructure.

If progress towards targets is reached earlier in its life cycle, then any increases later in life cycle will be minimal, if at all.



GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION (GMA)

In late October 2024, the 3 Municipal Districts adopted the General Municipal Allocations (GMA) for inclusion in the 2025 draft budget.

In accordance with **Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014**, I have taken account the GMA adopted and have included the total allocation of **€330k** within this draft budget, this is an increase of 10% on the 2024 allocation.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON CURRENT ACCOUNT:

From a deficit position in 2014, the accumulated surplus has been progressively increased in the intervening years with a current accumulated surplus of **€384,470** in the Revenue account at the end of 2023.

This fiscal prudence has ensured that Longford County Council entered 2024 in a very robust financial position, and it is this that has sustained the council throughout the myriad of financial challenges that have arisen since 2020 mainly due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, inflationary pressures, the energy crisis, and geo-political uncertainty.

However, for 2024 a projected **deficit** for full year currently stands at **€273,936**. While every effort will be made to rein this in and achieve a surplus again for 2024, there is no guarantee that this will be the case.

A summary of the planned activities in each area follows:

Service Division A – HOUSING AND BUILDING

The 2025 estimated expenditure for this Service Division amounts to **€15,963,963** compared with **€13,438,136** estimate for 2024 an overall **increase of 19%** on the 2024 Budget.

Maintenance

The housing maintenance budget for 2025 is €4,523,230 (over €1.5m of an increase on 2024). The current housing stock is **2,278 dwellings**. In accordance with normal Council practice maintenance requests will be prioritised on an emergency basis.

Housing Grants

The Council received an allocation of **€1,295,480** for **2024** of which the Council was required to provide **€259,096** by way of match funding. An allocation of **€367,785** was provided by the Dept under the DPG grants scheme in April 2024 of which **€40,865** must be funded by the Council to undertake adaptation works on 35 units in our stock.

It has been assumed that for budget purposes that a similar level of funding will be made available for **2025** and a similar provision has been made for the Council's contribution to these schemes.

Estate Management

Provision has been made to continue Estate Management activities in 2023. The Housing Liaison Officer / Estate Manager have continued the excellent work with tenants and Residents Associations.

To encourage the continuing enhancement of estates, grant funding is available to encourage residents and resident groups to take an active role in improving the physical appearance of their estate, over **€33,220** has been allocated to Residents associations to date in 2024.

RAS/Leasing/MTR

At present there are **108 Households** supported by RAS & **63 Households** (in 57 Units) Supported by **CAS/RAS**

With regard **Leasing/MTR/P&A Agreements** we have **137 Households** supported by various lease types. The breakdown is:

6 Households on Repair to Lease

8 Households on AHB Mortgage to Rent P&A Agreements

10 Households on AHB CALF & P&A Agreements (6 of these were Housing Agency Acquisitions)

12 Households with AHB P&A Agreements

95 Households on Short Term Leases (RAS Type Leases)

6 Households on Private Mortgage to Rent P&A Agreements

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP):

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) commenced on **1st December 2016**. At present there are **268** no. families, whose housing needs are met under this scheme.

Due to the level of HAP recipients who transfer, vacate, voluntarily leave the scheme or who are served with rent increases and notice to quit a large volume of HAP administrative time is dedicated to dealing with these applications as well as debt management.

The high rate of tenants being served with rent increases and notice to quit has continued to throughout 2024 and it is likely that this will continue into 2025, Tenants in Situ acquisitions are considered as appropriate.

Choice Based Lettings:

Longford County Council has continued the use of Choice Based Letting (CBL) in 2023.

CBL is a method that can be used for the allocation of Social Housing which is designed to offer more choice and involvement for applicant households in selecting a new home and is effective in hard to let areas.

We intend to continue to build on this method of allocations in 2025.

Homelessness

In 2024 the Council was allocated **€403,000** for the provision of Temporary Emergency Accommodation to deal with lack of suitable accommodation in the county, the impact of the lifting of the eviction's moratorium and a continuous increase in the volume of homeless presentations in 2023 – a trend that has continued to rise throughout 2024.

The Council also pays a contribution to the Regional Support Service and the Housing with Supports service. A contribution is also made to PASS (Pathways Accommodation & Support System).

Capital

The current Capital Programme underway includes the following:

- 3 units at Cranleymore Abbeylara
- 6 units at St Ritas Park Road Phase 1
- 7 unit at St Ritas Park Road Phase 2
- 22 units at Radharc na Muileann, Lanesborough
- 13 units at Drynan, Ballymahon
- 8 units at Cnoc na Greine, Granard
- 4 units at Clough Dillons Keenagh
- 6 units at Lamagh, Newtownforbes
- 4 units at 2 Legion Terrace
- 23 units at Richmond Street
- 1 rural house at Corneddan, Ballinalee
- 8 units at Houricans Hotel, Granard
- 4 units at Aghaboy, Killoe (Ennybegs)
- 2 units at Casey Court, Keenagh
- 10 units at Shanmullagh, Ballinamuck
- 2 units Canal Court
- 2 units at Willow Park Halting site
- 4 units at Farrell's Ballinalee
- 4 units at Forthill, Aughnacliffe Phase 2
- 2 units at Market Square

Longford County Council are committed to delivering social housing units & will continue to bring new projects/acquisitions to the Department for approval to meet current demands. In addition, the Council continues to liaise with Approved Housing Bodies re housing provision. Longford County Council completed a Capital Assistance Scheme with Tuath Housing Association for the major refurbishment works of 19 units Colmcille Terrace, Granard.

The **Energy Efficiency Retrofit scheme** is ongoing with the focus this year on targeting the houses with the lowest BER rating. In 2024, the Dept has set a target of 45 units and to date works have been completed on 18 units at Canal Court, Longford and works will be shortly completed on 6 units at St. Annes Ballymahon, 6 units at Abbeycartron Lane and 6 units at Casey Court, Kenagh.

Repair and Leasing – Works are underway on 7 no apartments at 42 Main Street, Longford this an AHB led Scheme with Kilkenny Voluntary Housing Association and comprises of 4 no one bed apartments and 3 no two bed apartments.

Void Programme – A total of 49 units have recently been approved for funding of €539,000 under the Voids Programme 2024 for the Refurbishment of Vacant Local Authority stock. Funding was also received for retrofitting works on 13 of our Void Properties in our social housing stock.

Service Division B - ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY

The budgeted gross revenue expenditure for 2025 is € 21,554,623 compared with €20,894,453 representing a 3% increase on the 2024 budget.

The vast majority of Roads Expenditure is funded from Central Government Funds. The Council has not yet been notified of road grants for 2025 by the **Department of Transport, (DOT)**.

When details of the grant allocations become available, a draft Roadwork's Scheme for 2025 will be prepared, for consideration and adoption by the Council.

The Council's contribution from own resources to the upkeep of local roads for 2024 was increased by €100,000, we have been able to maintain that increase for 2025.

N4 Mullingar to Longford (Roosky)

Longford County Council continue to promote and support the N4 Mullingar to Longford Scheme, which is currently at Phase 2 Option Selection.

A Public Consultation in relation to the emerging preferred route corridor (EPRC) was held in July, and it is envisaged that the preferred route corridor will be identified by the end of 2024.

National Road Pavement Improvement Schemes

National Road Pavement Improvement Schemes are selected on the basis of recent condition surveys of the network. The following works under this scheme were carried out in 2024:

- N55 Meeltanagh Improvement and Resurfacing works of a 5 km section of the N55 between Edgeworthstown and Carrickboy
- N4 Newtownforbes to Clonihir resurfacing works commenced end of November.
- N63 Gowlan (1.2 km) Design completed in 2024. Capital works will be progressed in 2025.

Regional and Local Roads

2024 was the Third year of the ***Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2022-2024*** for non-national roads.

An ambitious programme of works was implemented in the Municipal Districts and included the following notable achievements in 2024:

1. Regional and Local Road Improvement Works to a value in excess of **€5,431,000**
2. Restoration Maintenance Works (Surface Dressing) to a value in excess of **€676,000**.
3. Supplementary Maintenance Works (Surface Dressing) to the value of **€591,500**
4. Road Safety Improvement Works from an allocation of **€220,550** at various locations throughout the County including Drumlish Main St/Mohill Road Junction Improvement, Drumlish Pedestrian Crossing, Longford Dublin Road/Teffia Park Junction, Gleann Riada etc.
5. LIS Funding of **€564,961** received – 11 schemes completed.
6. Drainage works to the value of **€299,000** were carried out at various locations throughout the County.
7. Footpath repairs and construction works were carried out at various locations.
8. Community Involvement schemes allocation of **€224,100** in 2024 – included completion of one scheme from 2023 and 2 new schemes for 2024.

9. On-going maintenance and upgrading of public lighting throughout the County, with over 80% of the public lighting now LED's.
10. Longford County Council has identified the priority routes for the Winter Service Plan 2024/2025. Vehicles will operate from the salt barn in the Machinery Yard, Park Road.
11. Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Works at various locations including Aughnacliffe to Ballinalee (Gelsha), Coolagherty, St.Mel's Road Drainage, Tureen, Gorteengar totalling an allocation of **€283,000**.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

We received an allocation in 2024 of **€433,350** to carry out Maintenance and Rehabilitation works at the following Bridges:

- Crott / Smear – Rehabilitation of a single span masonry arch bridge.
- Liscahill / Gneeve – Rehabilitation of a single span masonry arch bridge
- Dromard – Rehabilitation of a single span masonry arch bridge
- Aghadowry / Townagh - Rehabilitation of a single span composite bridge
- Currygranny / Ballagy - Rehabilitation of a single span masonry arch bridge
- Lissameen – Reconstruction of a single span masonry arch bridge
- Drumeel Breaghy – Replacement of old masonry culvert with precast concrete culvert.

Road Safety

Longford County Council is dedicated to promoting Road Safety.

A Road Safety Working Together Committee has been established in Co Longford to co-ordinate road Safety Activities.

In 2023 Representative Members of the committee from Longford County Council, An Garda Siochana, TII, RSA and the HSE prepared and adopted a new Local Road Safety Action Plan to cover the period 2022-2024 in line with the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030. Work has commenced through the Group to adapt an updated plan and Action Plan to cover the next phase of the Strategy 2025-2027.

Traffic and Paid Parking

Longford County Councils Traffic Department has responsibility for enforcement of illegal parking, non-display of valid parking ticket, permit or motor tax disc, or failure to pay the appropriate parking fees in enforceable parking areas. Traffic Wardens are currently assigned to Longford Town to carry out these enforcement duties. Paid Parking Charges are due to be reviewed in 2025.

Service Division C - WATER SERVICES

Management and accountability for Water Services transitioned to UE under the Master Cooperation Agreement on **26th July 2023**. The sector is engaged in work to identify stranded services and the associated costs which will be funded centrally.

Change in the relationship between local authorities and Uisce Éireann.

Following the establishment of Uisce Éireann (then called Irish Water) a series of Service Level Agreements were concluded with the local authorities to support the provision of water services.

These Agreements provided for the water related costs of each local authority to be met by payments made by Uisce Éireann. The payments cover the full costs of each local authority in the provision of water services.

These include the local authorities' Central Management Charge (CMC), the direct costs for the provision of services to Uisce Éireann including staff wages and salaries and various other costs. Following the establishment of new agreements (the Master Cooperation Agreement signed by all local authorities and a series of Support Services Agreements that captures the arrangements that are specific to each individual authority) new arrangements for payments by Uisce Éireann to local authorities took effect from 1 January 2024.

Local authorities will have a reduced income stream as the payment from Uisce Éireann under the MA/SSA will be less than the SLA payment and this exposes the local authorities to potentially **stranded costs** (notably but not only the contribution to the CMC included in SLA payments).

Arrangement for the period 2025 to 2026

For the period 2025 to 2026, the Department will pay to each local authority the amount necessary to defray CMC costs. Any non-CMC stranded costs identified and incurred by individual local authorities will be dealt with on a sectoral approach and considered by the Working Group on a case-by-case basis.

The 2024 to 2026 period reflects the timeframe foreseen in the Framework for withdrawal of local authority staff from the provision of services and takes cognisance of the high level of uncertainty over the number and timing of staff transferring to Uisce Éireann.

The amount payable in respect of CMC will be paid to each local authority before the end of quarter 1 each year. It is anticipated that the CMC figure for 2025 will be in line with 2024 figure of €1,149,329.

Any non-CMC costs incurred by a LA during a calendar year may be claimed by a local authority on a case-by-case basis and shall be submitted through CCMA/LGMA and shall only be paid upon approval of a formal business case.

The Chief Executive must verify the figures before submitting their invoice, and payment will be made in arrears.

Where it is possible to do so local authorities will seek to address stranded costs by any means available to either reduce the costs or find alternative revenues to meet the costs.

2027 onwards

For the purposes of determining what arrangement should apply from 1 January 2027 a further analysis of stranded costs will be completed in the first half of 2026.

Service Division D - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

The Development Management Service in County Longford is a key service in delivering the economic, social, and physical well-being for County Longford.

It combines all the vitally important functions of economic development, local enterprise, community, recreation, culture, physical planning, and regeneration to plan for and deliver positive development for the County.

The overall estimate for this service division is **€13,416,159**, compared with **€13,368,105** for 2025, remaining relatively flat year on year.

Supporting Local Communities

The **Local Government Reform Act 2014** increased the responsibility and role of the Local Government system in supporting local communities. In 2023 the Council completed work on the development of a new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for the County and this plan was adopted by the Council in December 2023. The LECP sets out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of County Longford, both by the Council and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders. In 2025, Longford County Council will:

1. Help build capacity and resilience as people re-learn to live, work, and play in the new normal. This will help strengthen groups and individuals and support them in building sustainable communities.
2. Provide funding to help support and resource the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) to achieve its objectives, including overseeing the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) which is implemented by LCRL CLG.
3. Continue to support communities and citizens impacted by the challenges, uncertainty and concerns presented during the Ukrainian Crisis.
4. Make provision for funding to support the Public Participation Network in facilitating the participation and representation of communities on decision-making bodies in a fair, equitable and transparent manner and help to strengthen their capacity to contribute positively to our communities.
5. Continue to assist communities throughout the County, in conjunction with the LCDC and LCRL CLG, to avail of the important opportunity to secure funding for projects under the new LEADER Programme in their area.
6. Support communities in identifying opportunities presented through Just Transition.
7. With the LCDC, agree actions to support the high-level goals and objectives in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) with two-year implementation plans to help promote economic and community development in County Longford.
8. Promote the Department's Community Enhancement Programme which provides valuable funding for operational costs and small-scale capital works for community groups and Men's and Women's Sheds.
9. Continue to assist groups in their applications for funding under the Department's CLÁR Programme for accessible community facilities and amenities.
10. Liaise with local communities at various levels and help promote local projects, initiatives, and festivals.
11. Continue to support Comhairle na nÓg.
12. Provide funding to promote and support inter-cultural projects and events in 2025.

13. Provide funding for the Community Grant Support Scheme in addition to the County-Wide Members Fund which is funded from an under spend on Elected Members' training budget.
14. Support the Sláintecare and Age Friendly Ireland joint programme entitled 'Healthy Age Friendly Homes'. This programme is aimed at supporting older adults to remain living in their own homes and communities.
15. Continue to support the LCDC in securing funding under the Healthy Ireland Initiative which aims to create a society where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health, and where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society.
16. Commence development of a new Healthy County Plan 2024-2028.
17. Support the new Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme to provide increased health and wellbeing services.
18. Support the Longford Local Community Safety Partnership which is aimed at strengthening community policing and safety.
19. Support the Longford Community Volunteer Programme

Supporting Integration

A new integration Support team was established in 2024 within the Local Authority.

The goal of Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to help IP applicants and refugees become independent, settle into their new communities, and participate in Irish life. They do this by connecting people to important services that can help them integrate into the community.

LAITs provide support for:

- Applicants for International Protection (IP)
- People who have been granted refugee status or other forms of protection, such as subsidiary protection or permission to remain.
- Refugees who have been resettled in Ireland through a government programme.
- Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs)

Longford County Council will continue to support the Government response to the Ukrainian Refugee crisis in 2025 through a range of supports to include the administration of the Offer a Home Scheme.

The total number of Ukrainians settled in County Longford is approximately 1,000 and they are assisted with their housing, welfare, education, and integration needs by the LAIT Team in Longford County Council working with agency and community partners.

This work that coordinated through the Community Integration Forum, chaired by a Director of Services.

There are now 2 dedicated IPA centres in Longford Town, supported by the LAIT team while 2025 will see the relocation of 129 Syrian refugees to County Longford under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP).

Local Enterprise Office - Supporting Enterprise and Economic Development

The Local Enterprise Office forms an integral part of the organisation's strategic approach to supporting economic growth. It continues to deliver on its core support measures that include financial support to new and expanding micro-enterprises and training and mentoring support to help build up management capability and organisational capacity in small firms. In 2025, the LEO will focus on:

1. Supporting business and enterprises as they face a constant stream of challenges posed by impacts in their external environment.
2. Supporting businesses as they face up to the challenges of climate change and energy crisis and adopt new technologies and practices to become more environmentally sustainable and resource efficient.
3. Identifying opportunities presented through the Just Transition Programme.
4. Supporting new projects through the provision of direct financial assistance.
5. Coordinating training and mentoring supports for businesses.
6. Continuing to coordinate a wide range of initiatives designed to foster a culture of enterprise including the Student Enterprise Programme, business networks, promotional campaigns, etc.
7. Promoting various local authority supports such Business Incentive Scheme to incentivise the occupancy of vacant commercial premises and to help revitalise the main commercial centres.
8. Working closely with the economic development and regeneration units and other state agencies on a range of initiatives designed to improve the business environment in the County and to promote the County as a viable and attractive location for inward investment.
9. Implementing actions designed to help deliver future economic growth which are outlined in Longford's LECP 2023-2029, the Midland's Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024 and the Midland's Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan 2021-2024.
10. Developing strategic actions to support economic development which will be delivered through the new LECP.
11. Continuing to work on regional initiatives under UESFE and Midlands Ireland including actions designed to optimise economic value from the tourism sector.
12. Engaging with the business Diaspora and delivering actions under the Council's Diaspora Strategy.

Supporting our Tourism

Tourism in Longford continues to grow having a cultural importance but also an economic importance that has potential to deliver increased jobs and wealth to the County over the next few years. To achieve this the focus will be on:

1. Longford County Council and the Tourism Committee will implement the new Tourism Plan 2023 -2028 for the County
2. Particular focus will be the development of product and projects that enhance Longford's tourism offering.
3. The tourism office will work with all stakeholder groups to include tourism businesses, community groups, agency partners and members of the public to ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to tourism in County Longford.
4. The County will seek to maximise economic benefit from Centre Parcs in Ballymahon in terms of increasing possible dwell time in the County for visitors to the resort.
5. Itineraries will continue to be reviewed and developed which will enhance Longford's reputation as a tourism destination.
6. The tourism website will be further developed, social media presence increased, and our portfolio of promotional videos and materials expanded.

7. The Council will work with Fáilte Ireland to build on the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brand and support their efforts to attract visitors to the region.
8. To support the work of the voluntary Tourism Committee in developing new projects and products that will align with the brand messaging and help attract and keep tourists in the County.
9. The Tourism Office will support individuals and groups seeking support in 2025 under the Fáilte Ireland EU Just transition Strand or under the new LEADER programme.
10. The Tourism committee will also work with Tourism partners, in particular Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland in infrastructural and product improvements that will improve the environment and visitor experience in the County.

In 2025 the Tourism Office will work closely with the Nighttime Economy, Longford Arts, Longford Creative Communities Engagement and Longford Community Safety Partnership and Regeneration to support the further development of Longford as a destination for events, creativity, activities, entertainment and regenerative tourism.

Supporting and Protecting our Heritage

The Heritage Office continues to develop, lead, and support research projects on multiple aspects of our cultural and natural heritage under the County Heritage Plan. The plan aims to inform current and future community/tourism/infrastructure initiatives within County Longford, as well as raise awareness of the diversity and significance of the heritage of County Longford. In 2025 the Longford Heritage Office will:

1. Continue to deliver the aims of the County Longford Heritage Plan, 2019-2024 incorporating the Longford Biodiversity Action Plan, in partnership with Longford County Council, the Heritage Council, with the support of the Heritage Forum and heritage groups and practitioners.
2. Finalise the development of the Heritage plan for 2025-2030 with community and collaboration at its heart.
3. The Heritage Office will assist in the promotion and implementation of Heritage Ireland 2030, as well as other local, regional, national, and international heritage strategies and plans.
4. Continue to support private individuals, organisations, and companies in managing and conserving their historic structures and archaeological monuments.
5. Promote the application for new and existing applicants to the department led heritage grants via community clinics and one to one community discussions.
6. Continue to administer Departmental-led built heritage grants within the county, to include the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Historic Structures Fund, Community Monuments Fund, or their equivalent.
7. Advance community-based archaeological conservation management plans for key archaeological sites, under the Community Monuments Fund. Advance the conservation and repair of the Tower House at Abbeyshrule Abbey, the abbey in Abbeylara and the conservation assessment of the monastery at Saints Island. Working with Longford County Council, the National Monuments Service and Office of Public Works develop conservation guidance for the motte-and-bailey castle at Granard, known as 'The Moat of Granard'.
8. These Community projects will be part of the Norman celebrations proposal planned for 2027.

9. Support the development and promotion of biodiversity conservation research and awareness projects under the County Heritage Plan, and Local Biodiversity Action Fund, including the Longford Wetlands Heritage Survey, the North Longford Native Tree Nursery at Moyne, and the Pallas Pollinator Project at the childhood home of Oliver Goldsmith. Work with Longford County Council colleagues, including the Climate Action team, Environmental Awareness Officer, and Biodiversity Officer in delivering initiatives that address the challenges posed by biodiversity loss and climate change to all aspects of our heritage.
10. Participate in key local and national initiatives, including URBACT Local Group, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan (CCASP) for Built & Archaeological Heritage.
11. Coordinate and develop events and projects, in person and online, for key national heritage programmes, including National Biodiversity Week, Heritage Week, Science Week and supporting local community and heritage groups and practitioners in delivering projects and events.
12. Participate in and support the Longford Cultural Team to deliver the Creative Ireland – Longford Plan and the Decade of Centenaries – Longford programme.
13. Carry out condition surveys and where necessary undertake conservation works to significant cultural heritage objects in the county. The historic plaster version of the Oliver Goldsmith statue by John Henry Foley at Trinity College Dublin, is currently undergoing a standstill period to ensure best practice and long-term conservation. The project will feature more in 2025. This will mark the 50th Anniversary of the statue in Longford.

Planning Department

1. The Planning Department will, in 2025, continue to provide the planning functions for County Longford.
2. The Development Management Service and pre-planning meetings shall continue to be provided to the Council and public.
In 2024 this system became paperless moving to an online platform in conjunction with ePlanning, including the receipt of all application electronically.
3. The County Development Plan 2021-2027 is now complete having been adopted by the Elected members at Longford County Council meeting on Tuesday 19th October 2021. The two-year review has been carried out and presented to the Members in October 2023. The plan sets out the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County in terms of social, cultural, economic, and physical development.
The review of the Development plan will commence in 2025 two years before the end of the current Plan cycle.
4. Work has commenced on the preparation of the Longford Town Local Area Plan. A draft Plan went out for Public Consultation with submissions accepted up to 17th October 2024. The CE's report is currently being drafted and will be presented to the Member in early 2025.
5. Work will also continue on other forward planning projects as identified by the County Development Plan, higher level national and regional policy requirements, and the priorities of the Planning Department and management.
6. In addition, the Planning Policy section continues to provide valuable advice and reports which set the framework for the guidance and control of development of the County.
7. The Planning Section continues to assist the Housing Section with its Housing Action Plan in delivering social houses in the County. They will continue to provide a key role in the delivery of all types of housing in the future.

8. In 2024 the Section will continue to support all other sections of the Council in the delivery of their services particularly in the regeneration, economic, community, tourism, and climate action areas, in particular in facilitating the Part 8 process.
9. Critically important to the future of Longford and the Planning Section will be developing policies and strategies to deal with climate change and actions.
10. The Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 includes key actions as to how the County will act to reduce our carbon footprint, protect, and enhance nature and facilitate sustainable living by our communities and people. To achieve this, we will continue to partner and collaborate closely with our local communities.
11. In addition, the Forward Planning Section is regularly involved with other projects that require substantial time allocation such as Managing Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs), Road Route Corridor Studies, IDA projects and other projects from national to local level.

ePlanning

On-line Planning portal went live in Longford in March 2023 and has resulted in a great success. The Local Government Online Planning Portal was designed to streamline the application for planning permissions across all Local Authorities in Ireland. The online portal is easy to use and moves the process into an environmentally friendly one that is also user friendly. You can register your own account, submit documents online with your application, and submit further documentation at a later stage if necessary. You can view previously submitted applications on your dashboard, as well as the status of applications quickly and easily. Planning permission in Ireland is moving towards a paperless and environmentally friendly domain where applicants have 24/7 access to their planning applications. Currently over 90% of applications are being made online. It is anticipated that in 2025 the number of online planning applications will increase. It is hoped that by end of 2025 99% of all application will be received electronically.

Development contribution waiver

These new measures are intended to help boost the delivery of housing supply, address cost and viability issues, with a view to ensuring that the housing delivery targets set in Housing for all can be met.

The Temporary Development Contribution Waiver Scheme applies for 1 year to all permitted residential development that commences on site between 25 April 2023 and 24 April 2024, and is commenced not later than 31 December 2025. The waiver will cover the full cost of the development contribution levy due from the developer/project promoter under the development contribution scheme operated by the relevant local authority. Under the waiver scheme, instead of developers/project promoters having to pay the relevant development contributions to the local authority in the normal manner (usually on commencement of construction or in accordance with an agreed phased payment plan with the local authority), the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will pay the relevant charges due to the local authority on behalf of the person liable for the contribution.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The role of the Planning Enforcement Section involves investigating complaints from the public regarding unauthorised developments and non-compliance with planning permissions.

The Section conducts site visits and issues Warning Letters, Enforcement Notices, and institutes legal proceedings as appropriate. The Section attempts to achieve resolutions through negotiation at pre-warning letter stage resulting in the minimisation of enforcement notices and legal proceedings.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) was introduced by the Finance Act 2021 and potentially imposes a 3% annual market value tax on zoned lands which are suitable for residential development.

In this regard local authorities were required to create a map and individual site planning reports for all residential zoned land, new residential zoned land, and mixed use (Town Core) where residential development is permitted in principle.

The objective of the tax is to activate zoned and serviced residential development land and land zoned for mixed use, including residential, for development to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations.

This process placed an enormous burden on the scarce resources of Longford County Council.

UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Status for Lough Ree

- Longford County Council in conjunction with Westmeath and Roscommon County Councils and the National Parks and Wildlife Service are working on obtaining UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Status for Lough Ree.
- Work is ongoing in relation to the procurement of consultants for the preparation of a submission to obtain UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Status for Lough Ree in September 2024. Public Consultation will start in 2025.

REGENERATION DEPARTMENT

The Regeneration Team works closely and engages with local communities, Elected Members, and agencies to identify projects to enhance and develop County Longford.

The projects identified for implementation are based on a coordinated strengthening of the three main pillars, Economic, Social and Physical Regeneration of the County.

The Regeneration department engages with community groups from an early stage to identify potential projects, guide and advise them in project development, sourcing funding and implementation of projects.

This partnership approach has been supported by the establishment of Collaboration Groups/Town Teams in several settlements across the county, namely:

- Lanesboro/Ballyleague Collaboration Group,
- Ballymahon Town Team,
- Drumlish/Ballinamuck Town Team and
- Edgeworthstown Town Team.

FUNDING

As of November 2024, the Regeneration team has secured in excess of **€39 million** grant funding for projects, the delivery of which has led to immense improvements to the county. 2024 saw continued success in funding secured for a range of projects addressing enterprise, amenity, and tourism development along with public realm improvements and large scale Urban and Rural regeneration.

Grant funding has been approved under various schemes through ***the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, the Department of Tourism, Transport & Sport, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, and Faite Ireland under EU Just Transition.***

These schemes include: -

- **Town and Village Renewal Scheme (T&V),**
- **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS),**
- **Rural Renewal Development Fund (RRDF),**
- **Just Transition Fund and**
- **Urban Renewal Development Fund (URDF).**

The grants available range from 75% to 90% of project costs and Longford County Council in conjunction with community groups provide the remaining 10% to 25% of match funding required for project implementation.

Longford County Council, through this budget are committed to allocating financial resources to continued implementation of these positive projects for the county in 2025.

The many upgraded walkways and trails delivered by the Regeneration team in 2024 have provided much needed respite to local communities and the development of the recreational infrastructure across the county plays a key part in the tourism offering of the county and the wider Hidden Heartlands area.

Below is a sample of projects completed or in progress in 2024

Longford Connected Project (URDF)

The first element of Camlin Quarter, - The Mall Outdoor Recreation upgrade was submitted to URDF with approval expected in Q4 2024. Works are expected to start in Q1 2025

North Longford Rebel Trail Phase 2 – Monaduff to Ballinamuck. (ORIS)

This project continues from the Drumlish to Monaduff trail and will ultimately link Drumlish with Ballinamuck when completed in November 2024

Pobal le Cheile (RRDF)

Ballymahon Pobal Le Cheile Project continued to be progressed in 2024.

This required extensive surveys of existing buildings, agreement on the schedule of accommodation, design and planning under Part 8 due to be submitted in Q1 2025.

Longford Skatepark (Town and Village)

Longford Skatepark is located in the old Greyhound Track on Park Road.

This project was funded under Town and Village Renewal Scheme with match funding from Longford County Council.

The project was officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys in March 2024.

Just Transition

The council received funding for 3 projects under the EU Just Transition Fund

- **Commons North Amphitheatre in Lanesboro**
- **Clondra Village Enhancement**
- **Clondra to Tarmonbarry Greenway feasibility**

All these projects are progressing through different stages of lifecycle development.

Unfinished Estates

The Unfinished Estates team continues to make excellent progress in resolving the issues and difficulties of unfinished private estates and bringing them to a taking in charge standard.

To date a total of **129 estates** have been resolved and/or formally taken in charge and no longer on the Unfinished Estates list.

Site Resolution Plans are agreed and currently being implemented on the remaining six estates and work to finalise issues on those estates will continue in 2025.

The Regeneration team strives for excellence in all elements of its work and supports the Executive, Elected Members, and communities to ensure that Longford is a great place in which to live, work and visit.

All sources of funding will be explored, and all work will be conducted to the highest standard.

As of November 2024, the Regeneration team are working on projects totalling **€40 million**.

Active Travel

In 2020, Active Travel funding was announced by the Department of Transport for projects involving walking and cycling in Towns and Villages.

At that time, these projects were delivered by the Municipal Districts. The level of increased funding that followed resulted in the establishment of the Active Travel Section in 2021. Since 2020, Active Travel have progressed 21 projects totalling approximately **€10 million**.

Below is a sample of completed projects in 2024:

Battery Road

Full depth and road width construction with segregated footpaths and cycle paths, lighting and rounding overhead utilities is currently under construction and nearing completion in Q1 2025.

Ballinalee Road

This project was the provision of a cycle path on both sides of the road with pedestrian crossing and junction tightening.

The project was officially opened by Minister Jack Chambers in May 2024.

Market Street to Barrack Lane, Granard - Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The Contractor for this project commenced work on the 11th of November with works expected to be completed in June 2025.

This work will open the road from the Butter Market linking it onto the Garda Station.

Cycle paths will be provided from Ard Scoil Phadraig into the Garda Station junction with the N55.

Ennybegs - Pedestrian and Cycle Facilities in 50KPH Zone linking Village to School

This project was the provision of pedestrian and cycle facility in Ennybegs Village providing a shared path link between the village and the National School.

The project was officially opened by Minister Jack Chambers in May 2024

The funding for these projects is from the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The Council's allocation has increased from **€2.5m to €3.5m** for 2024 with a similar level of funding expected in 2024.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST

The Town Centre First Department is a new department with responsibility for the delivery of the Town Centre First programme, as well as the Land Activation programme, including Derelict Sites, Vacant Sites, Compulsory Purchase Orders and the Croí Cónaithe scheme.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST

Town Centre First is a Government initiative to support the regeneration of our towns centres to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and

recreational hub for the local community. A key element of the Town Centre First policy is the establishment of Town Teams and the co-creation of a Town Centre First Plan with the Town Team. The first Town Team established in Longford the under Town Centre First initiative was the Longford Town Team. This brought together a group of diverse representatives from across Longford Town to share their views and develop an action plan to support the development of the town. Longford Town Centre First Strategy was launched in June 2024. The actions identified in the Longford Town Centre First Strategy led to the development of 2 successful funding applications, under THRIVE Strand 1 and Town and Village Project Development Measure for the development of projects at Connolly Barracks and Garvey's Yard. Work has commenced with the second Town Centre First Town in Ballymahon, working with the Town Team there to develop the baseline study and engage the community, with the Town Centre First Plan for Ballymahon which is expected to be delivered in 2025. The Town Centre First Team has commenced engagements with the community in Granard with a view to establishing a Town Team there in the 2025 and subsequently developing a Town Centre First Plan for Granard.

THRIVE

A successful funding application was submitted under THRIVE Strand 1 for the development of plans for the redevelopment of Connolly Barracks as a community, cultural, museum space. Consultants Robin Lee Architecture were appointed to progress this project. The ultimate aim of this project is to reimagine Connolly Barracks so that it ignites the regeneration of the wider Camlin Quarter. Extensive consultation has been undertaken with community and interested stakeholder groups to identify the gaps and needs of the people of Longford that will inform the future development of this important site in the town.

DERELICT SITES/VACANT SITES/CPO

In support of the actions proposed in the Town Centre First Plans, Longford County Council is utilising Land Activation Measures such as Derelict Sites Act, Vacant Sites Act and Compulsory Purchase Order to encourage landowners to develop their vacant and derelict properties. This involves inspection of properties and engagement with landowners. There are currently 28 properties on the Derelict Sites Register. 3 new sites were added in 2024 and 10 properties were removed. The Derelict Sites Levy will be applied from January 2025. Four properties will be subject to the Derelict Sites Levy in 2025. It is the intention of the Town Centre First Department to utilise these measures to engage with landowners and encourage activation of properties. CPO is to commence on one property in 2024.

CROÍ CÓNAITHE

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme (Croí Cónaithe) continues to support property revitalisation, offering up to €50,000 for vacant properties and €70,000 for derelict ones. As of the latest update, Longford County Council received 145 applications. Of these:

- 19 applications were withdrawn or refused.
- 33 applications are pending further information from the applicants.
- 86 applications have received preliminary approval.
- 4 applications have received final approval.
- 3 grants have been successfully paid out.

Service Division E - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The estimated expenditure for this division for 2025 is **€9,077,336** compared with **€7,683,946** for 2024, a year-on-year increase of **18%**.

The Draft Budget makes provision for the continued delivery of existing services on a prioritised basis having regard to the availability of financial and other resources. Given the nature of changes in Government policy there are increasing demands on many of the services that Environment Section provides.

Improving environmental compliance by enforcement throughout the county is a major priority for the Council.

The EPA have identified 20 National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) in total, with 5 NEPs in each thematic area of waste, air & noise, water and governance processes.

Longford County Council continuously preforms strongly in the waste enforcement priority area for combatting illegal waste activities, leading to the detection and cessation of unauthorised waste collection, and dumping operations across the county.

In 2024 a new waste priority has been identified by the EPA to enforce the roll-out and use of a 3-bin systems, to improve segregation and increase recycling of both household and commercial waste. This activity will continue during 2025.

Poor waste segregation remains an ongoing problem with households and businesses still putting most of their waste in the wrong bin. Urgent action is needed if we are to move to a circular economy and close the wide gap to the national municipal recycling target. Longford County Council has secured €20,000 in Green Hubs funding for 2025. The overarching aim of the project is to provide training to business in waste management and segregation.

Ireland's ambition as set out in the Clean Air Strategy is to move towards the World Health Organisation (WHO) Air Quality guidelines.

This will be challenging but will have a significantly positive impact on health, with more than 1,300 premature deaths per year in Ireland due to air pollution currently.

Longford County Council has been a leader in air quality enforcement.

A sustained focus in 2025 is required to ensure that only approved solid fuels are available for sale, to reduce air pollution from the combustion of solid fuels for home heating.

In 2024 Longford County Council developed the second iteration of the county's Noise Action Plan under the Environmental Noise Regulations.

The actions identified in the plan will be rolled out over the four-year plan duration.

To date nationally all Local Authorities struggle to implement their Noise Actions Plans, the EPA have highlighted the need for Local Authorities to allocate adequate resources and collaborate with other bodies to prioritise and mitigate excessive noise exposure in addition to designating quiet areas in cities for people's health and wellbeing. The allocation of additional resources in 2025 will assist in the implementation of the plan's actions.

The EPA have stated nationally, water quality is not achieving good status.

Agriculture continues to have a significant impact on water quality.

The National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP), which commenced in 2022, takes a risk-based approach to inspections.

Longford County Council has appointed a dedicated good agricultural practice (GAP) inspector, with a commencement date in early 2025.

As a result of this resource, the number of farm inspections will significantly increase in 2025, which it is anticipated will help improve water quality in county Longford.

Monitoring and sampling work to protect and restore the water quality in our rivers, lakes and groundwater is ongoing. In addition, a programme of work to include catchment assessments and investigative work continues in Areas for Action as proposed by the EPA.

The number of litter and waste complaints requiring investigation continues to be relatively high with approximately 1,500 received during 2023.

The Environment Section are committed to taking court action where appropriate and endeavor to gather sufficient evidence to enable offenders to be prosecuted.

Cleaning up sites where waste is dumped is costly and impacts significantly on the council's budget. Clean ups carried out by local groups with support from the Council are often the most efficient and effective way of dealing with litter and waste. For that reason, it is proposed to continue aiding local community groups, the Probation Services and Tidy Towns Committees through a variety of means.

The Department continue to provide financial assistance towards Anti-Dumping initiatives and Anti-Litter and Graffiti in the county, including large scale cleanups.

The street cleaning programme is designed to present the towns and villages across the county in the most attractive manner possible, thereby enhancing the quality of life of those who live locally and those who visit the county.

It is intended to continue providing a similar level of service in the coming year.

Provision has been made in Budget 2025 for a Multihog Street Sweeping Machine and operator which should be of huge benefit to the upkeep of our larger towns and new walkways.

Bring Bank facilities are provided at a range of locations and are very well used.

Ensuring that people can recycle locally is vitally important in that it influences behavior, and it also serves to make people more environmentally conscientious.

Regrettably, the Environment Department receive frequent complaints due to the misuse of the bring banks. Illegal dumping of waste in addition to recyclable materials, empty boxes, bags, etc., is common, causing distress to adjacent businesses and homeowners.

In 2024 a combination of CCTV and Voice Messaging Systems were installed at Bring Bank facilities across the county, aimed at alleviating this misuse.

This programme of work will continue during 2025.

The provision of funding and other assistance to cemetery committees and groups undertaking work in local cemeteries encourages active participation in community life at a local level. It is intended to continue to aid such groups where funding permits.

The need for essential minor repairs at various cemeteries across the county is increasing.

There are several historic landfills around the county.

In the case of three of these sites, Ballymulvey, Cartron Big and Ballymaurice, detailed assessment works, site investigations and Certificate of Authorisation (COA) applications were lodged with the EPA in 2021 and 2022.

With respect to two of these sites, Ballymulvey and Cartron Big, the EPA completed their consideration of these COA's in Q4 2024.

Additional resources will be required to deliver these remediation projects within the EPA's specified timeframes.

Further assessment works for Ballymaurice are complete and we await the EPA's final determination. Groundwater and surface water monitoring programme on all the landfills continues.

CLIMATE ACTION

The Team includes a Climate Action Coordinator, a Climate Officer, a Community Climate Officer, and a Biodiversity Officer.

The Climate Action Plan was adopted in February 2024. Implementation of actions in the plan are ongoing and an annual report will be produced in early 2025.

Draft Biodiversity Plan will be ready by the end of 2024, and it is planned to go before the Council in Q2 2025.

Work on the installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers in Longford, Ballymahon and Lanesborough was completed in Q3 2024. Granard should be completed by the end of the year.

€380,000 under the Community Climate Action Fund was allocated to 14 community projects, during 2024. Those projects should be completed in Q2 2025.

Fire & Emergency Services 2025

The projected annual current expenditure for fire service activities is approximately **€4,500,000** which covers both Community Fire Safety and Operational Response Activities.

The new National pay deal for the Retained Fire Fighters has had a major impact on the operating costs for the Fire service.

Additional funding will be provided centrally taking cognizance of this deal.

9 additional Fire crew were recruited in 2024. 12 additional crew members need to be recruited in 2025.

The allocation of supplementary funding for the WRC agreement for Longford County Council for 2025 is **€967,000**. This figure will be re visited at the end of 2025.

On the capital side, the new Fire Station proposal for Ballymahon is awaiting approval in principle to proceed. A suitable site has been identified for the new Fire Station.

Longford Fire Service have been allocated a new Class B Fire Engine costing **€550,000**.

This vehicle is scheduled to be delivered in Q2 2025. Capital funding of **€63,000** has also been provided for a new Fire Service jeep. This jeep shall be in service in Q1 2025.

Civil Defence

Longford Civil Defence will have provided medical and welfare cover at 112 Community events, including Longford Town soccer matches, Community games, GAA matches, Athletics events, assistance to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service and Longford Marathon.

2024 also saw Longford Civil Defence providing assistance to An Garda Síochána during a 12-day search for a missing person.

During this search Longford volunteers were assisted by volunteers from other units with Drones & Search dogs.

Civil Defence has continued to assist the Local Authority in relation to the Ukrainian Crisis.

Two Civil Defence Volunteers received 30-year service medals from the Department of Defence in recognition of their service.

Volunteers were recertified in all areas of mandatory training and the unit gained 4 new instructors in various disciplines. Training was also provided in areas such as driver training, Radio communications, Search and Rescue and Welfare. Two (2) volunteers completed CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) course. One (1) volunteer won and received a Garda Youth Award.

Service Division F - RECREATION AND AMENITY

This Service Division covers the services of Swimming Pools, Library and Cultural Services, Parks, and Open Spaces. The estimated expenditure for 2025 amounts to **€6,432,978** which again represents an **increase of 13%** on the 2025 Budget of **€5,651,435**.

The Library Heritage and Archives service is a key community, education and cultural resource delivered by Longford County Council.

Support for the sporting facilities in the Albert Reynolds Peace Park, including swimming pool, continues with provision of **€75,000** being made in the 2025 Budget, this provision substantially reduced from 2023 levels recognising the milestone achievement of self-sufficiency having been made in 2024, in collaboration with the Service Provider under the contract which commenced in 2017 and which was renewed in 2023. The provision made in Budget 2025 is for Infrastructural Energy Efficiency works to the building.

Library Service

Demand for the Library service as a valued community hub in each of our towns continues to grow. Increasing visitor numbers and outreach will feature strongly in the priorities for 2025. My open library (MOL) services had resume with Ballymahon reopening in 2022. There will be 4 MOL service locations available to the communities in Longford – Ballymahon, Edgeworthstown, Granard and Lanesborough.

Priorities in 2025 include:

1. Continue to develop initiatives which help to keep to people connected and build resilience in our communities.
2. Continue to expand the role of the library as an essential community service through the delivery of the national strategic themes identified in National Public Library Strategy 2023-2027: People, Spaces and Connections.
3. Develop public awareness, provide information, and facilitate discussion on Climate Change and biodiversity.
4. Promote intergenerational learning: e.g., basic digital skills where young people can partner with older people on a one-to-one basis to share their knowledge of smart phones, tablets, iPads, etc.
5. Continue the collaboration with Westmeath Libraries and LWETB on the advice for your device sessions in the library to improve digital literacy for adults of all ages.
6. Developed the collaboration with LWETB for the development of literacy, numeracy, and digital literacy in the community. The Longford Literacy Ambassador programme commenced in November 2023 should be expanded in 2025 dependent on funding under the SOLAS ALL grant.
7. Through the Healthy Ireland at your library programme, support the health and well-being of our citizens and communities through the provision of accurate up-to-date health and wellbeing information, an ongoing programme of events and the inclusion of wellbeing zones across our library network.
8. Expand the partnership with the HI Longford team, Creative Ireland, Longford and the Sláintecare Promotion and Wellbeing coordinator to develop an extensive and inclusive programme of events to support Health & Wellbeing in Co. Longford. 2025 will see the completion of the project Taipéis with Westmeath Creative Ireland. This project is about integration of the many new Irish communities.

9. Support summer reading programmes, family reading and literacy initiatives in partnership with Home School Liaison teachers, Family Resource centres, Foróige, After School Homework clubs and others.
10. Develop a creative STEAM programme of events for primary school children in conjunction with ICT and Arts Services and build on the success of Dreamspace. The introduction of Lego clubs in 2 library branches will be extended to all 6 libraries in 2025. The STEAM book collection will also be extended to include YA collection with a focus on Coding and Climate Action
11. Make our libraries a focus for integration and inter-cultural programmes, celebrating the cultural diversity in our county.
12. Support Music Generation initiatives and continue the rollout of Music Instrument lending scheme in partnership with Music Generation Longford.
13. Further investment in ICT infrastructure and support the My Open Library service with grant assistance from the Department.
14. Continue to deliver on the actions in the County Longford Culture and Creativity Plan 2023-2027. This plan sets out the vision and ambitious actions to ensure greater community participation in cultural and creative activity in the County.
15. Support new and innovative cultural festivals and programmes including the Longford Lights, Granard Book Town, Longford Literary month, Cruinniú na nÓg, Summer Solstice, Padraic Colum Gathering and Dead of Night in partnership with Creative Ireland.
16. Working with the Culture and Creativity team, the focus of the funding for the Creative Ireland programme will continue with a balance of legacy and community-based projects, developing audience capacity, participation in the cultural service and the development of storytelling of the county.
17. Continue to deliver on commitments made under the National Age Friendly City and County programme which recognises that the percentage of our population over 65 will increase significantly over the next five to ten years and that we need to make provision for this.
18. Continue to support Longford Older Persons Council and finalise the new County Longford five-year Age Friendly Strategy which is being developed by the Longford Age Friendly Alliance.
19. Continue the collaboration with Laois Age Friendly and Creative Ireland team to complete the Mo Bosca Béo project with roll-out in 2025.
20. Collaborate with the HSE, Local Links, LWETB, LCRC on the AF information day to provide up to date and relevant information to the older population of Longford.
21. Apply for funding to expand the AF Rocking and Bopping programme in Longford for 2025
22. Develop a shared service programme of events with Westmeath Library service.
23. Apply for funding for the provision of Sensory programme with collections of books, equipment, toys and programme of events to provide sensory supports for our communities.

Archivist Service

In 2025, the Archivist Service will focus on:

1. Continuing to preserve and manage the archives held by Longford County Council.
2. Organising the conservation of damaged items.
3. Organising the scanning/digitisation of collections to ensure their preservation and to facilitate access.
4. Complete the event space in the Archive room in Library HQ for the development of a programme of events, exhibition space and silent study space.
5. Development of the Longford GAA archive.

6. Continue to support Creative Ireland projects which will include the 5-year Creative Ireland project which will include the Fr. Quinn musical archive and oral history project, the Sean MacEoin archive and manuscript development and other such projects that present themselves over the lifetime of the plan.
7. Assisting researchers with a broad range of enquiries, particularly historical ones.
8. Continuing to work on records management in Longford County Council.
9. Research, develop and curate the Edgeworths in Paris exhibition for export to Paris and develop a tour within the Irish cultural sector to further promote the county.

Arts Programme

The Arts Office will in 2025 deliver on the strategic actions outlined in the Longford Framework Agreement with the Arts Council and support.

1. Actions in the Longford's Arts Strategy: Art for People. Art for Place [2023 - 2028].
2. Festivals, exhibitions, and events which enhance our creative offering and activity in the County.
3. The development of creative groups and artists in the County.
4. The delivery of Music Generation to ensure that all young people in the County have equal access to music education.
5. Development of the TY Art residence in secondary schools in Longford
6. Expansion of the Bursaries for young, emerging, and established artists in Longford
7. Completion of the Creative Communities research project in Edgeworthstown with the view of securing additional funding from the Arts Council.
8. Development of a Shared Island project with the community in Northern Ireland. The community festivals share a common theme, however, need to secure additional funding from Creative Ireland to develop this link further.
9. Continue the links with Community art and Longford Community Safety Partnership in terms of programme development.
10. Development, curation and delivery of Longford Lights in 2025 including the partnership with Finland.

Supporting an Active and Healthy Lifestyle

Over the last few years Longford County Council has worked closely with several sporting organisations to develop participation in sport within key priority areas and disadvantaged areas throughout Longford. Provision is made in the 2025 budget for:

1. Interventions to help equip people with a better understanding of how they can be resilient by caring for their physical and mental health and wellbeing.
2. Projects and initiatives to support the health and wellbeing campaigns.
3. Continued support for the Sports Inclusion Disability Programmes
4. Continued support of the Development Officers programme.
5. Projects and initiatives to encourage diversity in sport.
6. Continued support for Community Sports Hubs in Drumlish, Edgeworthstown and Longford Town.
7. Longford Sports Partnership (LSP) will support increased participation in sport and physical activity in partnership with community, sporting, voluntary and statutory organisations. The work of LSP includes the provision of information on sport and physical activity, the facilitation of capacity building and training initiatives and support for programmes and events that encourage increased levels of participation.
8. Support for the pilot Physical Activity for Health Programme.
9. Continuation of Sports Awards and Bursary Programme.

10. Focus on inspections, maintenance and upgrade of existing playgrounds and recreational areas.
11. Matched funding for DCEDIY projects focusing on the upgrade of existing playgrounds to respond to the needs of children using our playgrounds. In 2025, Longford County Council will seek funding to upgrade a playground in the Longford Municipal District.
12. Installation of communication boards in playgrounds and seek to provide quiet areas for children with autism.
13. Provision of step-down classes for falls prevents in the 5 main Libraries – Ballymahon, Edgeworthstown, Granard, Lanesborough and Longford town aimed at people at low or medium risk of falls.

Service Division G– AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

The estimated expenditure for 2025 amounts to **€610,307** which represents an **increase of 9%** on the 2024 budget of **€561,633**.

As the risks from flooding rise because of a warming planet, there is an urgent need to enhance how the Council plans for and manages flood risk at a local level.

In 2025, the Council will continue with its statutory duty to maintain the designated arterial drainage network/rivers in the county in proper repair and effective condition through its annual programme of maintenance to mitigate flooding, within the budget available for these works.

In 2025 Longford County Council will work closely with the OPW to deliver an all-encompassing assessment of the flood risk in Longford Town.

The flooding problem cannot be eliminated but can be managed or mitigated to reduce its likelihood, severity or impact on homes, businesses, people, and communities.

The Consultancy Services required to deliver the assessment will be funded by the OPW however the Project Management of this assessment will be provided by the Council.

The Local Authority Veterinary Service is funded mainly through the **Food Safety Authority of Ireland** is scheduled to transition to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in early 2025, with transition arrangements to be agreed regarding the control of dogs and horses.

The Council will continue with maintenance of the designated rivers in the County within the budget available for these works.

Service Division H - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Expenditure in 2025 under this Service Division is estimated at **€5,229,022** compared with the 2023 budgeted amount of **€4,440,396**, representing an **increase of 18%**.

CONCLUSION:

I am pleased to recommend this progressive, prudent pro-business, pro-development, and pro-community budget to the members of Longford County Council for 2025.

It continues to strategically allocate resources to position Longford County Council to sustainably deliver a myriad of services as well as large scale landmark capital projects for the Citizens and Ratepayers of Co. Longford.

The scale of this budget in Longford County Council yet again surpasses any in previous years and together with the Capital Budget to be published in February 2025 will mean that this council will be spending in **excess of €120m**, in 2025.

The proven track record over the period of the last council term (2019-2024) provides Longford County Council with great hope and confidence going into the next council term (2025-2029).

There is no doubt that there will be many challenges, both anticipated and unforeseen that will face us in the forthcoming years, however we would be confident that the collaborative adaptability and resilience of the members and executive shown in recent years will continue to serve us well into the future and enable us to overcome external and internal challenges as they arise, in an ever-changing world.

The new and innovative **Strategic Business Plan, Corporate Plan and Workforce Plan** provide us with three flexible and robust pillars that will serve us well for the term of this council and beyond and I am confident that the benefits of these will be evident from early 2025 onwards. These will be the foundations of the Council's three-year **Capital Programme 2025 – 2027** which will be completed in early 2025.

These proposals will provide for sustained investment in the infrastructure of the County over the next number of years and will enhance the quality of life for Longford citizens and will continue to make County Longford a more attractive area for investment.

I would like to thank Cathaoirleach, Mark Casey and the Members of the Council for their continued co-operation and support in running the affairs of the Council.

I would also like to thank: -

John McKeon – Director of Finance & ICT,

Fema Flanagan - Financial Management Accountant,

Aoife Kavanagh - Financial Accountant, and

Liam Hand – Staff Officer, for the huge amount of work carried out in framing this Draft Budget.

My thanks are also due to the Directors of Services Barbara Heslin, John Brannigan, Samantha Healy, and Michael Nevin, and all the staff of the Council who were associated with the preparation of this Draft Budget.

I hereby recommend this Draft Budget 2025 to Members for adoption.

Yours faithfully,



Paddy Mahon
Chief Executive.

STATUTORY TABLES

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION						
Summary by Service Division		Summary per Table A 2025				
		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2025		Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2024 (as restated)
		€	€	€	%	€
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income						
Housing and Building		15,963,966	15,458,761	505,205	2.5%	-784,108
Road Transport & Safety		21,642,456	14,992,772	6,649,684	32.5%	6,125,140
Water Services		3,476,593	3,370,078	106,515	0.5%	130,729
Development Management		13,416,160	7,398,001	6,018,159	29.4%	5,756,814
Environmental Services		9,077,336	2,047,481	7,029,855	34.3%	6,270,428
Recreation and Amenity		6,432,978	1,400,397	5,032,581	24.6%	4,399,082
Agriculture, Food and the Marine		610,307	257,882	352,425	1.7%	276,673
Miscellaneous Services		5,229,021	10,456,829	-5,227,808	-25.5%	-2,192,611
		75,848,817	55,382,201	20,466,616	100%	19,982,147
Provision for Debit Balance		0		0		
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income	(A)	75,848,817	55,382,201	20,466,616	1	19,982,147
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances						
Provision for Credit Balance			0	0		
Local Property Tax			10,737,076	10,737,076		
Sub - Total	(B)			10,737,076		19,982,147
Amount of Rates to be Levied	C=(A-B)			9,729,540		
Net Effective Valuation	(E)			36,756,834		
General Annual Rate on Valuation	C/E			0.2647		

Table B Expenditure & Income for 2025 and Estimated Outturn for 2024									
2025					2024				
Division & Services		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Code		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building									
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	5,023,233	5,023,233	9,523,661	9,523,661	3,440,868	4,429,881	7,466,836	9,023,661
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	805,546	805,546	76,407	76,407	885,367	778,913	112,277	57,707
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,008,407	1,008,407	32,943	32,943	934,688	942,589	30,895	32,943
A04	Housing Community Development Support	384,142	384,142	7,498	7,498	363,142	376,891	7,895	7,498
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	1,121,151	1,121,151	938,304	938,304	1,050,674	1,038,867	778,956	848,188
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	2,629,942	2,629,942	1,199,461	1,199,461	2,416,422	2,370,117	1,183,334	1,319,393
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	3,429,937	3,429,937	3,173,167	3,173,167	3,118,013	2,852,607	2,680,228	3,126,906
A08	Housing Loans	593,526	593,526	390,602	390,602	540,228	567,589	305,947	390,602
A09	Housing Grants	701,429	701,429	5,279	5,279	489,411	624,194	5,559	5,279
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A12	HAP Programme	266,653	266,653	111,438	111,438	199,324	137,609	165,000	91,188
Service Division Total		15,963,966	15,963,966	15,458,760	15,458,760	13,438,137	14,119,257	12,736,927	14,903,365
Road Transport & Safety									
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,743,073	1,743,073	1,043,123	1,043,123	1,543,755	1,611,210	1,250,073	1,000,004
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	4,379,003	4,379,003	3,674,498	3,674,498	4,360,659	4,293,786	4,103,149	3,647,208
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	2,532,289	2,532,289	1,714,799	1,714,799	2,691,248	2,795,675	2,362,656	2,038,500
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,621,401	9,621,401	7,333,683	7,333,683	9,247,208	9,668,938	7,149,865	7,528,233
B05	Public Lighting	1,185,526	1,185,526	88,822	88,822	1,034,208	952,021	123,869	895
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	225,163	182,240	3,197	3,197	211,834	255,263	104,844	3,197
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	646,738	646,738	290,553	290,553	580,989	589,025	471,179	290,553
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	24,861	24,861	3,202	3,202	20,751	25,350	12,970	2,986
B09	Car Parking	919,563	919,563	759,120	759,120	885,737	772,029	695,092	653,933
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	238,146	238,146	3,454	3,454	223,064	205,521	3,637	3,454
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	126,693	126,693	78,321	78,321	95,000	125,285	230,592	0
Service Division Total		21,642,456	21,599,533	14,992,772	14,992,772	20,894,453	21,294,103	16,507,926	15,168,963

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2025					2024				
Expenditure					Income				
Division & Services	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Water Services									
Code									
C01	2,179,637	2,179,637			54,298	2,228,157		57,178	54,298
C02	752,603	752,603			22,340	732,482		23,525	22,340
C03	0	0			0	0		0	0
C04	40,050	40,050			0	40,050		0	0
C05	98,778	98,778			27,126	99,335		20,238	27,126
C06	393,175	393,175			17,576	331,274		18,508	17,576
C07	12,350	12,350			3,248,739	21,960		3,408,262	3,201,189
C08	0	0			0	0		0	0
Service Division Total	3,476,593	3,476,593	3,370,079	3,370,079	3,733,709	3,453,258	3,527,711	3,322,529	
Development Management									
Code									
D01	503,384	503,384			8,789	445,393		52,013	8,789
D02	1,254,774	1,254,774			299,824	1,102,024		300,960	299,824
D03	420,610	420,610			9,729	391,304		9,192	9,729
D04	262,052	262,052			8,983	383,680		9,029	8,983
D05	522,659	522,659			200,287	440,176		123,080	100,065
D06	2,987,085	2,987,085			1,625,362	2,433,378		1,546,034	1,204,018
D07	35,122	35,122			260,000	28,257		60,000	65,000
D08	200,578	200,578			3,506	190,318		3,692	3,506
D09	3,240,630	3,240,630			1,314,805	2,907,545		1,319,084	1,164,805
D10	8,200	8,200			12,000	2,850		12,050	10,600
D11	612,907	612,907			420,611	570,514		351,276	420,611
D12	3,368,159	3,368,159			3,234,105	2,320,727		3,412,669	2,163,422
Service Division Total	13,416,160	13,416,160	7,398,001	7,398,001	13,368,105	11,216,166	7,199,079	5,459,352	

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		2025					2024				
		Expenditure		Income			Expenditure		Income		
Division & Services		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor		Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	
		€	€	€	€		€	€	€	€	
	Environmental Services										
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	15,706	15,706	175	175		11,404	10,509	185	175	
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	128,357	128,357	25,500	25,500		116,728	137,435	26,500	26,601	
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
E05	Litter Management	985,583	985,583	116,615	116,615		826,374	814,790	97,178	97,945	
E06	Street Cleaning	866,723	866,723	10,107	10,107		739,963	774,312	10,643	10,107	
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	562,900	562,900	172,912	172,912		639,062	565,939	153,385	153,557	
E08	Waste Management Planning	21,877	21,877	737	737		41,269	42,108	776	737	
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	335,297	335,297	42,603	42,603		288,857	301,716	42,741	42,603	
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	547,446	547,446	110,114	110,114		345,993	376,044	101,612	108,131	
E11	Operation of Fire Service	4,078,729	4,078,729	1,065,181	1,065,181		3,437,285	3,535,555	1,022,456	553,181	
E12	Fire Prevention	397,509	397,509	58,669	58,669		301,429	357,735	59,128	83,669	
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	506,423	506,423	26,160	26,160		381,641	401,312	26,439	26,160	
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	15	
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	630,786	630,786	418,708	418,708		553,941	406,154	320,466	350,300	
	Service Division Total	9,077,336	9,077,336	2,047,481	2,047,481		7,683,946	7,723,609	1,861,509	1,453,181	
	Recreation & Amenity										
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	285,143	285,143	0	0		294,238	296,308	0	0	
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,254,372	3,254,372	92,319	92,319		3,020,436	2,774,643	94,655	98,198	
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	797,814	797,814	7,196	7,196		688,301	732,052	7,578	7,196	
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,078,842	1,078,842	887,147	887,147		841,025	936,780	680,433	766,573	
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	1,016,807	1,016,807	413,735	413,735		807,435	950,394	317,702	419,128	
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
	Service Division Total	6,432,978	6,432,978	1,400,397	1,400,397		5,651,435	5,690,177	1,100,368	1,291,095	

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2025					2024				
Division & Services		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Agriculture, Food and the Marine									
	Code								
	G01	96,026	96,026	442	442	79,484	67,481	466	442
	G02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	G03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	G04	514,281	514,281	257,440	257,440	482,149	474,074	263,747	264,440
	G05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	G06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service Division Total		610,307	610,307	257,882	257,882	561,633	541,555	264,213	264,882
Miscellaneous Services									
	Code								
	H01	473,423	473,423	3,437	3,437	391,887	458,485	3,619	3,437
	H02	90,396	90,396	0	0	84,786	96,302	0	0
	H03	1,394,123	1,394,123	8,779	8,779	1,347,108	1,259,508	9,112	9,008
	H04	234,270	234,270	2,684	2,684	206,943	450,410	2,716	44,051
	H05	113,944	113,944	1,367	1,367	108,229	112,660	1,440	1,367
	H06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	H07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	H08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	H09	1,825,472	1,825,472	22,008	22,008	1,769,626	1,491,109	23,175	22,506
	H10	474,547	474,547	12,110	12,110	432,593	408,542	12,540	12,110
	H11	622,846	622,846	10,406,444	10,363,521	99,224	325,751	6,417,027	6,702,899
Service Division Total		5,229,021	5,229,021	10,456,829	10,413,906	4,440,396	4,602,767	6,469,629	6,795,378
OVERALL TOTAL		75,848,817	75,805,894	55,382,201	55,339,278	69,771,814	68,640,892	49,667,362	48,658,745

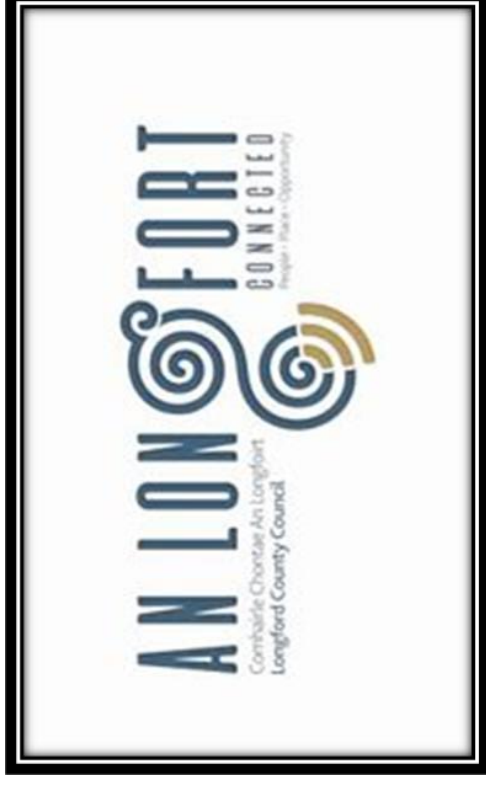
TABLE C - CALCULATION OF BASE YEAR ADJUSTMENT					
Rating Authority	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
	Annual Rate on Valuation €	Effective ARV (Net of BYA) €	Base Year Adjustment €	Net Effective Valuation €	Value of Base Year Adjustment €
TOTAL					

Table D	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2025 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	2025 €
Rents from Houses	10,398,526
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	385,520
Parking Fines/Charges	746,103
Uisce Éireann	3,248,739
Planning Fees	203,000
Domestic Refuse	0
Commercial Refuse	0
Landfill Charges	0
Fire Charges	125,000
Recreation / Amenity / Culture	0
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0
Local Authority Contributions	1,173,217
Superannuation	660,000
NPPR	0
Misc. (Detail)	5,301,324
TOTAL	22,241,429

Table E	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2025 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	
	2025 €
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Housing and Building	3,490,220
Road Transport & Safety	247,707
Water Services	25,000
Development Management	306,400
Environmental Services	1,288,000
Recreation and Amenity	15,000
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0
Miscellaneous Services	6,310,559
	11,682,886
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	13,712,635
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	477,000
National Transport Authority	0
Social Protection	0
Defence	100,000
Education	0
Library Council	0
Arts Council	75,000
Transport	16,557
Justice	0
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	500
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	908,629
Rural and Community Development	3,942,244
Environment, Climate and Communications	366,408
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	200,000
Other	1,658,913
	21,457,886
Total Grants & Subsidies	33,140,772

ANALYSES OF EXPENDITURE & INCOME BY DIVISION

(TABLE F – PAGES 41-61).



1. Housing & Building



HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	3,987,300	3,987,300	2,597,316	3,587,259
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,218
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management	101,549	101,549	48,742	46,709
A0104	Estate Maintenance	100,850	100,850	100,850	110,950
A0199	Service Support Costs	823,534	823,534	678,960	674,745
	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	5,023,233	5,023,233	3,440,868	4,429,881
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	457,487	457,487	593,775	468,501
A0299	Service Support Costs	348,059	348,059	291,592	310,412
	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	805,546	805,546	885,367	778,913
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	633,952	633,952	621,479	609,722
A0399	Service Support Costs	374,455	374,455	313,209	332,867
	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,008,407	1,008,407	934,688	942,589
A0401	Housing Estate Management	197,347	197,347	204,872	212,458
A0402	Tenancy Management	15,249	15,249	13,796	11,266
A0403	Social and Community Housing Service	0	0	0	0
A0499	Service Support Costs	171,546	171,546	144,474	153,167
	Housing Community Development Support	384,142	384,142	363,142	376,891
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	1,041,128	1,041,128	967,000	967,000
A0502	Homeless Service	0	0	0	0
A0599	Service Support Costs	80,023	80,023	83,674	71,867
	Administration of Homeless Service	1,121,151	1,121,151	1,050,674	1,038,867
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support	1,428,451	1,428,451	1,382,763	1,215,575
A0602	Loan Charges	474,335	474,335	433,722	506,798
A0699	Service Support Costs	727,156	727,156	599,937	647,744
	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	2,629,942	2,629,942	2,416,422	2,370,117
A0701	RAS Operations	1,357,023	1,357,023	1,355,000	1,169,422
A0702	Long Term Leasing	1,647,339	1,647,339	1,444,609	1,360,198
A0703	Payment & Availability	102,718	102,718	79,948	85,598
A0704	Affordable Leases	0	0	0	0
A0799	Service Support Costs	322,857	322,857	238,456	237,389
	RAS and Leasing Programme	3,429,937	3,429,937	3,118,013	2,852,607

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0801	Loan Interest and Other Charges	462,155	462,155	427,443	449,360
A0802	Debt Management Housing Loans	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
A0899	Service Support Costs	124,371	124,371	105,785	111,229
	Housing Loans	593,526	593,526	540,228	567,589
A0901	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	136,000	136,000	90,000	136,370
A0902	Loan Charges DPG/ERG	0	0	0	0
A0903	Essential Repair Grants	146,000	146,000	95,000	146,000
A0904	Other Housing Grant Payments	0	0	0	0
A0905	Mobility Aids Housing Grants	74,800	74,800	40,000	74,800
A0999	Service Support Costs	344,629	344,629	264,411	267,024
	Housing Grants	701,429	701,429	489,411	624,194
A1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
A1199	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0
A1201	HAP Operations	169,813	169,813	119,112	51,500
A1299	Service Support Costs	96,840	96,840	80,212	86,109
	HAP Programme	266,653	266,653	199,324	137,609
	Service Division Total	15,963,966	15,963,966	13,438,137	14,119,257

HOUSING AND BUILDING				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	3,490,220	3,490,220	3,197,102	3,563,891
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	3,490,220	3,490,220	3,197,102	3,563,891
Goods and Services				
Rents from Houses	10,398,526	10,398,526	8,132,500	9,898,526
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	385,520	385,520	300,595	385,520
Superannuation	120,729	120,729	127,131	120,728
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	988,766	988,766	872,600	878,400
Other Income	75,000	75,000	107,000	56,300
Total Goods and Services (b)	11,968,541	11,968,541	9,539,826	11,339,474
Total Income c=(a+b)	15,458,761	15,458,761	12,736,928	14,903,365

2. Road Transport & Safety



ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0102	NP – Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance	69,500	69,500	69,500	69,500
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	164,736	164,736	164,736	164,736
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	303,847	303,847	237,647	266,514
B0199	Service Support Costs	704,990	704,990	571,872	610,460
National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		1,743,073	1,743,073	1,543,755	1,611,210
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
B0202	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000
B0203	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	0	0	0	0
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance	59,000	59,000	59,000	59,000
B0205	NS – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	169,321	169,321	169,321	169,321
B0207	NS – General Improvement Works	0	0	0	0
B0299	Service Support Costs	700,682	700,682	682,338	615,465
National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		4,379,003	4,379,003	4,360,659	4,293,786
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	232,921	232,921	232,921	288,405
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	599,400	599,400	599,400	599,400
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	153,200	153,200	153,200	153,200
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	509,219	509,219	509,219	509,219
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	223,589	223,589	493,589	542,850
B0399	Service Support Costs	813,960	813,960	702,919	702,601
Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance		2,532,289	2,532,289	2,691,248	2,795,675
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	915,580	915,580	915,580	960,600
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	4,546,600	4,546,600	4,546,600	4,546,600
B0403	Local Roads Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	368,000	368,000	368,000	368,000
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	1,899,915	1,899,915	1,777,610	1,819,234
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	496,207	496,207	496,207	758,226
B0499	Service Support Costs	1,395,099	1,395,099	1,143,211	1,216,278
Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		9,621,401	9,621,401	9,247,208	9,668,938
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	1,118,427	1,118,427	972,927	891,020
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	0	0	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	67,099	67,099	61,281	61,001
Public Lighting		1,185,526	1,185,526	1,034,208	952,021

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0601	Traffic Management	0	(42,923)	0	64,000
B0602	Traffic Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0603	Traffic Improvement Measures	0	0	0	0
B0699	Service Support Costs	225,163	225,163	211,834	191,263
	Traffic Management Improvement	225,163	182,240	211,834	255,263
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000
B0702	Other Engineering Improvements	0	0	0	0
B0799	Service Support Costs	361,738	361,738	295,989	304,025
	Road Safety Engineering Improvements	646,738	646,738	580,989	589,025
B0801	School Wardens	0	0	0	0
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	15,789	15,789	12,757	17,185
B0899	Service Support Costs	9,072	9,072	7,994	8,165
	Road Safety Promotion/Education	24,861	24,861	20,751	25,350
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	305,152	305,152	305,152	305,152
B0902	Operation of Street Parking	209,495	209,495	207,581	193,824
B0903	Parking Enforcement	297,329	297,329	285,596	177,173
B0999	Service Support Costs	107,587	107,587	87,408	95,880
	Car Parking	919,563	919,563	885,737	772,029
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme	150,831	150,831	149,093	127,158
B1099	Service Support Costs	87,315	87,315	73,971	78,363
	Support to Roads Capital Programme	238,146	238,146	223,064	205,521
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	126,693	126,693	95,000	111,540
B1199	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	13,745
	Agency & Recoupable Services	126,693	126,693	95,000	125,285
	Service Division Total	21,642,456	21,599,533	20,894,453	21,294,103

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	247,707	247,707	247,707	247,707
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	13,712,635	13,712,635	15,076,541	14,096,995
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
National Transport Authority	0	0	0	0
Transport	0	0	0	0
Rural and Community Development	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	13,960,342	13,960,342	15,324,248	14,344,702
Goods and Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	746,103	746,103	684,703	639,916
Superannuation	134,042	134,042	141,150	134,042
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	230,592	0
Local Authority Contributions	78,321	78,321	0	0
Other income	73,964	73,964	127,234	50,303
Total Goods and Services (b)	1,032,430	1,032,430	1,183,679	824,261
Total Income c=(a+b)	14,992,772	14,992,772	16,507,927	15,168,963

3. Water Services



WATER SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
C0101	Water Plants & Networks	957,923	957,923	870,564	1,092,199
C0199	Service Support Costs	1,221,714	1,221,714	1,291,358	1,135,958
	Water Supply	2,179,637	2,179,637	2,161,922	2,228,157
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	281,997	281,997	377,360	292,224
C0299	Service Support Costs	470,606	470,606	528,033	440,258
	Waste Water Treatment	752,603	752,603	905,393	732,482
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water	0	0	0	0
C0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	0	0	0	0
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	40,050	40,050	40,000	40,050
C0499	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Public Conveniences	40,050	40,050	40,000	40,050
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations	0	0	0	0
C0502	Grants for Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0503	Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies	0	0	0	0
C0599	Service Support Costs	98,778	98,778	97,463	99,335
	Admin of Group and Private Installations	98,778	98,778	97,463	99,335
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision	69,852	69,852	252,034	42,590
C0699	Service Support Costs	323,323	323,323	265,932	288,684
	Support to Water Capital Programme	393,175	393,175	517,966	331,274
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	10,827
C0799	Service Support Costs	12,350	12,350	10,965	11,133
	Agency & Recoupable Services	12,350	12,350	10,965	21,960
C0801	Local Authority Water Services	0	0	0	0
C0802	Local Authority Sanitary Services	0	0	0	0
C0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	3,476,593	3,476,593	3,733,709	3,453,258

WATER SERVICES				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	25,000	25,000	18,000	25,000
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	25,000	25,000	18,000	25,000
Goods and Services				
Uisce Éireann	3,248,739	3,248,739	3,408,262	3,201,189
Superannuation	96,339	96,339	101,448	96,340
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	0	0	0
Total Goods and Services (b)	3,345,078	3,345,078	3,509,710	3,297,529
Total Income c=(a+b)	3,370,078	3,370,078	3,527,710	3,322,529

4. Development Management



DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy	330,848	330,848	512,705	290,979
D0199	Service Support Costs	172,536	172,536	144,214	154,414
	Forward Planning	503,384	503,384	656,919	445,393
D0201	Planning Control	792,698	792,698	699,431	691,103
D0299	Service Support Costs	462,076	462,076	385,793	410,921
	Development Management	1,254,774	1,254,774	1,085,224	1,102,024
D0301	Enforcement Costs	235,115	235,115	277,897	225,865
D0399	Service Support Costs	185,495	185,495	156,194	165,439
	Enforcement	420,610	420,610	434,091	391,304
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations	182,896	182,896	183,931	182,896
	Management of & Contrbts to Other Commercial Facs				
D0403		25,000	25,000	153,408	150,246
D0404	General Development Promotion Work	28,389	28,389	26,896	27,202
D0499	Service Support Costs	25,767	25,767	22,250	23,336
	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	262,052	262,052	386,485	383,680
D0501	Tourism Promotion	451,829	451,829	234,400	377,712
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
D0599	Service Support Costs	70,830	70,830	58,035	62,464
	Tourism Development and Promotion	522,659	522,659	292,435	440,176
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	1,873,853	1,873,853	1,675,159	1,738,982
D0602	RAPID Costs	0	0	0	0
D0603	Social Inclusion	570,690	570,690	650,744	210,442
D0699	Service Support Costs	542,542	542,542	449,442	483,954
	Community and Enterprise Function	2,987,085	2,987,085	2,775,345	2,433,378
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates	4,000	4,000	46,500	100
D0799	Service Support Costs	31,122	31,122	28,562	28,157
	Unfinished Housing Estates	35,122	35,122	75,062	28,257
D0801	Building Control Inspection Costs	0	0	0	0
D0802	Building Control Enforcement Costs	140,503	140,503	136,424	136,305
D0899	Service Support Costs	60,075	60,075	49,677	54,013
	Building Control	200,578	200,578	186,101	190,318

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0901	Urban and Village Renewal	0	0	0	0
D0902	EU Projects	0	0	0	0
D0903	Town Twinning	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
D0904	European Office	0	0	0	0
D0905	Economic Development & Promotion	1,440,899	1,440,899	1,287,045	1,162,679
D0906	Local Enterprise Office	1,018,755	1,018,755	1,248,858	1,051,095
D0999	Service Support Costs	775,976	775,976	804,443	693,771
	Economic Development and Promotion	3,240,630	3,240,630	3,345,346	2,907,545
D1001	Property Management Costs	8,200	8,200	7,100	2,850
D1099	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Property Management	8,200	8,200	7,100	2,850
D1101	Heritage Services	552,588	552,588	464,403	516,525
D1102	Conservation Services	0	0	0	0
D1103	Conservation Grants	0	0	0	0
D1199	Service Support Costs	60,319	60,319	50,271	53,989
	Heritage and Conservation Services	612,907	612,907	514,674	570,514
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service	3,226,973	3,226,973	3,492,336	2,194,825
D1299	Service Support Costs	141,186	141,186	116,987	125,902
	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,368,159	3,368,159	3,609,323	2,320,727
	Service Division Total	13,416,160	13,416,160	13,368,105	11,216,166

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	306,400	306,400	149,158	111,400
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	908,629	908,629	1,164,730	948,629
Rural and Community Development	3,940,255	3,940,255	3,650,932	2,768,033
Other	1,207,013	1,207,013	1,370,964	746,809
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	6,362,297	6,362,297	6,335,784	4,574,871
Goods and Services				
Planning Fees	203,000	203,000	202,000	203,000
Superannuation	131,351	131,351	138,316	131,351
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	701,353	701,353	522,980	550,130
Total Goods and Services (b)	1,035,704	1,035,704	863,296	884,481
Total Income c=(a+b)	7,398,001	7,398,001	7,199,080	5,459,352

5. Environmental Services



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations	0	0	0	0
E0102	Contribution to other LA's - Landfill Facilities	0	0	0	0
E0103	Landfill Aftercare Costs.	13,304	13,304	9,479	8,339
E0199	Service Support Costs	2,402	2,402	1,925	2,170
	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	15,706	15,706	11,404	10,509
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	75,800	75,800	75,800	76,945
E0204	Other Recycling Services	34,300	34,300	24,300	43,949
E0299	Service Support Costs	18,257	18,257	16,628	16,541
	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	128,357	128,357	116,728	137,435
E0301	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0401	Recycling Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0402	Organic Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0403	Residual Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0404	Commercial Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0406	Contribution to Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection	0	0	0	0
E0499	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0501	Litter Warden Service	239,558	239,558	235,240	210,739
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	152,000	152,000	66,000	122,000
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	129,241	129,241	71,000	104,817
E0599	Service Support Costs	464,784	464,784	454,134	377,234
	Litter Management	985,583	985,583	826,374	814,790
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	716,318	716,318	618,751	641,183
E0602	Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	0	0	0	0
E0699	Service Support Costs	150,405	150,405	121,212	133,129
	Street Cleaning	866,723	866,723	739,963	774,312
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	30,500	30,500	30,500	30,500
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	267,071	267,071	266,765	241,449
E0799	Service Support Costs	265,329	265,329	341,797	293,990
	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	562,900	562,900	639,062	565,939

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0801	Waste Management Plan	6,356	6,356	28,282	28,120
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	0	0	0	0
E0899	Service Support Costs	15,521	15,521	12,987	13,988
	Waste Management Planning	21,877	21,877	41,269	42,108
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	160,899	160,899	157,376	182,907
E0999	Service Support Costs	174,398	174,398	131,481	118,809
	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	335,297	335,297	288,857	301,716
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	169,462	169,462	161,050	161,760
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	10,870	10,870	25,343	25,158
E1003	Emergency Planning	0	0	0	0
E1004	Derelict Sites	215,341	215,341	33,614	50,580
E1005	Water Safety Operation	9,213	9,213	5,460	10,614
E1099	Service Support Costs	142,560	142,560	120,526	127,932
	Safety of Structures and Places	547,446	547,446	345,993	376,044
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	3,153,058	3,153,058	2,410,600	2,680,756
E1103	Fire Services Training	350,000	350,000	455,830	342,121
E1104	Operation of Ambulance Service	0	0	0	0
E1199	Service Support Costs	575,671	575,671	570,855	512,678
	Operation of Fire Service	4,078,729	4,078,729	3,437,285	3,535,555
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	280,563	280,563	206,868	252,218
E1202	Fire Prevention and Education	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
E1203	Inspection/Monitoring of Commercial Facilities	0	0	0	0
E1299	Service Support Costs	113,946	113,946	91,561	102,517
	Fire Prevention	397,509	397,509	301,429	357,735
E1301	Water Quality Management	283,812	283,812	193,966	209,594
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	80,945	80,945	67,355	64,578
E1399	Service Support Costs	141,666	141,666	120,320	127,140
	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	506,423	506,423	381,641	401,312
E1401	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
E1499	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0
E1501	Climate Change and Flooding	626,301	626,301	550,317	402,112
E1599	Service Support Costs	4,485	4,485	3,624	4,042
	Climate Change and Flooding	630,786	630,786	553,941	406,154
	Service Division Total	9,077,336	9,077,336	7,683,946	7,723,609

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	1,288,000	1,288,000	1,194,991	699,000
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Defence	100,000	100,000	91,700	98,017
Environment, Climate and Communications	366,408	366,408	253,000	280,000
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,754,408	1,754,408	1,539,691	1,077,017
Goods and Services				
Domestic Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Commercial Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Landfill Charges	0	0	0	0
Fire Charges	125,000	125,000	125,000	205,000
Superannuation	61,173	61,173	64,417	61,173
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	15,000	15,000	40,000	15,000
Other income	91,900	91,900	92,400	94,991
Total Goods and Services (b)	293,073	293,073	321,817	376,164
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,047,481	2,047,481	1,861,508	1,453,181

6. Recreation & Amenity



RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	275,000	275,000	285,000	287,118
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0199	Service Support Costs	10,143	10,143	9,238	9,190
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	Leisure Facilities Operations	285,143	285,143	294,238	296,308
F0201	Library Service Operations	2,055,808	2,055,808	2,018,175	1,727,683
F0202	Archive Service	174,769	174,769	141,394	136,557
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	141,000	141,000	130,000	130,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	0	0	0	0
F0299	Service Support Costs	882,795	882,795	730,867	780,403
	Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,254,372	3,254,372	3,020,436	2,774,643
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	516,773	516,773	480,195	491,556
F0302	Playgrounds	150,000	150,000	100,000	124,030
F0303	Beaches	0	0	0	0
F0399	Service Support Costs	131,041	131,041	108,106	116,466
	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	797,814	797,814	688,301	732,052
F0401	Community Grants	25,000	25,000	20,000	25,000
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	0	0	0	0
F0403	Community Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0404	Recreational Development	868,559	868,559	666,055	747,984
F0499	Service Support Costs	185,283	185,283	154,970	163,796
	Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,078,842	1,078,842	841,025	936,780
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	379,182	379,182	281,058	313,871
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	323,205	323,205	334,205	325,205
F0503	Museums Operations	0	0	0	0
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	11,500	11,500	11,000	46,678
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	195,000	195,000	90,000	168,294
F0599	Service Support Costs	107,920	107,920	91,172	96,346
	Operation of Arts Programme	1,016,807	1,016,807	807,435	950,394
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
F0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	6,432,978	6,432,978	5,651,435	5,690,177

RECREATION & AMENITY				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	15,000	15,000	20,000	14,519
Education	0	0	0	0
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	477,000	477,000	368,464	361,172
Social & Protection	0	0	0	0
Library Council	0	0	0	0
Arts Council	75,000	75,000	116,716	75,000
Transport	16,557	16,557	15,000	16,557
Rural and Community Development	1,989	1,989	0	1,989
Other	451,900	451,900	386,100	491,800
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,037,446	1,037,446	906,280	961,037
Goods and Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	0	0	0	0
Superannuation	66,249	66,249	69,762	66,249
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	296,702	296,702	124,326	263,809
Total Goods and Services (b)	362,951	362,951	194,088	330,058
Total Income c=(a+b)	1,400,397	1,400,397	1,100,368	1,291,095

7. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare



AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	62,782	62,782	57,540	45,164
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	22,882	22,882	13,256	13,159
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions	0	0	0	0
G0199	Service Support Costs	10,362	10,362	8,688	9,158
	Land Drainage Costs	96,026	96,026	79,484	67,481
G0201	Operation of Piers	0	0	0	0
G0203	Operation of Harbours	0	0	0	0
G0299	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	0	0	0	0
G0301	General Maintenance - Costal Regions	0	0	0	0
G0302	Planned Protection of Coastal Regions	0	0	0	0
G0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Coastal Protection	0	0	0	0
G0401	Provision of Veterinary Service	129,742	129,742	125,059	115,066
G0402	Inspection of Abattoirs etc	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
G0403	Food Safety	0	0	0	0
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	125,142	125,142	121,079	125,254
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	5,000	5,000	12,000	7,000
G0499	Service Support Costs	223,397	223,397	193,011	195,754
	Veterinary Service	514,281	514,281	482,149	474,074
G0501	Payment of Higher Education Grants	0	0	0	0
G0502	Administration Higher Education Grants	0	0	0	0
G0505	Contribution to Education & Training Board	0	0	0	0
G0506	Other Educational Services	0	0	0	0
G0507	School Meals	0	0	0	0
G0599	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Educational Support Services	0	0	0	0
G0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
G0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	610,307	610,307	561,633	541,555

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0
Transport	0	0	0	0
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	500	500	6,500	500
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	200,500	200,500	206,500	200,500
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	6,232	6,233	6,563	6,232
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	51,150	51,150	51,150	58,150
Total Goods and Services (b)	57,382	57,383	57,713	64,382
Total Income c=(a+b)	257,882	257,883	264,213	264,882

8. Miscellaneous Services



MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0101	Maintenance of Machinery Service	0	0	0	0
H0102	Plant and Machinery Operations	210,611	210,611	158,453	221,438
H0199	Service Support Costs	262,812	262,812	233,434	237,047
	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	473,423	473,423	391,887	458,485
H0201	Purchase of Materials, Stores	9,510	9,510	9,510	21,327
H0202	Administrative Costs Stores	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
H0203	Upkeep of Buildings, Stores	0	0	0	0
H0299	Service Support Costs	62,886	62,886	57,276	56,975
	Profit/Loss Stores Account	90,396	90,396	84,786	96,302
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	116,347	116,347	106,105	109,893
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	119,912	119,912	136,416	116,747
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	914,500	914,500	868,500	814,500
H0399	Service Support Costs	243,364	243,364	236,087	218,368
	Administration of Rates	1,394,123	1,394,123	1,347,108	1,259,508
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	133,446	133,446	91,962	81,232
H0402	Local Election Costs	25,000	25,000	50,000	301,470
H0499	Service Support Costs	75,824	75,824	64,981	67,708
	Franchise Costs	234,270	234,270	206,943	450,410
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	87,004	87,004	85,942	89,056
H0502	Operation of Morgue	0	0	0	0
H0599	Service Support Costs	26,940	26,940	22,287	23,604
	Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses	113,944	113,944	108,229	112,660
H0601	Weighbridge Operations	0	0	0	0
H0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Weighbridges	0	0	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0701	Operation of Markets	0	0	0	0
H0702	Casual Trading Areas	0	0	0	0
H0799	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	0	0	0	0
H0801	Malicious Damage	0	0	0	0
H0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Malicious Damage	0	0	0	0
H0901	Representational Payments	564,282	564,282	543,461	399,520
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	42,000	42,000	42,000	47,057
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	120,630	120,630	99,630	110,029
H0904	Expenses LA Members	151,892	151,892	187,555	118,097
H0905	Other Expenses	61,500	61,500	61,640	83,048
H0906	Conferences Abroad	0	0	0	0
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	75,000	75,000	50,000	50,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	25,000	25,000	22,000	24,500
H0909	General Municipal Allocation	330,000	330,000	300,000	307,590
H0999	Service Support Costs	455,168	455,168	463,340	351,268
	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	1,825,472	1,825,472	1,769,626	1,491,109
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	230,665	230,665	224,702	190,310
H1099	Service Support Costs	243,882	243,882	207,891	218,232
	Motor Taxation	474,547	474,547	432,593	408,542
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	546,311	546,311	46,900	277,385
H1102	NPPR	39,867	39,867	19,188	15,225
H1199	Service Support Costs	36,668	36,668	33,136	33,141
	Agency & Recoupable Services	622,846	622,846	99,224	325,751
	Service Division Total	5,229,021	5,229,021	4,440,396	4,602,767

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
	2025		2024	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	6,310,559	6,310,559	5,283,230	5,542,284
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Justice	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	6,310,559	6,310,559	5,283,230	5,542,284
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	43,885	43,885	46,213	43,885
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	91,130	91,130	0	180,337
NPPR	0	0	100,000	25,000
Other income	4,011,255	3,968,332	1,040,186	1,003,872
Total Goods and Services (b)	4,146,270	4,103,347	1,186,399	1,253,094
Total Income c=(a+b)	10,456,829	10,413,906	6,469,629	6,795,378

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of Longford County Council held this 2nd day of December, 2024, the Council by Resolution adopted for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 2025 the budget set out in Tables A to F and by Resolution determined in accordance with the said budget the Rate set out in Table A to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in those Tables.

Signed


Cathaoirleach

Countersigned


Chief Executive

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2024

APPENDIX 1	
Summary of Central Management Charge	
	2025 €
Area Office Overhead	0
Corporate Affairs Overhead	1,477,926
Corporate Buildings Overhead	1,192,878
Finance Function Overhead	1,932,940
Human Resource Function	2,140,727
IT Services	1,672,907
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	60,000
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	5,035,000
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	13,512,378

APPENDIX 2			
Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation			
			2025 €
**Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)			10,737,076
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget		0	
		0	
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget			0
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget			10,737,076
		0	
		0	
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget			0
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)			10,737,076

** This amount includes an equalisation contribution of € 8,203,792 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund