



Adopted Annual Budget 2026

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LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ADOPTED

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGET

FOR

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 2026

LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Authority Budget and Calculation of Annual Rate on Valuation for the Local Financial Year 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2026

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LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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

7th November 2025

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Council.

Local Authority Budget for Local Financial Year ending 31st December 2026

Dear Member,

I enclose herewith the draft Local Authority Budget of Longford County Council for the financial year ending **31st December 2026**.

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.

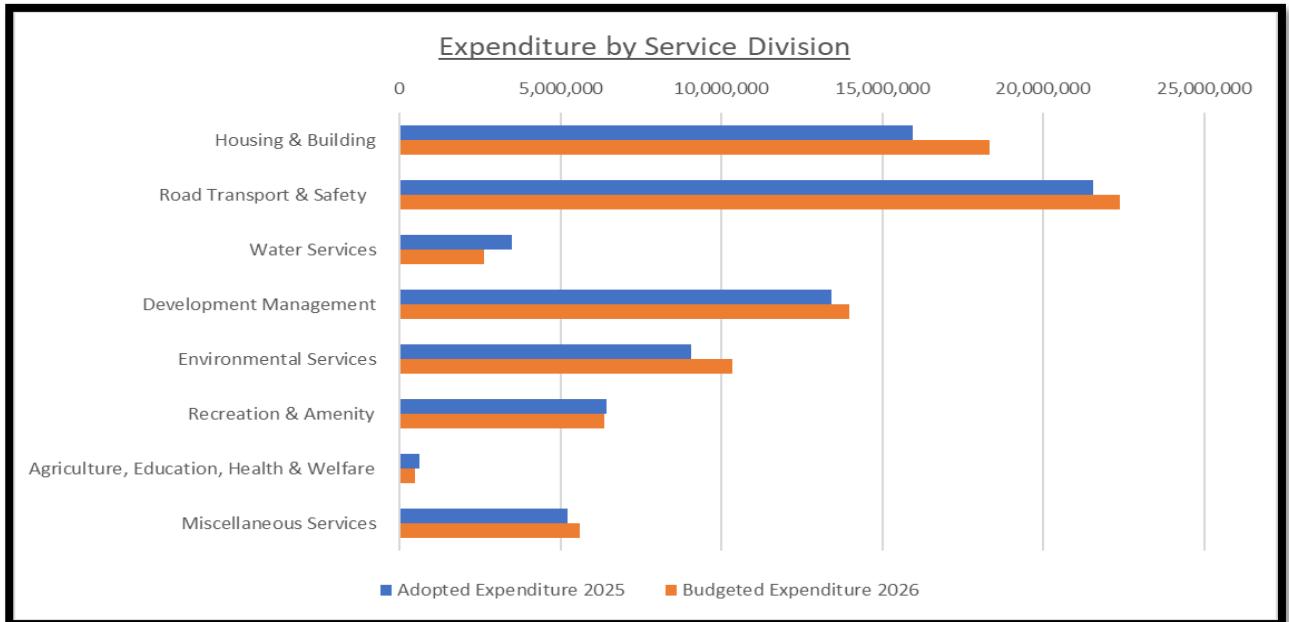
Budget 2026 - Financial Context

Listed, hereunder, are the **Estimated Expenditure figures for 2026** with a comparable list of the adopted figures for 2025 under each Service Division.

Division	Service Division	Adopted Expenditure 2025	Budgeted Expenditure 2026	Increase/ (Decrease)	% increase (Decrease)
		€	€	€	%
A	Housing & Building	15,963,963	18,323,030	2,359,067	15%
B	Road Transport & Safety	21,642,456	22,261,019	618,563	3%
C	Water Services	3,476,593	2,644,475	(832,118)	-24%
D	Development Management	13,416,159	13,995,510	579,351	4%
E	Environmental Services	9,077,336	10,327,256	1,249,920	14%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,432,978	6,367,894	(65,084)	-1%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	610,307	474,462	(135,845)	-22%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,229,022	5,707,045	478,023	9%
	Total	€75,848,814	€80,100,691	€4,251,877	6%

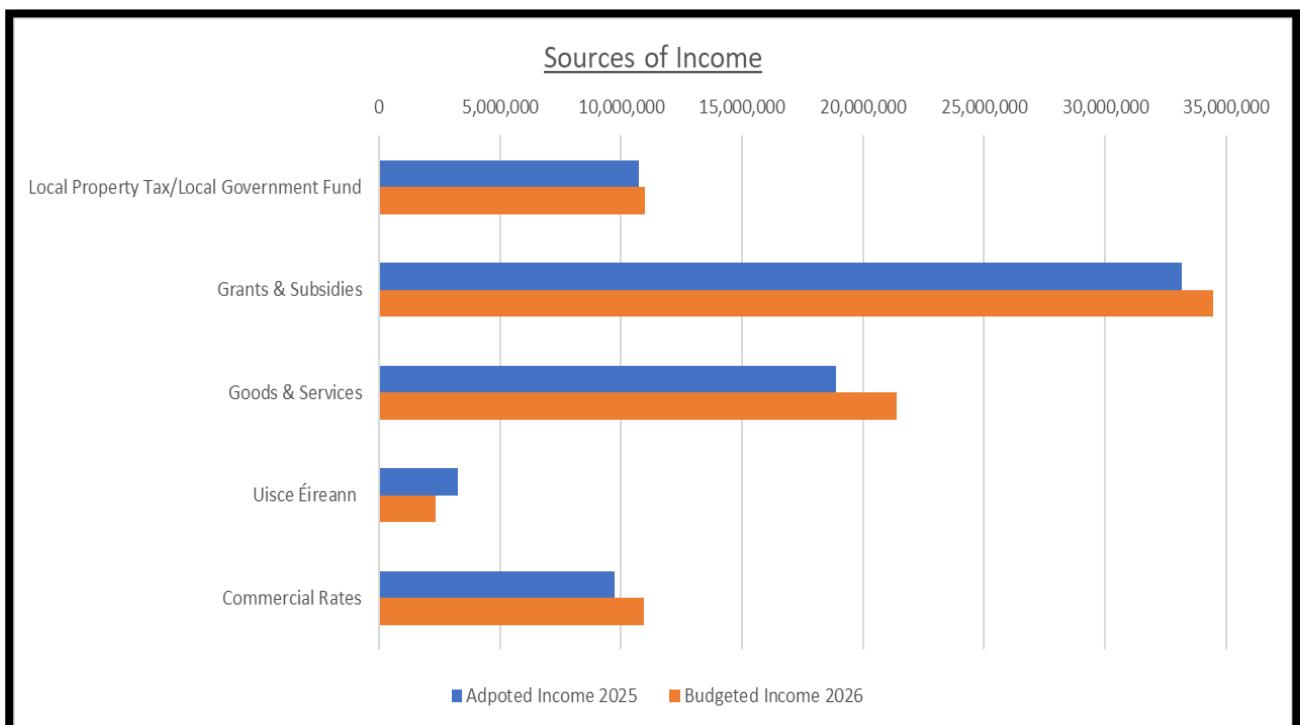
Table A, which is enclosed, shows that expenditure is estimated at **€80,100,691** and income, including Local Property Tax and other income, is estimated at **€69,161,712** leaving a balance of **€10,938,979** to be funded by way of Commercial Rates.

Therefore, the General **Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV)** required for 2026, is **€0.2832**.



The **Estimated Income** of the Council for 2026 is as follows, with comparative figures for 2025.

Sources of Income	Adpoted Income 2025	% Mix 2025	Budgeted Income 2026	% Mix 2026	Increase/ (Decrease)
	€	%	€	%	€
Local Property Tax/Local Government Fund	10,737,076	14%	10,967,308	14%	230,232
Grants & Subsidies	33,140,772	44%	34,415,743	43%	1,274,971
Goods & Services	18,992,690	25%	21,445,899	27%	2,453,209
Uisce Éireann	3,248,739	4%	2,332,762	3%	(915,977)
Commercial Rates	9,729,537	13%	10,938,979	14%	1,209,442
Total	€75,848,814	100%	€80,100,691	100%	€4,251,877



Key items for the 2026 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 2026, 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.
4. Provision in the form of a commercial rates increase for 2026 has been made to finance the 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.

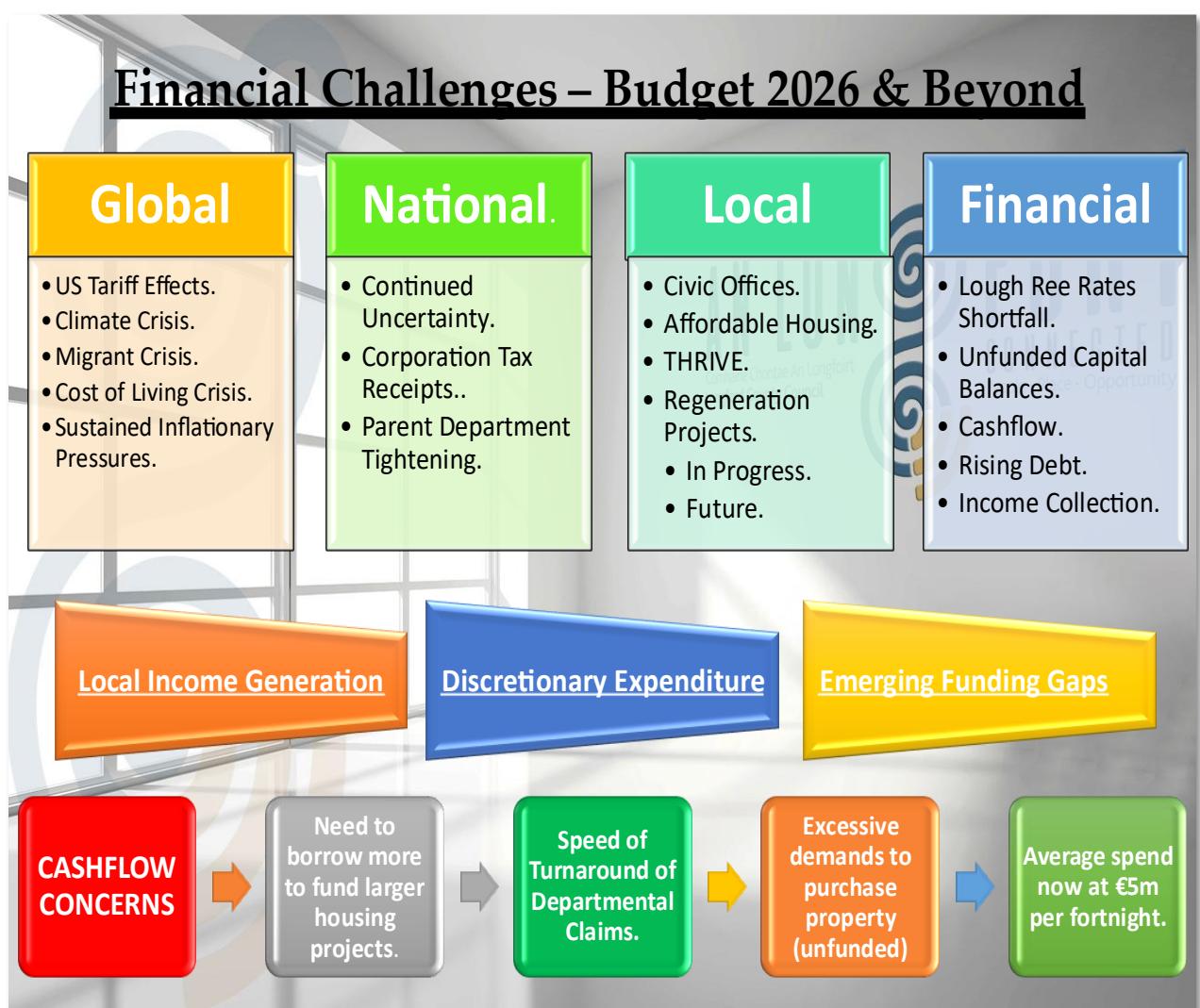
This is in addition to the **€75m already committed** under these programmes since 2019. This Strategic Business Plan strategically positions the Council to maximise the potential of the current relatively buoyant economic situation nationally and provide the flexibility to avail of anticipated funding opportunities that will continue to be positively impactful in Co. Longford.

It is also designed to buffer the finances of Longford County Council against any global economic headwinds in the medium to longer term.

5. The inbuilt flexibility in this 5-year Strategic Business Plan provides the opportunity to Longford County Council to seize critical opportunities that further the objectives of its Corporate Plan as and when they arise. In recent months such an opportunity has presented itself and if acted on swiftly will require a further 3% increase in Commercial Rates than that already proposed for 2026 as contained in the Strategic Business Plan. This is taken account of in Budget 2026 and means a **7% increase in the General Annual Rate on Valuation from 0.2647 to 0.2832**.
6. A key component of the Strategic Business Plan is the **Small Ratepayers Support Scheme** which 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 goes a long way towards relieving the increasing financial burdens that the small Ratepayers of Co. Longford continue to face. This scheme was adopted for 2026, by the Economic, Enterprise & Rural Development SPC at their meeting held on **19th February 2025**.

7. The 2026 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 2026.
8. **Payroll, Pension & Gratuity** costs represent circa. **41%** of the Revenue Budget, this is in line with sectoral and indeed current private sector percentages.
9. 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.
10. In an economic environment which continues to endure **inflationary pressures** which are impacting 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 2026.



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)***, during 2025 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.
- The risk of Uisce Eireann legacy Stranded Costs being left with Longford County Council.
- The Environmental Risks and associated costs associated with the abandoned Elfeet Piggery.

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 2025, do not see a diminution of that hard won position because 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 the last 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 **12%** 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 2026, this budget takes account of this.

However, while the Department will continue to engage with Longford County Council in this regard, the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform expect that the support for lost rates income in respect of Just Transition reduces and eventually ceases and are currently satisfied that the Commissioner's recommendation until end of 2026 provides an appropriate end point.

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 09/2025 advised Longford County Council that its provisional Local Property Tax allocation for 2026 following the decision taken locally to vary the base rate and due to the increase following the Local Property Tax Baseline Review 2023 would be **€10,606,648**.

The amount of LPT retained locally in County Longford was **€2,404,409**, and the amount received from the Equalisation Fund is **€8,202,239**, giving a baseline of **€10,606,648**.

The estimated 2026 yield increase arising from the 2026 revaluation is **€200,000** for Longford County Council. This buoyancy had been previously incorporated in the **Strategic Business Plan**.

The value to Longford County Council of the potential increase or decrease in 2026 LPT Allocation for every 1% of variation implemented is **+/- €24,044**.

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 **€360,660** in LPT funding available to them for 2026, bring the total LPT Funding to **€10,967,308**.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN (SBP) 2025-2029:

Since the Local Election in June 2024, the Elected Members in conjunction with the Council Executive have formulated 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

-  5 Years – Council Term (mid-2024 to mid-2029)
-  Closely aligned with LCC Corporate Plan & Strategic Workforce Plan
-  Ensures consistency, flexibility, adaptability & growth
-  In-built Informal & Formal Review Mechanisms (1+4,2+3,3+2 & 4+1)
-  Transparent, Equitable, Delivery Focused
-  Innovative in Sector (effectively combined Financial Plan & Rolling Budget)
-  Citizen, Community & Business Focused

Strategic Business Plan (SBP) 2025-2029
The Longford Strategy

AGREED

 Local Property Tax <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-Year Yield = €1.7m• Finances €49m <u>ongoing</u> Countywide Regeneration Projects.	 Commercial Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-Year Yield = €1.5m• Part-Finances a <u>further €80m potential</u> Countywide Regeneration Projects.	 Rent Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-Year Yield = €1.2m• Finances on-going Housing Maintenance.• Part-Finances a <u>further €80m potential</u> Countywide Regeneration Projects.	 Parking Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-Year Yield = €650k• Finances €2m <u>Footpaths Programme</u> in Longford Municipal District.	 General Municipal Allocations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-Year Increase = €150k.• €450k to Municipal Districts at end of term.• Finances Community Grants.
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PROVIDES MULTI-ANNUAL FUNDING CERTAINTY TO ENABLE PLANNING & DELIVERY

Like the 'Longford Model' this new '**Longford Strategy**' is innovative within the Local Authority Sector and like its predecessor is becoming the exemplar strategy for the smaller local authorities that need to maximise whatever 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.

2026 is the 2nd year of a 5-year cycle under the '**Longford Strategy**' which has inbuilt a formal review mechanism that tracks delivery of new Capital Infrastructural Projects 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 as well as any upward valuations to existing rateable premises.

This inbuilt flexibility in the strategy also allows for front loading of any Commercial Rates increases earlier in the cycle to address any critical and immediate needs or contingencies that may arise under the Corporate Plan.

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

This Budget while relying on a 7% Commercial Rates increase for 2026, mitigates its effects on 86% of the Ratepayers in Co. Longford, through the Small Business Support Scheme.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION (GMA)

In late October 2025, the 3 Municipal Districts adopted the General Municipal Allocations (GMA) for inclusion in the 2026 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 **€360k** within this draft budget, this is an increase of 10% on the 2025 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 **€418,914** in the Revenue account at the end of 2024.

This fiscal prudence has ensured that Longford County Council entered 2025 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.

A summary of the planned activities in each area follows:

Service Division A – HOUSING AND BUILDING

The 2026 estimated expenditure for this Service Division amounts to **€18,323,030** compared with **€15,963,963** estimate for 2025 an overall **increase of 15%** on the 2025 Budget.

Maintenance

The housing maintenance budget for 2026 is **€5,270,901** (a year-on-year increase of **€247,671** following over €1m of an increase for 2025). The current housing stock is **2,257 dwellings**. In accordance with normal Council practice maintenance requests will be prioritised on an emergency basis.

Housing Grants

The Council received an allocation of **€1,650,901** for **2025** of which the Council was required to provide **€247,505** by way of match funding. An allocation of **€389,532** was provided by the Dept under the DPG grants scheme in 2025 of which **€38,953** must be funded by the Council to undertake adaptation works on 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 2026. The Housing tenant engagement team continue to engage with tenants to implement the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, deliver pre tenancy training, establish and support Resident Groups in Council estates.

To encourage the continuing enhancement of estates, support funding is available to encourage residents and resident groups to take an active role in improving the physical appearance of their estate, over **€48,910** has been allocated to Residents associations to date in 2025.

Leasing Schemes

Leasing Schemes provide housing options through the sourcing by the housing authority of accommodation from the private rented marked or through other social housing measures. The Council leases the property directly from the landlord or Approved Housing Body and the tenants pay their rent contribution to the Council. The various schemes make provision for the recoupment of costs of the lease from the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

At the end of quarter 3 2025, **122** households are accommodated under the **Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)**.

Additional households are accommodated through other leasing schemes such as Mortgage to Rent Scheme (private & Approved Housing Body Schemes), Short Term Leases (RAS Type Leases) and Payment and Availability Arrangements.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP):

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a social housing support for people who have a long-term housing need.

At present there are 255 households in Longford, whose housing needs are met under this scheme.

The Council administers the HAP scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Payments to landlords are issued monthly, with corresponding recoupment from the Department to cover eligible rent payments and a portion of administrative costs.

The scheme continues to generate a high volume of administrative activity, particularly in relation to rent increases, and notices to quit. These trends have persisted throughout 2025 and are expected to continue into 2026.

Choice Based Lettings:

Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an allocation method designed to give households on Longford County Council's Social Housing Support waiting list greater choice and involvement in selecting a home. Under this system, designated social housing properties, referred to as "bid dwellings", are openly advertised by the Council. Qualified households, either approved for social housing support or seeking a transfer, can express interest in these properties within a specified timeframe.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Under the adopted Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029, Longford County Council has set a 2026 target of 24 units of accommodation, delivered through a mix of approaches including new builds and allocations from existing stock. This includes 14 standard social housing allocations, 3 HAP, 2 RAS/Leasing, 2 Voluntary Housing and 2 Traveller Specific Group Housing. The Council employs a Traveller Liaison Officer to work directly with the Traveller community, ensuring engagement and support in accessing housing and related services.

Homelessness – Emergency Provision & Prevention Services

The Council continues to provide a range of homeless services, including emergency accommodation, housing with supports, and homelessness prevention initiatives. These services are delivered in alignment with the Midlands Regional Homelessness Action Plan, which was formally adopted in 2025. A notable increase in the number of tenants receiving notices to quit (NTQs) has placed additional pressure on emergency accommodation services, and this trend is expected to persist into 2026. To support long-term housing solutions, the Council has a Service Level Agreement with the Peter McVerry Trust to deliver Housing First options, with nine tenancies currently supported under this programme. The Council remains committed to a prevention-focused approach, ensuring that individuals and families at risk of homelessness are supported through coordinated interventions and access to appropriate housing pathways.

Under Section 10 of the Housing Act 1988, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage provides funding to the Council for the provision of homeless services. This includes emergency accommodation, housing with supports, and homelessness prevention initiatives. LCC receives 90% recoupment from the Department for eligible expenditure under Section 10. The remaining 10% must be funded locally.

Capital

The current Capital Programme underway includes the following:

Direct Builds:

- 3 units at Cranleymore Abbeylara – On Site
- 6 units at Lamagh, Newtownforbes – Starting on site Q4 2025
- 10 units at Shanmullagh, Ballinamuck – Starting on site Q4 2025

The following are at various design stages:

- 7 units at Granada View (Cnoc na Greine), Granard
- 2 units at Canal Walk, Longford
- 22 units at Radharc na Muileann, Lanesborough
- 13 units at St Ritas, Park Road
- 5-7 units at Aghaboy, Killoe (Ennybega)
- 2 units at Casey Court, Keenagh
- 10 units at Houricans Hotel, Granard
- 3 units at Market Street, Granard
- 6 units at Bothairin na Carraige, Ballinalee
- 13 units at Drynan, Ballymahon
- 2 units at Willow Park Halting site.

The following were complete in 2024:

Direct Builds:

- 4 units Legion Terrace, Longford
- 1 unit at Cornedan, Ballinalee

Turnkeys:

- 23 units at Richmond Street, Longford
- 16 units at Cluain Ri, Ballymahon
- 2 units Market Square, Longford
- 17 units at Forthill, Aughnaciff

We also have a number of Turnkey Developments under discussions following request for Expressions of Interest in April 2025.

The following have received Departmental approval to date:

- 11 units at Forthill, Aughnaciff
- 68 units at Ard Michael, Longford
- 6 units at Pound Street, Edgeworthstown

In addition, the Council continues to liaise with Approved Housing Bodies regarding housing provision. We currently have applications under review with the Department and are engaged in ongoing discussions with various Approved Housing Bodies, with a view to progressing these initiatives in 2026.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit scheme is ongoing with the focus this year on targeting the houses with a low BER rating and in need of replacement heating systems and or windows and doors. In 2025, the Dept has set a target of 50 units and to date works have been completed on a total of 51 units. This included 6 units at Abbeycartron Lane, 7 units at McEoin Park and 21 units at Casey Court, Keenagh and 17 other individual units which were carried out in conjunction with pre let works. Works are also underway on 19 units at St. Matthew's Park, Ballymahon and 5 individual units in conjunction with pre let works.

Repair and Leasing – Works continue 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 53 units have recently been approved for funding of €583,000 under the Voids Programme 2025 for the Refurbishment of Vacant Local Authority stock. In addition to the Voids funding, funding for retrofitting works on 17 of these Void Properties is claimed in our social housing stock to date.

Service Division B - ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY

The budgeted gross revenue expenditure for 2026 is **€22,261,019** compared with **€21,642,456** representing a **3% increase** on the 2025 budget.

The vast majority of Roads Expenditure is funded from Central Government Funds. The Council has not yet been notified of road grants for 2026 by the Department of Transport, (DOT). When details of the grant allocations become available, a draft Roadwork's Scheme for 2026 will be prepared, for consideration and adoption by the Council. The Council's contribution from own resources to the upkeep of local roads is increased from **€940k** to **€1.298m** for 2026, a **38% increase**, to include for Pavement Repairs in Ballymahon & Granard MD's, Storm Water Management & Hedge Cutting in each MD.

N4 Mullingar to Longford (Roosky)

0. Longford County Council continue to promote and support the N4 Mullingar to Longford Scheme, which is a Scheme to upgrade 52km section of the N4 between Mullingar and Longford (Roosky).
1. The Preferred Option for the N4 Mullingar to Longford (Roosky) was announced on the 18 February 2025.
2. Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation Process has commenced which is the detailed design stage and as part of this stage various surveys and investigation works will be carried out to determine the final design of the route.
3. Ground Investigation Works are due to commence in November 2025.

N55 Granard ByPass

4. Longford County Council has completed in full all the processes required in the TII Project Management Guidelines for Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility).
5. Longford County Council have received TII approval to proceed to Phase 2 (Option Selection) of the Guidelines.

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 2025:

- N4 Newtownforbes to Clooniher resurfacing works completed in Q2 2025.

Regional and Local Roads

2025 was the first year of the ***Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2025-2027*** for non-national roads. An ambitious programme of works was implemented in the Municipal Districts and included the following notable achievements in 2025:

6. Regional and Local Road Improvement Works to a value in excess of €5,548,000
7. Restoration Maintenance Works (Surface Dressing) to a value in excess of €676,000.
8. Supplementary Maintenance Works (Surface Dressing) to the value of €591,500
9. Road Safety Improvement Works from an allocation of €270,400 at various locations throughout the County including Esker/Kilnacarrow, Junction at Ballymakeegan, Dublin Road, Fereghfad, Rathcline Cemetery and Derraghan etc.
10. LIS Funding of €744,475 received – To date 6 applications have been withdrawn, 17 schemes completed and 5 ongoing.
11. Drainage works to the value of €299,000 were carried out at various locations throughout the County.
12. Footpath repairs and construction works were carried out at various locations. Works have commenced in Longford Municipal District as part of the 3 year Footpath Repair Programme 2025-2027 with a total budget allocation of €2,000,000
13. Community Involvement schemes allocation of €273,900
14. On-going maintenance and upgrading of public lighting throughout the County, with over 80% of the public lighting now LED's.
15. Longford County Council has identified the priority routes for the Winter Service Plan 2025/2026. Vehicles will operate from the salt barn in the Machinery Yard, Park Road.
16. Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Works at various locations including Ringowney, Clooneen, Cloontirm, Carrickadorish, Foygh and Bracklin Road totalling an allocation of €297,000.
17. The Byelaws for the Rural Local Roads Speed Limits came into effect on the 7th of February 2025. This coincided with the new national default 60km/hr speed limit for rural local roads. All required signage has been erected.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

Longford County Council received an allocation in 2025 of €463,300 to carry out Maintenance and Rehabilitation works at the following Bridges:

- Castlebaun – Rehabilitation of a single composite (in situ concrete/masonry) bridge.
- Cloonshannagh Lechurragh – Rehabilitation of a single arch masonry bridge
- Drumlougher – Rehabilitation of a single arch masonry bridge
- Esker Old Hall - Rehabilitation of a single arch masonry bridge
- Killnacarrow - Rehabilitation of a single arch masonry bridge
- Kiltycreevagh/Cornacullew – Reconstruction of a single arch masonry bridge

Road Safety

Longford County Council is dedicated to promoting Road Safety.

- A Road Safety Working Together Committee (RSWTG) was established in Co Longford to co-ordinate road safety activities – members include relevant departments in Longford County Council, An Garda Síochána, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Road Safety Authority, Department of Transport, Comhairle na nÓg and the HSE.
- In August 2025 Longford County Council Road Safety Action Plan was prepared in consultation with the RSWTG to cover the period 2025-2027 in line with the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030.
- In September the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee recommended

the County Longford Phase 2 Road Safety Action Plan 2025 – 2027 for consideration and approval by the Corporate Policy Group in advance of consideration and adoption by the full council at the November meeting.

Traffic and Paid Parking

- Longford County Council's 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 in Longford Town were increased in 2025. A review of the Parking Byelaws is scheduled for 2026.

Service Division C - WATER SERVICES

- Management and accountability for Water Services transitioned to Uisce Éireann under the Master Cooperation Agreement on **26th July 2023**. The sector continues to engage in work to identify stranded services and the associated costs which will be funded centrally.
- Service Level 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. This includes the Central Management Charge (CMC), the direct costs for the provision of services to Uisce Éireann including staff wages and salaries and various other costs.
- Local authorities have a reduced income stream as the payment from Uisce Éireann under the MA/SSA is less than the SLA payment and exposing Longford County Council to potentially **stranded costs** (notably but not only the contribution to the CMC included in SLA payments).
- 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 is dealt with on a sectoral approach and considered 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 2026 will be in line with 2025 figure of **€2.02m**.

- 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.
- 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 **€13,995,510** compared with **€13,416,159** for 2025, representing a year-on-year **increase of 4%**.

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 2026 the Economic Development SPC and the LCDC will review the first two-year implementation plan and agree actions to support the high-level goals and objectives in the Plan.

In 2026, Longford County Council will:

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. Continue to assist groups in their applications for funding under the Department's CLÁR Programme for accessible community facilities and amenities.
4. 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.
5. Provide funding to promote and support inter-cultural projects and events in 2025.
6. 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.
7. Liaise with local communities at various levels and help promote local projects, initiatives, and festivals.
8. Continue to support communities and citizens impacted by the challenges, uncertainty and concerns presented during the Ukrainian Crisis.
9. 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.
10. Continue to support Comhairle na nÓg.
11. 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.
12. Commence development of a new Healthy County Plan.
13. Support the new Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme to provide increased health and wellbeing services.
14. Support the newly established Longford Local Community Safety Partnership which is aimed at strengthening community policing and safety.
15. Support the Longford Community Volunteer Programme

Local Enterprise Office – Driving Enterprise and Economic Growth in 2026

The Local Enterprise Office is a cornerstone of Longford's economic development strategy, delivering targeted supports that enable businesses to thrive in a dynamic and competitive environment. In 2026, LEO will strengthen its role as a catalyst for innovation, sustainability, and regional competitiveness through the following priorities:

Strategic Focus Areas

- **Enterprise Resilience**
Equip businesses to navigate ongoing external challenges from an increasing cost base to market volatility caused by global economic shifts, to challenges arising due to new advances in digitalisation and AI.
- **Sustainability and Innovation**
Support firms in adopting green technologies and resource-efficient practices to meet climate and energy challenges while enhancing competitiveness.
- **Leveraging External Funding Opportunities**
Identify and maximise opportunities arising from programmes such as the Just Transition Programme to drive new investment and job creation.
- **Direct Financial Assistance**
Provide targeted funding for new ventures and expansion projects that deliver measurable economic impact.
- **Capability Development**
Deliver structured training and mentoring programmes to build leadership, management capability, and operational excellence in SMEs.

- **Enterprise Culture and Networks**
Expand initiatives such as the Student Enterprise Programme, business networks, and promotional campaigns to foster entrepreneurship and collaboration.
- **Commercial Revitalisation**
Promote local authority schemes, including a revised Business Incentive Scheme, to encourage occupancy of vacant premises and revitalise town centres.
- **Strategic Partnerships**
Work closely with economic development units, regeneration teams, and state agencies to enhance Longford's business environment and attract further inward investment.
- **Alignment with Regional and National Plans**
Implement actions from Longford's LECP 2023–2029, the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan, and the Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan to position the county for future growth.
- **Diaspora Engagement**
Continue to engage with the Council's Diaspora to strengthen business links and promote County Longford as an attractive business location.

Tourism – A Strategic Economic Driver

Tourism remains a vital contributor to Longford's economy, offering significant potential for job creation and regional prosperity. In 2026, the focus will be on **product development, brand alignment, and collaborative partnerships**:

Key Actions

- **Implement the Tourism Plan 2023–2028** in partnership with Longford County Council and the County Tourism Committee.
- **Develop high-value tourism products and experiences** that enhance Longford's appeal and extend visitor dwell time, particularly leveraging Centre Parcs Ballymahon.
- **Strengthen stakeholder collaboration** across businesses, community groups, and agencies for an integrated tourism strategy.
- **Enhance digital presence** through an upgraded tourism website, expanded social media engagement, and new promotional content.
- **Build on Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brand** in partnership with Fáilte Ireland to attract domestic and international visitors.
- **Support funding applications** under Fáilte Ireland's EU Just Transition Strand and the EU LEADER programme.
- **Advance infrastructure and product improvements** with partners such as Waterways Ireland to elevate visitor experience.
- **Integrate tourism with cultural and creative initiatives**, working with Night-Time Economy, Arts, Creative Communities, and Regeneration programmes to position Longford as a vibrant destination for events and experiences.

Local Authority Role in Integration

Local authorities have become central to Ireland's integration strategy, implementing a **community-based approach** that ensures newcomers can participate fully in Irish life while maintaining their cultural identity. Key initiatives include:

1. Longford Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

- Established in 2024, the LAIT team provides "**Integration from Day One**" support for:
 - International Protection applicants
 - Refugees and Programme Refugees
 - Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (e.g., Ukrainians)

- Services include:
 - Orientation and signposting to healthcare, housing, childcare, and legal supports
 - English language classes, job training, and education pathways
 - Guidance on accessing social welfare and community activities
 - Anti-racism support and links to NGOs for vulnerable individuals.

2. Community Integration Forum

- Longford Local Authority hosts a forum bringing together **government agencies, NGOs, and community groups** to coordinate responses and promote social cohesion.
- Activities include intercultural events, sports programmes, and awareness campaigns to foster community engagement. The CIF will meet every 2 months in 2026.

3. Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection

Longford County Council provides a structured integration model for BoTPs, guided by national policy and delivered through the **Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)**.

These supports aim to help individuals settle and participate fully in the local community.

Longford hosts approximately 1,100 Ukrainians (BoTPs) in the County across a range of accommodation solutions

4. IPAs Centres

County Longford Currently has two IPAs centres located in Longford Town housing approximately 150 International Protection Applicants. A full range of supports are provided to support their integration.

5. Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP)

This Programme is dedicated to the accommodation and integration of displaced Syrian refugees, Longford County Council continues to work closely with government departments and agencies to ensure housing, education, and social inclusion for resettled families.

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 2026 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.

Planning Department

- The Planning Department will, in 2026, continue to provide the planning functions for County Longford.
- Development Management will continue to meet its statutory obligations and provide statutory pre-planning meetings.
- The Council's on-line ePlanning portal went live in Longford in March 2023 is easy to use and moves the process into an environmentally friendly one that is also user friendly. 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 2026 the number of online planning applications will increase. It is hoped that by end of 2026 99% of all application will be received electronically.
- The Planning Section will continue to support the Housing Section with its Housing Action Plan in delivering social houses in the County.
- 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 2026, the Planning section will commence a review of the Council's Development Contribution Scheme. It will also work with other sections on the development of a

Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme to support the delivery of strategic infrastructure in Longford Town.

- The County Development Plan 2021-2027 sets out the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County in terms of social, cultural, economic, and physical development. Guidance is awaited from the Department in relation to the possible extension of this plan.
- Forward Planning completed work on the Longford Town Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031. The plan was adopted by Longford Municipal District in April 2025 and came into effect on 3 June 2025.
- Work will 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.
- Planning continues to provide valuable advice and reports which set the framework for the guidance and control of development of the County.
- The role of the Planning Enforcement Section involves investigating complaints 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 resulting in the minimisation of enforcement notices and legal proceedings.

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 as part of the Government's 'Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland' to act as a stimulus to induce residential development on land earmarked by local authorities as suitably serviced and zoned wholly or partly for residential purposes. The first liability date for RZLT was 1st February 2025. For land that is within the scope of RZLT, an annual 3% tax will apply based on the market value at the valuation date.

In this regards, 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 Local Authority is required to review and update the map on a yearly basis, inviting submissions from those whose land is subject to RZLT in respect of their inclusion for RZLT. This process requires significant technical and planning resources.

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.

REGENERATION DEPARTMENT

The Regeneration Department is central to delivering Longford County Council's vision of creating vibrant, sustainable communities and thriving town centres. Under the **Corporate Plan 2024–2029**, regeneration is identified as a key enabler for achieving strategic objectives such as connected communities, attractive places, and economic opportunity.

In practice, this means the department:

- Drives Town Centre First principles, ensuring our towns and villages remain active, inclusive, and economically resilient.
- Implements heritage-led and sustainable renewal, aligning with the Council's commitment to climate action and quality design.
- Supports community participation, fostering collaboration through Town Teams and local partnerships to ensure regeneration reflects local priorities.
- Leverages funding and investment, securing resources under national and EU schemes to deliver projects that enhance public spaces, tourism infrastructure, and enterprise development.

By combining strategic planning with on-the-ground engagement, the Regeneration Department translates the Corporate Plan's ambitions into tangible improvements that make Longford a better place to live, work, and visit.

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

The Regeneration Department continues to secure significant investment to deliver transformative projects across County Longford.

As of November 2025, the department is managing projects totalling approximately **€45 million**, funded through a mix of national and EU programmes. These include the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, Urban Regeneration Development Fund, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme, and the EU Just Transition Fund

Funding allocations for 2025 remained strong, with grant aid covering 75–90% of project costs, and in some cases 100%. Longford County Council and community partners provide the remaining match funding to ensure delivery.

This financial support underpins regeneration priorities such as town centre renewal, public realm improvements, tourism infrastructure, and community-led projects, aligning with the Council's Corporate Plan and national strategies like Town Centre First.

Below is a sample of projects completed or in progress in 2025:-

- **THRIVE: Connolly Barracks Reimagined** – Longford County Council secured €7 million through the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme. THRIVE: Connolly Barracks Reimagined is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021–2027. The project will deliver a county museum, creative makerspace, podcast and recording studios, meeting rooms, and a flexible performance space, alongside sustainability features such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting.
- **Granard Motte Heritage Project (RRDF)** – continued advancement of this flagship tourism initiative, including concept design development and compliance reporting, aimed at enhancing visitor experience and supporting local economic growth.
- **Lanesboro Amphitheatre (RRDF)** – construction of a new outdoor performance space at Commons North, designed to host cultural events and community gatherings, strengthening Lanesboro's role as a tourism and recreation hub. Decision on planning expected in December 2026 from An Coimisún Pleanna.
- **Sunflower Playground & Royal Canal Greenway Connection (TVRS)** – officially opened in July 2025, this inclusive playground features sensory play equipment and universal design principles. It also introduced a shared pathway linking Longford Town to the Royal Canal Greenway, paving the way for the next phase: the development of Longford People's Park.
- **Pobal le Chéile (RRDF)** – Ballymahon's flagship regeneration project progressed through preliminary design and planning stages in 2025, including surveys of existing buildings, agreement on accommodation schedules, and preparation for Part 8 planning which was adopted in September 2025. This project will deliver a multi-purpose community hub to revitalise the town centre.

Current Pipeline & Future Outlook

Strategic Priorities

- **Town Centre First Implementation** – Continued delivery of tailored town plans to revitalise urban cores and strengthen local economies.
- **Heritage-Led Regeneration** – Major investment through THRIVE: Connolly Barracks Reimagined, delivering a cultural and enterprise hub featuring a county museum, creative spaces, and performance facilities.

- **Urban Renewal Projects –**
 - **Camlin Quarter Element 1** – The Mall Outdoor Recreation Upgrade submitted under URDF, with approval granted and works scheduled to commence in Q1 2026.
 - **Camlin Quarter Element 2** – Church Street will progress through options appraisal in 2026.
 - **Camlin Quarter Element 2** – Parade Square is expected to progress through planning and detailed design in 2026.
- **Community Infrastructure** – Longford People’s Park development progressing as the next phase following the Sunflower Playground and Royal Canal Greenway link.
- **Cultural & Tourism Assets** – Granard Motte Heritage Project and Lanesboro Amphitheatre continuing through design and delivery stages.
- **Outdoor Recreation** - Funding under ORIS Measure 1, 2, and 3 has been awarded to Longford in 2025. Works include major upgrades to Longford’s trail network, improving accessibility, signage, and connectivity across the county. These enhancements will strengthen Longford’s position within Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands and boost tourism and outdoor recreation.

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 2026.

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 **56 projects** totalling approximately **€10 million**.

Below is a sample of completed projects in 2025:

Battery Road

The Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Sean Canney officially opened Longford's transformative Battery Road Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme on Tuesday, 17 June 2025 marking the completion of the third phase in the county's ambitious Pathfinder project. The €3.5 million scheme delivers 1.3km of dedicated cycling infrastructure along the R198 Battery Road, featuring Ireland's first coloured cast-in-situ separator kerb and comprehensive traffic calming measures. The project connects Longford town centre to the N4 Axis Centre via a 700-metre stretch from McDonald's Roundabout to St Alban's entrance. The Pathfinder Programme is focused on reducing carbon emissions in the transport sector, by enabling the shift to cleaner transport choices.

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

This scheme is now complete. This scheme involves the provision of a new, shared pathway in Granard town, County Longford. The route commences at the service road junction at the Old Ulster Bank, Market Street (R194), running parallel to Main Street along rear garden backlands, and connecting to Barrack Lane returning to Main Street. The cycleway along the northern side of the R194 approach road between Ardscoil Phadraig Secondary School and Market Street, Granard Town. The total approximate length of the scheme is 400m. The provision of improved walking and cycling facilities along a busy route is considered essential in delivering safe access to and from Ardscoil Phadraig Secondary School to Granard Town Centre.

SRTS Scoil Mhuire, Clondra

Construction works are now complete on this scheme, which include a designated bus parking area outside the school, regulation of on-street parking in front of the school, provision of a safe walking and wheeling route from Richmond Harbour Canal Bridge to the school, Installation of a zebra crossing and a new footpath on the north side of the bridge, Raised crossing at the car park entrance, surface colour changes, road markings, pencil-shaped bollards, and other associated site works.

Farnagh Hill Footpath Connection Scheme

This project is now complete which involved setting back of a site boundary to facilitate construction of a missing section of footpath along a key residential connection route to Longford Town Centre. This opportunity has arisen with the site recently changing ownership and the new owners were forthcoming in making necessary lands available free of charge to facilitate this footpath.

R198 Aghadegnan to Clonbalt Footpath

This project is complete as of end of 2025 and involves the replacing of the existing narrow footpath along the R198 from Aghadegnan to Clonbalt with a new 3m wide path and associated carriageway narrowing. The existing footpath is just 1.5m in width and the surface is in very poor condition and below the capacity for the existing footfall. This footpath directly serves the many residents of Clonbalt Woods and Foynes Court Estates as an Active Travel route into Longford Town.

St. Teresa's Clontumpher School Zone

This project is an expansion of the already complete pedestrian and cycle facility and includes the formation of a school zone and speed control measures to the front of St. Teresa's NS.

Raised Crossing at Centra in Drumlish

Works are now completed on the new Raised Zebra crossing on the R198 at Centra, realignment and tightening with build out provision, raised pedestrian crossing, and improved streetscaping at the R198.

Also, a number of smaller Active Travel Projects are underway and will be completed by the end of 2025.

The funding for these projects is from the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The Council's allocation for 2025 is **€3 million** with a similar level of funding expected in 2026.

Service Division E - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The estimated expenditure for this division for 2026 is **€10,327,256** compared with **€9,077,336** for 2025, a year-on-year increase of **14%**.

Waste Enforcement & Compliance

- Continued strong performance in illegal waste enforcement.
- Uphold objectives as set out in the Litter Management Plan (LMP) 2025-2027 and the Abandoned Vehicle Policy 2025
- Implementation of the '3-Bin Pilot System' in designated local authority Housing Estates for improved household waste segregation and recycling.
- Application of the 'Green Hub' initiative for improved, local businesses awareness and education around waste management and compliance with waste legislation.

Air Quality

- Ongoing enforcement to ensure only approved solid fuels are sold, and installation of increased monitoring locations and tree planting provision.
- Support for Ireland's Clean Air Strategy and WHO air quality targets (incl. Petrol Vapour Certificates).

Noise Pollution

- Implementation of the second Noise Action Plan (2024–2028).
- Dedicated Executive Scientist with assigned noise responsibility, including the planned delivery of EPA recommendations.

Water Quality

- Appointment of a dedicated Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) inspector for continued increase of farm inspections.
- Continued catchment assessments and investigative work in Areas for Action (AfA).
- Increased Discharge Licence (Section 4) compliance and monitoring.
- Maintained focus on Disused Piggery in Elfeet, Newtowncashel.
- Ongoing Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems inspections.

Litter & Dumping

- Approx. 1,500 complaints investigated in 2025.
- Support for community clean-ups via Tidy Towns, Probation Services, and local groups.
- Utilise ongoing Anti-Dumping (ADI) and Anti-Litter initiatives (ALI) with Departmental funding (incl. CCTV provision).
- Promote Recycling initiative and hold Large Goods and Hazardous Waste Collections.
- Continue to provide a promotion and education programme, through various initiatives including green schools.

Street Cleaning & Recycling

- Maintain multihog street sweeper use and focused Litter Warden and Community Warden patrols.
- Continued provision and monitoring of Bring Bank facilities.

Cemeteries

- Support for cemetery committees through the Cemetery Support Scheme and carry out Capital Works Scheme and minor repairs across the county.
- Apply the newly adopted, Cemetery Bye Laws.

Historic Landfills

- Remediation projects under EPA's Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) for Ballymulvey and Cartron Big underway.
- Awaiting EPA determination for Ballymaurice – monitoring continues.

Climate Action

- Advance with the Midlands Energy Agency, the multi-million-euro, Pathfinder Funding Agreement for improved public and community building energy and CO2 performance.
- Continued Climate Action Plan (Feb 2024), and new Biodiversity Action Plan (Oct 2025) implementation.
- Finalise Regional EV Charging Strategy and installation of LCC owned EV charging in dog pound.
- Maintain Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) support and application receipt and assessment.
- Managed delivery of community allotment project in Longford Town under Housing Finance Agency's Social Investment Fund.

Fire & Emergency Services

- The projected annual current expenditure for fire service activities is approximately **€4.5m** which covers both Community Fire Safety and Operational Response Activities.
- The 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.
- The application for supplementary funding for the WRC agreement for Longford County Council for 2026 is **€947k**. This figure will be re visited at the end of 2026.
- Longford County Council adopted a new Fire Charges Policy in 2025 and this came into effect on 1 July 2025.
- 12 additional crew members are currently undergoing prerecruitment procedures and it is hoped that these will be in place by the end of 2025 or early 2026.
- On the capital side, a new Fire Station proposal for Ballymahon will be prepared once a suitable site is identified.
- A plan is in place to replace our breathing apparatus equipment and add additional vehicles in 2026 with funding from the Department.

Civil Defence

- A recruitment drive for new Civil Defence volunteers is to begin in January. It is hoped an additional 6 to 8 volunteers will join the unit.
- It is expected that up to 100 duties will be covered by the unit providing medical cover at events, assisting with severe weather, and providing back up to the principal response agencies where required.
- Grant funding of up to €100,000 will be sanctioned by Department of Defence towards running costs of the unit.
- The unit is moving to temporary rented accommodation. This move is being funded by Longford County Council and supported by funding of up to €10,000 by Department of Defence.

- Volunteers will join the 66th annual military pilgrimage to Lourdes.
- Upskilling will be undertaken by volunteers in the use of new equipment, such as pumping equipment to aid with flooding. One volunteer is completing their emergency medical technician course which will be an asset to the unit.
- A drone licence will be sought in Q1 2026 with the aim of procuring a drone to assist with missing person search and to aid the primary response agencies if requested.

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 2026 amounts to **€6,367,894** which is broadly in line with the 2025 Budget of **€6,432,978**.

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 **€50,000** being made in the 2025 Budget, this provision is reduced from 2025 levels reflecting both the sustained progress towards self-sufficiency being made in collaboration with the Service Provider under the contract which commenced in 2017 and which was renewed in 2023.

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 2026. My open library (MOL) services had resume with Ballymahon reopening in 2022.

There will be 3 MOL service locations available to the communities in Longford – Ballymahon, Edgeworthstown and Lanesborough.

Priorities in 2026 include:

1. Continue to develop initiatives which help to keep 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. Currently working the Girl Guides on a number of different approaches to improve the lifelong learning.
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 2026 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 like breastfeeding friendly initiative.
8. Expand the partnership with the HI Longford team, Creative Ireland, Longford and the Slaintecare Promotion and Wellbeing coordinator to develop an extensive and inclusive programme of events to support Health & Wellbeing in Co. Longford.
9. Support summer reading programmes, family reading and literacy and numeracy initiatives in partnership with Home School Liaison teachers, Family Resource centres, Foróige, After School Homework clubs, STEAM Officer and others. The Summerstars and July provision summer camps targeted over 1400 children in 2025, this project will be expanded to target 1500 children.
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 Dreamsphere. There are Lego clubs in 4 library branches will be extended to all 6 libraries in 2026. The STEAM book collection will also be extended to include YA collection with a focus on Coding and Climate Action. The Citizen Science programme was started in 2025 will be extended in 2026 to include Bat sensors, more birding backpacks, nets, magnifying glasses, swatches, Virtual headsets to name a few
11. Make our libraries a focus for integration and inter-cultural programmes, celebrating the cultural diversity in our county.
12. Continue to 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 for staff and public services 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, Cruinníu na nÓg, Summer Solstice, Culture Night, 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 ten years and that we need to make provision for this. New initiatives like Longford Storm Prep packs, Mo Bosca Beo, and new walkability in Longford Town, Drumlish and Lanesborough
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. 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. This event provided information for over 200 older people in the county.
20. Continue to develop sensory and play spaces in all the library for everyone in the community. This includes the provision for sensory equipment for our community.
21. Achieve an increase in membership, visits, and issues in the county.

Archives Service

1. Continuing to preserve and manage the archives held by Longford County Council.
2. Continuing to work on records management in Longford County Council.
3. Securing the appointment of an Assistant Archivist.
4. Organising the conservation of damaged items.
5. Organising the scanning/digitisation of collections to ensure their preservation and to facilitate access.
6. Working on the Seán MacEoin Archive and having a public opening when it is ready.
7. Continuing to support Creative Ireland projects which will include the Fr Quinn music project, schools' folklore project, and other such projects that present themselves over the lifetime of the plan.
8. Assisting researchers with a broad range of enquiries, particularly historical ones.
9. Develop and curate the Abbé Edgeworth exhibition in Edgeworthstown.

Arts Programme

The Arts Office will in 2026 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, including supporting a new festival called the Thomas Kiernan Trad festival, a significant summer festival for Granard and a Longford town summer festival located in the mall.
3. The development of new creative arts groups and artists in the County including WalFest, Mide Arts Group, Earth, Man, Machine, and Longford Business to Arts
4. The delivery of Music Generation in partnership with LWETB to ensure that all young people in the County have equal access to music education. There is also creative programming in conjunction with Creative Ireland.
5. Development of the TY Art residence in secondary schools in Longford- this is established in Longford County and is available to all 9 secondary schools and is part of the school calendar year for programming and is recognised as part of the Gaisce the Presidential Awards
6. Expansion of the Bursaries for young, emerging, and established artists in Longford – this expansion has gone from one bursary type to 6 different grant awards recognising a wide range of art disciplines with a new dedicated mentoring award.
7. 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. We are currently working with Cavan Arts Festival on a peace plus spectacle project.
8. Development, curation, and delivery of Longford Lights in 2026 including the collaboration with other international partners.
9. Working with an expanded variety of sections and departments within Longford County Council and the wider community to make art, culture, and creativity readily accessible.
10. Highlighting the use of Arts as a tourism product to attract visitor to the county via the Dead of Night, Longford Lights and Culture Night to name a few examples.
11. A major contributor to Brand Longford.
12. Creating a different variative for Longford through creative expression.
13. Contribute to the development of the THRIVE project including the creation of the Longford Maker Space located on the Athlone Road. This resource is ensuring that there will be a steady stream of revenue in the new Maker Space located in Connolly Barracks post 2028.

14. Working on the development of an Art Community Employment (CE) Scheme for County Longford
15. Increasing artist capacity in County Longford – making it possible for people to work as an artist in this county.
16. Increasing the scale of ambition for current and future public art and festivals
17. Creating a national reputation for spectacle art for Longford in line with counties like Galway (Macnas) and Waterford (Spraoi).
18. Focus on the development of Public Art projects similar to the Waterford Walls project.
19. Establishment of the Longford Arts Awards.
20. Development of a new adult town band – brass and reed.

Service Division G – AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

The estimated expenditure for 2026 amounts to **€474,462** which represents a **decrease of 22%** on the 2025 budget of **€610,307**, mainly due to the Veterinary Service transferring to the Department of Agriculture & Food.

Flood Risk & Drainage Maintenance

- Maintain designated arterial drainage networks/rivers in 2026, incl. internal cross sector opportunities for Nature Based Solutions (NBS)
- External stakeholder engagement e.g. Uisce Eireann on the Integrated Urban Drainage Management Plan for Longford Town.

Veterinary Services Transition

- Continue administrative provisions for Temporary Veterinary Inspectors (TVIs), as required.

Dog and Horse Control

- Designated staff to maintain and enhance existing Dog and Horse Control provision and public awareness.

Service Division H - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Expenditure in 2026 under this Service Division is estimated at **€5,707,045** compared with the 2025 budgeted amount of **€5,229,022** representing an **increase of 9%**.

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 2026.

It continues to strategically allocate resources to position Longford County Council to continue to deliver a myriad of services as well as large scale landmark capital projects under our Corporate Plan 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 2026 will mean that this council will be spending **more than €175m**, in 2026.

There is no doubt that there will be many challenges, both anticipated and unforeseen that will face us in the coming years, however we would be confident that the collaborative adaptability, flexibility & 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 and headwinds as they occur, in a continually fluctuating fiscal environment.

The new and innovative **Strategic Business Plan, Corporate Plan and Workforce Plan** provide us with three flexible and robust pillars that are already serving us well and I am confident that the benefits & inbuilt flexibility of these will continue to benefit us far into the future.

These will be the foundations of the Council's three-year **Capital Programme 2026 – 2028** which will be completed in early 2026.

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, Garry Murtagh 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 & Innovation,

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 2026 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 2026				Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2025 (as restated)	
		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2026			
		€	€	€	%		
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income							
Housing and Building		18,300,150	17,255,895	1,044,255	5%	-356,396	-2%
Road Transport & Safety		22,241,619	15,279,039	6,962,580	32%	5,905,210	28%
Water Services		2,629,309	2,463,809	165,500	1%	802,599	4%
Development Management		13,972,285	7,284,795	6,687,490	31%	5,849,487	28%
Environmental Services		10,316,061	2,441,088	7,874,973	36%	6,498,363	31%
Recreation and Amenity		6,364,816	1,329,041	5,035,775	23%	4,676,230	22%
Agriculture, Food and the Marine		473,897	79,164	394,733	2%	341,184	2%
Miscellaneous Services		5,508,847	12,074,561	-6,565,714	-30%	-2,802,792	-13%
		79,806,984	58,207,392	21,599,592	100%	20,913,885	100%
Provision for Debit Balance		0		0			
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income	(A)	79,806,984	58,207,392	21,599,592	1	20,913,885	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances							
Provision for Credit Balance			0	0			
Local Property Tax			10,967,308	10,967,308			
Sub - Total	(B)			10,967,308		20,913,885	
Amount of Rates to be Levied	C=(A-B)			10,632,284			
Net Effective Valuation	(E)			38,622,403			
General Annual Rate on Valuation	C/E			0.2753			

Table B

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Division & Services		2026				2025			
		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	5,268,180	5,270,901	10,568,194	10,568,194	5,023,233	4,987,238	9,523,661	10,197,523
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,036,288	1,039,777	116,357	116,357	805,546	863,614	76,407	96,357
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,167,330	1,170,266	27,889	27,889	1,008,407	871,319	32,943	27,889
A04	Housing Community Development Support	445,196	446,859	7,475	7,475	384,142	402,953	7,498	7,475
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	1,571,444	1,571,801	1,354,924	1,354,924	1,121,151	1,264,437	938,304	1,084,302
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	3,068,962	3,076,294	1,118,983	1,118,986	2,629,942	2,473,613	1,199,461	1,074,158
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	4,064,584	4,065,615	3,492,155	3,492,155	3,429,937	3,702,231	3,173,167	3,386,771
A08	Housing Loans	689,924	691,069	464,655	464,655	593,526	618,853	390,602	453,655
A09	Housing Grants	748,884	750,039	5,263	5,263	701,429	691,678	5,279	5,263
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A12	HAP Programme	239,359	240,406	100,000	100,000	266,653	200,061	111,438	99,000
A13	Cost Rental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	18,300,151	18,323,027	17,255,895	17,255,898	15,963,966	16,075,997	15,458,760	16,432,393
	Road Transport & Safety								
Code									
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,707,461	1,711,741	942,225	942,225	1,743,073	2,613,519	1,043,123	1,943,549
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	4,439,365	4,442,582	3,667,956	3,667,956	4,379,003	953,590	3,674,498	243,367
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	2,524,839	2,528,319	1,713,240	1,713,240	2,532,289	3,131,619	1,714,799	2,356,400
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	10,059,413	10,063,840	7,363,528	7,363,528	9,621,401	9,933,727	7,333,683	8,228,150
B05	Public Lighting	1,200,917	1,201,268	88,819	88,819	1,185,526	1,033,891	88,822	88,819
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	216,693	217,666	3,188	3,188	225,163	316,942	3,197	3,188
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	647,084	648,506	290,536	290,536	646,738	623,952	290,553	290,536
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	28,170	28,256	201	201	24,861	24,137	3,202	201
B09	Car Parking	971,175	971,416	1,015,496	1,015,496	919,563	856,154	759,120	726,021
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	322,636	323,561	3,444	3,444	238,146	218,682	3,454	3,444
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	123,865	123,865	190,406	190,406	126,693	207,493	78,321	124,821
	Service Division Total	22,241,618	22,261,020	15,279,039	15,279,039	21,642,456	19,913,706	14,992,772	14,008,496

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		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code Water Services	Water Supply	1,582,529	1,588,538	54,134	54,134	2,179,637	2,087,756	54,298	54,134
	Waste Water Treatment	515,389	519,828	22,273	22,273	752,603	543,342	22,340	22,273
	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Public Conveniences	66,200	66,200	10,000	10,000	40,050	41,045	0	0
	Admin of Group and Private Installations	113,949	114,465	27,119	27,119	98,778	95,914	27,126	27,119
	Support to Water Capital Programme	337,773	341,403	17,522	17,522	393,175	294,550	17,576	17,522
	Agency & Recoupable Services	13,469	14,041	2,332,762	2,332,762	12,350	143,792	3,248,739	2,282,752
	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	2,629,309	2,644,475	2,463,810	2,463,810	3,476,593	3,206,399	3,370,079	2,403,800
Code Development Management	Forward Planning	565,505	567,031	115,515	115,515	503,384	566,017	8,789	105,835
	Development Management	1,488,992	1,493,811	269,759	269,759	1,254,774	1,145,717	299,824	228,759
	Enforcement	440,190	441,964	10,703	10,703	420,610	386,982	9,729	12,703
	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	262,164	262,320	8,981	8,981	262,052	253,904	8,983	8,981
	Tourism Development and Promotion	557,997	558,160	252,302	252,302	522,659	509,465	200,287	227,607
	Community and Enterprise Function	2,855,229	2,860,548	1,301,671	1,301,671	2,987,085	2,482,998	1,625,362	1,144,565
	Unfinished Housing Estates	32,406	32,574	0	0	35,122	35,087	260,000	0
	Building Control	227,106	227,575	3,495	3,495	200,578	203,882	3,506	3,495
	Economic Development and Promotion	3,565,881	3,573,145	1,661,451	1,661,451	3,240,630	3,329,875	1,314,805	1,632,483
	Property Management	7,000	7,000	8,000	8,000	8,200	3,200	12,000	8,000
	Heritage and Conservation Services	492,694	492,870	316,102	316,102	612,907	563,430	420,611	383,102
	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,477,122	3,478,513	3,336,816	3,336,816	3,368,159	2,415,514	3,234,105	2,291,054
	Service Division Total	13,972,286	13,995,511	7,284,795	7,284,795	13,416,160	11,896,071	7,398,001	6,046,584

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		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Environmental Services								
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	33,585	33,617	175	175	15,706	52,566	175	175
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	139,178	139,274	21,000	21,000	128,357	136,087	25,500	19,500
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	987,540	990,248	106,583	106,583	985,583	878,318	116,615	113,449
E06	Street Cleaning	988,599	988,894	10,076	10,076	866,723	852,489	10,107	10,076
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	682,986	685,383	153,885	153,885	562,900	585,316	172,912	174,370
E08	Waste Management Planning	30,029	30,212	735	735	21,877	29,316	737	735
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	365,130	365,889	42,595	42,595	335,297	350,195	42,603	42,595
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	597,557	599,434	160,097	160,097	547,446	480,263	110,114	131,972
E11	Operation of Fire Service	4,520,865	4,521,587	1,125,156	1,125,156	4,078,729	3,739,448	1,065,181	968,156
E12	Fire Prevention	395,091	395,319	58,642	58,642	397,509	332,117	58,669	58,642
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	621,209	623,044	98,844	98,844	506,423	527,778	26,160	98,144
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	954,291	954,355	663,299	663,299	630,786	765,583	418,708	613,299
	Service Division Total	10,316,060	10,327,256	2,441,087	2,441,087	9,077,336	8,729,476	2,047,481	2,231,113
Code	Recreation & Amenity								
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	225,605	225,658	0	0	285,143	266,324	0	0
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,472,844	3,474,770	272,092	272,092	3,254,372	3,182,861	92,319	284,342
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	757,945	758,280	7,174	7,174	797,814	708,406	7,196	7,174
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	997,161	997,610	709,055	709,055	1,078,842	830,234	887,147	585,617
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	911,261	911,576	340,721	340,721	1,016,807	894,698	413,735	329,160
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	6,364,816	6,367,894	1,329,042	1,329,042	6,432,978	5,882,523	1,400,397	1,206,293

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Code		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Agriculture, Food and the Marine								
G01	Land Drainage Costs	77,304	77,330	441	441	96,026	90,858	442	441
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G03	Coastal Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G04	Veterinary Service	396,593	397,132	78,724	78,724	514,281	363,734	257,440	112,967
G05	Educational Support Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	473,897	474,462	79,165	79,165	610,307	454,592	257,882	113,408
	Miscellaneous Services								
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	487,312	489,336	3,427	3,427	473,423	440,308	3,437	3,427
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	92,715	93,045	0	0	90,396	94,434	0	0
H03	Administration of Rates	1,481,348	1,669,201	7,260	7,260	1,394,123	1,456,056	8,779	6,260
H04	Franchise Costs	332,513	333,936	140,066	140,066	234,270	214,933	2,684	37,664
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	119,973	120,034	1,363	1,363	113,944	101,362	1,367	1,363
H06	Weighbridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	0	0	725	725	0	0	0	725
H08	Malicious Damage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	1,915,599	1,917,964	66,941	66,941	1,825,472	1,821,674	22,008	111,941
H10	Motor Taxation	484,290	488,165	12,085	12,085	474,547	427,776	12,110	12,085
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	595,097	595,364	11,842,695	11,829,704	622,846	1,331,440	10,406,444	8,517,310
	Service Division Total	5,508,847	5,707,045	12,074,562	12,061,571	5,229,021	5,887,983	10,456,829	8,690,775
	OVERALL TOTAL	79,806,984	80,100,690	58,207,395	58,194,407	75,848,817	72,046,747	55,382,201	51,132,862

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 2026 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	2026 €
Rents from Houses	11,377,371
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	455,500
Parking Fines/Charges	1,002,500
Uisce Éireann	2,332,762
Planning Fees	204,000
Domestic Refuse	0
Commercial Refuse	0
Landfill Charges	0
Fire Charges	200,000
Recreation / Amenity / Culture	0
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0
Local Authority Contributions	1,796,386
Superannuation	658,000
NPPR	0
Misc. (Detail)	5,765,130
TOTAL	23,791,649

Table E	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2026 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	
	2026 €
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Housing and Building	3,718,567
Road Transport & Safety	0
Water Services	25,000
Development Management	413,152
Environmental Services	1,241,000
Recreation and Amenity	0
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0
Miscellaneous Services	7,370,965
	12,768,684
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	13,917,082
Culture, Communications and Sport	485,192
National Transport Authority	0
Social Protection	0
Defence	100,000
Education and Youth	0
Library Council	0
Arts Council	80,000
Transport	16,000
Justice, Home Affairs and Migration	0
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine	500
Enterprise, Tourism and Employment	1,219,695
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht	3,828,049
Climate, Environment and Energy	438,000
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	0
Other	1,562,541
	21,647,059
Total Grants & Subsidies	34,415,743

ANALYSES OF EXPENDITURE & INCOME BY DIVISION

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A. Housing & Building



HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	3,943,145	3,943,145	3,987,300	4,106,204
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,029
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management	94,091	94,091	101,549	86,498
A0104	Estate Maintenance	125,500	125,500	100,850	113,854
A0199	Service Support Costs	1,095,444	1,098,165	823,534	675,653
Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing		5,268,180	5,270,901	5,023,233	4,987,238
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	673,161	673,161	457,487	546,276
A0299	Service Support Costs	363,127	366,616	348,059	317,338
Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer		1,036,288	1,039,777	805,546	863,614
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	777,924	777,924	633,952	530,878
A0399	Service Support Costs	389,406	392,342	374,455	340,441
Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		1,167,330	1,170,266	1,008,407	871,319
A0401	Housing Estate Management	252,018	252,018	197,347	234,606
A0402	Tenancy Management	14,122	14,122	15,249	11,246
A0403	Social and Community Housing Service	0	0	0	0
A0499	Service Support Costs	179,056	180,719	171,546	157,101
Housing Community Development Support		445,196	446,859	384,142	402,953
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,041,128	1,200,000
A0502	Homeless Service	0	0	0	0
A0599	Service Support Costs	71,444	71,801	80,023	64,437
Administration of Homeless Service		1,571,444	1,571,801	1,121,151	1,264,437
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support	1,546,005	1,546,005	1,428,451	1,284,200
A0602	Loan Charges	765,700	765,700	474,335	528,655
A0699	Service Support Costs	757,257	764,589	727,156	660,758
Support to Housing Capital Prog.		3,068,962	3,076,294	2,629,942	2,473,613
A0701	RAS Operations	1,982,777	1,982,774	1,357,023	1,925,172
A0702	Long Term Leasing	1,742,742	1,742,742	1,647,339	1,459,843
A0703	Payment & Availability	86,868	86,868	102,718	86,868
A0704	Affordable Leases	0	0	0	0
A0799	Service Support Costs	252,197	253,231	322,857	230,348
RAS and Leasing Programme		4,064,584	4,065,615	3,429,937	3,702,231

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0801	Loan Interest and Other Charges	553,263	553,263	462,155	497,353
A0802	Debt Management Housing Loans	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
A0899	Service Support Costs	129,661	130,806	124,371	114,500
	Housing Loans	689,924	691,069	593,526	618,853
A0901	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	149,600	149,600	136,000	136,000
A0902	Loan Charges DPG/ERG	0	0	0	0
A0903	Essential Repair Grants	160,600	160,600	146,000	146,000
A0904	Other Housing Grant Payments	0	0	0	0
A0905	Mobility Aids Housing Grants	82,280	82,280	74,800	74,800
A0999	Service Support Costs	356,404	357,559	344,629	334,878
	Housing Grants	748,884	750,039	701,429	691,678
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	138,428	138,428	169,813	112,677
A1299	Service Support Costs	100,931	101,978	96,840	0
	HAP Programme	239,359	240,406	266,653	200,061
A1301	Cost Rental Operations	0	0	0	0
A1399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Cost Rental	0	0	0	0
	Service Division Total	18,300,151	18,323,027	15,963,966	16,075,997

HOUSING AND BUILDING				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	3,718,567	3,718,570	3,490,220	3,582,533
Other	0	0	0	
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	3,718,567	3,718,570	3,490,220	3,582,533
Goods and Services				
Rents from Houses	11,377,371	11,377,371	10,398,526	11,057,979
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	455,500	455,500	385,520	444,500
Superannuation	120,363	120,363	120,729	120,363
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	
Local Authority Contributions	1,405,000	1,405,000	988,766	1,135,128
Other Income	179,094	179,094	75,000	91,890
Total Goods and Services (b)	13,537,328	13,537,328	11,968,541	12,849,860
Total Income c=(a+b)	17,255,895	17,255,898	15,458,761	16,432,393



B. Road Transport & Safety



ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	
B0102	NP – Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,500,000
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance	69,500	69,500	69,500	91,506
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	164,736	164,736	164,736	115,416
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	204,102	204,102	303,847	243,022
B0199	Service Support Costs	769,123	773,403	704,990	663,575
National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		1,707,461	1,711,741	1,743,073	2,613,519
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
B0202	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	3,250,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	100,000
B0203	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	0	0	0	0
B0204	NS – Winter Maintenance	59,000	59,000	59,000	35,044
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	761,044	764,261	700,682	649,225
National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		4,439,365	4,442,582	4,379,003	953,590
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	232,921	232,921	232,921	248,617
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	599,400	599,400	599,400	1,261,204
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	223,589	223,589
B0399	Service Support Costs	806,510	809,990	813,960	735,790
Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance		2,524,839	2,528,319	2,532,289	3,131,619
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	915,580	915,580	915,580	1,018,884
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	2,280,880	2,280,880	1,899,915	1,504,795
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	496,207	496,207	496,207	1,190,009
B0499	Service Support Costs	1,452,146	1,456,573	1,395,099	1,305,439
Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		10,059,413	10,063,840	9,621,401	9,933,727
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	1,130,899	1,130,899	1,118,427	969,634
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	0	0	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	70,018	70,369	67,099	64,257
Public Lighting		1,200,917	1,201,268	1,185,526	1,033,891

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0601	Traffic Management	0	0	0	114,427
B0602	Traffic Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0603	Traffic Improvement Measures	0	0	0	0
B0699	Service Support Costs	216,693	217,666	225,163	202,515
	Traffic Management Improvement	216,693	217,666	225,163	316,942
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	362,084	363,506	361,738	338,952
	Road Safety Engineering Improvements	647,084	648,506	646,738	623,952
B0801	School Wardens	0	0	0	0
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	18,684	18,684	15,789	15,599
B0899	Service Support Costs	9,486	9,572	9,072	8,538
	Road Safety Promotion/Education	28,170	28,256	24,861	24,137
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	301,652	301,652	305,152	306,652
B0902	Operation of Street Parking	222,151	222,151	209,495	193,056
B0903	Parking Enforcement	335,620	335,620	297,329	256,382
B0999	Service Support Costs	111,752	111,993	107,587	100,064
	Car Parking	971,175	971,416	919,563	856,154
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme	231,530	231,530	150,831	138,165
B1099	Service Support Costs	91,106	92,031	87,315	80,517
	Support to Roads Capital Programme	322,636	323,561	238,146	218,682
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	123,865	123,865	126,693	207,493
B1199	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Agency & Recoupable Services	123,865	123,865	126,693	207,493
	Service Division Total	22,241,618	22,261,020	21,642,456	19,913,706

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	247,707	0
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	13,917,082	13,917,082	13,712,635	12,771,612
Culture, Communications, and Sport	0	0	0	0
National Transport Authority	0	0	0	0
Transport	0	0	0	0
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	13,917,082	13,917,082	13,960,342	12,771,612
Goods and Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	1,002,500	1,002,500	746,103	715,025
Superannuation	133,636	133,636	134,042	133,636
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	78,321	78,321	78,321	78,321
Other income	147,500	147,500	73,964	309,902
Total Goods and Services (b)	1,361,957	1,361,957	1,032,430	1,236,884
Total Income c=(a+b)	15,279,039	15,279,039	14,992,772	14,008,496



C. Water Services



WATER SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
C0101	Water Plants & Networks	503,070	503,070	957,923	1,042,750
C0199	Service Support Costs	1,079,459	1,085,468	1,221,714	1,045,006
	Water Supply	1,582,529	1,588,538	2,179,637	2,087,756
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	55,534	55,534	281,997	129,049
C0299	Service Support Costs	459,855	464,294	470,606	414,293
	Waste Water Treatment	515,389	519,828	752,603	543,342
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	66,200	66,200	40,050	41,045
C0499	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Public Conveniences	66,200	66,200	40,050	41,045
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	113,949	114,465	98,778	95,914
	Admin of Group and Private Installations	113,949	114,465	98,778	95,914
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision	0	0	69,852	0
C0699	Service Support Costs	337,773	341,403	323,323	294,550
	Support to Water Capital Programme	337,773	341,403	393,175	294,550
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	132,483
C0799	Service Support Costs	13,469	14,041	12,350	11,309
	Agency & Recoupable Services	13,469	14,041	12,350	143,792
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	2,629,309	2,644,475	3,476,593	3,206,399

WATER SERVICES				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Goods and Services				
Uisce Éireann	2,332,762	2,332,762	3,248,739	2,282,752
Superannuation	96,047	96,048	96,339	96,048
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	10,000	10,000	0	0
Total Goods and Services (b)	2,438,809	2,438,810	3,345,078	2,378,800
Total Income	c=(a+b)	2,463,809	2,463,810	3,370,078
				2,403,800

D. Development Management



DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy	385,989	385,989	330,848	408,126
D0199	Service Support Costs	179,516	181,042	172,536	157,891
	Forward Planning	565,505	567,031	503,384	566,017
D0201	Planning Control	1,006,811	1,006,811	792,698	726,800
D0299	Service Support Costs	482,181	487,000	462,076	418,917
	Development Management	1,488,992	1,493,811	1,254,774	1,145,717
D0301	Enforcement Costs	247,305	247,305	235,115	217,949
D0399	Service Support Costs	192,885	194,659	185,495	169,033
	Enforcement	440,190	441,964	420,610	386,982
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations	182,897	182,897	182,896	182,896
D0403	Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	25,250	25,250	25,000	0
D0404	General Development Promotion Work	27,110	27,110	28,389	24,465
D0499	Service Support Costs	26,907	27,063	25,767	22,115
	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	262,164	262,320	262,052	253,904
D0501	Tourism Promotion	484,993	484,993	451,829	446,005
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
D0599	Service Support Costs	73,004	73,167	70,830	63,460
	Tourism Development and Promotion	557,997	558,160	522,659	509,465
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	1,763,899	1,763,899	1,873,853	1,712,024
D0602	RAPID Costs	0	0	0	0
D0603	Social Inclusion	525,032	525,032	570,690	277,608
D0699	Service Support Costs	566,298	571,617	542,542	493,366
	Community and Enterprise Function	2,855,229	2,860,548	2,987,085	2,482,998
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates	0	0	4,000	5,045
D0799	Service Support Costs	32,406	32,574	31,122	30,042
	Unfinished Housing Estates	32,406	32,574	35,122	35,087
D0801	Building Control Inspection Costs	0	0	0	0
D0802	Building Control Enforcement Costs	164,656	164,656	140,503	148,688
D0899	Service Support Costs	62,450	62,919	60,075	55,194
	Building Control	227,106	227,575	200,578	203,882
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	5,000
D0904	European Office	0	0	0	0
D0905	Economic Development & Promotion	1,377,315	1,377,315	1,440,899	1,309,494
D0906	Local Enterprise Office	1,374,361	1,374,361	1,018,755	1,310,590
D0999	Service Support Costs	809,205	816,469	775,976	704,791

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
	Economic Development and Promotion	3,565,881	3,573,145	3,240,630	3,329,875
D1001	Property Management Costs	7,000	7,000	8,200	3,200
D1099	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Property Management	7,000	7,000	8,200	3,200
D1101	Heritage Services	430,254	430,254	552,588	507,852
D1102	Conservation Services	0	0	0	0
D1103	Conservation Grants	0	0	0	0
D1199	Service Support Costs	62,440	62,616	60,319	55,578
	Heritage and Conservation Services	492,694	492,870	612,907	563,430
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service	3,329,740	3,329,740	3,226,973	2,287,161
D1299	Service Support Costs	147,382	148,773	141,186	128,353
	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,477,122	3,478,513	3,368,159	2,415,514
	Service Division Total	13,972,286	13,995,511	13,416,160	11,896,071

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	413,152	413,152	306,400	403,472
Culture, Communications and Sport	118,153	118,153	0	123,759
Enterprise, Tourism and Employment	1,219,695	1,219,695	908,629	1,226,447
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht	3,816,049	3,816,049	3,940,255	2,795,788
Justice, Home Affairs and Migration	0	0	0	0
Other	977,788	977,788	1,207,013	723,722
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	6,544,837	6,544,837	6,362,297	5,273,188
Goods and Services				
Planning Fees	204,000	204,000	203,000	165,000
Superannuation	130,953	130,953	131,351	130,953
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	405,005	405,005	701,353	477,443
Total Goods and Services (b)	739,958	739,958	1,035,704	773,396
Total Income c=(a+b)	7,284,795	7,284,795	7,398,001	6,046,584



E. Environmental Services



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		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.	31,057	31,057	13,304	50,369
E0199	Service Support Costs	2,528	2,560	2,402	2,197
	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	33,585	33,617	15,706	52,566
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	75,800	75,800	75,800	78,283
E0204	Other Recycling Services	44,300	44,300	34,300	40,132
E0299	Service Support Costs	19,078	19,174	18,257	17,672
	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	139,178	139,274	128,357	136,087
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	249,797	249,797	239,558	201,144
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	142,000	142,000	152,000	112,805
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	132,516	132,516	129,241	128,282
E0599	Service Support Costs	463,227	465,935	464,784	436,087
	Litter Management	987,540	990,248	985,583	878,318
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	832,359	832,359	716,318	713,448
E0602	Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	0	0	0	0
E0699	Service Support Costs	156,240	156,535	150,405	139,041
	Street Cleaning	988,599	988,894	866,723	852,489
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	30,500	30,500	30,500	30,500
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	371,571	371,571	267,071	302,876
E0799	Service Support Costs	280,915	283,312	265,329	251,940
	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	682,986	685,383	562,900	585,316

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0801	Waste Management Plan	13,744	13,744	6,356	14,954
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	0	0	0	0
E0899	Service Support Costs	16,285	16,468	15,521	14,362
	Waste Management Planning	30,029	30,212	21,877	29,316
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	177,798	177,798	160,899	173,238
E0999	Service Support Costs	187,332	188,091	174,398	176,957
	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	365,130	365,889	335,297	350,195
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	196,870	196,870	169,462	179,775
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	11,105	11,105	10,870	11,983
E1003	Emergency Planning	0	0	0	0
E1004	Derelict Sites	230,574	230,574	215,341	146,353
E1005	Water Safety Operation	9,363	9,363	9,213	10,805
E1099	Service Support Costs	149,645	151,522	142,560	131,347
	Safety of Structures and Places	597,557	599,434	547,446	480,263
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	3,531,678	3,531,678	3,153,058	2,923,842
E1103	Fire Services Training	428,500	428,500	350,000	335,713
E1104	Operation of Ambulance Service	0	0	0	0
E1199	Service Support Costs	560,687	561,409	575,671	479,893
	Operation of Fire Service	4,520,865	4,521,587	4,078,729	3,739,448
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	274,502	274,502	280,563	224,749
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	117,589	117,817	113,946	104,368
	Fire Prevention	395,091	395,319	397,509	332,117
E1301	Water Quality Management	388,805	388,805	283,812	328,202
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	83,725	83,725	80,945	68,806
E1399	Service Support Costs	148,679	150,514	141,666	130,770
	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	621,209	623,044	506,423	527,778
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	949,563	949,563	626,301	761,485
E1599	Service Support Costs	4,728	4,792	4,485	4,098
	Climate Change and Flooding	954,291	954,355	630,786	765,583
	Service Division Total	10,316,060	10,327,256	9,077,336	8,729,476

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Income by Source	2026		2025		
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated	Outturn
	€	€	€	€	€
Government Grants					
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	1,241,000	1,241,000	1,288,000	936,000	
Social Protection	0	0	0	0	
Defence	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Climate, Environment and Energy	438,000	438,000	366,408	476,000	
Other	81,500	81,500	0	84,500	
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,860,500	1,860,500	1,754,408	1,596,500	
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	200,000	200,000	125,000	385,000	
Superannuation	60,988	60,988	61,173	60,987	
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0	
Local Authority Contributions	88,000	88,000	15,000	85,000	
Other income	231,600	231,600	91,900	103,626	
Total Goods and Services (b)	580,588	580,588	293,073	634,613	
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,441,088	2,441,088	2,047,481	2,231,113	



F. Recreation & Amenity



RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	215,006	215,006	275,000	256,506
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0199	Service Support Costs	10,599	10,652	10,143	9,818
	Leisure Facilities Operations	225,605	225,658	285,143	266,324
F0201	Library Service Operations	2,283,357	2,283,357	2,055,808	2,105,423
F0202	Archive Service	128,491	128,491	174,769	137,337
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	148,000	148,000	141,000	141,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	0	0	0	0
F0299	Service Support Costs	912,996	914,922	882,795	799,101
	Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,472,844	3,474,770	3,254,372	3,182,861
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	521,671	521,671	516,773	436,243
F0302	Playgrounds	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000
F0303	Beaches	0	0	0	0
F0399	Service Support Costs	136,274	136,609	131,041	122,163
	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	757,945	758,280	797,814	708,406
F0401	Community Grants	45,000	45,000	25,000	25,000
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	0	0	0	0
F0403	Community Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0404	Recreational Development	760,493	760,493	868,559	637,055
F0499	Service Support Costs	191,668	192,117	185,283	168,179
	Community Sport and Recreational Development	997,161	997,610	1,078,842	830,234
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	385,157	385,157	379,182	340,643
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	152,265	152,265	323,205	146,205
F0503	Museums Operations	0	0	0	0
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	0	0	11,500	8,706
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	262,000	262,000	195,000	299,516
F0599	Service Support Costs	111,839	112,154	107,920	99,628
	Operation of Arts Programme	911,261	911,576	1,016,807	894,698
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	6,364,816	6,367,894	6,432,978	5,882,523

RECREATION & AMENITY				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	15,000	0
Education and Youth	0	0	0	0
Culture, Communications and Sport	367,039	367,039	477,000	302,039
Social & Protection	0	0	0	0
Library Council	0	0	0	0
Arts Council	80,000	80,000	75,000	96,105
Transport	16,000	16,000	16,557	15,886
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht	12,000	12,000	1,989	10,000
Other	503,253	503,253	451,900	460,981
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	978,292	978,292	1,037,446	885,011
Goods and Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	0	0	0	0
Superannuation	66,048	66,048	66,249	66,049
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	284,701	284,701	296,702	255,233
Total Goods and Services (b)	350,749	350,749	362,951	321,282
Total Income c=(a+b)	1,329,041	1,329,041	1,400,397	1,206,293



G. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare



AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	43,369	43,369	62,782	59,365
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	23,469	23,469	22,882	22,264
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions	0	0	0	0
G0199	Service Support Costs	10,466	10,492	10,362	9,229
	Land Drainage Costs	77,304	77,330	96,026	90,858
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	0	0	129,742	3,499
G0402	Inspection of Abattoirs etc	40,000	40,000	31,000	40,500
G0403	Food Safety	0	0	0	0
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	178,279	178,279	125,142	134,145
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500
G0499	Service Support Costs	173,314	173,853	223,397	183,090
	Veterinary Service	396,593	397,132	514,281	363,734
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	473,897	474,462	610,307	454,592

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
Culture, Communications and Sport	0	0	0	0
Education and Youth	0	0	0	0
Transport	0	0	0	0
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	0	0	200,000	16,075
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine	500	500	500	16,325
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	500	500	200,500	32,400
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	6,213	6,214	6,232	6,214
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	72,451	72,451	51,150	74,794
Total Goods and Services (b)	78,664	78,665	57,382	81,008
Total Income c=(a+b)	79,164	79,165	257,882	113,408

H. Miscellaneous Services



MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0101	Maintenance of Machinery Service	0	0	0	0
H0102	Plant and Machinery Operations	212,669	212,669	210,611	190,213
H0199	Service Support Costs	274,643	276,667	262,812	250,095
	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	487,312	489,336	473,423	440,308
H0201	Purchase of Materials, Stores	9,000	9,000	9,510	15,565
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	65,715	66,045	62,886	60,869
	Profit/Loss Stores Account	92,715	93,045	90,396	94,434
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	104,930	104,930	116,347	118,693
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	205,643	205,643	119,912	161,432
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	916,500	1,101,500	914,500	952,500
H0399	Service Support Costs	254,275	257,128	243,364	223,431
	Administration of Rates	1,481,348	1,669,201	1,394,123	1,456,056
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	228,320	228,320	133,446	121,290
H0402	Local Election Costs	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
H0499	Service Support Costs	79,193	80,616	75,824	68,643
	Franchise Costs	332,513	333,936	234,270	214,933
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	92,109	92,109	87,004	76,770
H0502	Operation of Morgue	0	0	0	24,592
H0599	Service Support Costs	27,864	27,925	26,940	
	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	119,973	120,034	113,944	101,362
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	2026		2025	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	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	578,862	578,862	564,282	544,645
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	42,000	42,000	42,000	54,949
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	120,630	120,630	120,630	120,630
H0904	Expenses LA Members	170,902	170,902	151,892	200,210
H0905	Other Expenses	52,000	52,000	61,500	90,706
H0906	Conferences Abroad	0	0	0	0
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	28,000	28,000	25,000	25,500
H0909	General Municipal Allocation	360,000	360,000	330,000	335,217
H0999	Service Support Costs	488,205	490,570	455,168	374,817
	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	1,915,599	1,917,964	1,825,472	1,821,674
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	228,938	228,938	230,665	204,325
H1099	Service Support Costs	255,352	259,227	243,882	223,451
	Motor Taxation	484,290	488,165	474,547	427,776
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	553,824	553,824	546,311	1,276,080
H1102	NPPR	3,000	3,000	39,867	20,244
H1199	Service Support Costs	38,273	38,540	36,668	35,116
	Agency & Recoupable Services	595,097	595,364	622,846	1,331,440
	Service Division Total	5,508,847	5,707,045	5,229,021	5,887,983

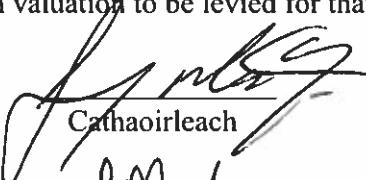
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	7,370,965	7,370,965	6,310,559	6,925,048
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Justice, Home Affairs and Migration	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	7,370,965	7,370,965	6,310,559	6,925,048
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	43,752	43,752	43,885	43,753
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	225,065	225,065	91,130	198,342
NPPR	0	0	0	0
Other income	4,434,779	4,421,788	4,011,255	1,523,632
Total Goods and Services (b)	4,703,596	4,690,605	4,146,270	1,765,727
Total Income c=(a+b)	12,074,561	12,061,570	10,456,829	8,690,775

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

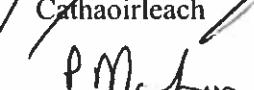
I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of Longford County Council held this 24th day of November 2025, the Council by Resolution adopted for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 2026 the budget set out in Tables A - F, and by Resolution determined in accordance with the said budget the Rates set out in Table A to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set

Signed

Countersigned



Cathaoirleach



P. McNamee

Chief Executive

Dated this 24th day of November, 2025

APPENDIX 1	
Summary of Central Management Charge	
	2026 €
Area Office Overhead	0
Corporate Affairs Overhead	1,493,646
Corporate Buildings Overhead	1,390,425
Finance Function Overhead	2,017,268
Human Resource Function	2,250,076
IT Services	1,689,064
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	50,000
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	5,180,000
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	14,070,479

APPENDIX 2

Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation

			2026 €
**Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)			10,967,308
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget	Housing & Building Road Transport & Safety	0 0	0
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget			10,967,308
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget	Housing & Building Road Transport & Safety	0 0	0
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget			0
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)			10,967,308

** This amount includes an equalisation contribution of € 8,202,239.00 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund