



Report of the Chief Executive

Pursuant to Section 136(2) of Local Government Act 2001, as amended by
Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014

Reporting Period 1st January to 31st January, 2026

BACKGROUND CONTEXT:

CORPORATE PLAN 2024 -2029, MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN AND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

This **Monthly Management Report** is prepared in accordance with section 136 (1) (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The report relates to performance of his executive functions during the proceeding calendar month and is broken down by service area.

This report is one of a number of documents which report on progress with actions of the Council which are designed to achieve the objectives set out in the **Corporate Plan 2024 to 2029**. This plan was adopted in February 2020 and outlines the Local Authority's strategic framework for activity during the lifetime of the Council. (It is adopted in accordance with section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by section 49 of the Local Government Act 2014).

The Strategic Objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2024-2029 are as follows:

Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit

People – Strengthening our Communities

Economy – Promoting Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan

Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration

Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority

In addition to the monthly management report, progress with regard to the achievement of the Corporate plan will be assessed by **Annual Service Delivery Plans** (prepared by the Council in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 50 Local Government Reform Act 2014). These plans are presented to Council each year and demonstrate the means by which Corporate objectives will be achieved and the performance standards of each service area.

The **Annual Progress Report** (prepared in accordance with section 134 (11) (c) of the Local Government Act 2001) will also be presented to Council each year as part of the budgetary process and shall show progress against the Corporate Plan. It shall also form part of the Council's Annual Report.

Finally, the annual **NOAC Performance Indicators Report** will demonstrate performance of the Council against national standards and the objectives of the Corporate Plan (Section 126c(g), Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section

61, Local Government Act 2014)). It shall also form part of the Council's Annual Report

The roadmap announced by Government on May 1st sets out a schedule for a return to "normality". The Government has accelerated the road map and the executive of the council is continuing to develop agreed policies, practices and standard operating procedures to supporting a return to full activity. The Council will be taking a risk based approach in a fair and proportionate way while meeting public health requirements.

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1. Housing

1.1 Social Housing Capital Investment Programme – New Build.

New Build Units completed in 2022, 2023, 2024: 212 Units.

New Build Units completed in 2025: 119 Units.

The Councils current new build programme consists of 20No. housing schemes for 355 Units, at various stages of planning, design, and construction.

11No. Schemes for 143 Units are currently under construction.

11 Units at Pairc na Cairéal, Cootehill:

Units area under construction and due for completion in Q1'2026.

45 Units at Páirc na Teile, Bailieborough:

Construction is on-going and these units are due to be completed in Q2'2026.

9 Units at Ashgrove Court, Ballyjamesduff:

Construction is on-going and these units are due to be completed in Q2'2026.

13 Units in Kilnaleck: on 2 separate sites in the village:

5 units are due to be completed in Q1'2026 & 8 Units in Q2'2026.

13 Units at Chapel Lane, Town Centre, Cootehill

A contractor was appointed for the construction stage in December and this scheme is due for completion in Q3'2026.

2 Units at Main Street, Killeshandra:

These units are to be completed in Q4'2026.

7 Units at “The Palais”, Belturbet:

Contracts are signed and construction has commenced. It is expected that these units will be delivered in Q4'2026.

9 Units at Widows Row, Belturbet:

Contracts were signed on 31 October and construction has commenced.

10 Units at Coolkill, Kilnaleck:

Approval in Principle received from the Department.

Contract documentation for the construction stage were signed recently and construction will commence soon.

20 Units at St Brigid's Terrace, Cavan – Phase 3:

Contracts for the construction stage were signed on 19 Dec.

4 Units at Drumbarlow Road, Kilconny, Belturbet, (former Flynn's Pub) Contracts for the construction stage were signed on 19 Dec.

9 No. Schemes for 212 units are at various stages of planning and design

7 Units at Kilnavara Lane, Cavan Town:

This scheme is at the construction tender stage.

3 Units at Aughnaskerry, Cavan Town:

This scheme is at the construction tender stage.

64 Units at Swellan Lower, Cavan:

This scheme has received Stage 2 approval from the Department.

Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

32 Units at Railway Road, Swellan Upper, Cavan Town:

A Stage 2 application was approved by the Department on 3 March.

Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

12 Units at Derrylurgan Court, Ballyjamesduff:

The Architect Led Design Team is appointed and preliminary design is underway.

It is expected that a Stage 2 Submission will be made to the Department in Q1'2026.

44 Units at Lios na Rí, Munnilly, Cootehill:

Tender documentation for the construction stage is currently being prepared.

20 Units at Crossdoney Road, Ballinagh:

Stage 1 approval has been received from the Department.

The next stage is to prepare documentation for the Part 8 Planning Process.

10 Units at Clankee Court, Shercock;

Approval in Principle received from the Department.

The next stage is to finalise contract documentation for the construction stage.

20 Units at Kells Road, Kingscourt:

Site acquisition is complete and contract documents for an Architect led Design Team are currently being prepared.

1.2 Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme

Strategic acquisitions only i.e. must be to meet a specific need e.g. disability.

1.3 Approved Housing Bodies - Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS), Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) Schemes

64 Units, Riverpark, Swellan, Cavan: Respond.

These 64 Units are to be delivered in Q4'2026.

4 Units Slí na Coille, Belturbet: North & East Housing.

The remaining 4 Units are due for completion in Q4'2025.

1.4 Programme of Works to Vacant Units

In 2026, **2No.** vacant units have refurbished and returned to use. •

15 Clonmahon Place, Ballinagh

- 5 Elm Grove, Cavan.

Work is on-going returning a further **32No.** vacant units back to use.

- 3 Chapel Road, Belturbet.
- Derrevin, Ballyjamesduff.
- 86 Drumnaviel, Cootehill.
- 22 Sean Lee Drive, Belturbet.
- 6 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- 8 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- 16 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- 17 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- 12 Breffni Court Toam Blacklion
- 25 Breffni Court Toam Blacklion
- 4 Mountain View, Corlough
- 1 Stranamorth, Blacklion
- Moylett, Bailieborough
- 18 Chapel Lane, Cootehill
- 11 Tycusker, Arva
- 2 Fay Crescent, Belturbet
- 63 Rosehill, Mullagh
- Lacken Lower, Ballinagh
- 8 Railway Road, Killeshandra

- 7 Derryginney Gardens
- 1 Loughview, Cavan
- 2 John Paul Avenue, Cavan
- 3 Tullacmongan, Cavan
- 26 Fay Crescent, Belturbet
- 5 Tycusker, Arva
- 136 Aughnaskerry, Cavan
- 5 Killymooney, Cavan
- Bridge View, Virginia.
- 5 Sail Inn Apts, Shercock.
- 12A Railway Road, Killeshandra.
- 61 College Street, Cavan.
- Rahardrum, Virginia.

1.5 Croí Conáithe (Towns) Fund - Vacant Properties Refurbishment Grant This scheme was launched in July 2022, it was expanded in November 2022 and again in May 2023.

The following expansion of the scheme came into effect on 01 May 2023:

- 1) The inclusion of one property which will be made available for rent;
- 2) Changed property eligibility date to include properties built up to/ including 2007;
- 3) Increased maximum grant for vacant properties to €50,000 & €70,000.

• Total number of Applications received to date	612	
• Number of Applications to provide further information	32	
• Number of Applications currently being processed		107
• Number of Applications approved in principle to date	229	
• Number of Grants Applications Paid to Date		116

1.6 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

Launched in 2021, this revised programme sees a significant upscaling from 'shallow' to 'deep retrofit'.

1.7 2025 Private Housing Adaption Grants **Summary 2025 @ 31.01.2026**

We have yet to received 2026 allocation for the private housing grant scheme. In 2025 €4.07 million was spend on 462 grants.

Expenditure at 31.01.26

Grants paid	(old scheme)	5	51,821
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	(new scheme)	4	67,784
In process of payment	(old scheme)	3	17,380
	(new scheme)	6	54,450
Approved	(old scheme)	10	11,858
	(new scheme)	88	1,197,242

The total committed expenditure at 31.01.2026 is €1,403,535

2025 Allocation

	85% Dept Funding	15% Cavan CC	Total Amount
Initial 2025 Allocation	€1,862,107	€328,607	€2,190,714
Additional Funding received July.	€251,130	€44,349	€295,479
Additional Funding received November.	€1,020,000	€180,000	€1,200,000
		Total Allocation to Date	<u>€3,686,193</u>

2. Roads & Transportation

Road Design.

2.1 National Road Major & Minor Schemes

N3 Butlersbridge Belturbet:

Contractual issues are still in the process of being closed out.

N3 Virginia Bypass:

Barry Transportation are the Council's Technical Advisors for the Scheme, and they continue to progress the scheme through Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

Site investigation fieldworks have been completed; however, the contractor's reporting is still ongoing and is not yet completed.

Biodiversity and associated environmental habitat surveys (e.g. bat, bird, barn owl, flora, fauna, aquatic and ecological surveys) are substantially complete. However, validation surveys will be undertaken on a periodic basis throughout 2026 to ensure accurate and up-to-date information is available to support the scheme development and planning process.

Noise, Air, Topographical and Archaeological Geophysical Surveys are complete, however some validation surveys will be carried out in 2026.

An Agronomist working on behalf of Barry Transportation has carried out farm interviews. These interviews will assist the design team in understanding the local farming practices and the impacts the scheme may have on those farm practices. They will also help the team establish suitable accommodation works.

Technical advisors continue to refine the design based on inputs from the various disciplines, including structures, drainage, traffic modelling, active travel, heritage (including archaeology), and the various environmental and biodiversity specialists working on the scheme.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the scheme is currently in preparation and will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála as part of the statutory planning process.

Due to the scale of this project, a Preliminary Business Case must be prepared and submitted to TII for review and feedback before seeking Government consent to advance the scheme. The preparation of the Preliminary Business Case is currently in

progress and is expected to be submitted to TII in 2026. Following this, it will be submitted to the Major Projects Advisory Group (MPAG) for further review, after which Government consent will be sought to move the scheme into Phase 4 (Statutory Processes).

The Scheme Project Liaison Officer continues to liaise with all landowners and stakeholders in relation to their queries, investigations, surveys, studies and the like.

N55 Realignment (Corduff to South of Killydoon)

Section A:

Section A involved a 3.2 km realignment of the N55 at two distinct locations south of Ballinagh. The scheme reached Substantial Completion in late 2018, with the Defects Certificate issued in November 2023.

Cavan County Council continues to liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the appointed consultants (Roughan & O'Donovan) regarding the completion of deliverables for the Handover and Close-Out Phase of the scheme. The Final Statement Report and Project Closeout Report were submitted to TII for review in Q1 2025. Following TII's review and the issue of comments, significant revisions were required to ensure compliance with updated TII requirements. Cavan County Council has worked closely with the Consultant to address these revisions.

During the reporting period the revised documents which had been under review in late 2025 were finalised by the Consultants to take account of previous comments received from TII; The documentation is under review by Cavan County Council and will be forwarded to TII for review ahead of making the formal submission which is anticipated in quarter 1 2026.

Section B (Ballytrust to Mullahoran)

Section B involves a 3.7 km realignment of the N55 immediately south of Section A. The scheme is currently at Phase 6 (Construction & Implementation) of the TII Project Management Guidelines. The construction contract was awarded to Clare Civil Engineering Ltd on 21st December 2022, with site works commencing on 30th January 2023. The contract duration was 24 months.

Substantial Completion: was certified by the Employer's Representative on 13th December 2024, ahead of the contractual date of 18th December 2024.

The Contractor returned to site and completed outstanding works in Sept and Oct 2025. Minor landscaping works and snagging to be completed in quarter 1 2026.

Defects Period: The original Defects period as per the CI9.6 'Substantial Completion' expired on the 13 December 2025. Owing to the amount of outstanding works and instructed works completed in September 2025, the ER

in accordance with subclause 8.6.2 extended the Defects Notification Period until 30 September 2026 and issued a penultimate payment certificate making an appropriate reduction in retention.

Road Safety Audit: Part (ii) site visit for the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was undertaken on the 5th November 2025. RSA Report duly updated and Designer is finalising response.

Supervision and Handover: RPS Consulting Engineers continue to provide services in accordance with their provision and are currently liaising with Cavan County Council in relation to the preparation of the required Phase 7 deliverables.

Land Acquisition: Signed agreements remain outstanding in just 1 no. case (Ref 11).

During the reporting period a final position was issued to the landowner in Case 07 on 18th Dec 25 and these terms have been subsequently accepted following a very protracted process. Signed agreements have been received by Cavan County Council week commencing 19th Jan 2026 and conveyancing will now proceed.

Residual Road Network Repairs: Details of proposed works to address the old N55 route were previously submitted to and agreed with TII and works completed in October 2025.

N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme:

Phase 0 (Strategic Assessment Report) was completed in Quarter 2 of 2023, with TII approval to proceed to Phase 1 granted in July 2023. In September 2024, Sweco Ireland Ltd was appointed as Technical Consultants by Cavan County Council under a 45-month contract to progress the scheme through Phases 1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. A start-up meeting was held on 2nd October 2024.

Progress: The Scheme is currently in Phase 2 Option Selection.

Design Team meetings between Cavan County Council and Sweco continue to be held bi-weekly, with the latest meeting on 27th January 2026.

The Consultants are finalising the Stage 2 assessment of the six strategic options taken into Phase 2 from the Phase 1 Preliminary Options Workshop. Workshop to be undertaken in next reporting period to review the Stage 2 assessments and determine the basis for potential shortlisting of options to proceed to the Stage 3 assessment.

Preliminary site walkovers (including environmental, ecological, drainage and geotechnical assessments) as part of the environmental assessment elements of Phase 2 have been undertaken by the Design Team.

Public Engagement

First round of consultation on the Scheme Study Area concluded in late September 2025. A total of 14 submissions were received, acknowledged, and reviewed as part of the ongoing scheme development.

A second round of consultation commenced in mid-November 2025 where preliminary route options were published online for review and further public input. This consultation process also included an in-person event held on 26th November 2025 at Ballinagh Community Centre. The period for receipt of submissions closed on Friday 12th December 2025. A total of 22 no. submissions were received, and these are being reviewed as part of the ongoing Stage 2 process.

These engagements ensure that community feedback is considered in the development of the preferred route.

Works on the following elements are ongoing:

- Analysis of traffic survey data and preparation of traffic models (advanced)
- Preparation of the Options Report, background and analysis methodology (anticipated in Q2 2026)
- Preparation of alignment designs for the proposed options.

2.2 National Road Safety Schemes

Cavan Crystal Hotel (R212) – Kilmore Roundabout (N3) HD15 HCL Scheme:

This scheme incorporates the installation of new footpaths, raised Cycle Lanes, New Bus bays and safety improvement works that would benefit cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists from the Cavan Crystal Hotel to the Kilmore Hotel.

RPS consultants completed this scheme to Phase 2 of the Project Management Guidelines. Clandillon Civil Consulting were appointed to progress this scheme through Phase 3 (Public Consultation) to Phase 7 (Construction) of the Project Management Guidelines.

Engagements with the majority of affected landowners have been largely successful, however, agreement could not be reached in all cases. The use of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) will now be used to acquire the necessary land take along the proposed scheme which may extend the timeline of the project.

The scheme design is currently being finalised and will be submitted to TII for approval. Once approved, the project will progress to the planning and CPO phase, during which the public will have an opportunity to make submissions. Subject to successful advancement through planning, approval of the CPO, TII approval & funding - construction works are scheduled to commence in 2027.

N3 Virginia to Carrakeelty More (Maghera)

RPS consulting engineers are progressing this scheme through Phases 3 to 7 of the Project Management Guidelines.

The Scheme consists of the following works:

- Provision of earthworks slopes, to remove the vertical hazard between the existing road and adjacent fields.
- Upgrading of selected field accesses for safe access to agricultural lands.
- Upgrading of 2 number local road junctions to improve sightlines and the width of the junction mouth.
- Extensions to 3 number existing culverts.
- Removal of objects and vegetation that are impeding visibility along specific sections of the Scheme.
- Realignment of 2 number existing land drains and provision of new surface water drainage systems.

Landowner agreements were secured in 2025 allowing the scheme to progress. RPS Consulting Engineers submitted a design report to TII, which was subsequently approved. A tender competition for the construction works was published on eTenders in November 2025, and S. Wilkin and Sons Ltd submitted the most economically advantageous tender. Subject to TII funding approval, it is proposed to award the construction contract in Q1 2026.

NP/NS Retrofit Fencing 2026

Cavan County Council will identify sites along the National Road Network in 2026 that are suitable for retrofit works and will seek TII funding and approvals to continue this work.

Vehicle Restraint System (Safety Barriers) Programme

A TII framework for the repair and installation of new barriers along all national routes is now in place. Surveys and works/repairs are ongoing within the County.

2.3 National Road Pavement Overlay Schemes

N87 North of Bawnboy and Swanlinbar North & South Pavement Scheme

Complete in 2025.

Emergency Pavement Scheme (EPS) and HD28 Sites EPS

Cavan County Council will continue to engage with TII regarding the identification and delivery of EPS sites on the national road network for inclusion in the 2026 programme. This will be subject to TII budgets and approvals.

HD28 Sites

Cavan County Council continue to engage with TII regarding the identification and delivery of HD28 sites on the national road network for inclusion in the 2026 programme. The following sites have been identified by TII for 2026:

- N3 Killygarry close to Cemetery.
- N3 Virginia at junction with Bailieborough Road.
- N55 Killycannon.
- N87 on approach to junction with R211 Milltown.
- N87 Ballyhugh

2.4 Regional and Local Roads

Strategic Regional and Local Road Schemes:

R188 Rathkenny East – West

The Department of Transport notified the council in late December 2023 that the strategic assessment report (SAR) prepared by the Road Design Office had been accepted and approved the progression of the project to Options Selection stage. Following further discussions with the DOT, the Roads section prepared a consultants brief to bring the project to Preliminary Business Case stage incorporating the feedback received from the SAR report and utilising the new Department of Transport Regional and Local Roads -Appraisal Guidelines.

A Consultants Brief was prepared together with Tender Documents and a procurement competition for Consultants was advertised on eTenders on 1st September 2025 with a closing date for receipt of tenders of 7th October 2025. The tender process has been completed and the Road Design Office is in the process of appointing consultants subject to Department approval and funding being made available in 2026.

Specific Improvement Schemes

L3504/R191 Canningstown Bridge Widening and Junction Improvement Works

In October 2024, Cavan County Council submitted a Specific Improvement Grant (SIG) application to the Department of Transport. The proposed project is a major bridge rehabilitation/widening project incorporating junction safety improvements and addressing bridge hydraulic capacity issues at this junction located within Canningstown Village.

Cavan County Council tendered for Design Consultants in February 2025 with a return date of 14th March 2025. Tenders have been returned and assessed, and Design ID Consulting Engineers from County Down were appointed on 21st August. The preliminary design stage commenced on 24th September 2025 and is continuing at present.

Regional & Local Road Safety Schemes:

Cavan County Council received an allocation of €390,000 for 2025 which allowed for the completion of eight Low-Cost Safety Schemes across the county.

We have made an application for 2026 and are awaiting the notification of 2026 grant allocations from the Department of Transport.

Regional & Local Road Bridge Projects:

Cavan County Council received a €667,000 allocation under the 2025 Grant Programme for Regional and Local Road Bridges. A total of 12 DOT bridge rehabilitation schemes were proposed, and rehabilitation works on all 12 bridges are now complete. An application for 2026 funding was made in quarter 4 2025 and the council is awaiting the notification of 2026 grant allocations from the Department of Transport.

Furthermore, in February 2025, upon receipt of funding allocations, Cavan County Council was advised of incentivised funding to carry out 100 bridge inspections at a rate of €300 per inspection, providing a potential allocation of €30,000. In total, 224 bridge inspections were completed, resulting in €67,200 being certified to Cavan County Council by the Department of Transport in December 2025.

A bridge devegetation contract was tendered on 22nd October 2025, with a return date of 7th November 2025. The contract comprised of devegetation works at 19 number bridges located at various sites across the county. Truir Construction was awarded the contract and works commenced on 11th December 2025. Works are currently ongoing, with completion scheduled for February 2026.

A bridge parapet repair contract was tendered on 28th August 2025, with a return date of 12th September 2025. The contract comprised parapet repair works at three bridges; one located in each Municipal District. McCabe Group was awarded the contract and works commenced on 15th December 2025. All works were completed on 16th January 2026.

On Wednesday, 7th January 2026, significant damage occurred at Curratraw Bridge, resulting in the partial collapse of the masonry parapet and spandrel wall and creating a serious road safety hazard. The Municipal District responded promptly by installing a traffic management system, including a one-way shuttle arrangement controlled by temporary traffic signals, to ensure public safety.

Following a detailed structural assessment, the Roads Design Office determined that emergency remedial repair works were required. Cavan County Council prioritised these works to minimise disruption to the public and engaged with a specialist bridge contractor to facilitate the prompt commencement of reconstruction works. Bridge repair works commenced on 27 January 2026 and are currently ongoing.

Local Improvement Schemes

We are awaiting 2026 scheme from the department.

2.5 Active Travel

Cavan County Council received €3,510,000 from the NTA for Active Travel projects in 2026. There are 15 project schemes in total. Several of the schemes continued from previous years into 2026.

Cootehill - Station Rd, Active Travel Scheme

The project is being delivered in four sections.

Phase 1 is now substantially complete, with only the filter island to be completed at the Dairybrae junction. This phase delivers the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative at St. Michael's National Primary School, incorporating a 2.5-metre-wide cycle lane, a 2-metre-wide footpath, and localised footpath infill improvements. Enhanced pedestrian crossings have also been installed at the school.

Phase 2 has received approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA) and will extend the scheme from Cootehill Livestock Mart to Coragh View housing estate. This works are at an advanced stage with completion expected in quarter 1 2026.

Phase 3 extends from St. Michael's Church to the courthouse. Cavan County Council met with the NTA Project Manager and agreed on the provision of a shared path along this section. Cavan County Council has also engaged with An Post regarding a minor land take (23 sq. m) required at a pinch point. An Post's representative is currently progressing the proposal through internal review.

Phase 4 which involves more complex design and safety considerations, received NTA approval to proceed with consultant engagement. It was tendered through the NTA Consultant Framework, with Tobins awarded the contract. Tobins are currently developing the options report and associated drawings. This phase includes the realignment of the R191/R192 junction and the delivery of SRTS measures at St. Aidan's Secondary School.

Bus Station to Cavan Hospital Active Travel Scheme

Cavan County Council has procured design services through the NTA Consultants Framework for a project focused on enhancing cycleways and footpaths between Cavan General Hospital, the roundabout, and Cavan Town Bus Station. Tobins are currently developing the options report and associated drawings. The project includes the development of new footpaths and a dedicated cycle track along the R212 and R198, significantly improving connectivity between the hospital, nearby residential and commercial areas, and the town centre. It will also establish a direct

link to Phase 1 of the Cavan Urban Greenway (completed in 2020) and align with the forthcoming Phase 2.

Loreto school to Cavan Town Active Travel Scheme

Sections 1 and 2 of the project have been successfully delivered, creating a continuous and safe active travel corridor from John Sullivan Nursing Home to the junction at St. Felim's Hospital. These sections involved the delivery of new footpaths, dedicated cycle lanes, and enhanced pedestrian infrastructure, significantly improving connectivity and safety for all users.

Section 3 from St. Felim's Hospital to Cullies Roundabout which included upgrades to pedestrian and cycling facilities, junction improvements and road safety enhancements was substantially completed in December 2025.

Section 4 is at the preliminary design stage, with the design work being undertaken inhouse by Cavan County Council's engineering team. This section will incorporate widened footpaths, new pedestrian crossings, and raised, segregated cycle lanes.

Cavan Urban Greenway

OCSC is currently progressing Phase 3 of the Cavan Urban Greenway Phase 2 project. This phase involves the development of a walking and cycling trail connecting the newly developed greenway at Cavan General Hospital to Farnham Street and/or Railway Road/Farnham Road in Cavan town centre. The proposed route will feature a shared-use surfaced path approximately 3 to 4 metres wide, complemented by landscaping, signage, and associated amenities. The scheme is being developed in accordance with the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways, enhancing both the natural and built environment for residents and visitors.

Northwest Geotech Ltd has been appointed to carry out ground investigations, following a competitive tender process. A detailed landowner report has also been completed to support formal negotiations with affected parties. Structural engineers are currently assessing design solutions for the high embankment section that runs through the mart along the old railway line. Preliminary drawings are being prepared to facilitate discussions with landowners and to finalise the proposed entry point at R198 Hospital Road.

Environmental specialists are undertaking screening and a full suite of ecological surveys to inform both the planning and design stages. OCSC will also provide a provisional timeline for the Part 8 Planning process, which is currently targeted for Quarter 1 2026.

Market St Junction Bailieborough Town

Cavan County Council have appointed PMCE to review the existing road & street environment and facilities for non-motorised road users within Bailieborough Town Centre, in particular at the Market Square junction, to identify options to improve safety

and accessibility for pedestrians, and if possible, for cyclists, and to recommend measures which would improve safety and accessibility for non-motorised users.

The scope of the assessment is also to consider the implications of any measures on the movement of traffic through Bailieborough, and consequently the assessment includes: -

- i) identification and assessment of current, and future, trip distribution characteristics including local, external and through trips.
- ii) an assessment of the existing local road network conditions. iii) an assessment of the existing provisions for vulnerable road users.
- iv) an assessment of the location of public transport facilities; and v) liaison with various stakeholders.

Cavan County Council has submitted a revised Options Report to the NTA for review and is awaiting feedback.

SRTS Round 3 - Killygarry NS. HSRR

The draft delivery plan prepared by the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Officer has been approved by Cavan County Council. Consultants appointed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) will lead the scheme design and provide recommendations for implementation. Cavan County Council has met with the ATOS consultants, and the project is now advancing through detailed design and preparation of tender documentation.

SRTS Round 3 - Mullahoran NS. HSRR

The draft delivery plan prepared by the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Officer has been approved by Cavan County Council. Consultants appointed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) will lead the scheme design and provide recommendations for implementation. Cavan County Council has met with the ATOS consultants, and the project is now advancing through detailed design and preparation of tender documentation.

SRTS Round 1 - St Aidan's Secondary School, Cootehill

Cavan County Council has prepared a draft layout for the scheme, incorporating elements from the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Delivery Plan, as advised by the SRTS officer and the school principal. Due to the complexity of the junction design at the R190/R191 Station Road, the Council initiated a procurement process through the NTA Consultants Framework to appoint a design consultant. Tobin Consulting Engineers were the successful tenderer and have now commenced work on the design options.

SRTS Round 3 - Saint Patrick's National School, Shercock

Cavan County Council will be designing this scheme in-house. The project has now advanced to detailed design, and the Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit is in progress.

Cavan Town Centre Active Travel connections

Cavan County Council has appointed Tobin's through the NTA's Consultants Framework to deliver the Cavan Town Centre Active Travel Connection. This project will be integrated with two other major Active Travel initiatives—the Bus Station to Cavan Hospital route and the Loreto Road to Cavan Town section—aiming to improve connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists across the town. Tobins have met on site with Cavan Council and have commenced preliminary design work on the scheme.

Cavan Local Transport Plan

Cavan County Council, in partnership with DBFL Consulting Engineers, is advancing the Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Cavan Town—a key commitment in both the Cavan County Development Plan and the Cavan Town Local Area Plan. This initiative aims to support the town's evolution into a more compact, self-sustaining urban centre, aligned with national, regional, and local planning policies.

The ABTA will inform the Cavan Local Transport Plan (LTP), which is expected to demonstrate how high-quality planning, urban design, and implementation can rejuvenate the town centre. A central ambition of the plan is to position Cavan as a 'Low Carbon Town Centre' by reducing car dependency, enhancing the public realm, and promoting a diverse mix of uses within the town core.

DBFL has developed a base transport model using current traffic flow data and surveys. This model will be used to forecast future traffic growth, assess the impact of land use scenarios, and evaluate potential road network interventions.

The draft LTP has been submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and relevant environmental agencies for review and feedback.

A presentation on the draft LTP was given to elected representatives in December 2025 with the intention of commencing public consultation in quarter 1 2026.

Virginia - Rampart River footbridge Active Travel Measures (€20,000)

AECOM Consulting Engineers have been appointed by Cavan County Council to provide consultancy services for the River Rampart Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge as part of the Virginia Active Travel Scheme. The project is funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA), and AECOM's role encompasses Phases 2 to 4 of the NTA Project Approval Guidelines. The scheme involves the development of a new shared pedestrian and cycle bridge over the River Rampart in Virginia, Co. Cavan.

Project Objectives

- Enhance connectivity in an east-west direction across the River Rampart within Virginia Town, promoting a shift towards active travel.
- Reduce short-trip vehicular traffic within the town centre.
- Facilitate sustainable movement patterns in Virginia by offering greater transport mode options.
- Improve safety by separating vulnerable road users from vehicular traffic, reducing conflict points and risks.
- Activate the riverside area for pedestrians, cyclists, walkers, and patrons of local businesses such as cafes and restaurants.

Progress to Date

- AECOM is finalising the preliminary design drawings following feedback from Cavan County Council and the National Transport Authority.
- A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been completed.
- Planners are liaising with council planners regarding Part 8 Planning, focusing on the required Appropriate Impact Assessment (AIA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports.
- A draft Section 50 Application for the River Rampart Bridge has been completed but will remain in draft status until planning consent is obtained, as per OPW requirements.
- A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been prepared to accompany the planning application, demonstrating progress towards environmental compliance.
- AECOM are working on the preliminary design drawings and reflecting the report to the drawings, identifying the full extent of future and potential permeability and connectivity links.

After a joint National Transport Authority/Cavan County Council meeting, a follow-up is planned with AECOM to ensure strategic connectivity benefits of the pedestrian link bridge are addressed. AECOM must further explore additional permeability links and confirm their feasibility. Cavan County Council will review these aspects to ensure strategic connectivity objectives are met. The National Transport Authority has allocated €50,000 to this project for 2026.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

National Transport Authority's (NTA) objective is to promote and grow public transport in Ireland and provide ease of access for people using public transport. This involves providing standardised stop identification through the installation of new TFI (Transport for Ireland) Bus Stop Poles, clear demarcations for buses to stop, and improving existing infrastructure as required, in line with standards and guidelines. The active travel team are working with the NTA to deliver improvements to several bus stops in the county in 2026.

Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to Navan-Kingscourt Greenway

Cavan County Council, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is progressing Phase 3 – Preliminary Design – of the Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to the Navan and Kingscourt Greenway, in line with the NTA project lifecycle. The primary objective of the scheme is to establish a safe and accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists between Kingscourt Town and the Greenway, supporting climate action goals by encouraging active travel among residents and visitors.

PMCE is continuing to advance this phase, with consultants actively developing the preliminary design. A small section of the route required additional topographical surveying, which has been successfully completed in-house to inform the design process. Geological investigations have also been completed.

R4 SRTS St Aidans NS Bawnboy

Cavan County Council will meet the SRTS Infrastructure Officer on site to review and agree the delivery plan.

R4 SRTS Scoil mhuire NS Swanlinbar

Cavan County Council will meet the SRTS Infrastructure Officer on site to review and agree the delivery plan.

2.6 Greenways

Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway

Leitrim County Council are the lead authority for the development of the 56Km Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway project from Sligo to Enniskillen in Co. Fermanagh. ARUP consulting engineers were appointed to the project by Leitrim County Council in September 2022.

The project received Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) approval for all Phase 2 deliverables during the summer of 2025 and is currently in Phase 3 - Design and Environmental Evaluation. The emerging preferred route corridor was published on

the 8th October 2025 and is available to view on the project's website at www.slncrgreenway.com

Cavan North West Greenway

The proposed Cavan North West Greenway will connect Cavan Town to the proposed Ulster Canal Greenway in Monaghan/Fermanagh and to the proposed Cavan Leitrim Greenway at Aghawillin in County Leitrim.

In March 2025, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) formally approved the Phase 0 deliverables and granted permission to advance to Phase 1 of the TII Project Management Guidelines (PMG). On the same date, TII also authorised the Council to initiate the procurement process for the appointment of technical consultants to progress the project through Phases 1 to 4.

In line with this approval, Cavan County Council published tender documents on the eTenders platform in June 2025. The deadline for tender submissions was Tuesday, 19th August 2025, with two tenders received.

The tender assessment process has now concluded. RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd submitted the most economically advantageous tender. Cavan County Council is waiting on approval from the TII to formally appoint RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd as the technical consultant for the project.

2.7 Cavan Town Flood Relief Scheme:

Stage I – the Identification and Development of a Preferred Scheme is currently being progressed.

Ground Investigation works are expected to commence on site during Q1 2026 subject to IGSL Ltd, the site investigation contractor, receiving approval to do so from National Monuments Service. All landowners impacted by the works will be contacted in advance of any works commencing by the project team.

The Hydrology Report Rev 04 for the scheme has been submitted by the consultants for acceptance.

A revision of the draft Baseline Hydraulics report as well as the baseline model was submitted by the consultants Q3 2025. This was reviewed by the projects steering group. A number of clarifications have been identified to the consultants for resolution before progressing to developing options in detail.

Options Development is ongoing but has been limited to initial screening of measures so far. Ayesa have compiled information on the areas of flood risk and potential defence options measures for those areas. Modelling of measures is required to

advance options development further however to eliminate the risk of carrying out abortive work these option runs and assessments will not be undertaken until initial the baseline hydraulics have been agreed.

Environmental 'top-up' surveys for Bats, Otters, Breeding Birds and Aquatic Ecology are now being considered for completion during 2026. Scopes of works for these surveys as well as for invasive species treatment will be completed and tendered in the coming months

The schemes newsletters are available to view at the scheme website
<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/cavan-town/home/>

2.8 Kingscourt Town Centre Regeneration Scheme

Stage iii (tender action, evaluation and award) of the Kingscourt Regeneration scheme is currently being progressed.

The project team for the remaining stages of the scheme have been appointed to their role by Cavan County Council in Q4 2025.

Tobin Consulting Engineers are the team lead and PSDP for the remaining project stages. A project execution plan and detailed reviews of all design documentation to ensure compliance with current standards has been undertaken.

A stakeholder workshop on the Community Library was held in early January 2026.

Procurement of asbestos, invasive species and ecological surveys is ongoing with some appointments now completed.

It is anticipated the process for pre-qualification of contractors will commence in the coming weeks and will be run through etenders/OJEU.

3.0 MD Updates

Cavan Belturbet MD

Current Works:

- Drainage Maintenance works
- Geopark Maintenance Works
- Horticultural Works Cavan Town and Environs
- Pothole repairs

- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Severe Weather Storm response call outs and clean up as needed

Bailieborough - Cootehill MD Current

Works:

- Drainage Maintenance works
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Severe Weather Storm response call outs and clean up as needed

Ballyjamesduff MD Current

Works:

- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Road Gully cleaning programme complete
- Severe Weather Storm response call outs and clean up as needed

3. Environment and Waste Management
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3.1 Dog Warden Service

- Number of dog complaints received January – 7
- Number of Dog Licences issued January – 545 (538 Annual & 6 General up to 28.01.2026)

3.2 Litter Management/Enforcement

- 3 No. complaints (Litter only) recorded for January 2026
- 3 No. Litter Fines issued during the period – January 2026

3.3 Parking Control, Environmental Awareness & Education and Litter Prevention

- National Spring Clean 2026 soft launch by An Taisce. Information regarding registration for same was circulated via the Council Social Media platforms.
- Green Schools engagement with Renewal and 1st Flag Schools commenced with visits planned. This is ongoing.
- Final Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti payment made to applicant.
- The second IBAL Survey Results for 2025 were published. Cavan ranked 19th out of 40 town/city locations and was classified as “Clean to European Standards”.
- Bring Bank Inspection Surveys commenced.

3.4 Waste Enforcement January 2026

Month	Inspection Type	Number Completed
Jan 2026	No. of Waste Collection Permit inspections	3
Jan 2026	No. of Waste Facility Permit inspections	2
Jan 2026	No. of Planning Assessments/COR pre application meetings	6
Jan 2026	No of unauthorised C & D sites inspections	4
Jan 2026	No. of Illegal Dumping/ Fly tipping Ex C&D Tyres ELVs 6.2.1	6
Jan 2026	No. of Other Routine than previous (WFP/COR Pre Appl & Historic Landfills & Bring Banks)6.1.16	60
Jan 2026	No of Unauth ELVs sites 6.2.3	2
Jan 2026	No. of Unauth. Tyre Dumping 6.2.4	2
Jan 2026	No. of HAZ WASTE 6.1.6	3

Jan 2026	No. of Section 14 directions	1
	Total No inspection for Waste Management	89

3.5 Total Number of people using Civic Amenity Sites (December)

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 3254
 Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 1421
 Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 848

Figures for January are not available yet and will be included in February CE report.

3.6 Total Number of Materials Recycled at Civic Amenity Sites tonnes (111.271)

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 54.686
 Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 36.411
 Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 20.174

Figures for January are not available yet and will be included in February CE Report

3.7 Total amount of materials recycled at 31 bring Centres December

- Textile Figures and Wilton Waste **214.57 Tonnes**

Figures for January not available yet and will be included in February CE report.

3.8 Climate Action

- Administer works on fleet decarbonisation with consultant, provision of baseline data and attendance of weekly meetings.
- Continuation of meetings for updating MS planner regarding Climate Action Plan in association with action leads for Q1.
- Begin updates of MS planner
- Preparation of minutes, agenda and data for Q1 Climate Implementation Committee Meeting.
- Preparation and attendance of border subregional meetings
- Interpret and present data from solar provider for 5 main energy use buildings

- Applications closed for Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP). Preparing for evaluation of applications in early February.
- Liaising with community groups under Phase 1 of CCAP to drawdown funding. Extension requests for some projects being reviewed.
- Continued engagement with Cavan GAA County Board on the implementation of the Green Clubs Programme in Cavan.
- Planning community-based events to raise awareness of climate action and circular economy initiatives.

3.9 Planning Application

- **39** planning reports including FI assessment reports provided by Environment element of the section to Planning Section in January in relation to new planning applications, further information, clarification and compliances.

3.10 Domestic Wastewater Assessments Carried out in accordance with the National Inspection Plan (NIP)

- **2** queries relating to grant applications for septic tanks.

3.11 Discharge Licences – Section 4

- **14** letters issued regarding compliance status
- **3** requests for quotation sent to laboratories for 2026
- **1** New discharge licence issued (review)
- Review of discharge licenced facility operations, results and compliance status within specific waterbody with licence(s) identified as significant pressure.
- Commencement of risk assessment for discharge licence monitoring programme for 2026.

3.12 Water, Air and Noise Complaints

- **1** Section 12 notice issued
- **2** noise complaints received and investigated

- **4** Section 12 follow up letters issued requesting further information
- **8** Inspections of premises following receipt of pollution complaint received
- **2** advisory letters issued following inspection of premises
- **1** advisory letter issued requesting further information

3.13 Farm Inspections

- **5** farm complaint inspections received and inspections undertaken
- **15** compliance letters following on from 2025 inspections
- **22** enforcement letters following on from 2025 inspections
- **1** farm inspection undertaken
- **14** compliant NAIP letter issued.
- **25** enforcement NAIP letters issued.
- **1** Section 12 NAIP issued
- **1** Cross reports issued to DAFM for Agri complaint.
- **1** Enforcement letter issued for Agri complaint
- Q4 2025 data submitted to NAIP as per deadline.

3.14 Water Monitoring

- **30** THM drinking water group water scheme samples
- **10** Group water scheme check samples taken
- **38** communications issued regarding drinking water results
- **11** communications issued regarding drinking water non-compliant results •
- **18** River and Lake samples taken

3.15 Air

- Monthly Air Quality Bulletin circulated on Cavan County Council's social media platforms.

- Monthly check of Air Monitoring Station in Cavan Town undertaken.
- Monitoring of local media and social media for the illegal sale of solid fuel products
- Updating of the PVE, Solvents and Decopaints Regulations Registers online.
- 1 PVE cert issued
- CCC staff continue to participate in the National NIECE Air Enforcement Working Group

3.16 Energy Management

- Commence MPRN and GPRN data collation and input onto SEAI's Monitoring and Reporting portal as per deadline.
- Complete M&R Refresher training.
- Review of monthly bills, compare & disseminate info.
- Maintain procedure for monthly monitoring of energy usage.
- Maintain procedure for frequent meter reads.
- Weekly input from the OGP on the weekly electricity unit prices as per current national contract.
- Liaising with Energia in relation to CCC's account and the various sites operating within same, includes disconnections, reassigning budget allocations and new additions to the account.
- Ongoing staff energy awareness raising in relation to energy efficiency.
- Progressing with Design Team appointed as per SEAI Pathfinder project for Building Energy Retrofit Plan for Cavan County Council's 5 significant energy user buildings.
- Participation in Border Working Group Meeting
- Working with implementation of Energy Elephant platform to manage and monitor energy use.
- Updated Energy and Carbon Management Policy for review at next working group meeting.

3.17 Miscellaneous

- Progressing with LAWPro re various Cavan based initiatives including Aquatic Invasive Alien Species.

- Commence RMCEI Plan 2026 and National Environmental Priorities Returns 2025.
- Input 2025 returns data onto NEMIS
- River & Lake Water Framework Directive Monitoring programme commenced.
- Participation in the National Working Group on LA Water Action Plans.
- Working with LGMA to implement new complaints management system

4. Planning

Jan 2026	TOTAL	Cavan / Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill
Applications lodged				
(i) Valid	34	11	13	10
(ii) Invalid	12	5	5	2
Permission Determined	29	9	9	11
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	16	8	3	5
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	13	1	6	6
(iii) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions outside 8 weeks (eg Transboundary Decision)	0	0	0	0
Average length of time to determine an application where FI was sought	78			
No. of grants	28	8	9	11
% of grants	97%			
No. of refusals	1	1	0	0
% of refusals	3%			
No. of extensions of duration lodged	3	0	2	1
No. of extensions of duration granted	0	0	0	0
No. of extensions of duration refused	0	0	0	0
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0
YEAR TO DATE 2026				
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Advisory Note:

1. Figures are for the period 01/2026 to 27/01/2026

5. Community & Enterprise

Rural Development/ Capital Projects

Large Capital Projects:

- **Cavan Regional Sports Campus.** Planning Granted 01/11/2024. The detailed design phase has concluded, and the 'Tender Action' phase has commenced.

- LSSIF funding: €19 Million awarded to the project on the 04/11/2024 -
- PeacePLUS grant aid of €15.036 million was awarded to the project on the 16/10/2025.
- Detailed Design and tender pack nearing completion- due to be Published Q1 2026 (Subject to departmental gateway approval)
- Contractor pre-qualification published on the 4th of December on eTenders (including eTendersNI) with closing date scheduled for the 30th of January 2026 .
- Tender of integrated Design Team (Stage iv-v) published with a return date of the 13/02/2026

Advanced works underway :

- vegetation/ site clearance has been completed,
- planting works, mammal displacement accommodation works are complete, -
- geophysics complete
- archaeology complete
- ESB & EIR Diversion works ongoing
- Ecological mitigation works ongoing.

- **Ballyjamesduff Community and Enterprise Hub RRDF:**

Department funding awarded for this project, a sum of €7,651,195. Cavan County Council have appointed the services of an Architect led Design Team (Cooney Architecture) for the proposed Construction Works Stages.

Construction contract has been awarded to Sandar Construction. Works started on site on the 24th of November and progressing.

- **St Michael's Hall Community Centre, Cootehill RRDF:**
- Department funding awarded for this project in the sum of €6,248,330. Cavan County Council have appointed the services of an Architect led Design Team (Craftstudio Architecture). Design is progressing.

Stage 1 Tender for the conservation, refurbishment and extension contractor has concluded and 6 contractors have been shortlisted.

Project delay:

- Advanced works tender has been run to divert an uncharted 3rd party utility infrastructure. Tender will be awarded when a diversion agreement has been issued by Uisce Eireann.
- The Stage 2 Tender will be published in late Q1 2026, with works due to commence in April/May of 2026.

PEACEPLUS Programme

- A total of 14 tenders and 6 Service level agreements have now been awarded, with meetings underway with delivery agents and project implementation has started.
- The cross-border farming tender that was awarded to a delivery agent, the delivery agent has now informed CCC that due to a change in their circumstances they can no longer deliver the project.

The tender will be readvertised on eTenders and eTenders NI

- The PEACEPLUS Partnership meeting was held on Thursday 15th January 2026.

PEACEPLUS Capital Projects.

1. Ballyconnell - Bolster & Boom: Border Town Regeneration
 - Design team confirmed. Letter of intent sent to Micheal Maguire architects.
2. Cavan Rugby Club – Rugby for All
 - CRFC have self-appointed David Cullivan as their design team
3. Cootehill Town Team – Dedicated Youth Space
 - Letter of intent issued to Sean Qyuigley Contracts Ltd. following approval from the PEACEPLUS Partnership and the LCDC

4. Kingscourt Community Development assoc. Business Incubation Centre
 - Design team have prepared the construction tender package. Proposed publish date January 2026.
5. Lavey Community Group - Multi Sport Development
 - Design team have prepared construction tender package. Package to be posted to etenders and etendersNI in February 2026.
6. Virginia RFC
 - Design team confirmed, currently preparing construction tender package.
 - Package to be posted to etenders and etendersNI in March 2026
7. Bailieborough Men's and Hen's Shed
 - CCC PEACEPLUS team are currently working with Bailieborough Men's and hens shed to prepare planning package for the approval of CCC planning department.

Outdoor Recreation & Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

- Cavan County Council received funding approval in August 2025 in respect of Measure 1 projects outlined below for 2024/2025.
 - Ballyconnell Canel – Upgrade of trail at Ballyconnell Canel- funding of €40,000
 - Castle Saunderson – upgrade of trails – funding of €34,763.00
 - Cavan Trails Promotion- marketing and promotion – funding of €30,420.00
 - Dowra Island Walk- Upgrade works to Trail- funding of €40,000
 - Giants Leap and Tullygobblin Trails- Upgrade to Trail- Funding of €40,000
 - Maintenance of Cuilcagh Geo park Sites – upgrade of trails- funding of €37,890
 - Cavan Local Development Company received 3 approvals under Measure 1
 - Castle Lake Loop- upgrade of trail at Castle Lake- Funding of €40,000
 - Money Cashel Heritage Trail- upgrade of Trail- funding of €40,000
 - Mullahoran Walking Trail- upgrade of Trail – funding of €40,000

- Under Measure 4 – Project Development Measure- Cavan Local Development Company received funding of €44,100 in respect of Loughanleagh & Muff Heritage Trails Development Feasibility study investigating potential of reintroducing the 'Lake of the Cures'
- Under Measure 3 – Cavan County Council was granted funding of €500,000 in respect of Development of a Greenway Hub in Kingscourt with car parking and seating.

Municipal District Discretionary Scheme 2026

- This scheme is designed for larger scale, infrastructural and capital projects and the minimum grant aid payable will be €3,000.
- The Municipal District Discretionary Funding was advertised for applications on 21st January 2026 in the Anglo Celt and the Council social media pages .
- Closing date for receipt of applications is **23rd February 2026 at 4pm.**

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

This funding is for the Local Enhancement Programme 2026, launched by the Department on 3rd December 2025.

This total amount comprises of:

- €164,165.44 capital funding for the Local Enhancement Programme to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.

This grant was advertised in the Anglo Celt and on our website on 1st January 2026.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **27th February 2026 at 4 pm.**

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025:

- Successful projects under the 2025 Town & Village Renewal were announced by Minister Calleary. €949,250 was awarded for the following projects in Co. Cavan.

Main Scheme:

Location	Description	Allocation
Killeshandra	Revitalising Killeshandra with a town-wide paint scheme, new public spaces and amenities, modern wayfinding, and atmospheric lighting to create a vibrant hub where residents and visitors can connect and thrive.	€ 299,250
Kingscourt	The Kingscourt Active Recreation Hub will address the local shortage of outdoor community interactive spaces by providing a town centre multipurpose active play and sports facility for everyone in the community.	€ 300,000
Mullagh	The community of Mullagh is Integrating and Welcoming through a refreshed painting of the Main Street buildings, improved community outdoors spaces, more attractive pedestrian movement and welcoming entry points into the village.	€ 300,000

Project Development Measure:

Location	Description	Allocation
Killeshandra	Study to consider the redevelopment of 'Stewarts Shop' in Killeshandra's town centre into a mixed-use cultural and visitor hub.	€ 50,000

CLÁR 2024

- Cavan County Council received approval for 15 Measure 1 Clar Schemes in 2024. Projects ongoing and all projects are due to be completed mid-2026.

CLÁR 2025

- Letter of offer and funding agreement was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht approving €652,359 under CLÁR 2025 Measure 1 for a total of nine projects as follows:

Organisation	Project Description	Amount
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Bailieborough Community Playground	Playground upgrade	€100,000
Cornafean GFC	Renovation of dressing room	€65,000
Ballyconnell Community Playground	Playground upgrade	€100,000
Kingscourt Stars GAA	Refurbishment of walkway	€65,000
Kingscourt Harps AFC	New spectator stand for Kingscourt Harps	€65,000
Mullagh Tourism and Community Development	Enhancement of existing basketball court.	€65,000
St. Aidan's GAA, Templeport	Gym equipment St Aidans GAA	€65,000
St. Felims NS (The Vale), Bailieborough	New Multi Use Gaming Area (MUGA) at St Felims NS	€65,000
Cavan Burren Park	Sensory trail	€62,359

Tourism

Marketing

- Strong performance metrics for This is Cavan! across Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and on www.thisiscavan.ie (10,000 website visits per month)
 - Reach of 1.4million in 2025
 - 5.8million content views
- Ten new short marketing videos produced in January – promoting events and businesses in County Cavan for 2026.
- New County Trails guide produced.
- This is Cavan! attended the Holidayworld Show at the RDS at end January 2026. Ten businesses / agencies from Cavan attended the show over three days.

Product Development

- Progress made on delivery of Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for Upper Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

Trade

- Cavan Tourism annual trade survey developed and circulated to trade. Results available at end Jan.
- County Cavan has been chosen as the host for a European Coarse Angling Championship event in June 2026 – this will see over 15 teams (plus their entourages) from all over Europe attend and compete in the event over five days.
- Works ongoing, in partnership with LAWPRO, in relation to funding to undertake a pilot study to remove a section of Nutall's Pondweed (invasive species) from a section of Lough Oughter.

SICAP

- The SICAP Annual Planning process for 2026 has commenced with LCDC final approval of the plan due by 27th February 2026.
- The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht have confirmed that the SICAP budget allocation for 2026 for Cavan is €1,029,328 with an additional allocation for New Arrivals of €150,507.
- The SICAP Annual Performance Review for 2025 is ongoing – reports will be presented at the February LCDC meeting for approval.

LEADER

- Cavan Local Action Group (LAG) in conjunction with Cavan Local Development Company received formal approval in respect of Cavan Local Development Strategy on 28th November 2023 to implement the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 with a budget of €6.4 million.
- The LAG met a total of 8 times over the course of 2025.
- A total of 103 Active Expressions of Interest have been received in respect of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
- The current LEADER Programme expenditure is €1,637,839.51 which is 34% of the budget leaving a balance of €3,139,989.74.

Age Friendly Programme

- Cavan Age Friendly is partnering with Cavan County Fire Service to promote a free Smoke Alarm Scheme for Older People and People with Disabilities. Application forms can be obtained from local libraries and by contacting Cavan Age Friendly.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager attended an information session hosted by Creative Ireland on the Live Music in Residential Healthcare Settings Scheme on 12th January and is working with Creative Cavan/Cavan Library Service on preparing an application for funding under the scheme.
- A meeting of Cavan County Council's Culture & Creativity Team took place on 13th January and was attended by Age Friendly.
- A stakeholder consultation session took place on Thursday 15th January 2026 in Bailieborough to identify community needs, concerns and service gaps for both Bailieborough and Mullagh which will be incorporated into Community Needs Analyses for both areas. Social Inclusion/Age Friendly were represented at the session.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager met with Age Friendly Ireland on 19th January to agree the annual workplan for 2026.
- The 'Art of Life' shared island project funded by Creative Ireland has been completed and there was a project review meeting on 22nd January to discuss the project evaluation and future plans.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager, the Housing Technical Specialist and the Age Friendly Regional Manager met with Age Friendly Ireland Healthy Homes staff on 23rd January. Collaborations for 2026 were agreed.

Traveller Interagency Group

- The Irish Traveller Movement's Yellow Flag Initiatives in Virginia College & Bailieborough Community School are nearing completion. The initiative is delivered by the Irish Traveller Movement and is funded by Cavan County Council. St Clare's Primary School in Ballyjamesduff have commenced the programme in 2025 their participation is also funded by Cavan County Council.

- The Cavan Traveller Interagency Group met on 20th January. Agencies present gave updates on issues and shared relevant information on ongoing/new projects. Plans were discussed for 2026.

Cavan Disability Network

- The Senior Staff Officer attended the Annual General Meeting of Cavan Disability Network on 13th January. The annual work plan for 2025 was reviewed and priorities for 2026 were agreed at the meeting.

Connecting for Life

- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training continues to be rolled out in the County. There are also courses taking place online. Details of training are shared on Cavan County Council's website and social media.

Comhairle na nÓg

- Julie McGuirk from Youth Work Ireland has been appointed as co-ordinator – the 2026 workplan is being finalised following the agreement of key priorities at the 2025 Annual Youth Conference held on 11th November 2025.
- Children and young people are among those being invited to play a central role in a new national Convention on Education, which will inform state education policies into the future and Comhairle na nÓg will have the opportunity to input.

National Bike Week 2026

- National Bike Week will take place from 9th to 17th May 2026.
A funding application was submitted to the Dept of Transport on 12th January. There are 12 events provisionally planned for various locations within the county. These inclusive events will cater for children, teens and adults and will culminate with a Pedal Parade to be held in Cavan Town.

Bridge Street Centre

- During January 2026 the following organisations and groups used the centre: Fáilte Isteach, Blackwater training, Foroige, CMETB, Grow, OMRA, HSE

Disability Services, Yoga with Jolanta, HSE Clogher House, Joshua Community, Local Area Employment Services, Local Authority Integration Team, Safe Ireland

- A meeting of the Bridge Street Centre board took place on 26th January.

Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Publication of 3x ENews editions promoting 67 community news items.
- Launch of the Corlough Emergency Response Pilot.
- Registration of 3x new member groups.
- One-to-one supports for 41 member groups.
- Facilitation of Disability Network workplan workshop.
- Deployment of training supports to 2 community groups.
- Publication of ReImagining Europe DFA Report
- Publication of 2023-25 Roadshow Findings Report
- Hosting of Student Placement Sophie Leahy for 2 weeks
- Facilitation of elections for 1x LEADER Evaluation Cttee Rep from Social Inclusion Pillar.
- Preparation of Quarterly Finance Report from 2025 Q4
- Writing of National PPN Workers Reply to S3 Barriers to PPNs Report.
- Hosting of Ballyjamesduff Municipal District Roadshow Meitheal in Gowna.

Healthy Cavan

- As of 31st December 2025 – A total of €99,496.28 was allocated to 22 delivery partners. Small remaining 2025 budget is €246.19 carried over to 2026.
- The Budget for 2026 is once again €75,000.
- The Healthy Cities & Counties Co-ordinator took up a permanent Administrative Officer post within Community Development Section on 12th January 2026.
- 12th January – Co-ordinator attended Teams meeting of National Healthy Cities & Counties Co-ordinators, to discuss plans for 2026.
- 15th January – Co-ordinator attended a stakeholder consultation event on needs analysis for Mullagh and Bailieborough, in the Bailieborough Courthouse.

- 26th January – Co-ordinator made 2025 Final Period Dignity Project return to Healthy Ireland with 29,104 free period products having been delivered to 20 premises (22 dispensers) to 31st December 2025. Co-ordinator also submitted a new EOI for 2026 funding of €15,000.
- 28th January – Co-ordinator attended Teams meeting of East Midlands Healthy Cities and Counties Co-ordinators – more regional focus.
- 2025 Financial reporting and activity reporting returns are due with POBAL by 20th February 2026. Co-ordinator is on track to meet that deadline.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP)

Local Development Officer attended monthly National LDO Meeting on 12th January. SHCP Draft Work plan for phase 4 of the programme was discussed. It is currently with consultants for feedback and then will need to be approved by the CCMA.

Cavan GAA County Board Health & Wellbeing Committee

- The first meeting of 2026 took place on 15th January. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss our plans going forward and see what initiatives we can roll out in 2026.

Sensory Space Johnston Central Library

- An area has been identified in JCL and is currently being reconfigured for use as a sensory space.

Planet Youth

- Weekly soccer sessions are continuing in Belturbet, Cavan Town, and Bailieborough. Arts and crafts activities are also taking place in Cavan Town.

Cavan Monaghan Connects

- Cavan Monaghan Connects has published 48 event listings and 16 news stories and co-launched the Winter Wellness programme with partners (a schedule of creative/community events designed to support wellbeing through creativity and connection).
- Across socials (1 Oct 2025–21 Jan 2026), 222 posts have been published, generating 24,507 impressions, with growth to 179 followers across platforms (+27.9%). Highest-performing content centred on Winter Wellness and

seasonal signposting (including Christmas supports and “Numbers When You Need Them”).

Local Community Safety Partnership

- The newly established Local Community Safety Partnership for Cavan will hold its first meeting on Wednesday the 28th of January 2026 where a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected from among its members to lead the group over the next three years.
- The first order of business for the Partnership is the development of a 3-year Community Safety Plan. This work will commence in Q2 of 2026 consisting of extensive community engagement such as surveys, workshops and town all events.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

- 278 across 14 centres - numbers of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) from Ukraine currently living in State Provided accommodation in Cavan.
- 131 people across 3 centres (12 of whom are children) - Numbers of individuals living in state provided accommodation who are in the International Protection system.
- The LAIT facilitated 6 clinics in the month of January so far. These were a mix of clinics for BOTP and IPAS residents.
- LAIT currently completing funding application for ‘Creative Cavan’ funding. Project proposal to carry out a piece of filming work with children aged 5-10 from Irish and migrant backgrounds centred on the themes of friendship, inclusion, belonging and integration.
- LAIT have begun forming the Interagency Working Group for the Resettlement Programme in Cavan – the implementing partner for the project is Cavan County Local Development. The project will commence end of February

Cavan Sports Partnership (CSP)

Sports Inclusion Programme

- Active Adult 50+ Zumba Gold programmes taking place in Ballyconnell, Stradone and Virginia with 53 participants.

Communications

- Social media: CSP Instagram, twitter and Facebook pages updated regularly.
- Continuation of website updates and ezines.

Education & Training/ Club Development

- Intro to Basketball course and Athletics Leader Courses delivered to second year Sports Course students and number of teachers. Courses funded through Sport Ireland Dormant accounts
- Community Sports Facilities fund webinar delivered online by 2 into 3 to support clubs with grant applications. 39 people registered for the workshop.

Get Cavan Swimming

- Swimmin' women in Cavan leisure is finishing on Monday the 26th of January with 30 participants.
- Aquafit in Cavan Leisure finishes on Tuesday 27th of January with 30 participants.
- Adult learn to swim finishes in Cavan leisure on Friday 30th of January with 23 participants.
- Aquamoves started on Friday 10th of January with the TY girls from Bailieborough community school.
- Adult learn to swim in the Slieve Russell Hotel commenced on Monday 19th of January with 13 participants.
- Parent and toddler in the Slieve Russell Hotel commences on Wednesday 21st of January with 21 participants.

Community Programmes

- Activator programme for people with Parkinsons starting 29th January in conjunction with HSE at Cavan Leisure centre with 19 participants.

Primary schools

- Badminton Leaders of the Future training day held on Wednesday 21st of January with 9 schools taking part, blitz day will be held in Feb.

Secondary Schools

- Loreto College took part in our first Leadership in Sport programme, 17 TYs participated with Table Tennis Ireland also delivering a young leader's course as part of this.
- HERMoves Zen clubs started in Breifne College, 16 leaving cert girls will take part in this programme over the next 6 weeks.

ESF Programme

- Meetings with Foroige Network in Cavan and Group in Cootehill to identify local programmes.
- Planning for Late Night Youth League in February in conjunction with FAI/Gardai

Badminton Officer

- Leaders of the Future – Shuttle time course – 7 schools and 7 Cavan Institute students
- Tunnyduff Come & Try programme for Juveniles – 28 total
- Bilis NS & Knocktemple Cross Boarder Programme – 51 5th and 6th class students.
- Junior Secondary schools' competition in Dun na ri Kingscourt – on 26th of January.

6. Arts & Culture

Museum

Educational Visits:

- 23rd January, Derrygonnelly PS (27 + teachers)
- 29th January, Killoe NS (41 + teachers)

- Some school and group visits were rescheduled from January to later months due to Electricity and Water Service Disruptions.

Events:

- 10th January, BorderTalk Storytelling Finale (100+)
- 31st January, Brigid's Eve Art and Poetry Workshops (30+) **Other:**
- Regular groups each week include the Quilters (approx. 10 twice a week) and the PEACEPLUS Face Off Youth group (approx. 10 once a week).
- Work Experience Students in January include a post university student, 2 Cavan Institute Students and a Transition Year Student.
- Professional visits included National Museum of Ireland, Conservator Specialists, Artists and Creatives regarding upcoming collaborations, Building and Equipment Maintenance Experts.
- Ongoing - meetings and work regarding upcoming events and exhibitions, grant projects, and staff training.
- Work continues in the maintenance of the museum's catalogue and archives.
- There continues to be a steady stream of drop in visitors and families from Ireland and UK and other areas.
- Marketing to schools and other visitors continues.

Library

Cavan County Library Services – January 2026

Cavan Libraries continued delivery of all services to the public including a browsing service, providing access to lending stock, public computers, printers, local studies research, and study spaces. Cavan Library Service coordinated visits by local Craft Groups, Chess Clubs, Book Clubs, Painting Groups, Primary Schools and social inclusion groups.

Healthy Ireland at your Library

Aims of Healthy Ireland at your Library

- To establish libraries as a valuable source for health information within the community.
- To contribute to improving the health, wellbeing, and overall quality of life of communities and individuals at all life stages.

A number of library branches across Co Cavan held events throughout January 2026 as part of the Winter Wellness programme and Healthy Ireland at Your Library. From mindfulness events for children to Tai Chi for Well Being there were events for all ages throughout the first weeks of January, a difficult time for many. A capacity crowd attended an event on The Gut Brain Connection in Johnston Central Library which

offered powerful insights and practical tips into how keeping your gut happy can help your mind thrive. The Stride and Thrive event in Virginia Library saw participants learn how activator poles help improve balance mobility and confidence thus creating a huge demand for borrowing sets of activator poles from the Library service.

In order to deliver such a wonderful programme Cavan Library Services partnered with Cavan Monaghan Connects, Monaghan County Council's Library Service, Creative Cavan, Creative Monaghan, HSE Connecting for Life Cavan Monaghan and HSE Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service Recovery College.



Study Visit – North Lanarkshire Adult Learning

Cavan County Library Service were delighted to facilitate a study visit from a group of learners, volunteers and staff from North Lanarkshire Adult Learning. This group representing the Community Learning & Development Service were participating in the first stage of a Scottish Educational Exchange Programme - Test & Learn Project focusing on literacy learning. We shared information on our Literacy Champions project, Technology Clinics, examples of our practice to promote literacy among children, young people, families, and adults in addition to our literacy-friendly resources. This study trip was arranged as part of our participation in the Regional Literacy Coordination Committee.



Cootehill Library Chess Tournament

Cootehill Library hosted over 40 young Chess Enthusiasts for their annual Chess competition in January with competitions running for Children U10, U12 and U14.



Age Friendly

Reminiscence Time

The reminiscence groups in Johnston Central Library, Cootehill Library and Virginia Library. The January meeting in Johnston Library saw participants transported back to the 1980's to share memories and explore some memorabilia.

Alzheimer's Society Events

Staff in Johnston Central Library are delighted to be partnering with the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland in delivering events for people with Alzheimer's, Dementia and

their families and carers. The first event took place in January, and events will continue throughout 2026.

Seirbhisí as Gaeilge

Ciorcal Comhrá

There were opportunities to join in with a Ciorcal Comhrá in Arva and Cootehill Libraries during January.

Club Leabhar met in Johnston Central Library in January and discussed the book, 'Súile Éisc agus Scéalta Eile' by Michelle Nic Pháidín.

Exhibitions

Outcomers: Family Law Photobook Exhibition

Virginia Library hosted an exhibition of photographs during January 2026. This exhibition explores LGBT+ families and their recognition and protection under the law. A book accompanying the exhibition was made available through the library.

HEAL by Vanessa Fay

Johnston Central Library hosted an exhibition of work by Vanessa Fay to mid January. Created over a 5 year period, Vanessa uses a number of mediums to explore healing through the creative process.

Study Spaces

Study Spaces were in high demand throughout January with College Exams and Junior Cert and Leaving Cert mocks starting. Study spaces were made available in a number of libraries supporting teenagers and young adults with increased demand in 2026.

Book Clubs

In January, Cavan Library Service hosted a series of vibrant book club meetings across its branches, catering to diverse age groups and interests.

Sensory Supports with Cavan Library Services

Access to the Sensory Toy Collection and C-Pen readers was provided throughout January. Borrowers could also use the Magic Tables in Johnston Central Library, Cootehill and Belturbet Libraries. Sensory Saturday's continued in Belturbet Library.

Online Services

Cavan Library Service continued to provide access to a varied and comprehensive range of free online services, which include e-books, online newspapers and

magazines, in addition to training and language courses. Staff support is available in Library branches, by phone, email, and social media.

Creative Cavan

Winter Wellness

Creative Cavan were delighted to partner with a number of agencies including Cavan Library Service on the Winter Wellness programme by facilitating a series of Drumming for Wellness Workshops in Johnston Central Library and Virginia Library. The Good Grief Club also met in Virginia Library with Mindfulness workshops taking place in Johnston Central Library.

Creative Ireland Grant Call Information Session – Belfast.

Creative Cavan were delighted to participate in a panel discussion sharing our experiences of working on Shared Island Projects during the Creative Ireland Grant Information Session at The Mac Belfast.

Open Call Grants 2026

Creative Cavan facilitated a number of 'Drop In' Information Clinics for community groups and individuals who were interested in applying for Creative Cavan Grants in 2026. The final date for submission of grants was 30th January 2026.

Creative Cavan Open Call Grants 2026

'Drop in' information sessions

Open Call and Cruinniú na nÓg grants are suited towards local and community groups and individuals, artistic and creative practitioners, event organisers and those involved in creative, cultural and heritage activities and projects. Creative Cavan Community Engagement officer will be available as possible to discuss any queries at the following :

Johnston Central Library, Farnham Centre, Cavan
Thursday 15 January 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Belturbet Library
Thursday 15 January 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Bailieborough Library
Tuesday 20 January 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Virginia Library, Virginia
Tuesday 20 January 2.00 - 3.00 pm

Scan me for more information



Grants Close 30 January 2026.



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Creative and Culture Meeting

A large group attended the quarterly Creative and Culture Team meeting in Johnston Central Library in January. Those in attendance were informed of the Creative Cavan Open Grants and were encouraged to apply for same.



Townhall Arts Centre Submission for CE Report JANUARY 2026

1. VISUAL ARTS

EMILY MCGARDLE (*LIG DOM SCÉAL A INSINT DUIT...* (LET ME TELL YOU A STORY...))

Sat 10 Jan – Fri

20 Feb 2026

Let me tell you a story... mice will dance, plates will be wiped with a cat's tail, and people will eat goosegrass. Combining the natural, the unnatural, and the supernatural; the inherent weirdness of Irish seanfhocail is often overlooked. Humans interact with animals, animals interact with each other, and plants become entangled with humans. The screenprints, drawings, and sculptures in this exhibition are part of a body of work created by Emily McGardle over the past three years. This work reflects the strong visual imagery present in seanfhocail while highlighting the connection between people, nature, and the Irish language. Open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday – 11am to 4pm Saturday

2. Performances at Townhall Arts Centre

SHARON SHANNON

Fri 16 Jan | 8:00pm

In June 1989 Sharon went to the Glastonbury with The Waterboys. In the 30 years since then, Sharon has recorded 10 studio albums, 5 live albums, 4 'Best of...' compilations and 3 live concert DVDs. She received many awards including being the youngest ever recipient of the Meteor Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2009. She collaborated, recorded and toured with various artists including Willie Nelson, Bono, Johnny Depp, Shane MacGowan and John Prine, to Nigel Kennedy and the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, having many hit records including 'The Galway Girl' with Steve Earle, 'It's Christmastime Again' with Wallis Bird and 'Go Tell the Devil' with Imelda May.

Her recent projects include a travel/music series and a compilation album celebrating her vibrant career. This promises to be a memorable evening of music and storytelling!

THE GREATEST 80'S SHOW

Fri 23 Jan | 8:00pm

The Greatest 80s Show is BACK! – and it's bigger, bolder and bursting with new surprises! You sang with us. You danced in the aisles. And now, it's time to do it all over again... but this time, we're turning everything up a notch!

Expect lots of brand-new songs, jaw-dropping moments, and the same infectious energy that's made The Greatest 80s Show Ireland's favourite must-see 80s theatre sensation. If you thought last time was electric... this time, we're turning it up to neon level MAX!

Tickets won't last – grab yours early and experience The Greatest 80s Show like never before.

MARY'S HOPES & DREAMS

Sat 24 Jan | 8:00pm

The Hubcap boys are back with a hilarious new comedy exploring life in contemporary rural Ireland. Hubcap's unique brand of physical comedy and absurd characterisations has been delighting audiences with madcap moments of slapstick, rap, mime, song, dance, martial arts and swimming!

WHEN IRELAND ROCKED

Fri 30 Jan | 8:00pm

Marking the huge musical revolution in Ireland of the late 60's, 70's and 80's. The birth of a new sound. How a new generation of electric guitar driven music inspired so many and paved the way for those who followed.

The music resonated far and wide, energising the youth of Ireland and inspiring future generations of musicians to follow. Focusing on this golden era, we celebrate the bands, musicians and their songs from a time "When Ireland Rocked" the world.

Featuring the virtuoso guitar and fiddle skills of Pat McManus formerly of Mamas Boys and Celtus. Also featuring on outstanding vocals Cormac Nesson, of The Answer fame and a supporting cast drawn from some of Ireland's finest musicians.

ANNE GILDEA - FURTHER ADVENTURES IN WOMANING

Sat 31 Jan | 8:00pm

From Anne Gildea, the woman who taught you **How to Get The Menopause and Enjoy It**, returns with her fabulous, hilarious show, **Further Adventures in WOMANING**. Come along and find out what everyone has been talking about!

Anne weaves a pant-wetting path through a changing half century of womany stuff - exploring the world of the feminine, the mammy, the twerky dancer. From 18-hour girdles and Housewives of The Year, to ripped influencer grannies pumping iron on Insta, from the Sunday drive to the spa break, the joys of Angel Delight and the mystery of the chiffon scarf test, and much, much, more.

And that's just the tip of the Anneberg!

3. Artist Support.

- (i) Memphis ZuZu Artist is working in one of the third floor studios.
- (ii) Cait Masterson Artist is working in one of the third floor studios.
- (iii) Creative Voice use the middle room each Wednesday Night
- (iv) Music Generation use middle room for children's choir every Tuesday Night.



Ramor Arts Centre Submission for CE Report JANUARY 2026

1. Visual Art.

‘GHOST IN THE MACHINE’ EXHIBITION BY MARGO QUINN Thurs 15 Jan -

‘The “Ghost in the machine” is a term originally used to describe and critique the concept of the mind existing alongside and separate from the body. In more recent times the term has several uses including the concept that the intellectual mind is influenced by emotions.

Margot Quinn is an Irish Visual artist based in Clones Co Monaghan. She has exhibited widely both in Ireland and the UK and has work in both private and public collections.

Her work is inspired by her immediate surroundings also excavating memory and the past, working mainly from the sub conscious and letting the process determine the image. She works mainly oil on board or canvas but often includes other materials to create a textured surface.

2. Performances at Ramor Arts Centre;

GER O DONNELL, DON STIFFE & TREVOR SEXTON Sat 17 Jan | 8:00pm

Ger O'Donnell, Don Stiffe, and Trevor Sexton deliver an engaging and heartfelt performance showcasing powerful vocals, seamless harmonies, and comical banter. The trio move effortlessly between emotional ballads and lively acoustic numbers with great instrumental skill too. They have really made a name for themselves at home and abroad.

IT'S WINE O'CLOCK with NORMA SHEAHAN Fri 23 Jan | 8:00pm

Life is a costume party, so pull on your sparkly Spanx, gather the glitzy gals, and pop your cork!

Or whatever drink tickles your tits till Friday, be it whores on Coors, troubles on Bubbles, frisky on Whiskey or zero craic on zero alcohol. Naughty Norma is newly divorced, horny as hell and believes 50 is the new 30. As she ploughs through her 'Fuck-it List' she says “Fuck Yeah” to her Midlife Climax!

Her three teenagers tell her to “get a life and get a fella”, as they take over her 'glowup' from Badger to MILF. The braver, bolder Norma has dived off the cliff and hopes to grow wings on the way down. She invites you on her journey as she gives a blowby-blow account of her Tinder Sexcapades.

Directed by Michael Scott

WILDLING by Elaine Birkett

Sat 31st Jan | 8:00PM

Hoodwink Theatre, winners of the 2025 All Ireland One-Act Drama Finals, present *Wildling*, an award-winning production for one night only.

Wildling by Elaine Birkett, a Cavan based playwright, is set against the hauntingly atmospheric backdrop of a moonlit lakeside in 1981 Ireland. Directed by Phil

Gilbride, Wildling is a poignant one-act play, that delves into themes of friendship, loss, trauma, and resilience. Moving fluidly between past and present, a lyrical exploration of the human spirit, the complexities of connection, and the enduring weight of societal expectations. It is a story of survival, memory, and the search for belonging—told with emotional depth and poetic grace.

This multi award-winning production is being showcased following Hoodwink Theatre's incredible run on the One-Act Drama festival circuit and emerging as winners at the 2025 All Ireland ACDI/DLI Finals.

3. Artist Support;

- (v) Daithi O'Connor singer/songwriter used the Multi-Purpose Room at Ramor Arts Centre each Thursday evening for rehearsals.
- (vi) POD Youth Drama continues to work in Ramor on a Monday evening.
- (vii) Cormac McCann continue to rehearse in our MPR using the grand piano for his upcoming shows.

4. Meetings;

- (i) Virginia Credit Union held their AGM in MPU on Monday 26th January at 8:00pm

6.Finance

Accounts Payable /Treasury Management:

- Weekly payment runs – cheques and EFT
- Processing of LVPCs
- Agresso support to users within the LA
- Managing Investments/Working Capital/Debtors
- Monitoring daily and weekly cashflow and month end bank reconciliations
- No recourse to bank overdraft facility
- Monitoring of Revenue and Capital Income and Expenditure against Budgets
- Monitoring and follow up on all Recoupments on a weekly/monthly basis
- Quarterly department returns
- Tax advice to various sections
- Bank reconciliations
- Agresso upgrade project
- Nov Dec 2024 VAT return
- AFS 2025 work

Procurement Office and CTA Unit:

- SupplyGov Competitions: Sections have issues the last of their SupplyGov competitions for 2026.
- This included competition for each of the districts. For supply of materials plant and equipment
- Tender Evaluations: Tenders submitted via SupplyGov have been returned and evaluated.
- Quarterly Procurement App: Completion of the Quarterly Procurement App continues to be challenging due to recent changes in section structures.
- Quarterly Reports: The Q2 2025 report has been circulated to sections for input, with the aim of issuing the final report by mid-November.
- Quarterly Reports changes: The procurement officer have suggested making changes to the Quarterly Reports to make reporting easier to compile.
- eTenders & SupplyGov Management: The Procurement Officer and members of the CTA Unit manage the eTenders system and administer tender competitions through SupplyGov.
- Procurement Support: The Procurement Officer and CTA Unit continue to provide guidance and support to management and staff throughout the procurement process, ensuring adherence to procurement protocols.
- Contract References: Procurement references are being generated as required for contracts awarded following tender competitions.
- Procurement Activity (December): A total of 32 quotation and 21 tender competitions were administered by the Unit during November
- The current draft of the councils proposed Green Public Procurement Strategy is awaiting the outcome from the DPENDR Consultation process currently underway to replace Circular 20/2019 in light of the DECC Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027 document. It is envisaged that the Councils Draft GPP Strategy will have to be amended in line with the relevant outcome and then presented to the SMT and CE for further consideration
- The SAQ has been issued for the Cavan regional sports complex to be returned in January

Payroll/Finance:

- Payroll has functioned at 100% capacity with no downtime recorded.
- Two pay dates 14th January and 28th January were processed and completed for Salaries and Wages including Fire.
- Monthly payroll deductions were successfully processed, and monies paid to suppliers.
- Three Travel Expense payments were successfully processed during this period.

- The Finance Department have successfully submitted an ERR report to Revenue for each of the 3 travel payments in January.
- Auto – enrolment commenced in January.
- Credit checks carried out on new loan applicants and Approved Housing Bodies.
- Monthly loan routines completed and reviewed. ○ Review and follow up on loans, loan arrears and MPI.
- Meetings with borrowers to review loans. ○ Certs of Interest and Statements issued to all borrowers.
- Review and update of insurance schedule ongoing.
- Public Liability /Personal Injuries queries and claims followed up. ○ P30 and P35 reviewed. ○ Phone Bill payments made. ○ Petty Cash reconciled. ○ Stores invoices processed and sent to relevant parties. ○ Returns, payments and recoupments completed.
- Reconciliation of income and expenditure for the National and Non National Road grant schemes completed.

Internal Audit:

- Annual Internal Audit Report for 2025 Prepared ○ Internal Audit Work undertaken in accordance with the Annual IA Plan ○ Article 48 Leader Grant Assessments- Ongoing ○ Annual Motor Tax Office Stocktake for 2025- Completed
- Verification of the Motor Tax Annual Declaration of Exchequer Form 1 Return for 2025
- IA Control Checks undertaken of Cavan Town Parking Charges for 2025 ○ Income & Lodgement Procedures Control Review of the Multistorey Car Park Facility for 2025.
- Preparation of Internal Audit Information / Reports for the LGA ○ External & Internal Audit Registers- Updated
- Follow Up of Audit Recommendations- Updated Audit Recommendation Tracker

Motor Tax:

- Carried out the routine administration duties. ○ Issuing of Trade Plates. ○ Control and management of stock from the Department. ○ Daily/Weekly/Monthly reconciliation of all financial transactions. ○ Preparation and submission of monthly returns to the Department.
- Management and control of all cash lodgements for Cavan County Council.
- January 2026 - 1,698 transactions. Year to date 1,698. ○ Arrears - €26,232. Year to date €26,232.
- Total Receipts - €293,329. Year to date €293,329.

IT

CE Report – IT Dept. Department Activity for Jan 2026.

Digital Communities.

- Robotics workshop class 5/6 Ballyconnell NS, 3/4 Ballyconnell NS, 5/6 Milltown NS, 5/6 Kildallan NS, 5/6 St Aidan's NS, 5/6 St Mogue's NS.
- Train CMETB junior cycle teachers build robots
- Train CMETB junior cycle teachers code robots
- Cavan Museum AR/VR introduction
- Complete Milestone 1 Changemaker funding
- Arrange Our Kids Code workshops 2026

NBI Progress:

(NBI is working in areas of West Cavan with low density housing)

Status	Percentage	Premises
Build in Progress	12%	1848
Ready to order	88%	14667

GIS

- Preparing datasets for Open Data
- Providing datasets for consultants
- Completing and submitting RZLT Final Map for 2026
- Completing and submitting RZLT Draft Map for 2027
- Work on the Cavan Wetlands Survey Data 2025
- Preparation for Historical Plotting in Planning

Cyber Security

- Security advisories from NCSC implemented
- Password security solution trialled
- Staff phishing email simulation exercise completed
- Cisco DUO update
- MS Defender assessment initiated with consultant
- Elavon quarterly PCI compliance checks completed
- Incident response policy - network containment test completed.

Infrastructure

- VMWare OVC and firmware upgrades completed
- Geopark Office Comms cabinet re-cabled, staff relocations and additional new staff setup
- Network Connectivity restored at various site locations
- Review of aging network devices at remote sites completed
- Quarterly Data Restore check completed
- SQL Server assessment completed with DBA and recommended changes in progress
- Vault365 Office backups reviewed after new Tender, training for IT Support Staff completed
- Upgrades completed to ensure Mobile device security

Digital

- CRM Tender Award Progressed
- PMDS System progressed • LECP Review System progressed
- Consult.Cavan.ie: ○ Creative Cavan Grants Forms 2026 ○ Arts Forms

Website Activity Dec.

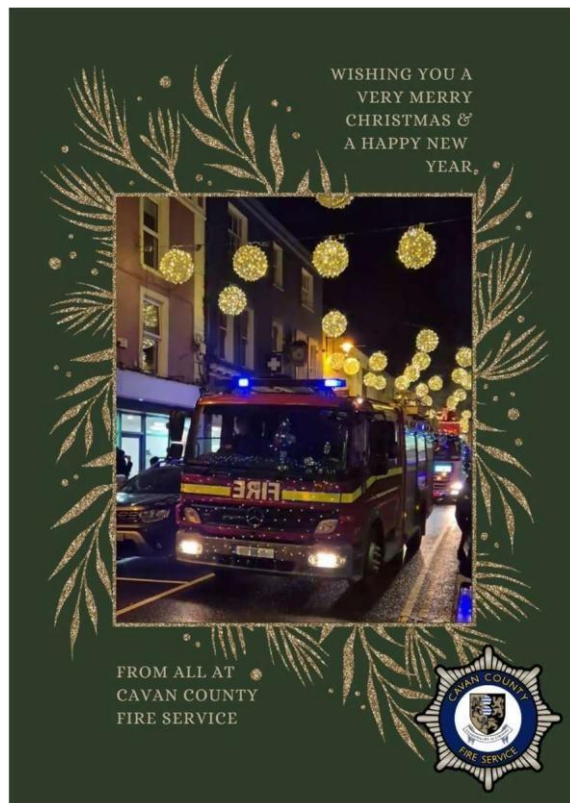
Website	Hits	Website	Hits
Bridge St. Centre	239 (148)	Cavan Library	9,382 (6,128)
Cavan Diaspora	115 (73)	Cavan Sports	5,854 (1,780)
Cavan Arts	5,127 (2,873)	Cavan Connects	1,066 (789)
Cavan Museum	2,649 (1,789)	Cavan Co. Council	71,254 (36,229)
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(previous month)

Help Desk Requests – December

- No of calls logged: 543 | No of calls closed: 447

8. Fire Services & Civil Defence



Christmas Lights Vehicle Parade, Cavan Town 21st December 2025

Storm Bram

Met Eireann had anticipated for County Cavan a status orange wind warning for Tuesday 9th December 2025, from 11:00am to 21:00. Key messages were to highlight the potential impacts including potential difficulty in travel conditions, debris due to blown loose objects like outdoor Christmas decoration and to consider outdoor events being impacted due to power outages, as well as fallen trees and ESB lines.



Weather conditions and impacts were monitored by CCC Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT)

Operations

The County Fire Brigades responded to 48 incidents during the month of December 2025. On no occasions did the Incident Commander request additional resources over what has been prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Overview

- 40% Support provided to LA outdoor staff for road-based incidents
- 27% Road traffic collisions
- 17% Fire related spanning from outdoors, vehicle and structural fires
- 10% Ambulance & other local (emergency) service assists
- 6% Fire Alarm and/or Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Example of the temporary road closure measures and signs used at scenes on our roads

Fire Brigade Charges

Year end 2025, fire charges noted as received was €372,263, an approximate decrease of 24% when compared on previous year (2024).

Training

In summary for December

- Two recruits completed their QQI Breathing Apparatus (Compartment Fire Behaviour) Course

Fire Prevention

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested Additional Information	Inspected	Granted
FSC	6		3(1)		8
Revised FSC			1		1
Regularisation Certificate					

FSC – Fire Safety Certificate. Figure in brackets relate to applications with 7 Day Notice

Licensing/Notifications

Application type	Received	Inspected	Request further info	Letter/licence issued	No objection
District Court Licensing		1			3
Dangerous Substance License		1	1		

Building Control

Application type	Received	Invalid	Requested Revised Information	Granted
DAC*	11		2	1
Revised DAC*				
Dispensation/Relaxation				

*Disability Access Certificate

Commencement Notices for December 2025

Commencement Notices submitted: 7

- 4 Opt Out Declarations
- 1 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 1 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 1 Seven Day Notices

Certificates Of Completion processed in December 2025

- 7 New No of CCC submitted.
- 3 Required Revised Information.
- 14 Validated.
- 1 Invalidated.

Civil Defence

Nine duties were completed in December 2025, comprising of the following:

Irish Blood Transfusion Clinic Ballyconnell	1.
Patient Transport (Shercock to MGH Minor Injury Unit)	1.
Cavan Xmas Cottage Markets	2.
Christmas Lights Parade	1.
Christmas Morning Swims	2.
Killygarry GAA Christmas Dash	1.
Community CFR Killinkere Parish	1.

In addition, we also provided one 3-day First Aid Response Course to our Local Authority staff. The Boat crew completed their People Moving/Handling Course in CD HQ Cavan. Two of our boat crews attended Avian Influenza Workshop in Sligo, which was organised by the CD Branch and the Department of Agriculture. Weekly classes continued with 12 New Volunteers commencing their MTS training.



Cavan Ice Breakers Annagh Lake & Lavey LGFA at Lavey Lake

9. Water Services

Cavan County Council Water Services Section continues to adapt to challenges of what is still a relatively new operating environment in collaboration with Uisce Éireann. Cavan County Council Water Services Department is to the forefront of shaping and delivering an operating framework to ensure that we as a County and Nation are best positioned to avail of the opportunities presented by the changing circumstances.

From 1st January 2014 delivery of water and wastewater services became the responsibility of Uisce Éireann. Initially this was under the governance of a 12-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Uisce Éireann for the delivery of the services. The SLA has now been superseded by a Master Cooperation Agreement (MCA), which came into effect on 13th September 2023, and will run until 31st December 2026.

Water is considered a 'social good' and activities related to water services support the three aspects (economic, social, and environmental) of sustainable development. The objectives of the section working on behalf of Uisce Éireann is to:

- provide an adequate water supply of sustainable quality for domestic, industrial, agricultural, and other users.
- provide sewerage facilities for the safe and adequate disposal of sewage and other waterborne wastes.
- provide the infrastructure to support the above objectives.
- provide an efficient and responsive service to customers at all times.
- plan for future growth and development.
- deliver all of the above at the most economic cost and minimum charge to customers.

There are 16 Public Water Schemes in the County of which 7 are being supplied by Private Group Water Schemes. There are 26 public wastewater treatment plants in the County.

Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services

In February 2022, the government published a **Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper, Uisce Éireann – Towards a National, Publicly Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility**. The paper referenced the process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC), which has been ongoing with a view to assisting the parties to devise a mutually agreed operational framework to replace the Service Level Agreements. The government asked the parties to engage to agree a framework for a stable operating structure for the future delivery of water services.

Meetings were ongoing since July of 2021 between the representatives of the management side (CCMA, LGMA, DHLGH and Uisce Éireann) and the trade unions under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission and a final meeting was held on the 20th of June 2022.

The outcome of this engagement was the Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services, which outlined the future plan and timescale of the transition of the Water Services function from the Local Authorities to a Single Public Utility. It also addressed staff issues relating to the future delivery of water services.

The process leading to this SPU continues and will see the expected milestone for the cessation of Local Authority involvement in this service by 31st December 2026.

The effective date for transfer of direct management of water services function to Uisce Éireann in Cavan County Council was September 6th, 2023. Uisce Éireann have now assumed the direct management of the water services function in respect of public water supplies. Uisce Éireann as part of the ongoing transition process is currently rolling out its Target Operating Model across Cavan & Monaghan which will see operations operated under various streams such as water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, water distribution networks, wastewater collection networks etc.

December 31st 2026 will see the culmination of Cavan County Council's provision of the Water Services function in regard to public water & wastewater.

Major Capital Projects

ECI Wastewater Project Report

Uisce Éireann Project Stages

The Public Spending Code (PSC), published in December 2019, sets out the rules and procedures on expenditure on capital projects across the Irish public service. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHGLH) issued the "Water Services Sector Specific Guidelines on the Public Spending Code: Management of Public Investment in Irish Water" on 19 July 2022. As a body in receipt of public funding, Uisce Éireann (UÉ) must comply, as appropriate, with the relevant requirements of the Public Spending Code (PSC).

The PSC has a multi-stage approvals process to facilitate the delivery of a capital project and UÉ aligns its own internal approvals process for its capital projects to these project lifecycle stages. These stages must be adhered to and are subject to the appropriate procurement, planning, legal and environmental regulations.

While Uisce Éireann and Cavan County Council collaborate to ensure the necessary funding and resources are allocated to progress these projects, it can take several years to bring a project through all these stages.

Stage 1: Strategic Assessment

At this stage, UÉ develops the project rationale and objectives, project outcomes, long list of potential options and indicative range of costs.

Stage 2: Preliminary Business Case

At this stage, UÉ undertakes detailed analysis, develops a short list of solutions and finds the preferred option from the short list of projects. This stage also includes estimating the total cost of the project.

Stage 3: Final Business Case

At this stage, the project progresses through detailed design and statutory approvals after which the tender process for the procurement of a contractor to deliver the project is also completed.

Stage 4: Implementation (Construction)

This involves the construction stage of the project where the contractor is physically delivering the plant/asset and typically includes commissioning of the works at the end of the construction stage.

Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2020 - 2024

52 wastewater treatment plants identified across the country in need of upgrade due to failings on discharge limits and hydraulic capacity.

Cavan Sites currently included;

Bailieborough, Ballyjamesduff, Kingscourt, Cootehill, & Virginia WWTP's

Feasibility Study reports (Atkins) were completed for the above-named sites in Q4 2019 and were progressed to gate 2 works, (Planning, Design, EIA, EIS etc.), in Q1 2020.

Ballyjamesduff Project Scope

Increase current capacity from 2200 PE to 6600 PE* - Upgrade treatment process to meet the UWWTR requirements.

**UE reviewed the initial 6600PE figure and implemented a downward revision of this target capacity figure to 4300PE for the 10-year horizon and 5200 PE for the 25-year horizon for the purposes of this upgrade*

Virginia Project Scope

Increase current capacity from 2000 PE to 6075 PE - Upgrade treatment process to meet the current WWDL requirements.

Current Status Ballyjamesduff & Virginia WWTP's

Ballyjamesduff WWTP

The planning application for the Ballyjamesduff WWTP upgrade Project was submitted and validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22145. A notification of decision to grant was issued in November 2022 with full planning permission granted for the Project thereafter in January 2023. At present the guideline / estimated completion date for the Construction Phase of Ballyjamesduff WWTP is Q4 2025. The Ballyjamesduff Project reached Workshop 6 stage on 6th November 2023 – with a date for signing of Contracts between the relevant parties achieved in January 2024.

The Project then entered the pre handover / Operations shadowing period which was completed by the end of February 2024. This resulted in in VWI taking possession of the site and commencing the interim operation of the asset on behalf of UE for the duration of the Construction phase and the commissioning stage thereafter.

Start on site milestone was achieved in March 2024.

At present the guideline/estimated practical completion date for Ballyjamesduff WWTP as provided by UE is Q4 2026. *This provisional completion date is currently being reviewed by the Project Team as part of the ongoing pull plan workshop process. VWI have been requested and encouraged to provide a more detailed and up to date Programme to determine where potential time saving efficiencies - once identified - can be implemented. This requirement is now a rolling month-month activity for VWI and is subject to ongoing Project Team review and implementation.*

Official progress meetings take place at the Contractor's site offices since the commencement of the works on site and are to be held monthly basis throughout the lifetime of the Project.

Anticipated Substantial Completion – Q1 2027

The key tasks of Phase 1 Construction work which have been undertaken are currently underway and/or completed recently summarised as follows;

Key milestones achieved during this reporting period

- *Complete fitting of Gantry in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- *Complete Mech works on Access Platform at Inlet Works*
- *Complete Lining of Settlement Tank No 2 (Square Clarifier)*

Key works planned for next reporting period

- *Continue & complete O/S Mech works on Observation List*
- *Recommence with Conc footpaths/Plinths*
- *Recommence civil works in Dewatering Building*
- *Continue with Boundary fencing works*
- *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Hybas/Anoxic/Selector cells*
- *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Settlement Tank No 2 (Sq. Clarifier)*
- *Complete all snags on Shanette Kiosks*
- *Continue with works on Odour Control Unit* ○ *Complete Electrical Works*

Ballyjamesduff WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,200

Proposed PE – 6,600

Planning submission date – April 2022

Planning Granted – January 2023

Construction started– June 2025

Substantial Completion – Q1 2027

Estimated Investment €25 million

Virginia WWTP

The Planning Application submission milestone for the Virginia Project took place on the 5th December 2022. The application was validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22489. The Planning Authority subsequently sought responses from the applicant by way of Requests for Further Information in early Q1 2023 and these responses were finalised and submitted by VWI / Design Team in August 2023. A notification of decision to grant was issued earlier in October 2023 with full planning permission for the Project granted in November 2023.

At present the guideline/estimated practical completion date for Virginia WWTP as provided by UE is Q3 2026. *This provisional completion date is currently being reviewed by the Project Team as part of the ongoing pull plan workshop process. VWI have been requested and encouraged to provide a more detailed and up to date Programme to determine where potential time saving efficiencies - once identified - can be implemented. This requirement is now a rolling month-month activity for VWI and is subject to ongoing Project Team review and implementation.*

VWI completed their Workshop 6 technical submission in August 2023 and their Workshop 6 Commercial submission was finalised and approved by January 2024. During the months of March and April 2024 – CCC LA Major Capital Office assisted UE in the completion of Land and Wayleaves items which remained outstanding.

UE formally signed off on the PDI stage of the Project and have now entered Contract arrangements with VWI to undertake the construction phase. Workshop 7 (start on site) milestone was achieved in early June 2024.

Official progress meetings take place at the Contractor's site offices since the commencement of the works on site and are to be held monthly basis throughout the lifetime of the Project.

Anticipated Substantial Completion – Q1 2027

The key tasks of Phase 1 Construction work which have been undertaken are currently underway and/or completed recently summarised as follows;

Key milestones achieved during this reporting period

- *Process pipework ongoing.*
- *Ducting pipework ongoing.*
- *CSO chamber completed.*
- *Stairs to inlet works completed.*
- *Handrailing to Inlet Works completed.*
- *Decking/flooring to inlet works ongoing.*
- *Cabling to WWTP ongoing.*
- *Paved concrete paths about the site ongoing.*
- *Handrailing about the main pumping station roof ongoing.*
- *Tertiary filter and pumping station excavation completed.*
- *Tertiary filter and pumping station excavation mud matt complete.*
- *Shanette Shed to MCC building at main pumping station complete.*
- *Process pipework to the poly room ongoing.*
- *Cable containment and cables to storm tanks ongoing.*
- *Cable containment and cables to Inlet Works ongoing.*
- *ESB ducting from Nolan's property commenced.*

Key works planned for next reporting period

- *Gantry crane to the main pumping station to be fitted (RAMS Dependent).*
- *Combined Storm Overflow chamber to be water tested.(upper section).*
- *Steel fixing and base pour of tertiary filter to be completed.*
- *ESB ducting from Pole in Nolan's property to ESB sub-station to be completed.*
- *Cabling to inlet works ongoing.*
- *Poly building M+E works ongoing.. Anti skid floor paint will not be done.*
- *Water kiosk ongoing on Mech and Elect works.*
- *Hatch for Sludge Holding Tank mixer to be installed and lifting arrangement for mixer to be changed.*
- *Brackets and launder weir to storm tanks to commence.*
- *Platforms to storm tanks to commence.*
- *Inlet works cabling and glanding.*
- *Testing of site pipework to re-commence.*
- *Re-commence rising main pipework up to CSO chamber.*
- *Possibility of temporary power being used for dry commissioning.*

Virginia WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,000

Proposed PE – 6,075

Planning submission date – December 2022

Planning Granted – November 2023

Construction started – February 2024

Substantial Completion – Q1 2027

Estimated Investment €33 million

Kingscourt, Cootehill & Bailieborough (KCB) Projects

Project Summaries – Current Estimated Timelines

Bailieborough WWTP – Project Details

Existing design PE – 2,500 (currently serving an estimated 3,390)

Proposed PE – 5,500

Planning submission date – July 2025

Planning Granted - October 2025

Estimated Construction starts – Q1 2026

Substantial Completion (30 months) – Q4 2028

Kingscourt WWTP – Project Details

Existing design PE – 2,400 (Estimated current load 3,388)

Proposed PE – 5700

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q1 2026

Contract Signing – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Cootehill WWTP – Project Details*

Existing design PE – 2,756 (Estimated current load 3,353)

Proposed PE – 5,200

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q1 2026

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Proposed WWDL date – After planning application submission

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Drinking Water Infrastructure Investment County Cavan

The National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Uisce Éireann's plan to identify how to provide a safe, sustainable, secure and reliable water supply to customers both now and into the future whilst safeguarding the environment. The NWRP sets out how supply and demand for drinking water will be balanced over the short, medium and long term. It is a 25-year strategy to ensure we have a safe, sustainable, secure and reliable drinking water supply for everyone. Following on from the public consultation on Phase 1 NWRP draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports, the submissions and observations received from public consultation have been taken into consideration, and the NWRP Framework Plan updated. The NWRP Framework Plan has now been adopted. Following on from this UÉ has produced 4 No. Regional Water Resource Plans. Water Supply to County Cavan are covered under the *Regional Water Resources Plan (RWRP) North West Region* and *Regional Water Resources Plan (RWRP) Easter-Midlands Region*. Again both of these plans have been adopted. These plans will evolve into identified infrastructural development across the region.

Cavan Rural Water Update

The **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021** was launched on February 8th, 2019, and all projects bar two are now complete. Completion of the remaining

two is imminent. Submissions were made for funding towards fifty-one specific projects on behalf of 27 Schemes or scheme bundles, totalling **€2,107,016.35**.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme – Measure 8 - Well Grants applications continue to be submitted and there has been an increase in the number of applications since the announcement of an updated well grant fund scheme.

Well grants totalling **€325,705.48** have been issued to applicants with **€134,688.63** of that issued since January 2023. These amounts have been recouped in full, from the Department.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026

On January 17th, 2024, Minister Darragh O' Brien announced the launch of the next cycle of the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme which covers the three-year period 2024 to 2026. Local Authorities were invited to submit applications for funding under this programme with a closing date of 12th April 2024. Cavan County Council was in communication with all Group Schemes requesting submissions to be considered for funding. Submissions were received and submitted in advance of the deadline, seeking funding for 133 specific projects in the amount of €18,518,525.09.

Evaluation and recommendations on funding are in the process of being made by an Independent Expert Panel at National Level.

The recommendations of the Panel have been considered, and the Minister has made decisions on the applications received for the funding measures below:

- Measure A1: Source Protection for Existing Private Group Water Schemes.
- Measure A2: Water Treatment Provision, Improvements and Capital Replacement (existing private group water schemes). (Partial allocation).
- Measure A3: Amalgamation and/or Rationalisation (existing private group water schemes).
- Measure A4: Water conservation, leakage reduction and prevention.
- Measure A5: Extensions to existing private group water schemes and new group water schemes.
- Measure A6: Taking-in-charge of Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes; and

- Measure A7: Community Water Connections and Community Wastewater Connections.
- Measure A9: Innovative demonstration projects.

The total level of funding allocated to Cavan Group Water Schemes under these measures is **€2,066,232**.

On 26th January 2026 Cavan County Council received notification from Department in regard to a number of schemes who had sought funding under Measure A2 namely, Water Treatment Provision, Improvements and Capital Replacement (existing private group water schemes). The projects for 8 Group Water Schemes in Cavan falling under this Measure entail proposed expenditure in region of €10.1M. The communication from the Department has indicated in all cases that the Expert Panel has conditionally recommended these applications in principle to progress. There are still some steps to be taken before exact confirmation on funding amounts will be confirmed. Cavan County Council will be in contact imminently with the relevant schemes with a view to progressing the proposals.

Revised Lead Remediation Grant

The funding scheme has been in existence since 2016 and The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have revised the eligibility criteria for The Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme with effect from 1 December 2022 and is being administered by Cavan County Council on behalf of the Department.

The aim of the grant is to assist households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings within the boundaries of the property. The grant is available if you receive a water supply from either a public or private water supplier.

The cost of works must exceed €750. The level of grant aid available is determined on the basis of 100% of the approved cost of the works, subject to a maximum of €5,000.

- **Training** — Spring Training for 2026 has commenced with courses and programmes scheduled to run online from January to March including Start Your Own Business, Payroll, Accounting, Social media. Details and bookings via LEO Cavan website and promotion via usual platforms including LEO Cavan e-zine and social media.

Mentoring Programme – 13 mentoring assignments have been approved in January to date, primarily in the areas of business strategy, finance, sales, marketing and new product development.

Start your own business course – 17 attended the first course of 2026

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- **Energy Efficiency Grant** – LEO Cavan approved 4 applications in January 2026. With an approximate total value of €34,417
- **Lean for Business Programme** – LEO Cavan approved 1 application in January 2026.
- **Digital for Business Programme** – LEO Cavan approved 5 applications in January 2026.
- **Cavan Women in Business Network** – The network will have its first meeting of 2026 on Friday 6th March, during Local Enterprise Week and which celebrate International Women's Day. The morning event will be a Workshop - AI in Business - how it can save you time and will take place in Cavan Digital Hub.
- **Student Enterprise Awards** – The 2025/2026 competition is currently underway in schools nationwide. LEO Cavan will host the County Final of the Competition on Tuesday 10th March in the Slieve Russell Hotel.

Created In Cavan Food & Drink Network – Created in Cavan was represented at the “This Is Cavan” stand at Holiday World, held in the RDS from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th January. This presence helped to increase brand and network awareness and is expected to have a positive impact for local producers and hospitality members when tourists visit the county

The **Created in Cavan TY Cookery County Final** took place in Cavan Institute on Wednesday 28th January. Students from Bailieborough Community School, Breifne College, Coláiste Dún an Rí, St Bricin's College, St Clare's College and St Mogue's College took part in the competition. **Bailieborough Community School** was announced as the winner and will

go on to represent County Cavan at the National Final on Wednesday 25th March.

Cavan Craft Collective – The Cavan Craft Collective is currently developing its 2026 strategy, which will focus on a programme of networking events, training supports and online promotion through social media channels. The strategy also includes plans for a pop-up shop in May, scheduled to take place between the Arts Festival and the County Fleadh.

The first networking event is scheduled for Thursday, 6 March, following which applications for new network members will be invited.

- **Showcase 2025** – LEO Cavan was represented by an exhibition by Artist Breda O’Flaherty, Virginia at Showcase 2026 in the RDS, Dublin from 18th to 20th January.
- **Digital for Business Event in Cavan Digital Hub** – Local Enterprise Office Cavan held a very successful Digital for Business event on 22nd January where Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation Niamh Smyth TD met with LEO clients and discussed the benefits of completing the Digital for Business supports provided by LEO Cavan. There was much positivity around the supports provided to local businesses the aim of these is to encourage efficiency through technology among local entrepreneurs.
- **Enterprise Europe Network Webinar** - Staff from the LEO Cavan attended the Enterprise Europe Network webinar which demonstrated the international partnership engagement opportunity database that facilitates European company networking thus ensuring supply of materials for exporting and trade purposes.

Cross Border Information event for Employers – LEO Staff attended this event on Wednesday, 28th January 2026. The aim of the event was to provide employers with information and let them know about different support services available to them. Presentations were made by Department of Social Protection, Cross border Partnership for Employment Services (CBPES) Martin Casey - Cross Border Solutions Newry and IntertradeIreland

- **Local Enterprise Week 2026** – will take place from March 2nd to 6th. Full schedule of events will be promoted during the month of February. Details and bookings via LEO Cavan website and promotion via usual platforms including LEO Cavan e-zine and social media.

Cavan Digital Hub – LEO Cavan continues to promote Cavan Digital Hub and provide business supports where appropriate and collaborates with the Digital Hub in its promotional and marketing activities throughout the year. Cavan

Digital Hub is a member of the Connected Hubs Network, an initiative of the Department of Rural & Community Development and delivered by the Western Development Commission.



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4th February 2026