



**Comhairle Contae
an Chabháin**
Cavan
County Council

Buiséid Ghlactha Bhliantúla 2026

Adopted Annual Budget 2026



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Cavan County Council,
Courthouse,
Cavan.

12th November, 2025

Dear Cathaoirleach and Elected Members,

I enclose for your information and consideration the Draft Budget of Expenditure and Income for Cavan County Council for 31st December 2026.

BUDGET PROCESS

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government has determined the period 3rd November 2025 to 28th November 2025, as the prescribed period for County Councils to hold their Budget meetings.

As agreed at November 2025 Council meeting, the matter of the adoption of a Budget will be considered at our meeting on Thursday 20th November, 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

As per the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and the Local Government (Financial and Audit) Procedures Regulations 2014, I have also consulted with the Municipal District members by preparing a draft Budgetary Plan for each Municipal District setting out proposals for the General Municipal Allocation. I have taken into account the respective decisions of the Municipal Districts regarding their draft budgetary plans as adopted.

I can confirm that the Members of the Corporate Policy Committee have been consulted in preparation of this draft Budget.

BACKGROUND TO BUDGET 2026

The Draft Budget has been prepared in the context of the following challenges:

- Dwindling in landfill income
- Reduction in NPPR income
- Requirement of co-funding for housing grants
- Impact of Rates, revaluations and appeals
- Impact of inflation on core service provision and project costs
- Provision of own resources for Housing Maintenance
- Provision of own resources for Local Roads General Maintenance



- Additional costs associated with the implementation of Climate Change initiatives and carbon reduction targets
- Transfer of staff from Uisce Eireann related activities to other frontline local authority services and the attendant costs of same
- Increase in Insurance costs
- Increase in regulatory and sectoral costs in areas such as Library, Building Control, Voter Registration etc.

I would also ask the members to note;

- The Council has received funding towards the new WRC Agreement with Fire Fighters. This matter is still subject to some clarification and for the purpose of the draft budget I have assumed full recoupment of all eligible costs. The members should note however that the budget will need to be reviewed during the course of the year and corrective actions taken if full recoupment is not achievable.
- As part of National Climate Action Plan, Cavan County Council is obliged to invest in energy retrofit and carbon reduction of all its buildings. Failure to meet targets by 2030, will mean that the Council will be subject to significant fines. In response to same, the Council has assumed the role of lead partner in a three Counties Energy Bureau. In doing so the Council has secured SEAI funding to retrofit the Cavan Swimming Pool. With match funding of €1.5m the Council will be able to significantly reduce energy costs at the Pool and meet the Councils corporate 2030 targets in doing so. A loan of €1.5m is provided for in the Budget and this investment will have a seven year payback. This investment will significantly reduce operating costs at the facility.
- An additional provision of €475,000 is provided for on Local Discretionary Roads Fund. When taken in addition to the increase agreed in 2024, it represents a 40% increase in the fund. I believe it to be an important signal of the intent of the Council. It will reinforce this Council's recent efforts to seek additional Central Government Funding for roads and footpath repairs.

Aside from these issues, the budget has provided for limited increases in certain discretionary budgets. Budget increases have been provided in Library Book Purchase Fund, Geopark maintenance and discretionary Municipal District funds.

PROVISION OF MATCH FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

The members will be aware that currently there is significant funding being made available to local authorities from a variety of Government Departments and Agencies for ambitious and transformational economic and social regeneration projects.



- Urban Regeneration from Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Rural Regeneration Grants from Department of Rural and Community Development
- Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund from the Department of Sport
- Economic development funding from the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation
- Business funding from Enterprise Ireland and IDA
- Tourism funding from Failte Ireland
- Cultural funding from Department of Culture and Heritage
- Shared Island funding
- PEACEPLUS Programme from SEUPB
- Outdoor Recreation Town and Village Renewal
- Several other programmes.

These projects represent a major opportunity to regenerate our town centres and further develop and promote our county as an attractive place to visit, live, work and invest. Each will require match funding and the below table sets out the current update on the principal projects.

Cavan County Council has proven to be extremely successful in securing funding for such schemes. The projected spend on projects currently underway and in the advanced stages of planning is at over €113.5m requiring a match in the region of €22.6m.

The Council continue to be ambitious and strive for additional investment. Other projects, totalling over €56.2m of an investment are currently in the early stages, which require a further €11.9m of match contribution to be realised.

To enable the delivery of the projects for which grant aid is in place, and to plan and deliver further projects, the council will require significant match funding which can only be provided by loans. In order to successfully acquire same, the Council will need to provide a ringfenced income stream.

In Budget 2025 the members agreed an increase of 10% in the Annual Rate of Valuation yielding a sum of €1.8m. It was agreed that €1.5m of same would be added on an annual basis to Capital Reserves to these projects. As stated previously I believe this to be a very prudent and progressive decision. It facilitates the funding requirements necessary for the early stages of the projects in terms of land acquisition, design costs, feasibility studies and professional services.



I can confirm that this Budget is predicated on maintaining this situation. The Annual Rate of Valuation is also not being increased for 2026.

Capital Projects with required match funding

Projects	Projected Date of Commencement	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Aid	Match funding required
Committed Projects				
Cavan Regional Sports Campus	Q2 2025	€37.6m	€32.6m	€5m
Ballyjamesduff Community Hub	Q2 2025	€9.9m	€7.7m	€2.2m
Abbeylands Phase 1	Commenced	€31m	€23.2m	€7.8m
Ballyconnell Market House	Nearing Completion	€1.3m	€1.2m	€0.1m
Ballieborough Courthouse	Nearing Completion	€2.0m	€1.8m	€0.2m
Shannon Pot/Cavan Burren	Commenced	€10.3m	€7.4m	€2.9m
Kingscourt Regeneration	Q2 2025	€14m	€10.9m	€3.1m
Cootehill Enterprise Park	Q1 2025	€0.6m	€0	€0.6m
St. Michael's Hall, Cootehill	Q2 2025	€6.8m	€6.1m	€0.7m
Total Committed Projects		€113.5m	€90.9m	€22.6m
Future Projects				
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme	Various	€5.3m	€4.8m	€0.5m
Town & Village	Various	€6.7m	€6.4m	€0.3m
Clár	Various	€3.66m	€3.6m	€0.06m
Sustainable Energy Retrofitting of Corporate Buildings	Various	€4.0m	€2.0m	€2.0m
RRDF (1)	Various	€7.0m	€6.3m	€0.7m
RRDF (2)	Various	€7.0m	€6.3m	€0.7m
RRDF (3)	Various	€7.0m	€6.3m	€0.7m
RRDF (4)	Various	€7.0m	€6.3m	€0.7m
Corranure Development	2027	€2.0m	€0	€2.0m
Enterprise Lands	2027/2028	€4.0m	€0	€4.0m
Smart Region Food Hub	2027	€2.5m	€2.25m	€0.25m
Total Future Projects		€56.2m	€44.3m	€11.9m
OVERALL TOTAL		€169.7m	€135.2m	€34.5m



LONGER TERM BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Budget process is a useful opportunity to look at the longer term economic horizon. In doing so I believe the members should continue to be mindful of a number of key challenges;

- **Construction Inflation.** There continue to be risk in all Capital Projects from inflation in Construction prices. This risk is typically absorbed by the Council and may not be met by Government Departments. It will be monitored closely for its impact on capital projects and the overall borrowing burden.
- **Operating costs of new facilities.** The delivery of key infrastructure will present additional management and running costs. While these facilities will be managed on a commercial basis, any operational deficit arising from same will need to be met by the Council in the future.
- **Department Funded Salaried positions.** In recent years Local Authorities have received funding, sometimes whole and sometimes in part, for various new positions e.g. Healthy Cavan, Bio-diversity, Creative Ireland, Fire Fighters etc. It is imperative that the Council recruit such staff in order to deliver much needed infrastructure and services and to secure related grant aid. Typically, however, these positions are funded for specified periods only and with no long term commitment for funding. The Council must monitor this situation with a view to balancing the need to develop and expand services with the long term financial stability of the organisation.
- **Legacy costs associated with Uisce Eireann Transformation process.** This process requires that by end 2026 all water service functions will transfer in entirety to Uisce Eireann. It is critically important that legacy costs do not fall on Local Government in the future. This situation will be closely monitored over the coming year.
- **Organisational Growth.** Over time fresh challenges will emerge and the Council will require additional resources to support new opportunities and meet new challenges e.g. Cyber Security.
- **Fluctuations in national and local economic markets.** Whilst current economic indicators are positive, it is important to reflect on challenges which could be presented by changing macro-economic pressure.

RECOMMENDATION

In preparing the Budget, I have considered the requirements to develop capital funds for important projects and to provide for organisational growth. I am recommending:



- An Annual Rate of Valuation of 0.2432 for 2026. This represents a 0% increase on the previous year.
- In stating this, I advise that the Council's ARV remains one of the lowest in the Country and compares very favourably to counties of similar size and stature.
- The Members should also note that 91% of our rates warrants are less than €10,000 and are in a position to avail of the Small Business Rates Incentive Scheme at a 5% discount for payments on or before the 31st October in the year in question.
- In previous Budget meetings the members have requested that the Council progressively increase the charge on vacant properties. I propose to increase the charge for Vacant properties from 10% to 15% in the next rate year. Subject to finance, I propose to incrementally increase same over the remaining Budgets of the Council.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I wish to record my appreciation and thanks to former Cathaoirleach Councillor T.P. O'Reilly, current Cathaoirleach Councillor J.P. Feeley, the members of the Corporate Policy Group and the elected members of Cavan County Council.

I gratefully acknowledge the contribution of all the staff of Cavan County Council in fulfilling their duties as public officials during the year.

In the preparation of the draft Budget and in respect of all financial management matters, I wish to acknowledge the contribution of Ms. Margaret McNally, Head of Finance, Mr. Conor McEntee, Financial Management Accountant and the staff of the Finance Sections.

I wish to thank the support and dedication of the Senior Management Team of Cavan County Council, Mr. Brendan Jennings, Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Ms. Margaret McNally, and Ms. Lynda McGavigan.

CONCLUSION

I regard the Draft Budget as fair, balanced and prudent. It will advance our roles in economic, social and cultural development and represents a further step forward in the development of significant capital projects across our County.

I hereby recommend the Draft Budget for 2026 for your approval.

Chief Executive



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS 2026

The Draft Budget for 2026 provides for a total Expenditure of €111,790,144 an increase of €5,773,015 on the adopted figure of €106,017,129 for 2025.

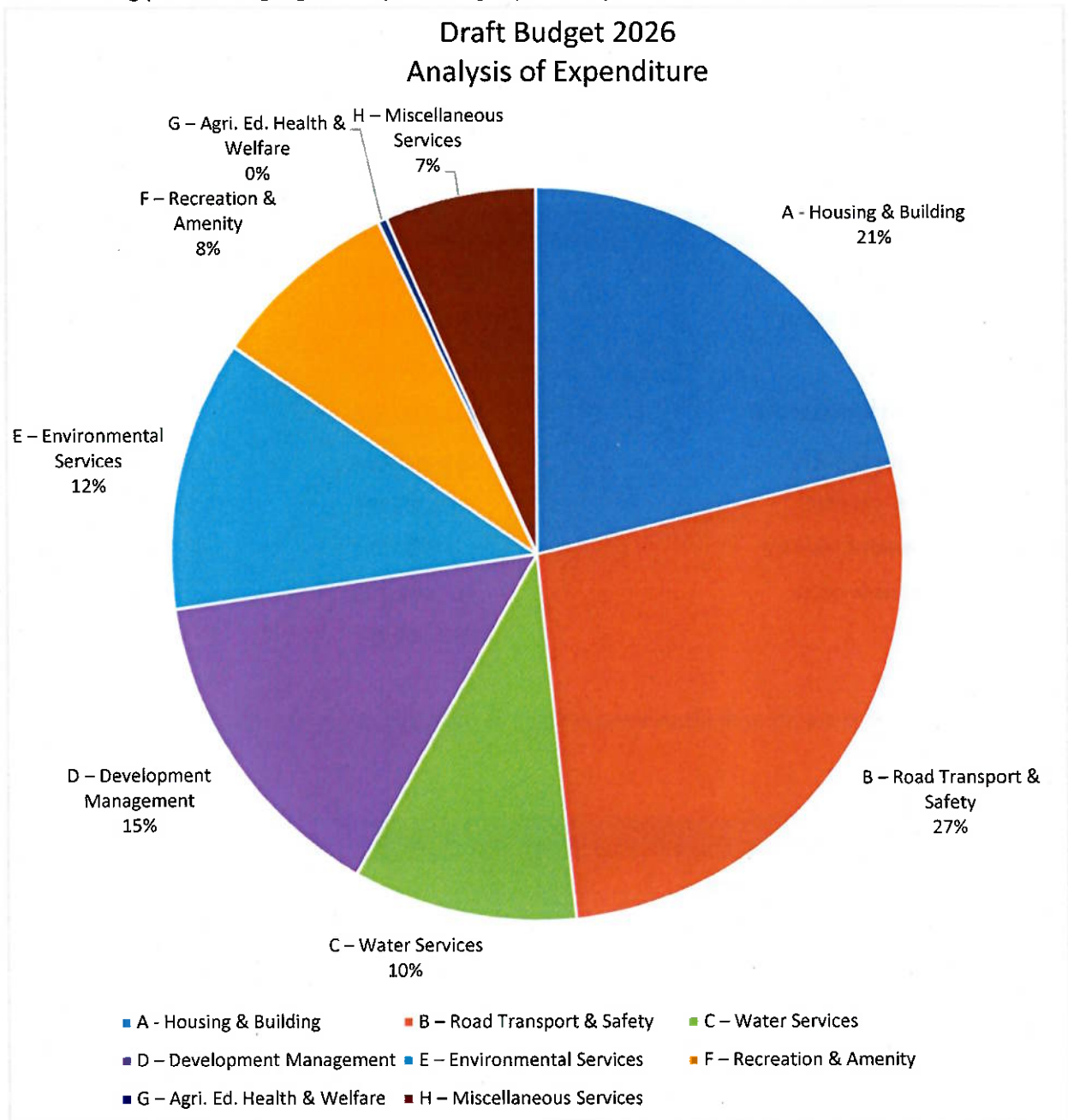
The following table depicts Revenue Expenditure by Division with the pie chart on page 9 giving a breakdown of same in terms of percentage by Division.

Division	Draft Budget 2026	Adopted Budget 2025
A - Housing & Building	€23,625,666	€22,784,373
B – Road Transport & Safety	€30,383,634	€27,803,145
C – Water Services	€11,029,440	€11,819,904
D – Development Management	€16,150,513	€13,824,604
E – Environmental Services	€13,357,643	€12,463,469
F – Recreation & Amenity	€9,399,371	€8,979,682
G – Agri. Ed. Health & Welfare	€437,161	€846,784
H – Miscellaneous Services	€7,406,716	€7,495,168
	€111,790,144	€106,017,129

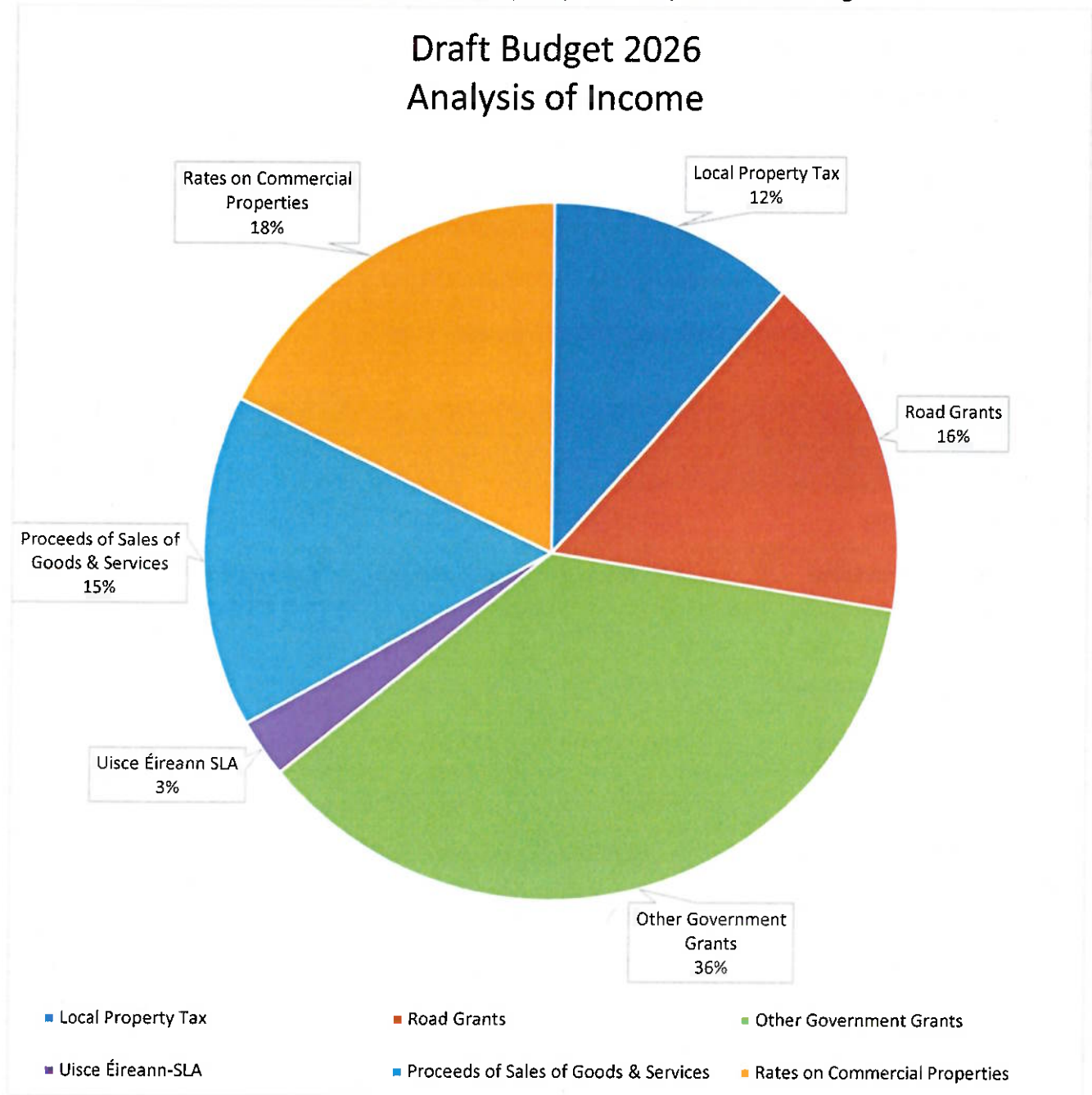
The total income required to meet this expenditure of €111,790,144 will be financed from the following sources:

Source	Amount
(A) Government Grants	
1. Local Property Tax	€12,870,091
2. Road Grants	€17,970,393
3. Other Government Grants	€40,806,081
Subtotal:	€71,646,565
(B) Uisce Éireann – Service Level Agreement	€3,046,500
(C) Monies raised from own resources	
1. Proceeds of Sales of Goods & Services	€17,294,230
2. Rates on Commercial Property	€19,802,849
Subtotal:	€37,097,079
Total (A) + (B) + (C):	€111,790,144

The following pie chart highlights the percentage split of Expenditure by Service Division.



The following pie chart highlights the percentage split by Income by source of funding.





COMMERCIAL RATES

Commercial Rates is a significant contributor to the total budgeted income for the Council.

Commercial rates will provide income of €19,802,849 in 2026.

Road Grant expenditure and income of €17,970,393 represents the amount of initial road grants allocated for 2026. In the same way as last year the road grant expenditure and income figure will be adjusted when we receive notification of our road grants allocation for 2026 and the roadwork's scheme will be prepared and placed before you for consideration.

The Council's Local Property Tax allocation for 2026 is €12,870,091.

TABLE OF EXPENDITURE & INCOME BUDGET 2026/BUDGET 2025

Divisions	Budget Expenditure 2026	Budget Expenditure 2025	Budget Income 2026	Budget Income 2025
A - Housing & Building	€23,625,666	€22,784,373	€24,375,495	€22,585,410
B – Road Transport & Safety	€30,383,634	€27,803,145	€20,430,789	€18,616,014
C – Water Services	€11,029,440	€11,819,904	€10,706,169	€11,765,460
D – Development Management	€16,150,513	€13,824,604	€7,086,840	€5,397,044
E – Environmental Services	€13,357,643	€12,463,469	€5,220,068	€4,563,267
F – Recreation & Amenity	€9,399,371	€8,979,682	€2,329,779	€2,279,399
G – Agri. Ed. Health & Welfare	€437,161	€846,784	€180,479	€579,855
H – Miscellaneous Services	€7,406,716	€7,495,168	€8,787,585	€7,882,044
Total:	€111,790,144	€106,017,129	€79,117,204	€73,668,493

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Conor McEntee - Financial Accountant and Ms April Quinn - Finance Section, for their help in the preparation of this Draft Revenue Budget.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the co-operation, support and assistance of the Chief Executive, Directors of Services, Elected Members, Management Colleagues and all the various Divisional Staff involved in preparing this document.

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Head of Finance, IT & Emergency Services



DIVISION A -HOUSING AND BUILDING

HOUSING REPORT 2025

SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATIONS

The overall council's housing stock at 31st October 2025 is **2253** (includes both vacant and occupied). Cavan County Council's housing waiting list current nett social housing need is 635. There are 551 applicants listed for transfers bringing the total gross approved social housing need to 1186. The housing department is currently carrying out the annual summary social housing need assessment. This is a statutory obligation on all local authorities to update the information of those on the housing waiting list.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

Payments under the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme provides housing support and replaces rent supplement for those with a long-term housing need who qualify for social housing support. There are currently 415 active HAP tenancies

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) provides housing for long-term rent supplement recipients through the sourcing by the housing authority of accommodation from the private rented market or through other social housing measures. There are 134 RAS tenants accommodated in voluntary housing and 297 in private rented accommodation bringing the total number availing of the scheme to 431.

LEASING PROGRAMME

Leasing is a means of delivering housing support using funding provided under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP). There are a number of different arrangements under the leasing initiative.

- Short-term leasing is a RAS type lease between tenant and landlord through the private market. Contracts are up to 10 years. Cavan County Council support 10 units under this heading.
- Long-term leasing is direct leasing by Cavan County Council from the landlord through the private market. Contracts are for 10 -25 years. Cavan County Council support 14 units under this programme.
- Mortgage to Rent (MTR) is a scheme to help homeowners who are at risk of losing their homes due to mortgage arrears. The scheme is either facilitated through approved housing bodies or by private firms i.e. Home for Life and Irish Homes.



Cavan County Council support a total of 53 units of accommodation under this programme.

- Approved Housing Body (CALF capital advance leasing facility). It is a loan facility that provides up to 30% of the capital cost for social housing projects. There are 170 units of accommodation leased under the Calf programme with various approved housing bodies.

TENANCY MANAGEMENT

Accommodation Offers

- A total of 221 offers of accommodation have been issued to date:
 - 165 Local Authority units
 - 56 Approved Housing Body units

Pre-Tenancy Training

- 115 pre-tenancy training sessions have been delivered to support new tenants in understanding their responsibilities and rights.

Antisocial Behaviour Management

- 148 complaints relating to antisocial behaviour have been investigated and resolved.
- 7 Tenancy Warnings have been issued following breaches of tenancy agreements.

Property Recovery

- 3 abandoned properties have been successfully returned to stock.
- 1 possession application has been awarded by the Courts.

Rental Income

- A total of €9.3 million in rental income is projected for inclusion in the 2026 budget, reflecting strong tenancy engagement and financial management

Estate Enhance Programme

- €51,500 has been allocated to 68 resident groups under the Estate Enhancement Programme.
- Funding supported:
 - Maintenance of green areas
 - Flower planting
 - Painting
 - Power washing



- Hedge maintenance
- Storm Relief Initiative
- Following damage caused by Storm Ewoyn, €7,935 was distributed to 10 resident groups for estate repairs under a special relief initiative.

Community Engagement

- Additional estate management initiatives included:
 - Coffee mornings
 - Resident newsletters
 - Estate Enhancement Recognition Ceremony



Our Resident Groups making the difference to the places they live in





Drumnaveil, Cootehill



Comhairle Contae
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County Council



Estate Grants Recognition Ceremony September 2025

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024

The Local Traveller Consultative Committee consists of Elected Members, Traveller representatives, and County Council officials. The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 was finalised and adopted in December 2024. The target provision of 25 units of standard social housing support during the course of the new Programme (2025-2029) is to be achieved through the allocation of newly built, leased and any vacancies which may arise in both the Council and Approved Housing Bodies stock. 9 units of accommodation were allocated to members of the travelling community in 2025.

PRIVATE HOUSING GRANT SCHEME

2025 Allocation

	85% Dept Funding	15% Cavan CC	Total Amount
Initial 2025 Allocation	€1,862,107	€328,607	€2,190,714
Additional Funding received in July 2025	€251,130	€44,349	€295,479
		Total Allocation to date	<u>€2,486,193</u>



In May 2025 communication issued to the Members, grant applicants and the general public advising due to the spent allocation, it was necessary to temporarily pause the private housing grant scheme. It was also advised at this time, Cavan County Council would continue to honour their commitments on grant approvals and to prioritise Priority 1 (emergency) grant applications.

To date in 2025 €3.5 million has been paid out on 426 grants. This is a 40% increase on paid applications from 2024. The majority of these applications are Cavan County Council honouring their commitments on grant applications already approved.

Given the significant overspend and the current financial commitments, the scheme will not be reopened for the remainder of 2025.

The grants team will continue to liaise with applicants. All those applicants who received their approval more than six months ago will be contacted to seek details of when works is likely to commence. If works are not likely to commence in the near future, their application will be closed. When the scheme reopens, the housing department will be assessing applications with a view to maximising grant monies, ensuring efficiencies and reaching as many applications as possible. This will be achieved by limiting the spend on works and approving only necessary works.

HOUSING & DISABILITY STEERING GROUP

The National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 was launched in January 2022. Developed under the guiding principles of Housing for All, the government's National Plan for Housing to 2030, the strategy seeks to facilitate disabled people to live independently with the appropriate choices and control over where, how and with whom they live. Working together with the relevant Agencies the Council seeks to meet the objectives and the targets set out in the Local Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disabilities 2022-2027. A Mental Health Housing Action Team and Disability Housing Action Team has been established to arrange for both the accommodation needs and the support packages to enable disabled people to live independently if the so wish.

HOMELESS SERVICES

The Council continue to pursue measures to address homelessness including options for shared tenancies and work with partner agencies including the HSE, and approved housing bodies to provide accommodation and supports to those experiencing homelessness.

The Council continues to roll out Housing First and there is a total of 9 active Housing First tenancies in the Council. 183 households have presented as homeless between Q1 & Q3 this year and 76 adults and children have been provided with emergency accommodation. 142 households were prevented from entering homelessness through allocations, RAS and HAP.



"HOUSING FOR ALL" SOCIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

By the end of 2025, another 70 "new build" social housing units will be completed under the Council's "Housing for All" Programme:

- 20 Units at St Brigid's Terrace, Cavan
- 10 Units at Lisaturrin, Kingscourt
- 8 Units at Portaliffe, Killeshandra
- 6 units at Woodlands, Ballyjamesduff.
- 6 Units at Cavan Road, Errigal, Cootehill
- 6 Units at Cnoc na Rí, Kingscourt
- 5 Units at Barrack Road, Kilmaleck
- 3 Units at "The Duckin Stool", Belturbet
- 3 Units at Taoibh Coille, Yew Park, Virginia
- 3 Units at Kilnavara Heights, Cavan Town.



St. Brigid's Terrace, Cavan – Phase 1



Lisaturrin, Kingscourt



Portaliffe, Killeshandra

In addition, 9 schemes for 120 new units are currently under construction.

- 45 Units at Páirc na Teile, Bailieborough
- 18 Units at Woodlands, Ballyjamesduff
- 13 Units at Chapel Lane, Town Centre, Cootehill
- 11 Units at Pairc na Cairéal, Cootehill
- 9 Units at Ashgrove Court, Ballyjamesduff
- 8 Units at Main Street, Kilnaleck
- 7 Units at Páirceanna an Bhaile, Ballyhaise
- 7 Units at "The Palais", Holborn Hill, Belturbet
- 2 Units at Main Street, Killeshandra.



Páirc na Teile, Bailieborough



Páirceanna an Bhaile, Ballyhaise

Significant progress was made during 2025 on 12 other schemes for 230 units:

- 64 Units at Swellan Lower, Cavan
- 44 Units at Lios na Rí, Munnilly, Cootehill
- 32 Units at Railway Road, Swellan Upper, Cavan Town
- 20 Units at St Brigid's Terrace, Cavan – Phase 3
- 20 Units at Crossdoney Road, Ballinagh
- 12 Units at Derrylurgan Court, Ballyjamesduff
- 10 Units at Coolkill, Kilnaleck
- 10 Units at Clankee Court, Shercock
- 8 Units at Kilnavara Lane, Cavan Town
- 4 units at Drumbarlow Road, Kilconny, Belturbet
- 3 Units at Aughnaskerry, Cavan Town
- 3 Units at Dunaree, Kingscourt.



St. Brigid's Terrace, Cavan – Phase 3

HOUSING MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Housing Construction Section is responsible for the maintenance of the Council's stock of 2252 housing units. A sum of €1,566,000 was allocated in the Council Budget 2025 for response maintenance to council houses. The budget allocation is used for day-to-day repairs such as:

- Heating Issues.
- Plumbing Issues.
- Electrical Issues.
- Roof Repairs.
- Window repairs - fair wear and tear only – (tenant responsible for broken windows).
- Door repairs – fair wear and tear only.
- Stove repairs.
- Repairs to demountable dwellings.

PROGRAMME OF WORKS TO VACANT HOUSING UNITS

A funding allocation of €484,000 was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the completion of improvement works on 44 vacant houses. This allows for funding up to an average value of €11,000 per property per claim.

With the addition of this funding and own resources funding it is planned to complete the refurbishment of 70 vacant houses in 2025.



Vacant House Before



After

ENERGY RETROFIT PROGRAMME

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

In 2025, the Council has received an allocation of €1,836,000 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

ADAPTATION WORKS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Funding of €282,436 was received from the Department of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with co-funding of €31,382 from the Council which allows for the completion of adaptation works to 28 council houses for tenants with a disability.

PLAYGROUNDS

There are 27 existing playgrounds and 8 outdoor gym areas in County Cavan and Cavan County Council is responsible for the maintenance and insurance of these.

A sum of €159,028 was allocated in the Council Budget 2025 for the general maintenance, repairs and grant match funding of council playgrounds.

In addition, three playgrounds were refurbished in 2025.



Kingscourt Playground Universal Carousel (Dormant Fund).



Killymooney Playground (DCEDIY)



Killyconnan Playground (CLÁR)

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.



Vacant Properties Refurbishment Grants from July 2022 to date:

• Total number of Applications received to date	559
• Number of Applications to provide further information	46
• Number of Applications currently in progress	27
• Number of Applications approved in principle to date	393
• Number of Grants Applications Paid to Date	91

[CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2029](#)

All the above work programmes carried out by the Housing Construction Section directly supports the Corporate Plan, specifically the following Strategic Objectives and Strategic Actions:

- 1.1.1, 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.1.7, 1.1.8, 1.1.9, 1.1.10, 1.1.11, 1.1.14.
- 2.1.27, 2.1.28, 2.1.29, 2.1.30, 2.1.31.
- 3 – Support Role.
- 4 – Support Role.
- 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.9, 5.1.16, 5.1.17, 5.1.18.
- 6.1.22.



DIVISION B – ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Cavan County Council is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of all National, Regional and Local roads within the County. In total, Cavan County Council is responsible for the maintenance of more than 3,000km (1,880 miles) of public road annually.

As a land locked county with a reliance on the road infrastructure, the roads area is an integral part of delivering key strategic objectives contained within the Cavan County Council Corporate plan.

Strategic Objective 1	Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit
Strategic Objective 2	People – Strengthening our Communities
Strategic Objective 3	Economy – Promoting Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development
Strategic Objective 4	Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan
Strategic Objective 5	Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration
Strategic Objective 6	Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority

These objectives are contained within our Annual Service Plan and help shape our objectives for the year ahead.

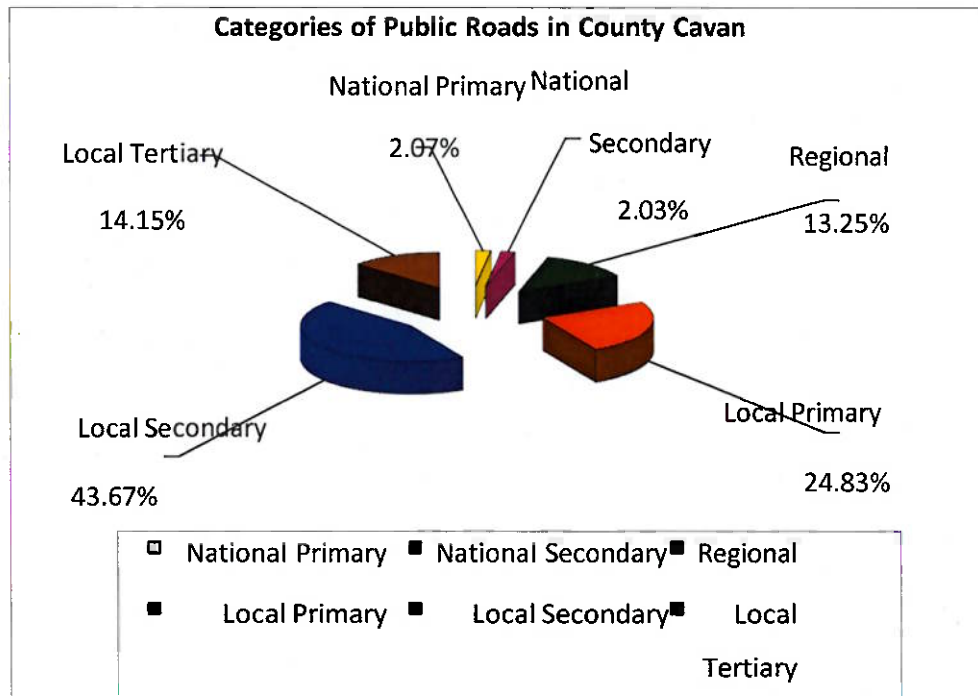


CAVAN ROAD NETWORK CLASSIFICATION

The total estimated value of the road network in the County is over €1.1billion, with the Regional and Local Road network accounting for €1 billion of this total. There are a total number of 779 road bridges (span greater than 2 metres) in the county.

Category	Road Type	Length (Kilometres)
National	National Primary	62.21
	National Secondary	61.07
Non-National	Regional	399.14
	Local Primary	747.83
	Local Secondary	1315.08
	Local Tertiary	426.03
Total		3011.36

The total length of public roadway in County Cavan is 3,011km.





FUNDING

Funding for the improvement and maintenance of public roads in Cavan comes primarily from three sources. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provides funding for National Roads with the Department of Transport (DOT) providing funding for the Regional and Local Road Network. Technical and administrative backup for this funding is provided by the TII as required. Cavan County Council provides a substantial annual allocation from own resources towards the upkeep of the Local and Regional Road Network. Additionally, from 2021 the National Transport Authority (NTA) provides funding for Active Travel projects across the county within urban areas.

2025 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

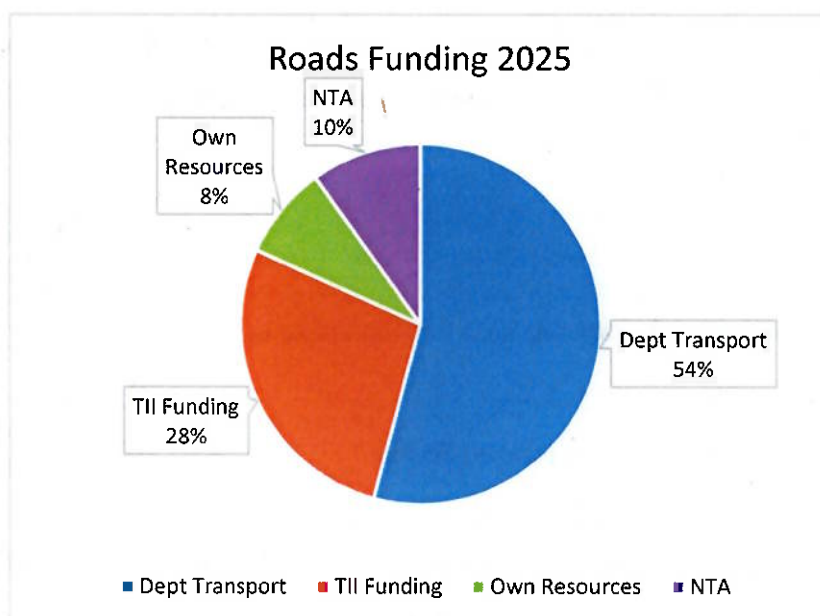
The table below shows the funding allocated by each funding source at the start of 2025.

Road Category	Funding Source	Initial Allocation
National Roads	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	€9,739,633
Non-National Roads	Department of Transport (DOT)	€ 19,193,150
Non-National Roads	Cavan County Council	€2,942,379
Active Travel	National Transport Authority	€3,525,000
		€35,400,162



CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS

At the start of 2025, Cavan County Council provided €2.92 million of its own resources towards the Maintenance and Improvement of the Non-National Roads Network (Local and Regional Roads). This demonstrated the Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining its roads network.



ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS

During 2025 Cavan County Council was able to avail of additional funding as follows:

Source	Category	Allocation
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Pavement Emergency Works, Ordinary Maintenance Defects	€697,430
Department of Transport (DOT)	Additional RI money	€311,000
		€1,008,430

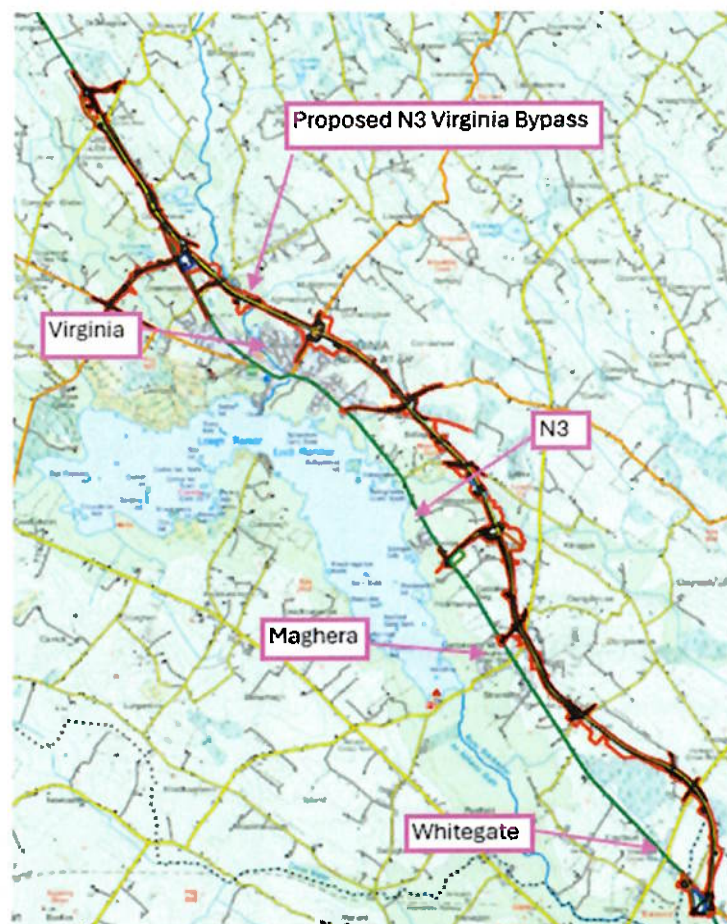
NATIONAL ROADS

The National Primary Road network consists of the N3 and N16. The N3 is the Dublin/ Enniskillen/ Ballyshannon Road; the N16 is the Sligo/Enniskillen Road. The National Secondary network consists of the N54 Cavan/Monaghan Road between Butlersbridge and the County Boundary at Leggykelly, the N55 Cavan/Athlone Road and the N87 from Staghall Roundabout, Belturbet to the Border at Swanlinbar.

MAJOR SCHEMES

N3 VIRGINIA BYPASS

The N3 Virginia Bypass scheme is being developed as a hybrid multi-modal transport solution which comprises road, Public Transport (bus) enhancements, demand management, active travel facilities and transport park and share hubs (mobility hubs). The active travel facilities, incorporating pedestrian and cycle facilities, will be provided along the length of the Scheme with connectivity, where feasible, to existing footways and walking routes along the scheme. The transport park and share hubs (mobility hubs) will provide for safe parking to serve bus stops and facilitate more carpooling for longer onward journeys, with Electric vehicle charging also being investigated. The scheme will greatly improve safety on the N3, reducing congestion, noise and air pollution in Virginia and the settlements of Maghera and Whitegate, while providing a consistent route cross-section with an improved journey time and travel efficiency for national road traffic.



Virginia Bypass – June 2025 update – Developing Design



The Scheme is being developed in a phased approach in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland's Project Management Guidelines and is currently in Phase 3, Design and Environmental Evaluation. An update on the developing design (see above) was advertised on the Project Website on the 10th June 2025.

The developing design is subject to change and refinement, and that the final Scheme design may extend beyond the Indicative Development Boundary shown. Additional lands may be included following advancement of the key design elements of the project and as the mitigation measures, e.g. landscaping or noise barriers / bunds or the like, are further developed.

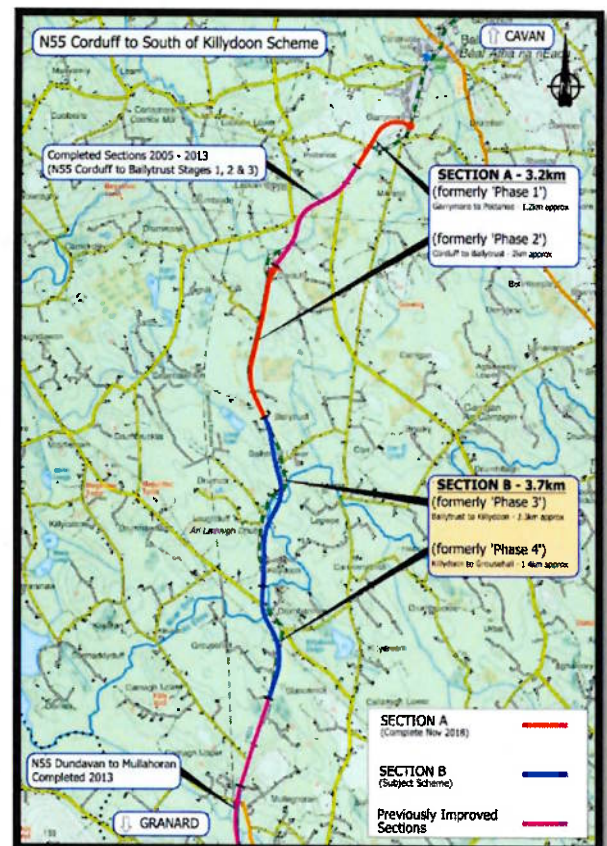
There have been numerous surveys and investigations carried out as part of the scheme, these include Site Investigation, Topographical Survey, Archaeological Survey and Biodiversity surveys. Further Environmental surveys, walkovers and assessments will take place throughout the design phases.

MINOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

N55 CORDUFF TO SOUTH OF KILLYDOON, SECTION A

Section A, which involved a 3.2 km realignment of the N55 at two distinct locations to the south of Ballinagh, reached substantial completion in late 2018. The Contract remains in the Handover Phase. All snagging works were completed and contractual matters resolved in 2023, which allowed the release of retention monies to the Contractor in Q4 2023.

In Q1 2025, the Final Statement Report and Project Closeout Report were submitted to TII for review. 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; however, delays have been encountered in finalising the amended reports. The revised documents are currently with the Employer's Representative for sign-off and are now expected to be submitted to TII for approval before the end of 2025.



N55 CORDUFF TO SOUTH OF KILLYDOON, SECTION B

Section B, between the townlands of Ballytrust and Mullahoran, involves a 3.7 km realignment of the



N55 immediately south of Section A. The scheme has now progressed to Phase 7 (Close Out & Review) of the TII Project Management Guidelines, following the certification of Substantial Completion.

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 on 25th August 2025 and completed outstanding works by mid-October 2025. Minor landscaping works and snagging to follow in late October/November. Outstanding works post-substantial completion included:

- Completion of the Killydoon Village Loop Walk, including footpath, public lighting, fencing, and landscaping.
- Accommodation works at one property.
- Completion of items arising from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit.
- Ongoing snagging of completed works.

Part 2 of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit is scheduled to be undertaken in early November following completion of these works. RPS Consulting Engineers continue to provide site supervision and will oversee handover and close-out in accordance with Phase 7 requirements.

Land Acquisition: The majority of land and property cases have been resolved, with conveyancing either completed or nearing completion. Two cases remain outstanding: one has been agreed and is awaiting sign-off, while the other is still under negotiation.

Residual Road Network Repairs: CCC secured TII funding to address damage to the residual road network incurred during construction. These works, including pavement renewal, minor drainage improvements, and junction repairs, commenced in late August and were completed week ending 03rd October 2025.

***Right: View south from the
northern scheme tie-in at
Ballytrust***



***Left: View of completed Bridge 3 in the
townlands of Ballytrust Lower and
Legwee***





N3 DUBLIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT SCHEME

RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed to progress the N3 Dublin Road Roundabout Scheme through phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Project Management Guidelines. RPS Consulting Engineers are our Technical Advisors for the scheme and are currently working on phase 2, Option Selection.

N55 BALLINAGH RELIEF ROAD

The planning of the N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme commenced with the completion of the Strategic Assessment Report (Phase 0) in Q2 2023, prepared by Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers. Following review, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) granted approval in July 2023 to progress the scheme to Phase 1 under the TII Project Management Guidelines.

In Q1 2024, Cavan County Council ran a competitive tender process for the appointment of technical consultants to deliver Phases 1 to 4. Sweco Ireland Ltd was formally appointed in September 2024 under a 45-month contract. A start-up meeting was held on 2nd October 2024, and bi-weekly design team meetings between Cavan County Council and Sweco have continued throughout the year.

A key milestone was reached in 2025 with the successful completion of Phase 1 in late Q3 2025. The Phase 1 deliverables were formally submitted and subsequently approved by TII, enabling the scheme to advance to Phase 2 – Option Selection. This approval marks a significant progression in the delivery of the scheme.

Phase 2 is currently underway, with completion of Option Selection anticipated in Q2 of 2026. The scheme is in the Option Selection stage, where six strategic options identified during the Phase 1 Preliminary Options Workshop are under assessment.

Public Engagement

Public consultation has played a central role in the development of the scheme. The first round of consultation, held in August 2025, invited residents, stakeholders, and the wider public to share local knowledge and identify key issues within the Study Area. A total of 14 submissions were received, acknowledged, and reviewed as part of the ongoing scheme development.

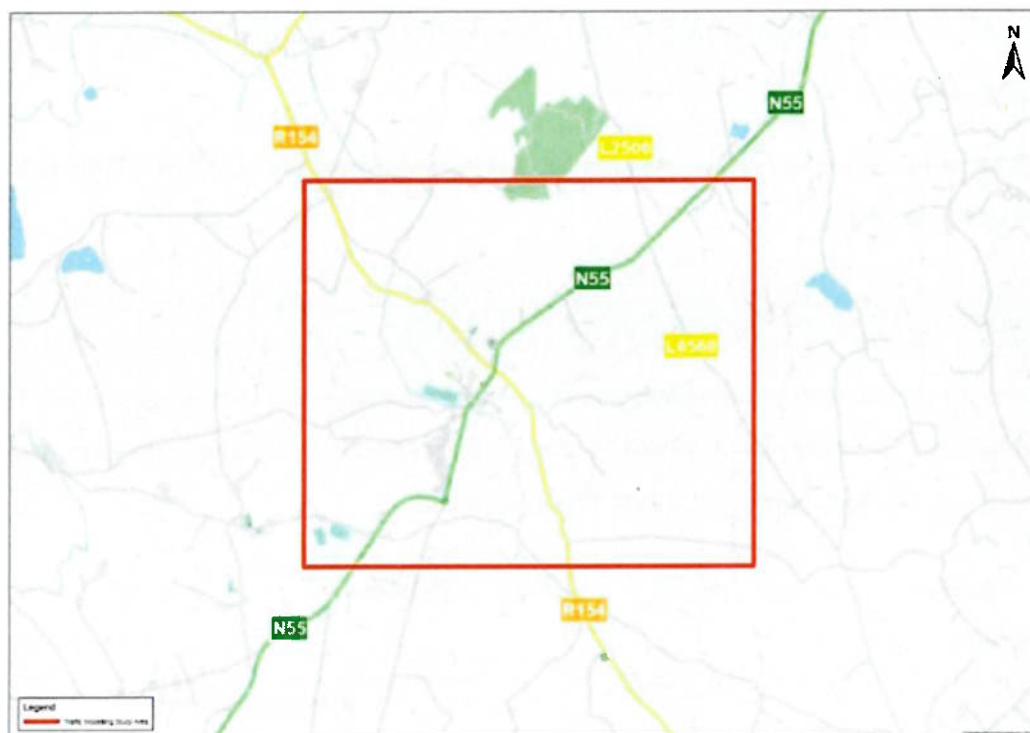
A second round of consultation is planned for November 2025 which will present the preliminary route options and invite further public input. These engagements ensure that community feedback is considered in the development of the preferred route.

Ongoing Work Includes:

- Analysis of traffic survey data and development of traffic models
- Preparation of the Options Report, including background and methodology



- Design of alignments for the proposed route options
- Preliminary site walkovers for environmental, ecological, drainage, and geotechnical assessments (53 landowners contacted across the Study Area)



Phase 1 Study Area for the N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES

VIRGINIA – CARRAKEELTY MORE SAFETY SCHEME.

This safety scheme incorporates online improvement works, junction improvements and minor road widening. RPS consultants are currently progressing this scheme through Phases 3 to 7 of the Project Management Guidelines. Landowner agreements are now in place to progress this scheme. RPS consulting engineers submitted a design report to TII, and it was approved. The construction contract will be tendered by the end of the year and subject to TII approval and funding, it is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in Q1/2026, with construction expected to commence in Spring 2026.

CAVAN CRYSTAL – KILMORE ROUNDABOUT SAFETY & PAVEMENT 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 have been appointed to progress this scheme through Phase 3 (Public Consultation) to



Phase 7 (Construction) of the Project Management Guidelines.

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 (if required), during which the public will have an opportunity to make submissions. Subject to successful advancement through planning, approval of the CPO, TII approval and funding - construction works are envisaged to commence in 2027.

N54 CLOVERHILL

Sight distance improvement works commenced in early November 2025 with completion due by the end of the month.

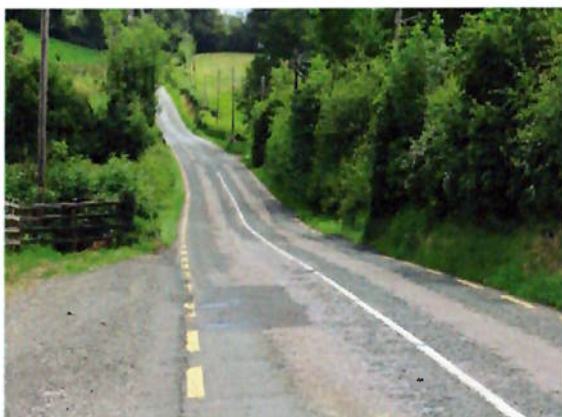
NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT OVERLAY SCHEMES

There are some pavement overlay schemes at different stages of progression on both National Primary and National Secondary Roads within County Cavan as follows. In addition to this, there were also several Emergency Works Schemes and HD28 sites completed.

Road Number	Scheme	Status
Pavement Schemes (National and Secondary)		
N3	Pollamore to Kilmore Roundabout Pavement Scheme	To be completed as part of Cavan Crystal – Kilmore Roundabout Safety
N87	North of Bawnboy and Swanlinbar (North & South)	Substantially complete August 25
Emergency Works Schemes (Mini PARR Schemes)		
N03	Cootehill and Ballyhaise Road Ramps	Substantially complete Oct 25
N03	Killygrogan	Substantially complete Nov 25
HD28 Sites		
N03	Cavan bypass along Cootehill road Junctions	Substantially complete Oct 25
N03	Billis	Substantially complete Nov 25
N87	Ballyhugh to Greaghrahan	Substantially complete Oct 25
Geo App Sites		



N03	Maghera, Virginia & Killygrogan	Completed spring / summer 25
N55	Corduff	Completed September 25
N03	Dublin Road, Cavan	Completed November 25



Above: Before and after of the completed works on the N87 Bawnboy North
and Swanlinbar North & South Pavement Schemes

NP RETROFIT FENCING 2025

TII allocated €55,000 for retrofitting of existing concrete/timber rail fencing along national routes with a revised fence type of a tensioned wire mesh restraining system. These systems are recommended for along clear zones on sections of the national road network where the 100 km/h speed limit applies.

Cavan County Council identify several sites along the N3 to be complete which were submitted to TII for funding and subsequently approved. Works commenced in October with completion due by early November 2025.



Above: Before and after of the completed retrofit fencing along the N3 at Pole



REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS

ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME

A grant of €19,193,150 was allocated to Cavan County Council during 2025 for the improvement and maintenance of Regional and Local roads in the county and this figure includes for Bridge Rehabilitation, Low-Cost Safety Schemes. Works generally consisted of drainage improvement, strengthening with granular and macadam materials and surface dressing. The 2025 RWP was delivered through the three Municipal Districts.



STRATEGIC REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS

R188 EAST WEST ROAD (FROM DUNDALK TO SLIGO):- RATHKENNY

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 is ongoing and it is envisaged that consultants will be appointed by the end of the year subject to Department approval.

SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT GRANT

L3504/R191 CANNINGSTOWN BRIDGE WIDENING AND JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In October 2024, Cavan County Council submitted a Specific Improvement Grant (SIG) application to the Department of Transport. The proposed project is a bridge rehabilitation/widening project incorporating junction safety improvements and addressing bridge hydraulic capacity issues at this junction located within Canningstown Village. The application was successful, and Cavan County Council received an allocation of €100,000 in 2025 to advance the project.

Cavan County Council tendered for Design Consultants in February 2025 with a return date of 14th March 2025. Tenders were 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 ongoing.



Above: Canningstown Bridge and Junction

REGIONAL & LOCAL ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES

Cavan County Council were notified of an allocation of €390,000 in 2025 that will allow for the completion of eight Low-Cost Safety Schemes across the county.

These projects are as follows.

- R194 L3020 Rantavan, Mullagh, Co. Cavan
- R165 Greaghagibney, Stradone, Co. Cavan
- R178 Enagh East /Lisnabantry, Virginia, Co. Cavan
- R199 Church Street, Killeshandra, Co.Cavan
- R202 Corratillan, Corlough,Co.Cavan
- R192 Mullaghard, Shercock, Co. Cavan
- R188/R165 Tullyvin, Rathkenny & Corravogy, Cootehill, Co.Cavan
- R198/L1514 Farnham Road & Golf Links Road Cavan /Lisnabantry, Virginia

(Postponed to 2026 due to Uisce Eireann works)



Above: R178 Enagh East



REGIONAL & LOCAL ROAD BRIDGE PROJECTS

Cavan County Council were notified of an allocation of €697,000 in Grant Allocations for Regional & Local Road Bridges for 2025. There were 12 number Department of Transport bridge rehabilitation schemes proposed for this funding together with bridge inventory and maintenance inspections on a further 100 bridge structures.

The proposed bridge rehabilitation schemes are as follows:

- L2029 Drumsivney Bridge,
- L5501 Kilnacranagh Bridge,
- R198 Corranea Bridge,
- R191 Gallon Etra Bridge,
- R201 Derrygeeraghan Bridge,
- L6531 Cornafean Bridge,
- R188 Clonconor Bridge,
- L1030 Arderry Bridge,
- L6530 Drumcoghill Lower Bridge,
- L6010 Barragh Bridge,
- R178 Glasleck Bridge,
- R194 Mullagh Bridge.



Q **Above:** Gallon Etra Bridge Before and After works

Mullaghboy Bridge

On Monday, 21st July significant damage occurred to Mullaghboy Masonry Arch bridge due to an extreme rainfall event that occurred the previous day, Sunday 20th July. The bridges structural elements including part of the bridge deck had been washed downstream as a result of a severe flooding surge rendering the road impassable.



The Road Design Office deemed that the original structure could not be salvaged and would need full replacement. Cavan County Council prioritised these works to ensure as little disruption to the public as possible by procuring a suitable bridge replacement design to meet the required increased capacity criteria. Cavan County Council also negotiated with a specialist bridge contractor McCabe Group to facilitate prompt



commencement of reconstruction works to minimise disruption.

Above: After Flood Damage



Bridge replacement works commenced on 1st August. Box culverts were installed on 13th August which offer increased hydraulic capacity compared to existing bridge structure and ancillary works are currently ongoing. The road was reopened to traffic on Wednesday 27th August at 6pm operating under a one-way shuttle system controlled by traffic lights. All remedial works are now substantially complete. The project was jointly funded by Cavan Council and the Department of Transport.

Above: At Substantial Completion

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE WORKS

Cavan County Council received an allocation of €520,000 under the Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Works Fund for 2025 for 4 projects across the county.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEMES

Cavan County Council received an allocation of €513,150 for Community Involvement in 2025 with the applicants providing 10% of the overall cost of the works. The allocation provided allowed for the completion of 5 schemes across the county.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Cavan County Council received an initial allocation of €519,476 from the Department of Rural and Community Development for Local Improvement Schemes in 2025. This allocation allowed for the completion of drainage, surfacing, and associated civil works to 9 schemes across the county. An



additional allocation of €662,498 was received in August allowing for a further 9 lanes to be completed in 2025.



Above: LIS works at Tonymore before and after

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Ongoing maintenance of the road network is critical in maintaining the investment of improvement works of previous years. The table below shows the value of maintenance works carried out during the year on each road type.

Road Category	Kms	Maintenance Costs 2025
National Primary	62	932,166
National Secondary	61	181,397
Regional	399	1,418,206
Local	248	5,375,533
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Total	301	7,907,302
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NATIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

During 2025 Cavan County Council received €697,430 in funding for maintenance of the national primary and secondary network in Cavan under the Winter Maintenance, Route Lighting, Ordinary Maintenance and Route Defects programmes.



REGIONAL & LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

In 2025 the DOT provided an allocation of €2.382 m in the form of a Discretionary Grant and €2.374m in Surface Restoration Grants specifically for the maintenance of the Regional & Local Road network. Cavan County Council provided an additional €1.74m from its own resources for the same purpose. The principal maintenance operations included drainage and surface repair work.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Cavan County Council treats a designated 640km of the Road network as part of its Winter Maintenance Service which accounts for 20% of the entire network. A Winter Service Response Plan and maps of the salting routes are posted on the Council's Website for public viewing. The National Road Network is prioritised as it carries the greatest volume of traffic and caters for higher speeds. Winter Maintenance is carried out as a pre-treatment based on forecast conditions.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Cavan County Council provides and maintains Public Lighting to a total of 29 towns and villages. Throughout the year the Council upgraded sections of the lighting infrastructure within each of the three Municipal Districts, including the use of LED technology which reduces the energy and maintenance costs and decreases carbon emissions.

84% of Cavan County Council's public lighting stock has been updated with LED fittings to date.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

In 2025 Cavan County Council's Active Travel initiatives significantly advanced sustainable transport, improved accessibility, and enhanced safety across the county. These efforts focused on integrating walking, cycling, and other non-motorised travel options into everyday life, promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing emissions, and creating more connected communities.

ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES 2025

Cavan County Council received €3,000,000 from the NTA for Active Travel projects in 2025 and an additional €500,000 for a Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. There was a total of 15 schemes progressed in 2025, several of which were carried over from 2024.



PROJECTS DELIVERED



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Communities throughout Cavan benefited from significant Active Travel investment in the county's pedestrian network. Works included the construction of new footpaths, upgrades to existing paths, and the addition of pedestrian crossings at key locations. Several 2025 schemes also delivered improvements to both pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

- Station Road, Cootehill Town
- Loreto school to Cavan Town
- Cootehill Town - Cavan Street/Road
- SRTS R2 St. Michael's N.S., Cootehill
- Farnham N.S, Cavan Town

Projects at Design – Consultant Led

- Virginia - Rampart River Footbridge
- Cavan Town - Urban Greenway Phase 2
- Cavan Town - Local Transport Plan
- Kingscourt - Urban Greenway/Permeability Link
- Market St Junction Bailieborough Town
- Cavan Town - Bus Station to Hospital, Active Travel Scheme
- Cootehill - SRTS R1, St Aidan's Secondary School

Projects at Design – In-house Design

- Cavan Town - Loreto school to Town Active Travel Scheme
- Cavan Town - Footpath Link to Farnham N.S
- Cootehill - Station Rd, Active Travel Scheme
- Bus Stop Enhancement Programme
- SRTS R2 St Mogues Secondary School, Bawnboy



Station Road, Cootehill Town

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.



Above: Complete Phase 1 Works

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 phase was tendered via www.supplygov.ie with the successful contractor being appointed in September and work commenced on site.

Phase 3, which involves a more complex design and safety considerations, received NTA approval to proceed with consultant engagement. It was tendered through the NTA Consultant Framework, with Tobin Consultant Engineers awarded the contract. Cavan County Council has held a pre-commencement meeting, carried out a site inspection, and preliminary design work is underway. This phase includes the realignment of the R191/R192 junction and the delivery of the SRTS scheme at St. Aidan's Secondary School.

Phase 4 extends from St. Michael's Church to the courthouse and is currently at preliminary design stage.

Bus Station to Cavan Hospital Active Travel Scheme

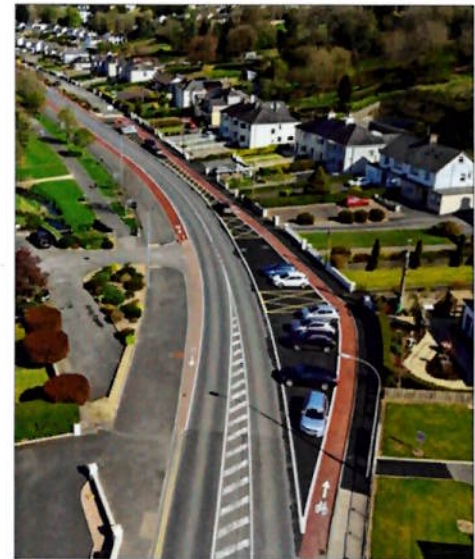
Cavan County Council (CNCC) has engaged design services through the NTA Consultants Framework to deliver a project aimed at improving cycleways and footpaths between Cavan General Hospital, the roundabout, and Cavan Town Bus Station. Tobin Consulting Engineers were awarded the contract and are progressing with preliminary design work. The scheme will include new footpaths and a dedicated cycle track along the R212 and R198, significantly enhancing connectivity between the hospital, surrounding residential and commercial areas, and the town center. It will also provide a direct link to Phase 1 of the Cavan Urban Greenway (completed in 2020) and integrate with the planned Phase 2.



Loreto school to Cavan Town Active Travel Scheme

Sections 1 and 2 of the scheme have been successfully completed, delivering a continuous and safe active travel corridor from John Sullivan Nursing Home to the junction at St. Felim's Hospital. These works included new footpaths, dedicated cycle lanes, and upgraded pedestrian infrastructure, significantly improving connectivity and safety for all users.

Section 3 is currently under construction and is on track for completion by year-end, with steady progress on-site. This phase continues the active travel route and incorporates further enhancements to pedestrian and cycling facilities, junction upgrades, and road safety improvements.



Above: Completed Phase 2 Works

Section 4 is at preliminary design stage, with CNCC's engineering team undertaking the design in-house. Planned features include widened footpaths, new pedestrian crossings, and raised, segregated cycle lanes to further improve safety and accessibility.

Cavan Urban Greenway

Phase 2 of the Cavan Urban Greenway will create a walking and cycling trail connecting Phase 1 of the Greenway at Cavan General Hospital to Farnham Road to Cavan town centre. This shared-use path will be approximately 3 to 4 meters wide, and will include landscaping, lighting and signage.

The consultant is advancing Phase 3, with ground investigations currently underway. Structural engineers are developing design solutions for the high embankment section along the old railway line through the mart and preparing drawings to finalise the preliminary design, including the proposed entry point at R198 Hospital Road.

OCSC will provide a provisional timeline for the Part 8 Planning process, which is currently targeted for Q2 2026. At the same time, environmental specialists are conducting screening and a full suite of surveys to inform planning and design. CNCC is actively engaging with landowners to agree on the proposed route and secure necessary approvals.



Cavan Local Transport Plan



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DBFL Consulting Engineers (DBFL) have been commissioned by Cavan County Council (CCC) to conduct an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Cavan Town.

This assessment is aligned with the Cavan County Development Plan and the Cavan Town Local Area Plan, focusing on guiding the town's growth towards a more compact, self-sustaining model, in line with national, regional, and local planning policies. The key aim of the Cavan Town Local Area Plan is to improve the town's planning, urban design, and infrastructure, contributing to the town's goal of becoming a "Low Carbon Town Centre." This initiative seeks to reduce the influence of cars on the public realm, encourage mixed-use development, and create a rejuvenated urban space. The ABTA will lead to the development a Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Cavan Town.



Above: Cavan Town

ABTA Study Area

A draft LTP has been received by Cavan County Council which has been reviewed by both the Roads and Planning sections with comments and observations being forwarded to DBFL for consideration.

A base transport model based on current traffic flows and surveys has been developed which will be used to predict future years traffic growth. It will also be used to determine the impact of future land use scenarios and possible road network interventions. Cavan County Council is currently in discussion with DBFL to develop and agree these inputs and interventions for the model.

Virginia - Rampart River footbridge Active Travel Measures

AECOM has been appointed by Cavan County Council to deliver consultancy services for the River Rampart Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, a key element of the Virginia Active Travel Scheme funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA). The project spans Phases 2 to 4 of the NTA Project Approval Guidelines and focuses on advancing sustainable transport solutions.

Key Objectives:

- Improve east-west connectivity across the River Rampart to encourage active travel.
- Reduce short car trips through Virginia town centre, easing congestion.
- Promote balanced and sustainable transport options.
- Minimise conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles by providing segregated spaces.



- Enhance the riverbank for recreational and commercial uses such as walking, cycling, and shopping.

AECOM is currently preparing the Preliminary Design Report and design drawings, which will outline future connectivity and permeability links to strengthen Virginia's town core

Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to Navan-Kingscourt Greenway

The Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway, a 30km route opened in mid-2024, follows the former railway line from Navan in County Meath to Kingscourt in County Cavan. It passes through several villages including Kilberry, Wilkinstown, Castletown Kilpatrick, Nobber, and Kilmainhamwood, before terminating at the old railway station east of Kingscourt. This greenway provides a scenic and safe corridor for pedestrians and cyclists, supporting both tourism and Active Travel in the region.

To improve connectivity, Cavan County Council has appointed PMCE consultants to develop a Permeability Link between Kingscourt Town and the greenway. This link will offer a safe and efficient route for pedestrians and cyclists accessing Kingscourt, addressing the current reliance on a road network that lacks footpaths and segregated cycle infrastructure.

As the greenway currently terminates approximately 1.5 km east of Kingscourt, the proposed link will ensure seamless access to local amenities for both residents and visitors. PMCE is progressing Phase 3 of the scheme, and Cavan County Council has commenced engagement with affected landowners

SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Active Travel initiative has been supporting the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme in Cavan, focusing on improving safety around schools through upgraded and additional infrastructure. These projects aim to enhance the safety and accessibility for students by creating safer environments for walking and cycling to school.

SRTS Projects in Cavan:

- **Cootehill** – St. Michael's N.S (SRTS R2)
- **Cootehill Town** – St. Aidan's Secondary School
- **Shercock Town** – St. Aidan's National School
- SRTS Round 3 - Killygarry NS. HSRR
- SRTS Round 3 - Mullahoran NS. HSRR



St. Michael's National School Cootehill



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The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) scheme for St. Michael's National School in Cootehill was completed in 2025. The project included the installation of new footpaths, upgrades to pedestrian crossings, and the implementation of traffic calming measures to improve safety and accessibility for students and the wider community. The majority of works in the vicinity of the school were carried out during the summer school holidays to minimise disruption.



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 and is currently in Phase 3 - Design and Environmental Evaluation. The preferred route corridor was published on the 8th October and is available to view on the projects website at www.sln-cr-greenway.com

CAVAN 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 has formally requested approval from TII to



appoint RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd as the technical consultant for the project.

ROAD SAFETY

The National Road Safety Strategy for 2021 – 2030, *Our Journey Towards Vision Zero*, was published in 2021. The publication of this strategy required the development of a new Road Safety Action Plan by the council. The plan for 2024 was prepared by the Cavan Road Safety Working Together Group, which is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary group to ensure a co-ordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to improving safety for all road users. Guidelines for the next action plan (2025 – 2027) are due to be issued in quarter one of 2025.

Cavan Road Safety Working Together Group includes members from Cavan County Council, Fire Service, RSA, TII, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Ambulance Service and Cavan Monaghan Education & Training Board.

Vision Zero has set ambitious targets of a 50% reduction of road deaths by 2030. Vision Zero will be delivered through embedding the Safe System approach into our national road safety policy and practice. This approach aims to reduce the likelihood of a collision occurring and if one does occur, to ensure that the road users involved will not be killed or seriously injured. The seven areas of intervention of our Safe System approach are:

- Safe roads and roadsides: to improve the protective quality of our roads and infrastructure.
- Safe speeds: to reduce speeds to safe, appropriate levels for the roads being used and the road users using them.
- Safe vehicles: to enhance the safety features and roadworthiness of vehicles on our roads.
- Safe road use: to improve road user standards and behaviours in line with traffic legislation, supported by enforcement.
- Post-crash response: to improve the treatment and rehabilitation of collision casualties.
- Safe and healthy modes of travel: to promote and protect road users engaging in public or active transport.
- Safe work-related road use: to improve safety management of work-related journeys.

The Road Safety Action Plan 2025 – 2027 will be published in 2025.



KINGSCOURT TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION SCHEME

The Design Team working on the Kingscourt Town Centre Regeneration Scheme have completed the detailed design for the scheme. A final submission of all drawings and specifications for the project was received in January of this year. Complete sets of construction stage tender documents for the scheme have also been prepared.



SCHEME OVERVIEW

A detailed application for a grant towards construction stage funding was prepared and submitted to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) in February 2024. This fund is financed under Project Ireland 2040 and is administered by the Dept of Rural and Community Development.

In May 2024 Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys T.D. announced that the Kingscourt Town centre regeneration scheme was amongst the successful applicants for Category 1 funding. The scheme has been granted €10,897,812 from the RRDF to proceed with next stage of its development. A match funding contribution from Cavan County Council of €1,210,868.00 is required to secure this Category 1 grant. As the estimated Total Project Cost for the development stage totalling €12,108,680.00.

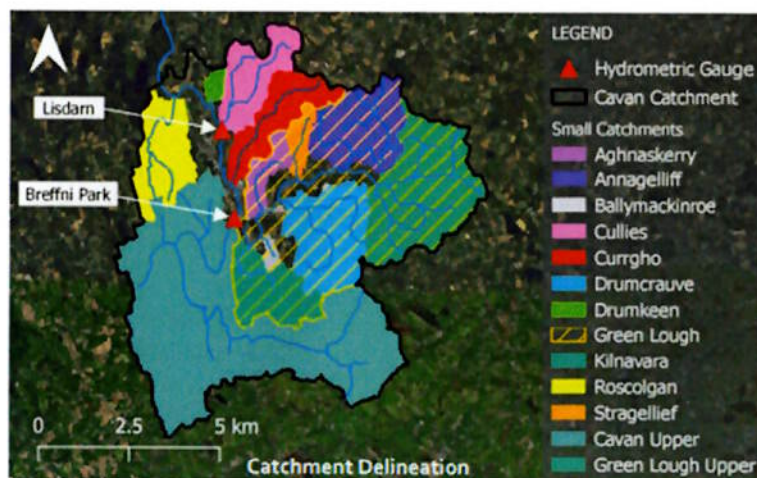
In Q3 2025 Cavan County Council received a Letter of Offer in Principle for the grant and a funding agreement between DRCDG and Cavan County Council is now in place progress the scheme to the next stage of its development.





CAVAN TOWN FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

The Cavan Town Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) project consists of five stages with Stage 1: Identification and Development of a Preferred Scheme currently ongoing. Additional stages include Planning, Scheme Development and Detailed Design, Construction and ultimately finishing with Handover of the Works. A project Steering Group for the scheme constitutes Cavan County Council (CCC) as the Client, the Office of Public Works (OPW) as the funding authority and Ayesa as the schemes Engineering and Environmental consultants.



Above: A map of the catchments within the Cavan Town scheme area.

The status of the project is as follows.

- The 3rd draft of the Hydrology Report for the scheme has been received by the Steering Group for review in Q3 2025.
- The schemes consultants have updated the Ground Investigation scope of works and the updated documentation, schedule and drawings have been issued to IGSL, the site investigation contractor. All landowners impacted by the works will be contacted in advance of any works commencing by the project team.
- The draft Baseline Hydraulics report for the scheme along with its associated GIS deliverables was submitted by the consultants (Q3). This is currently under review by the project steering group.
- 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.
- Envirico have carried out this year's autumn invasive and alien species (IAS) treatment works in Cavan Town.



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

One of the main objectives of Better Local Government was to enhance Local Democracy and as a result Strategic Policy Committees were set up. These provide a new forum for Elected Representatives of the Council and Representatives of Community and State Organisations to work together to develop new policies and review old ones. Each Committee is chaired by a Member of the Council and is serviced by a Director of Services. There were two SPC meetings in 2025 to date, one in May and the other in October.



DIVISION C – WATER SERVICES

All measures contained in the Irish Water Service Level Agreement and Rural Water Programme are fully supportive of objectives 1 to 6 in the Corporate Plan as they ensure the availability of an adequate and quality supply of drinking water for the people of Cavan and the provision and maintenance of wastewater treatment infrastructure for the county.

Cavan County Council Water Services Section continues to adapt to challenges of what is still a relatively new operating environment in collaboration with Uisce Eireann. 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 Eireann.

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 Eireann 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

The year 2022 marked year 9 of a 12-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Uisce Eireann for the delivery of the services. In February 2022, the government published a **Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper, Uisce Eireann – 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 Eireann) 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**, (published in June 2022), 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 has continued to move forward since June 2022 and is expected to culminate in the transition of the management of the water services function to Uisce Eireann during 2023 with 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 Eireann in Cavan County Council was September 6th, 2023. Uisce Eireann have now assumed the direct management of the water services function in respect of public water supplies and wastewater collection & treatment networks.



GROUP WATER SCHEMES



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The measures contained in the Rural Water Programme in providing financial support to the group water and sewerage scheme sectors are designed to support communities, stimulate sustainable economic activity, protect and enhance natural environmental resources, develop infrastructural capacity, promote a positive image of Cavan County Council as the fund approving body for capital grants and, finally, to ensure that all monies spent will be under the guise of good overall governance and comply with the terms and conditions as set out by the Department.

Cavan County Council is responsible for the administration of grants and subsidies for Group Water and Sewerage Schemes under the Rural Water Programme in Cavan (*Strategic Objective 1 - Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit, Strategic Objective 2 - People – strengthening our communities, Strategic Objective 3 - Economy – Promoting Economics, Enterprise and Tourism Development & Strategic Objective 5 - Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration*).

CAPITAL RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021

The Department introduced a Multi Annual approach to the operation of the Rural Water Programme for the years 2019 to 2021 and all schemes submitted work proposals to cover those years. An expert panel was put in place by the Department to evaluate all submissions and make recommendations to the Department and Minister for approval. Details of allocations were announced in October 2019. Cavan County Council initially received scheme/project specific notification of allocations totaling €1,686,471 under this Programme. This increased to €2,107,016 during the term of the Programme. These allocations are both scheme and project specific. This provided funding for 27 schemes or scheme bundles and 51 specific projects. All projects are now complete.



The major items delivered under 2019 – 2021 MARWP was a significant Upgrade to Crossdoney GWS Water Treatment Plant.

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 68 specific projects in the amount of €18,518,525.09.

As set out in the Framework documentation provided by Dept., all applications received by the Department undergo a two-stage evaluation process.

Stage one involved the Department assessing each application to determine eligibility under the Programme. Stage one was completed in Q3 2024 with all submissions by Cavan County Council been deemed eligible to pass to Stage 2.

Stage two of the process involves the evaluation and review of each individual project by an independent Expert Panel.

As stated, the 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.**

Cavan County Council has engaged with Department in regard to a number of schemes who had sought funding under Measure A2 but who have not yet had a final decision in regard to funding. Further information/clarifications were requested and following engagement with these schemes this information was submitted to Department in early February 2025 for further evaluation by expert panel.

The recommendations from the expert panel are scheme and project specific.

The Expert Panel is continuing its work in its evaluation of the applications received under the remaining measure:

- Measure A2: Water Treatment Provision, Improvements and Capital Replacement (existing private group water schemes). (The projects still under evaluation by Expert Panel under this Measure entail proposed expenditure in excess of €10M).

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO GROUP WATER SCHEMES

The process by which subsidy payments are made to group schemes has been updated in recent years. There are now three types of subsidies set out as follows. Subsidy A relates to the general operational and management costs incurred in the operation of a group scheme. Subsidy B relates to the operation and maintenance costs associated with the “bona fide” Design/Build/Operate contracts for schemes that have their own treatment plants. Subsidy C is a new incentive available to small private group water schemes (of less than one hundred houses) to progress amalgamation/rationalisation with other schemes. This incentive is limited to three years. It ties in with Corporate Plan Objectives 2 and 3 as it seeks to ensure the long-term viability and sustainable water quality of smaller group schemes. It is estimated that subsidy payments in the region of €7,000,000 will be issued to schemes in 2025.



The improved rates again demonstrate the commitment of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to the Rural Water Programme and to the work that is ongoing throughout the country as a direct result of the partnership and collaborative approach taken by the group schemes, the National Federation of Group Water Schemes, the Local Authorities and the Department in the delivery of potable water.

Water Services process grants for the improvement of private water supplies to houses. This scheme was updated in 2020 under Circular L4/20 (V2) and forms part of the funding investment under Measure 8 of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2019 to 2021. This funding stream supports Corporate Objective 4 - *Strengthen our communities, to remove disadvantages and make them more resilient.*

The objective of the grant scheme is to assist households dependent on these supplies where capital expenditure is incurred in order to remedy supplies that are not wholesome and clean, or where the quantity of water supplied is insufficient to meet the domestic needs of the household. The new grant is designed to facilitate the provision of a potable water supply for rural households that cannot connect to a mains supply. The grant will ease the costs of water delivery in these areas, by providing access to a reliable, clean, and safe source of drinking water.

The key features of the updated scheme are:

- The grant payable for rehabilitation works is 85% of approved costs subject to a maximum of €3,000.
- The grant payable for the provision of a new well is 85% of the approved costs subject to a maximum of €5,000, where the local authority agrees that this is the most appropriate solution.
- In recognizing the role of the grant in improving water quality, the water quality treatment element (typically filtration and Ultraviolet treatment) qualifies for 100% funding up to a maximum of €1,000. This can be claimed on its own or in addition to either the grant for rehabilitation works or the grant for a new well.
- The minimum grant threshold is €750 for each grant measure.

Well grants totaling €311,757.10 have been issued to applicants since the initiation of MARWP 2019-2021.



REVISED LEAD REMEDIATION GRANT

The funding scheme has been in existence since 2016 and in 2023, The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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.

Lead Remediation grants totaling €5,400 have been issued to applicants since the initiation of MARWP 2019-2021.

EARLY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT, (ECI) - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, (WWTP) CAPITAL UPGRADE PROJECTS

Under the Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2020 – 2024, 52 wastewater treatment plants were identified across the country for 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 initially completed for the above-named sites in Q4 2019 and were progressed to gate 2 works, (Planning, Design, EIA, EIS etc.), in Q1 2020.

WWTP ECI Programme

ECI contractor (VEOLIA Water Ireland) have been engaged by Uisce Eireann and are currently progressing the respective Projects in collaboration with Cavan County Council's Major Capital Project Office and the wider ECI Project team through to completion having agreed the following Project Brief packages from UE.

Virginia

Increase current capacity from 2000 PE to 6075 PE.

Upgrade process to meet the current WWDL requirements.



Ballyjamesduff

Increase current capacity from 2200 PE to 6600 PE*

Upgrade process to meet the UWWTR requirements.

**UE have reviewed the initial 6600PE figure and have indicated that owing to budgetary restraints a downward revision of this target capacity figure to 4300PE for the 10-year horizon and 5200 PE for the 25-year horizon*

Virginia & Ballyjamesduff WWTP's

The Water Services Major Capital Section continues to work in collaborative partnership with Irish Water's Wastewater ECI Project team to progress and finalise design submissions and Project Programmes and associated timelines in ongoing consultation with VEOLIA Water Ireland (VWI).

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 Q3 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 VWI taking possession of the site and commencing the operation of the asset on behalf of UE for the duration of the Construction phase and the commissioning stage thereafter.

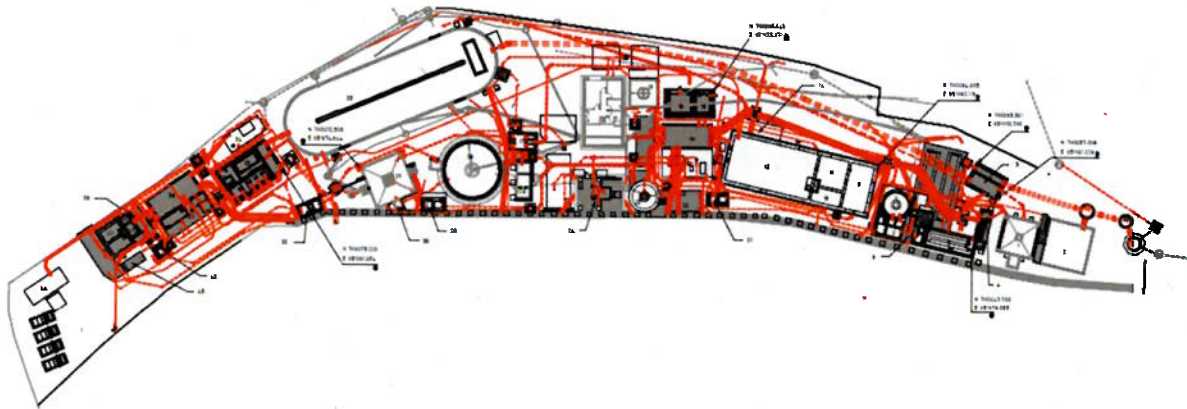
Workshop 7 (start on site) milestone was achieved in March 2024.

At present the guideline/estimated completion date for Ballyjamesduff WWTP as provided by UE is Q3 2026. This provisional completion date is currently being reviewed by the Project Team. 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.

Official monthly progress meetings take place at the Contractor's site offices. Estimated timeline for substantial completion is Q1 2027.



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Proposed Site Layout Upgraded Ballyjamesduff Wastewater Treatment Plant

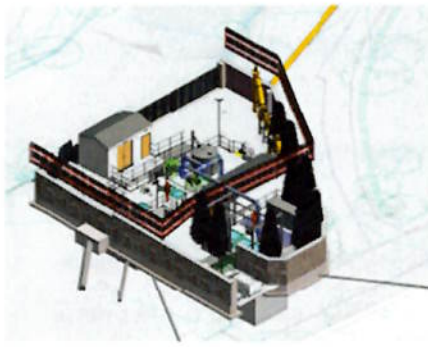


**Works ongoing on site Upgraded Ballyjamesduff Wastewater Treatment Plant
Virginia WWTP**

The Planning Application submission milestone for the Virginia Project took place on the 5th of 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 on 3rd 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 completion date for Virginia WWTP as provided by UE is Q2 2026. *This provisional completion date is currently being reviewed by the Project Team. 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.*

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. Estimated timeline for substantial completion is Q1 2027.



Perspective of Inlet Works Pumping

Station – Virginia WWTP



Perspective of Upgraded Wastewater Treatment Plant



Aerial View showing progress to date on site of Upgraded Virginia Wastewater Treatment Plant



Project Breifne - Cootehill, Bailieborough & Kingscourt WWTP's

(KCB) – Kingscourt, Cootehill & Bailieborough Projects

CCC has been engaged in (PCI stage) preliminary design works for Cootehill, Bailieborough and Kingscourt (Workshop 1) with the finalised Project scopes for these WWTP having been agreed and reviewed in ongoing consultation with UE / VWI. Initial Data capture / gathering exercises took place at each of these three sites throughout 2022 and 2023 and the subsequent RFI's which resulted from this activity were progressed in consultation with UE's appointed technical assurance representatives. It is envisaged that further site visits will be required during 2024 commencing in March to assist the designers in further development of the preferred Design Option which was adopted at Workshop 2 stage.

Technical review meetings are currently being held as required to assist the Contractor and their appointed Consultants in formulating proposed Treatment process design options for further consideration and formal approval purposes. This exercise will enable VWI to further develop the preferred option design which will be assessed jointly by the LA and UE ECI team from a technical assurance standpoint.

At present the guideline/estimated practical completion date for the Cootehill, Bailieborough and Kingscourt Projects is currently set for Q4 2027 as advised by UE. CCC LA Major Capital Office will continue to strive for the earliest completion date seeking to maximise Programme related efficiencies regarding milestone dates where possible.

The Workshop 2 milestone for these three Projects was achieved in July 2023.

Following a pull plan Programme workshop held in January 2025 and subsequent design reviews undertaken by the wider Project team - the revised provisional Workshop 4 milestone dates are currently envisaged as follows.

- Bailieborough WWTP – Q3 2025
- Kingscourt WWTP – Q1 2026
- Cootehill WWTP – Q1 2026

Subject to successful achievement of the above milestones, it is further envisaged that each Project will progress to the Planning Stage shortly thereafter in each instance. As Bailieborough WWTP has been progressed further than the other two Projects at this stage – a Planning Application submitted to our own CCC LA Planning Department in early Q3 2025. Thereafter, it is provisionally anticipated that both the Kingscourt and Cootehill Projects will reach the Planning Application submission stage by Q4 of 2025 and Q1 of 2026 respectively.



CCC LA Capital Office has continually collaborated with UE VWI and the wider Project team since 2023 to ensure the necessary funding required was allocated and it has been confirmed that this funding is now committed and available to progress these three Projects to their respective Workshop 4/6 milestones.

Please see below update from the current Breifne (KCB) commitment tracker / pull plan highlighting key actions relating to the PCI (Design) stage which were achieved over December 2023 and January 2024 including confirmation of the target design commencement date which was previously set for January 2024.

- Consolidation of a Breifne (KCB) lookahead 2025 / 2026 Project programme by VWI is ongoing whereby sufficient submissions and subsequent responses have been sought jointly by UE / CCC LA Major Capital Office in relation to key Project milestones and process design related clarifications / assurances.

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

Construction starts – Q1 2026

Substantial Completion (30 months) – Q4 2028

Kingscourt WWTP – Project Details

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

Proposed PE – 5700

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q4 2025

Contract Signing – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q4 2028

Cootehill WWTP – Project Details*

Existing PE – Design:2,756 currently treating 3,353 PE

Proposed PE – 5,200

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q1 2026

Proposed WWDL date – After planning application submission

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026



OUR COUNCIL – PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE LOCAL AUTHORITY

(Strategic objective 6)

Water Services operates within an area that comprises many key external stakeholders. In order to provide those key players with a high standard of service, it is imperative that good governance, accountability, and staff development are at the core of everything we do. This includes.

- **Staff Training** – Appropriate training is provided to water services staff to enable them to fulfil their roles and develop their skill to enable them to provide a high standard of service.
- **Performance Management and Development System (PMDS)** - Performance Management and Development System (PMDS) is the mechanism used to support and improve performance at individual, team and organisational levels and is a means of engaging, supporting, and developing individual staff members. The competency framework, now embedded in the organisation for both Senior and Middle Managers, is an integral part of our PMDS process.
- **Team Meetings** – Regular and structured team meetings ensure an effective flow of information between all members of the water services team.
- **Risk Register** – Water Services maintains a Risk Register and reviews annually to manage and minimise risks to staff and service users.
- **Procurement** – Water Service staff follow procurement protocol as set out by the procurement section of Cavan County Council.
- **Internal Audit** – Water Services staff comply with any requests for information in a timely manner.
- **FOI & Data Protection Requests** - Water Services staff work closely with corporate services to ensure FOI requests are processed in line with legislation and within prescribed timeframes.

ACHIEVING CORE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF COUNTY CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2029

The Water Services Section of Cavan County Council at all times endeavors to contribute to the 6 Strategic Corporate Objectives as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2024-2029 namely.

1. Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit
2. People – strengthening our communities
3. Economy – Promoting Economics, Enterprise and Tourism Development
4. Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan
5. Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration
6. Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority



This is achieved through engagement with all key stakeholders and local, regional and national level and including those which are formed both on statutory and voluntary bases. This includes for example our ongoing interaction with Uisce Éireann on the ongoing delivery of the operation/management and infrastructural improvement of public water and wastewater schemes. It also includes ongoing interaction with Group Water Schemes, the National Federation for Group Water Schemes and the Dept. in respect of the rural water programme. The Council also engage with such statutory bodies as the HSE & EPA in the regulation of the water services function.



DIVISION D – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

FORWARD PLANNING AND HERITAGE

The Planning Department operates in adherence with the adopted Cavan County Development Plan, incorporating a Local Area Plan for Cavan Town 2022-2028, which came into effect on 11th July 2022. These documents set out a blueprint for the future development and have been subject to extensive public consultation during their preparation and adoption stage. As well as being available online, every library in the County has a full suite of the adopted development plan documents including Development Plan 2022-2028, Land Use Zoning Maps, Appendices and the Environmental Reports which includes the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment.

Work commenced following the adoption of the plan, on the implementation of the objectives of the County Development Plan 2022-2028. In this regard, the forward planning team are processing key priority time bound development objectives, for example the Cavan Town Area Based Transport Assessment with the Active Travel team. Environmental screening is also ongoing on a new Draft Landscape Character Assessment for the County. Extensive public consultation and engagement was completed as part of the preparation of this draft document. Works are near completion for a new draft Masterplan in Virginia. Public consultation is ongoing at present that will feed into the preparation of a draft county wide Renewable Energy Strategy. Consultants have been appointed for the development of the Farnham Street backlands Masterplan. Baseline reports and a well-attended public consultation event have been completed. Stakeholder engagement is also ongoing.

The Forward Planning Team will place a strong focus on the delivery of a variation of the County Development Plan to incorporate the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines – National Planning Framework Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements. This will require a variation of the County Development Plan 2022-2028, to incorporate the additional provision of zoned lands for housing purposes, in order to offer choice and acknowledge that for a variety of reasons, a relatively significant proportion of zoned lands are not activated over the development plan period. The guidelines



require a Chief Executives Report to be issued following an assessment of the current adopted development plan and review of the core strategy, settlement strategy and zoning objectives against the new Guidelines. A review is also required of the adequacy of the existing zoned lands to cater for the Housing Growth Requirement figures and the potential for 'additional provision' for the full duration of the development plan period. The Chief Executives report shall also include details on the development capacity of existing zoned lands, details on the serviced status and planning status of lands and the means of how it intends to secure the objectives of the new Guidelines.

Since the adoption of the development plan, work is also ongoing on the monitoring of the objectives of the development plan. This includes monitoring of housing, commercial and community development approved and/or commenced in the County. As required, the collection of data of approvals of rural houses on brownfield sites is also being monitored. The Forward Planning Team utilise this information for the progress Reports on the Development Plan. The 2-year Progress Report was issued in 2025. This information is also required by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly.

The Forward Planning team are also facilitating locally the roll out of the National Residential Zoned Land Tax programme (RZLT). This includes the preparation and display of maps identifying relevant lands. Relevant lands include existing residential zoned land, proposed residential zoned land, mixed use lands and town or village core zoned lands. In addition to this, the forward planning team are required to carry out the public consultation requirements whereby submissions were invited and processed in accordance with legislation.

At the beginning of each year, the Forward Planning Team are responsible for the display of the Final RZLT Maps for that year and following survey, the production of the Draft RZLT Maps for the following year. Revenue Commissioners collect the annual tax. The overall aim of the RZLT is to bring underutilised land forward for residential development. This will provide a greater incentive to undertake development that will deliver housing.



A new Cavan County Heritage Plan and Biodiversity Plan is currently being developed and it is anticipated that this new plan will be published in 2025. These plans will contain a number of core aims and objectives with identified actions to enhance, conserve, protect and manage the county's tangible and intangible heritage.

The Heritage Office continues to implement objectives and actions of the County Heritage Plan and the Local Biodiversity Action Plan, an annual work program is devised from these strategic plans. In 2026 Cavan Heritage Office will continue:-

- The building of our knowledge base on heritage, e.g. scientific research on habitats and their management. This year we will continue our citizen science programme and to collect data, particularly in relation to invasive species. The Heritage Office will continue to promote the Hedgerow Survey undertaken in 2023 and to continue to implement findings in 2026.
- Collection of data, which has enabled us to develop policy within our County Development Plan. Surveys such as the Barn Owl Survey and Swift Survey undertaken in 2025 allows us to gain a better insight into these endangered species, how they are performing in Cavan and how we can enhance the population into the future. This data collection will also inform policies at both regional and local levels and will continue into 2026.
- Making heritage accessible to the wider community – in 2025, a project supported by the Heritage Council '*Placing Heritage at the Heart of the Community*' was once again undertaken. This project allowed us to reach out to communities throughout the county and indeed across the world through our successful podcast series, '*Where We Belong*'. Series 5 will launch in December focusing on local stories from local people throughout the County including The Holy Rosary Nuns, Cavan Genealogy, The Ellis brothers and Cavan GAA Wembley story.
- Cavan Heritage Office will continue its successful Oral History Project and in 2026 we will continue to grow our Oral History Stories recorded by Heritage ambassadors throughout the county. Cavan Heritage Office will work closely with Cavan Library Services, particularly our new archivist to ensure the safe storage of this precious resource.
- The Heritage Office continues to work with Historic Graveyards Network. We now have a number of historic graveyards with comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, Biodiversity Plans and Guidelines and in addition a number of our Historic Graveyards have received money



towards the cost of minor conservation works. This work will continue in 2026. Year on year the Heritage Office is approached by communities undertaking works on local historic graveyards.

A strong partnership has developed between the wider communities and the council in caring for this valuable part of our heritage.

- Cavan Heritage Office will build on the success of Cavan Golden Ways and will continue to work with Golden Way Communities throughout the county. Works include surveys of natural and built heritage along Golden Ways, creative ways to respond to the heritage along these Golden Ways and working closely and in partnership with the local communities.



- The Heritage Office will continue to access funding for heritage initiatives in 2026 including work with the owners and occupiers of Protected Structures throughout the county, namely through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Structures at Risk Fund. In addition, our Archaeological Heritage has received funding through the Community Monuments Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and we will continue to seek funding under this scheme. The Heritage Office will continue to access heritage funding as it becomes available, such as Shared Island funding. The Heritage Office will continue to apply for funding through the National Biodiversity Action Plan to carry out projects focused on our Natural Heritage. Cavan Heritage Office acknowledges the continued support of Cavan County Council and the Heritage Council for core funding to implement actions of Cavan County Heritage Plan and Cavan Biodiversity Action Plan



ABBEYLANDS REGENERATION PROJECT

The Planning Department are responsible for managing projects approved funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).



Under the URDF funding Call 1, the Abbeylands Regeneration project in the centre of Cavan town, which is a key project under this programme, secured funding in June 2019 of

€262,500 (with 25% match funding) towards the preparation of a Masterplan for the area. Under the URDF funding Call 2, an additional €14.493m funding (with 25% match funding) was secured in August 2021 towards the delivery of the capital works associated with the redevelopment of this key historic site.



Phase 1 provides for the construction of a Remote Working Centre (1483m²) and a Community Services Centre (939m²), both of which are to frame around a new central plaza with pedestrian links through to the surrounding streets.



Part VIII planning was approved in March 2023 and an Architect led multidisciplinary design team appointed in late November of that year to progress through stages 2 to 5 of the capital works management framework stages.



The Council have a live two-stage restricted process European-wide tender underway, for the Main Contract works at Abbeylands, with prequalification stage one complete.

After a prolonged and complex programme, an initial enabling works contract has now been completed on the site, which included demolitions, propping, shoring and stabilisation of protected structures and associated archaeology works to this national monument site. A separate ground investigation works contract is due to conclude shortly.



The Council expect to award a glulam (glue-laminated-timber) and CLT (cross-laminated- timber) works specialist contract in the coming days that will see this specialist work

alongside the multi-disciplinary design team in finalising designs for the timber structures of both office buildings.



Upon conclusion of these designs, the final tender pack will be issued to the Main Contract tenderers, for stage two of the restricted process tender process to progress. At conclusion of this tender process, and upon submission and approval of a final business plan for the project to the Department, the project will have completed Decision Gate 2 of the Department Public Spending Code, allowing for the main contractor appointment. It is anticipated that the Main Contractor will be appointed in Q2 of 2026 with an expected construction period of 2 years.

URDF FUNDING CALL 3 – DEDICATED REVOLVING FUND

The URDF funding Call 3 which focuses on Cavan Town is distinct from previous funding calls with the funding support acting as a dedicated revolving fund within each local authority designed to address the financial barrier and risk faced by local authorities in seeking to address long term vacant and derelict properties in their URDF approved towns & cities.

Under this call, Cavan County Council secured €3.5m to acquire long term vacant and derelict properties for onward sale or reuse. The revolving URDF fund will be replenished from the proceeds received from the sale or reuse of properties or sites, allowing the local authority to establish a rolling programme of acquisitions to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction.

Under this programme Cavan County Council have engaged with owners of properties



within the urban core on address of dereliction, have begun the process of compulsory purchase order and purchase by agreement of department pre-approved derelict properties that have failed to be reactivated by the owners. Upon acquisition of these properties, the Council will be aiming to carry out any urgent works to stabilise before offering onto the open market for sale on condition of reactivation.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

The Planning Authority may, when granting a planning permission under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, include a condition that requires payment of a contribution as set out in the scheme.

Development contribution receipts under the current scheme are attributed towards the provision of certain classes of public expenditure and facilities benefiting the County apportioned as follows:

Roads, Infrastructure and Facilities	87%
Surface Water	1.5%
Recreation, Parks and Open Space/community facilities	11.5%

With the introduction of Irish Water, changes were implemented which saw all planning permissions granted from 1st January 2014 being levied, where applicable, for Development Contributions, less the Water and Wastewater element (i.e. 28% in Cavan County Council). From 2017, the development contribution charge does not include any element for water/wastewater. A contribution is now charged directly by Irish Water to the applicant in this regard.

It is estimated that €2,000,000 approximately will be received by Cavan County Council in development contributions in 2025 (excluding Irish Water) but including receipts from the Temporary Waiver in respect of Development Contributions. The financial system P.D.C. (Planning Development Contributions) continues to be used to monitor outstanding contributions on a customer basis which enables the planning authority to track contributions more easily and to provide a more accurate picture of commencements and any monies outstanding. Customers can avail of standing order facilities and phased payments when paying development contributions. All grants of permission which do not have a Commencement Notice continue to be checked to establish whether they were commenced or not and invoiced accordingly.



The current Planning and Development Contribution Scheme is currently under review. The new scheme will come into effect in 2026. It is anticipated that the amount of development contributions received in 2026 will be significantly lower than recent years due to the cessation of the temporary waiver scheme.

The Temporary Development Contribution waiver and Uisce Éireann Water Connection Charge refund arrangements

The arrangements introduced in 2023 providing for the temporary waiving of Development Contributions and the refunding of Uisce Éireann water connection charges, ceased last year on the dates indicated as follows:

- development works on qualifying housing units shall commence not later than **31 December 2024;**
- the water connection charge refund arrangements terminated on 30 September 2024 with the development levy waiver remaining in place on its own until **31 December 2024;**

The date for the completion of development works on qualifying houses under the scheme is **31 December 2026.**

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

It is anticipated that the Planning Department will receive in excess of 750 No. new planning applications in 2025, a slight increase to that received for the previous year (732 No. received in 2024). Application types were dominated by single dwelling houses, domestic extensions/renovations and agricultural developments.

Approximately 20% of all applications received to date this year are for retention permissions (101 No. applications in 2024) which reflects the work being done in the Enforcement Section. It is anticipated that the number and type of planning applications for 2026 will again be consistent with numbers received in recent years.

The number of applications for Declarations under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (exempted development) has remained generally



consistent with previous years with 42 No. applications received to date this year (44 No. applications received in 2024).

E-PLANNING

e- Planning was introduced in Cavan County Council in April 2023. The new online portal allows agents, developers and members of the public to submit applications and make submissions/observations electronically and will run in conjunction with the existing paper based system. The e-planning system offers improved efficiency in the statutory planning process. Benefits of the online system include:

- Standardises the process across all planning authorities
- Making planning applications to all local authorities from one portal
- Reduces printing costs
- Allows for submission/observations to be made online
- View and make submissions on Part VIII applications
- Pay on-line

To date for 2025, 93% of planning applications received by the planning authority have been submitted online.

ENFORCEMENT



Cavan County Council is responsible for the planning system and in its role as a Planning Authority, this includes enforcement relating to breaches of planning legislation and taking action on unauthorised development. In order to maintain an effective planning enforcement regime to ensure the credibility of the planning system as per the Planning and Development Acts 2000 as amended, the authority is obligated to investigate alleged



unauthorised development within the planning code and to rectify or regularise these, retrospectively.

The Planning Enforcement Section has opened 79 Enforcement cases in 2025 to date (January – October 2025).

During 2025 to date, a total of 46 no. cases were closed. The closure of cases derives from the following:

- Planning decisions granted for RETENTION applications;
- Determination on whether development is exempted development.
- Remedial works undertaken following enforcement action; or
- Determination on whether the Planning Authority is precluded from (or “statute barred” due to the 7 year rule), taking enforcement action or if there is no evidence of works being carried out (burden of proof).

Number of Enforcement files currently active/open (2019 - 2025)	Number of Enforcement Cases closed (during 2025)
Total no. 446	Total no. 46 /cases closed per year: 2017 - 2 2020 - 1 2023 - 3 2024 - 15 2025 - 25

Where there is Construction so should there be Inspections



Building Regulations (Building Regulations) are made for the health, safety, and welfare of people in or about buildings, conservation of fuel and energy and access for all. A construction product used in a building works must be fit for the purpose and conditions it is to be used and must be properly installed in a workmanlike manner. This means, the construction product must be durable, safe, hygienic and sustainable for the lifetime of the building works which in this case is 50-60 years!

To comply with Building Regulations Part D (Materials and Workmanship) all works **"shall be carried out with proper materials and in a workmanlike manner"**. Furthermore, **"proper materials"** means materials which are fit for the use for which they are intended and for the conditions in which they are to be used, and includes materials which:

- (a) bear a CE Marking in accordance with the provisions of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR);
- (b) comply with an appropriate harmonised standard or European Technical Assessment in accordance CPR; or
- (c) comply with an appropriate Irish Standard or Irish Agreement, which provides in use an equivalent level of safety and suitability.

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"Construction Products Regulation" EU 305 of 2011, prescribes **BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS. Construction works as a whole and in their separate parts must be fit for their intended use, taking into account in particular the health and safety of persons involved throughout the life cycle of the works. Subject to normal maintenance, construction works must satisfy these basic requirements for construction works for an economically reasonable working life."**

An economically reasonable working life is 50-60 years! To ensure a proper standard of workmanship, it is essential that people carrying out construction works are **competent**, which is defined in the Building Control Regulations as a person **"possessing sufficient training, experience and knowledge appropriate to the nature of the work he or she is required to perform and having particular regard to the size and complexity of such works."**

We all need to start questioning competency!!! When a person buys a kettle, they will ensure that it has the correct CE markings, warranty, energy efficiency and lifespan certificates, and that it is safe to use, made, and sold by competent people. The rules are the same for the products of construction, i.e. houses, and other buildings.

Things to Check - Houses, and other Buildings:

- Evidence or Certification of compliance with:
 - a) Building Regulations &
 - b) Building Control Regulations
- NSAI Agreement Certificates (IAB Ref. No.)
- CE Markings Documentation and Declaration of Performances for bricks, pipes, slates etc.
- Other third-party ancillary certification e.g.
 - Groundwork & Drainage
 - Brickwork/Blockwork
 - Roof
 - Plumbing, Electrics; Carpentry
 - Heating
 - Radon Protection etc.
- Professional Registers - Competency of your building Designer, Builder Manufacturers and Suppliers; Installers registers, Air Tightness Register, Sound Testing Register, PV Solar etc.

The Building Control System aims to ensure the safety of people within the built environment and is centred on the Building Control Acts 1990 to 2014, which provides for the making of Building Regulations and Building Control Regulations. The Building Regulations 1997 - 2014 are a set of legal requirements for the design and construction of new buildings, as well as extensions to, material alterations of and certain changes of use to existing buildings. The aim of the building regulations is to provide for the safety and welfare of people in and about buildings. The Building Control Regulations 1997 - 2015 (BCRs) provide for matters of procedure, administration and control for the purposes of securing the implementation of and compliance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. Building Control Regulations apply generally to new buildings and to existing buildings which undergo an extension, a material alteration, or a material change of use, and involve the submission of a notice through the online database system known as the BCMS.



Continuing into 2026, the administration of the building control system aims to ensure the safety of people within the built environment, which is centred on the Building Control Acts 1990 as amended, and provides for the making of Building Regulations and Building Control Regulations. The Building Regulations 1997, as amended are a set of legal requirements for the design and construction of new buildings, as well as extensions to, material alterations of and certain changes of use to existing buildings. The aim of the building regulations is to provide for the safety and welfare of people in and about buildings. The Building Control Regulations 1997 – 2025 (BCRs) provide for matters of procedure, administration, and control for the purposes of securing the implementation of and compliance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. Building Control Regulations apply generally to new buildings and to existing buildings which undergo an extension, a material alteration, or a material change of use.

In 2024, the Building Control department of Cavan County Council processed

- Invalidated Commencement Notices (All Types) = 26
- Validated Commencement Notices (Long Form) = 118
- Validated Commencement Notices (Short Form) = 59
- Validated Commencement Notices (Opt Outs) = 151
- Validated 7 Day Notices = 25

In addition to this, the Building Control Department also processed 55 Disability Access Certificates. The Fire Service, on behalf of the Building Control Authority processed 72 Fire Safety Certificates, 10 Revised Fire Safety Certificates and 5 Regularisation Certificates in 2024.

This year's emphasis will continue on site inspections and creating a visible presence of the Building Control inspector in the construction field. Operation of the applications module will involve staff training and IS upgrades which will be achieved using the Diamond Fire software. This will link the fire service with the building control inspections and form a digital building history for every building inspected.



COMMUNITY, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM

The Department of Community, Enterprise and Tourism facilitates and supports local, community and economic development, along with social inclusion within the county. The allocation for the Department in 2025 was €4,861,349.00 including central management charge, with a projected income of €2,637,438

CAVAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

The LCDC was established in 2014 arising from the local government reform process. The 17-member committee is comprised of statutory and non-statutory members. It is responsible for implementing the community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan. It also has a role in co-ordinating various programmes and funding streams for the county including the SICAP Programme, LEADER, Peace Programmes, Healthy Ireland Fund and Community Enhancement Programmes.

CAVAN LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

Cavan's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for the period 2024-2029 fulfils the requirements as set-out in the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and has been developed in accordance with the guidance set out in the Local Economic and Community Plan Guidelines (2021).

The Cavan Local Economic and Community Plan (2024-2029) is an integrated plan that will guide the county's economic and community development over the next six years. In doing so, it will look to assist in creating a county that is prosperous, sustainable and inclusive with an excellent quality of life. The LECP has been prepared by Cavan County Council in conjunction with the Cavan Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning, and the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). It has been informed by extensive consultation with communities across Cavan, Elected Members, the private sector, education and training providers, government agencies, and other key stakeholders. Achievements and lessons learned from Cavan's previous LECP (2016-2021) have also been taken into consideration during the development of this plan.

The LECP includes high-level goals, objectives, actions and outcomes for the 6-year period (together these elements are known as the LECP Framework). Prioritised actions are now part of a detailed two-year Implementation Plan that identifies action owners and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to assist with monitoring and evaluation. A revised and updated Implementation Plan will be developed for each subsequent two-year period up to 2029, to reflect progress made and take account of newly emerging policies and programmes.

The plan fully aligns with and supports existing strategies at the local, regional and national level. Considering the current climate crisis, the LECP is informed and underpinned by the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Government's Climate Action Plan (2021). This will help ensure that climate and biodiversity action is central to Cavan's development moving forward.

The high-level goals, objectives, outcomes and actions were proofed, in consultation with key



stakeholders, to ensure they reflected and addressed cross-cutting priorities of sustainability, equality, poverty, rurality, age and disability, as outlined in the LECP guidelines.

LEADER PROGRAMME 2023-2027

LEADER supports private enterprises and community groups who improve quality of life and economic activity in rural areas. Funding is delivered through the Local Action Group (LAG). The LAG are partnerships of public and private entities from a defined geographical area. Local Action Groups are responsible for local projects in accordance with the local development strategies they develop themselves.

Leader aid is provided to projects under the following themes:

Theme 1 - Economic Development and Job Creation

- The Green Economy
- Agricultural Diversification
- Rural Tourism & Recreation
- Enterprise Development
- Rural Food Production
- Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprises

Theme 2 - Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion

- Rural Infrastructure
- Accessible Services
- Optimising Digital Connectivity
- Rural Youth

Theme 3 - Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment
- Climate Change Capacity Building
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

The current Leader Programme expenditure is €1,592,557.62 which is 33% of the budget leaving a balance of €3,897,492.83.



The Leader Team launched a targeted call 2025 which closed on 6th October 2025.

The Budget for the Call: €150,000.

Max/Minimum Level of Funding: Up to €15,000 with minimum of €5,000 per project. Maximum Rates of grant aid: 90% for community applicants. 75% for private sector / SME applicants under the following theme:

Theme 2: Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment & Climate change Mitigations and Adaptations.

Sub Theme: Local Objective 3.1: Sustainable development of the rural environment. Strategic Action: 3.2.1 Training & capacity building to increase the knowledge and skills regarding climate change. EOIs are currently being assessed by the Leader Team.

SICAP

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. SICAP 2024-2028 is the successor programme to SICAP 2018-2023, which was the successor programme to SICAP 2015-2017. Delivery is overseen and managed by Cavan LCDC.

SICAP is a targeted, holistic programme, for those who are most disadvantaged and less likely to access mainstream services, which provides supports directly to beneficiaries and links them into existing services. The Programme Implementer – Breffni Integrated t/a Cavan County Local Development engage with marginalised communities and service providers using a community development approach to address issues relating to social exclusion and inequality.

SICAP also prioritises local engagement and partnerships, between SICAP Programme Implementers, disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. It is a multi-faceted programme that provides supports to respond to individual and community needs, aiming to ensure that beneficiaries receive quality, tailored supports, while also allowing flexibility to adapt actions to local need. It enables bottom-up approaches within the framework of a national programme which provides targets, performance indicators and requirements.

There are 2 goals under the Programme:

Goal 1: Supporting Communities - To support communities and target groups to engage with relevant stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues, developing the capacity of Local Community Groups, and creating more sustainable communities.

Goal 2: Supporting Individuals - To support disadvantaged individuals to improve the quality of their lives through the provision of lifelong learning and labour market supports.



SICAP 2024-2028 has specific 'target' groups to ensure it is a targeted and focused programme. Only people who are from one or more of these groups are eligible for support under the programme.

Cavan LCDC agreed that the Local Priority Target Groups for SICAP 2024-2028 would be:

1. People living in households that are jobless or low-paid and/or precariously employed,
2. People living in communities impacted by disadvantage, and
3. People with Disabilities.

Each year the Local Development Company prepare an annual plan outlining targets and actions for the year ahead. This plan is approved by the LCDC.

SICAP is co-funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, and the European Union through the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027. DRCDG confirmed that the SICAP budget allocation for 2025 for Cavan was €998,728 with an additional allocation for New Arrivals of €150,507 for 2025. There was a further allocation for New Arrivals of €14,900 during 2025.

LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM (LAIT)

In 2024 a new national network of Local Authority Integration Teams (LAITs), located in each local authority, has been established to co-ordinate the provision of integration supports to the following cohorts:

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs)

The LAIT operate under the principle of 'Integration from Day One' with the overarching aim of empowering applicants to live independently in the community. The LAITs will act as the direct point of contact certain groups of people newly arrived to Ireland, providing information, guidance and advice, answering queries as they arise and ensuring that they are in receipt of applicable benefits and entitlements. The work of LAIT doesn't replace existing services. Instead, LAIT help connect people with the existing services that are most suitable for their needs. This is done in the following ways:

- 1:1 support clinics
- Group workshops
- Orientation Programmes
- Integration Programmes



Expanded from the Ukrainian Response Form, a working group referred to as the Community Integration Forum has been established as a means of coordinating and providing collaboration across mainstream services throughout the county. The purpose of the Community integration Form is as follows:

- Coordinate and provide collaboration across mainstream services, NGOs, community and voluntary organisations throughout County Cavan, for the cohorts listed above.
- Implement a collaborative network and working group approach; driven and chaired by Cavan County Council, the CIF will consist of the representatives of key stakeholders and service providers at management level throughout the county.
- Agree on unified communications and key messages from the Group, as far as practicable, in relation to external communications.
- Advocate and support the initiatives and supports being provided through their national networks and within the local community.

In 2025, LAIT were allocated a budget of €10,000. Additional budgetary supports were made available for each LAIT, as a once-off claim. These were to be used at the discretion of each team and could include transport for individual accessing supports, translation or interpretation, localised training for cohorts or small pilot projects. Budgetary supports were banded based on the volumes of people being supported in each county i.e. cohort population. Cavan were placed in band 3 with an allocation of €15,000. These budgetary supports were claimed end of Q1 2025 via the recoupment process.

Operational costs include a 25% overhead on each salary as per the 'Public Spending Code 2019'. Travel and subsistence (T&S) allocation for each LAIT was granted based on geographical banding. Cavan LAIT were allocated €12,500 T&S for 2025. It is worth noting that 2 additional staff joined the LAIT in Q3 of 2025 so T&S, recoupments, supervision charges and phone charges for example for Q1/2 are not reflective of overall operational costs of LAIT.

LAIT received funding from 2 additional sources in 2025 to complete projects with the cohorts we support.

- CYPSC Cavan awarded the LAIT €1500 to complete projects by year end 2025.
- Cavan Sports Partnership awarded the LAIT €500 to complete projects by end November 2025.

HEALTHY CAVAN

Delivery of 2023-25 HI Round 4 Funding is well advanced. A one-year programme extension has been approved, to run until 31st December 2026. Total grant award for the period 1st June 2022 to 31st December 2026 is €343,122.42. The budget for 2026 is €75,000.

Healthy Cavan funded activity is focused on 2 specific outcome areas as follows:



- Outcome 1: Increase in % of adults & Children meeting Physical Activity Guidelines
- Outcome 2: Decrease in prevalence of age standardized heavy episodic drinking.

The following delivery partners received allocations in 2025 to deliver activities/actions towards the 2 outcome areas:

- Teach Oscail FRC: Counselling for people effected by addiction and for those living with someone struggling with addiction. Facilitated talks on alcohol related issues & Personal Health and Fitness. Community Activities.
- CMETB – Planet Youth Increased Leisure Time initiative.
- Cavan Sports Partnership: Projects including Learn to Swim for Children with additional needs and isolated families, Summer Sports Inclusion Programme, Badminton Coach, GAA All-Star projects, Club development grants; New Club start-up grants, Gym & Swim project; FAI Football Rapid Camp.
- MaCYSS: Delivery of several initiatives towards Outcome 2 - Decrease in age standardised heavy episodic drinking. – key activities including Alcohol and the Adolescent Brain Animation Project, Parent targeted Digital Campaign and workshops series.
- Cuilcagh Triathlon Club: contribution towards the 2025 James McManus Memorial Triathlon.
- Happy Days Childcare – Children's walking challenge; Staff strength & conditioning and Yoga sessions.
- Cavan Kayakarun 2025 – Sponsorship of Cycling Jerseys with SoSad messaging.
- Sharing Point - Funding of fees for a volunteer facilitator delivering group sessions in County Cavan in 2025.
- Cavan Sports & Leisure Complex - Purchase of physical activity related equipment for the Complex.
- Include Youth Ireland - Funding for the purpose of procuring Sports/Physical Activity related equipment for young people.

SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) is in its fourth year. The purpose of the programme is to reduce health inequalities by addressing the wider social determinants of health in communities experiencing high levels of deprivation. A national structure has been agreed between the Department of Health and the Local Authorities under the LCDC.

The Healthy Communities Local Development Officer (LDO) within the Local Authority works in collaboration with CCLD, HSE, and local agencies and community groups, along with the Local Implementation Team.



€80,000 of funding was made available in 2024/2025 with a further €75,000 for 2025/2026 from the Department of Health to support health and wellbeing projects that tackle the social determinants of health in the targeted communities.

Projects completed in 2025

Planet Youth Increased Leisure Time Initiative: Year two of this pilot scheme was completed in the Sláintecare Healthy Communities targeted communities (Cavan town, Bailieborough, Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff, and Cootehill). It provided increased leisure time opportunities for young people in their local communities in safe, healthy spaces.

Bailieborough Creative Hub: A Wellness Day was held to support the development of a healthier community by encouraging participants to focus on all aspects of their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing through a programme that addressed key elements of each area.

Healthy Families Food Programme: This initiative supported families in understanding food labels and reducing food waste. It included a four-week air fryer cookery programme which was delivered in the five Sláintecare areas: Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff, Cootehill, Bailieborough, and Cavan town.

Bailieborough Community SMART Garden with Biodiversity Corridor: This project involved the development of a modern, climate-resilient community garden featuring universal allotment facilities and the planting of native species, hedges, and a pocket forest. Environmentally friendly sprinkling and composting systems were used. The garden was made available for all residents and the wider community.

Cavan Monaghan Connects: A website and online presence were developed to disseminate evidence-based information on a range of services and initiatives aimed at supporting mental health and wellbeing. This added value to the work of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Cavan Advisers, most notably the Social Prescribing Link Worker, by providing access to a “one-stop-shop” website and social media presence containing up-to-date, relevant, and evidence-based information for individuals and communities.

Handball Wall Tullacmongan: A handball wall has been erected beside the Tullacmongan Resource Centre for use by children living in the surrounding estates.

Cavan Library Service Sensory Room: Cavan Library Service developed a sensory room in Bailieborough Library for children with autism or sensory processing disorders. The concept aimed to create a safe space focused on senses such as touch, vision, and sound, enabling children with differing abilities to feel welcome.



New Sensory Space, Bailieborough Library

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA), Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund provides a €25,000 contribution annually to local authorities to run an effective Comhairle na nÓg. The Programme fund is managed and supported by Foroige and administered by Pobal.

Comhairle na nÓg are child and youth Councils in the 31 local authorities of the country, which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

Cavan/Monaghan Youth Work Ireland have secured a two-year contract (with the potential to extend for an additional year) to deliver Cavan Comhairle na nÓg and associated activities on behalf of Cavan Co Council.

The Comhairle na nÓg 2025 AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 11th November in the Cavan Crystal Hotel. The AGM provides the opportunity for new members to join Comhairle for the 2025/26 term where the Comhairle members will focus on topics of importance to young people locally.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Social Inclusion Unit works with a range of social inclusion target groups to address disadvantage and inequality.

The unit is responsible for supporting the delivery of the Cavan Age Friendly Strategy and works alongside the Cavan Older People's Council, partners in the public sector and other organisations to deliver age friendly projects and improve services for older people. The Social Inclusion Unit links with many other structures to promote social inclusion objectives.

Through interagency working and support of the Cavan Traveller Movement, the Social Inclusion Unit is



actively working on tackling issues affecting the Traveller Community in Cavan. The County Cavan Traveller Interagency Group Strategy 2023 – 2025 is being implemented. This Strategy sets out a clear plan for the Cavan Traveller Interagency Group and its subgroups (Employment, Health & Education) to further enhance and strengthen collaboration between Cavan County Council, Cavan Traveller Movement, local communities, statutory and non-statutory agencies and organisations to aid the delivery of actions to achieve successful outcomes for Travellers in County Cavan and to make links regionally and nationally in relation to these.

The Social Inclusion department works closely with the local 'Connecting for Life' suicide prevention committee which is led by the Health Service Executive and is represented on the Communications working group for 'Connecting for Life'. This working group has identified the need for the creation of a "one stop shop" website and social media presence that contains up-to-date, relevant and evidence based information on a variety of services and initiatives aimed at individuals and communities to support their mental health and wellbeing needs and in 2025 a new website/social media presence 'Cavan Monaghan Connects' was launched.

The Social Inclusion department facilitates the Cavan Monaghan Drug and Alcohol Forum; a networking body for many organisations who provide support for people affected by alcohol and drug misuse. The Forum meets on a quarterly basis.

The Prevention and Education subgroup of the Forum successfully hosted a seminar aimed at post primary school principals, vice principals and guidance staff which took place in the Hillgrove Hotel in Monaghan in December 2023. Another seminar is being planned for December 2025 and this will take place in the Hotel Kilmore, Dublin Road, Cavan.



LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The process of forming the Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership began in 2025. This Partnership is one of 36 Safety Partnerships being formed nationally under the new Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. County Cavan's Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator was appointed by Cavan County Council in May 2025. This position is funded by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration. The new Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP) will build on and replace the existing JPCs and will provide a forum for State agencies and local community representatives to work together to act on community concerns. The Partnership will develop and oversee a tailored and prioritised Local Community Safety Plan which will be informed by the community itself in conjunction with public services. The Partnership will:

- Prioritise issues identified by the Community as safety concerns
- Improve multi-agency collaboration in the area
- Increase community confidence in service providers



PRIDE OF PLACE



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This year's competition was judged in September 2025. Four groups from County Cavan were nominated to take part in the IPB (in association with Co-Operation Ireland) Pride of Place Awards 2025.

The following nominations were made by Cavan County Council:

- **Climate Action and Biodiversity:** Bailieborough Community SMART Garden & Biodiversity Corridor (Killann Parish Green Group)
- **Community Tourism Initiative:** The Bailieborough Bridewell Visitor Centre (Bailieborough Development Association)
- **Urban Neighbourhoods and Housing Estates:** Drumnaveil Estate, Cootehill (Drumnaveil Residents Association)
- **Inclusive Communities:** Kingspan Breffni: age friendly tours of stadium and museum, disability accessibility as well as family friendly autism space. (Cavan County GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee)



The winners will be announced in November 2025

THE BRIDGE STREET RESOURCE & COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Bridge Street Resource & Community Centre CLG plays an integral part in facilitating, supporting and promoting social inclusion, the community & voluntary sectors and family support services in Cavan town and the surrounding areas.

The Bridge Street Centre offers community and voluntary organisations, training providers, youth and family support groups in Cavan, a safe, secure and neutral environment to meet in and has a diverse and ever-expanding range and number of service users. The tenant groups based in the Centre are Local Area Employment Services, Foroige, Tearmann (Safe Ireland) and the Youth Advocate Programme.

In addition to these groups, a number of local and national organisations use the Centre to provide vital services for the people of Cavan, including Cavan County Local Development who use the centre for Fáilte Isteach, Parenting Cavan and Healthy Food Made Easy classes.

CAVAN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

Cavan Public Participation Network was established in July 2014 and now includes 463 registered groups as part of its network. There is a Committee of 9 community representatives who form the Secretariat of the Cavan PPN, with representation being fulfilled on 18 boards and committees. These representations come from the three themed sectors of Environment, Social Inclusion and



Community/Voluntary and three geographic sectors of Cavan-Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff and Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal Districts.

Cavan PPN assists in networking community news and events with the publication of weekly E-Newsletters and social media updates. The PPN also facilitates training sessions for its registered groups and active representation on a variety of bodies.

Following a full and comprehensive internal audit and external review of the governance of the PPN in 2021, work has progressed on the implementation of the audit and review recommendations to strengthen the governance of the PPN.

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY:

The Rural Development and Tourism Section is responsible for the delivery of large capital projects, mainly funded through the Department of Community, Rural Development and the Gaeltacht. At present there are 86 capital projects with a value on in excess of €89million being delivered or administered by the team. The Rural Development and Tourism section administers and manages a number of funding stream such as PEACEPLUS local authority plan, Town and Village, Outdoor Recreation and Community Recognition Funding along with small scale funding schemes for community groups.

CAVAN REGIONAL SPORTS CAMPUS (LSSIF/ PEACE PLUS):

Planning permission was granted for the project by An Bórd Pleanála on the 1st November 2024.

LSSIF Funding of €19m was awarded to the project on the 4th of November 2024. PEACE PLUS grant aid €15.036m was awarded to the project on the 16th of October 2025.

The detailed design phase and tender preparation is nearing completion.

Construction Tender Shortlisting has commenced with the main tender to follow in January 2026. Works are expected to commence in the first half of 2026 subject to approval from LSSIF and SEUPB.

BAILIEBORO COURTHOUSE (RRDF):

This project consisted of the re-development of the former Courthouse and Bridewell as an economic, community and cultural hub to include museum, cultural and exhibition spaces.

Cost: €2,035,321.52 (Delivered on budget) This project is now complete and open.

BALLYCONNELL MARKET HOUSE (RRDF):

This project entails the renovation and redevelopment of the former Market House in Ballyconnell as a Community, Remote Working and Tourism hub

The works consist of the renovation of the existing derelict; town core located Market House and the construction of an extension to the rear to cater for toilets and a two-story lift and landing to provide universal access to the entire building.



Cost: €1,334,158 (€18,645.00 overbudget) This project is now complete and the building is open and being managed by the local community.

BELTURBET RAILWAY COMPLEX MASTERPLAN (RRDF):

Development of a regeneration masterplan for Belturbet, to enable the development of fully developed, costed and shovel ready town centre capital regeneration strategy to be presented under a future CAT1 call under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

1. Development of a regeneration masterplan for development of services and redevelopment of the town core of Belturbet, with a particular focus on maximising some of the natural tourism assets of Belturbet such as the Shannon Erne Waterway and Marina, and the ultimate extension of the navigation to include the Ulster Canal to Clones via Castlesaunderson
2. The repurposing of a large 7,000 sq. ft building as a remote working, digital and enterprise hub.
3. Develop circa 1km narrow gauge tracks to accommodate rolling stock to include an engine and carriages on each line for demonstration purposes.

Cost: €278,685. This project is now complete and the recommendations in the report are being implemented and will inform future capital funding application.

BALLYJAMESDUFF COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE HUB (RRDF):

This project, which involves the renovation of the former Percy French Hotel into a community and enterprise hub was awarded funding of €7,651,195.20. Cavan County Council have appointed the services of an Architect led Design Team (Cooney Architecture) for the proposed Construction Works Stages. The construction contract has been awarded to Sandar Construction. Works have commenced.

ST MICHAEL'S HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE, COOTEHILL (RDF):

Department funding awarded for this project in the sum of €6,248,330.10. Cavan County Council have appointed the services of an Architect led Design Team (Craftstudio Architecture). Design is progressing. Tender for the conservation, refurbishment and extension contractor has concluded and 6 contractors have been shortlisted. The Stage 2 Tender will be published mid-November, with works due to commence in February/March of 2026.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY GRANT SCHEME

This scheme is designed for larger scale, infrastructural and capital projects and the minimum grant aid payable will be €3,000.

In 2025 each of the 3 Municipal Districts were allocated funds to eligible projects as follows:

- Bailieborough/Cootehill Municipal District – 17 Projects- €98,500



- Ballyjamesduff Municipal District – 26 Projects –€120,000
- Cavan/Belturbet Municipal District – 16 Projects- €120,000

COMMUNITY/FESTIVAL GRANT SCHEME

The community grants scheme aims to encourage organisations and groups to implement projects which will enhance the quality of life for local citizens. The purpose of the scheme is to provide capital support to smaller scale projects. Grants are to a maximum value of €2,000.

In 2025 each of the 3 Municipal Districts were allocated funds under Community and Voluntary Schemes to eligible projects as follows:

- Bailieborough/ Cootehill Municipal District-9 Projects - €7,500
- Ballyjamesduff Municipal District -13 Projects –€10,000
- Cavan/ Belturbet Municipal District- 14 Projects –€10,000

FESTIVAL GRANTS SCHEME 2025

In 2025 each of the 3 Municipal Districts were allocated funds under this scheme to eligible projects as follows:

- Bailieborough/ Cootehill Municipal District-5 Projects - €4500
- Ballyjamesduff Municipal District -6 Projects –€4500
- Cavan/ Belturbet Municipal District- 11 Projects –€7000

LOCAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2025

In 2025 a total of 111 Community groups received grants totalling €155,957.00 which was funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development. This funding was for small to medium capital projects and running costs within the community group.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2024

Cavan County Council was awarded overall funding of €1,155,190 which will be allocated in three tranches. Under Phase 1 Cavan Council granted €570,422 to Community Groups in respect of 6 projects throughout the county with for various capital projects.

Under Phase 2 an allocation of €282,576 was allocated to Community Groups in respect of 3 Projects

Under Phase 3 a final allocation of €244,445 was allocated to Community Groups in respect of 4 projects.

Projects are ongoing in 2025, and all projects are to be completed in October 2026.



- Photo of the gym upgrade at Cavan Leisure Sports Complex completed earlier in summer. A Grant of €194,432 was awarded under Community Recognition Fund to the upgrade the gym facilities.



ORIS 2024/2025

Six Measure 1 Outdoor Recreation Projects were successfully granted for County Cavan in 2025.

- Castle Saunderson Trails Enhancement -€34,763.00
- Dowra Island Walk-€40,000
- County Trails Promotion-€30,420
- Giant leap and Tullygobbin in Cavan Burren Park- €40,000
- Geo Park Maintenance -€37,890
- Ballyconnell Canal- €40,000 and Geopark maintenance.

Three further Measure applications were awarded to Cavan Local Development Company:

- Castle Lake Bailieborough - €40,000
- Mullahoran Walking Trial -€40,000
- Moneygashel Upgrade- €40,000

A Project Development Measure was also awarded to Cavan Local Development Company in respect of Lough an Leagh in the amount of €44,545



CLÁR



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CLÁR is a targeted investment Programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for innovative or pilot projects that address specific challenges faced by communities in CLÁR areas. Cavan County Council is responsible for administering Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities (Apply to Cavan County Council)

Examples of projects completed in 2025 which received funding under the CLÁR Programme include:

- €50,000 for upgrading the community Playground at Killyconnan Co Cavan
- €22,191.00 for new car park at Kingscourt Harps in Kingscourt Co Cavan



UPGRADE WORKS TO KILLYCONNAN PLAYGROUND



KINGSCOURT HARPS CAR PARK



TOWN AND VILLAGE REVITAISATION PLANS

Cavan County Council commissioned Gaffney & Cullivan Architects in association with Tyréns, urban renewal specialists, to complete Town & Village Revitalisation Plans for twenty towns and villages in County Cavan. The aim of these plans was to propose improvements that can enhance the town or village as an attractive place in which to live and work.

Significant progress was made on the implementation of improvements contained in these plans throughout 2025, mainly by maximising funding under the RRDF, Town and Village and other schemes for projects that seek to improve and bring life and activity back into town centres.

TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL FUNDING

The 2025 Town and Village Standard Scheme was launched on 19th March 2025. Funded under Project Ireland 2040, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme is a key measure directly supporting the objectives of Our Rural Future and the Town Centre First Policy.

Main Scheme: Focus on town centre regeneration and enhancing social vibrancy in line with Town Centre First Policy. Four applications were submitted by Cavan County Council in July, in respect of the following towns: Cootehill, Kingscourt, Mullagh and Killeshandra.

Project Development Measure: Funding will be provided to get projects shovel ready for future funding calls. Cavan County Council submitted two project applications to the value of €50,000 per project.

Building or Land Acquisition Measure: Funding will be provided for the purchase of up to two derelict or vacant building and/or land within eligible towns or villages. Cavan County Council submitted two applications which will be funded up to maximum of €500,000.

We are awaiting an announcement on these projects.



Examples of projects funded under Town and Village Renewal Schemes



Con Smith Park, Cavan Town



Streetscape Enhancements in Shercock





CAVAN SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (CSP)

Cavan sports partnership is an initiative of Sport Ireland with responsibility for increasing participation in sport and physical activity in Cavan.

CSP delivers on key sport and physical activity objectives; increase participation, build capacity of people, clubs and communities and develop partnerships.

'Active Cavan; a Local Sports Plan for Cavan 2025-2030' and the 'Cavan Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2025-2030'

Two important strategies were launched on the 6th June 2025:

'Active Cavan – A Local Sports Plan 2025–2030' and the 'Cavan Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025-2030'.

The plans aim to promote physical activity and enhance outdoor recreation through a county-wide, collaborative approach, with the vision that every person in Cavan has the opportunity to be more active, more often.

Both plans reflect strong cooperation among local authorities, stakeholders, and communities to support healthier, more active lifestyles throughout County Cavan.



PARTICIPATION

The development team, along with our co-funded officers from Swim Ireland, Badminton Ireland and FAI organised and delivered over 320 programmes, initiatives and events throughout the County over 2025.

FUNDING

CSP accessed funding through Sport Ireland, the Dormant Accounts Healthy Ireland, Sláintecare and others to support sports and physical activity development in Cavan.



Club grant scheme 2025: €12,500 was allocated to 50 clubs / Disability groups in Cavan for equipment. This grant helps existing clubs and disability groups purchase essential sports equipment with a wide range of sports being supported, including badminton, cricket, racquetball, tennis, boxing and more.



Partnership: CSP works in partnership to deliver mutual objectives with local, regional and National stakeholders such as Healthy Cavan, Library services, Active travel, Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark, CYPSC, CCLD, Disability network, PPN, Age & Opportunity, National governing bodies of Sport, HSE and CMETB.

Awards: CSP received the bronze Xcessible award at the inaugural National Xcessible Awards hosted by Active Disability Ireland in the Johnstown House Hotel, in April 2025. These awards were created to recognise and celebrate the ongoing commitment to inclusion within the Irish sporting sector.





TOURISM

TOURISM

1.651 million domestic Irish tourists visited Ireland's Hidden Heartlands in 2024. The contribution from tourism to the local economy in County Cavan is estimated to be worth €50 million. 3,500 people are employed in the tourism industry across counties Cavan and Monaghan. Visitors to Cavan are 'high yield' and tend to leave a substantially high return to the local economy. Individual visitors spend by visitors to Cavan is relatively high at €44.86 per person. County Cavan is located in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, Failte Ireland's regional marketing brand for the centre of the country.

Failte Ireland have launched a Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for Cavan, Leitrim and the North Roscommon area of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. This plan will guide the future development of tourism in Cavan and the northern part of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

Cavan Tourism conducts an annual tourism business survey. The survey took place in 2024 and captured information such as business performance, origin of visitors and reason for visiting. 76% of respondents were happy with the performance of their business in 2024. Business outlook was positive for 2025 with just almost half of tourism businesses expecting that 2025 will be better than 2024.



Clogh Oughter Castle which features in Irelands Hidden Heartlands marketing campaigns



COUNTY TOURISM STRATEGY

The County Cavan Tourism Development strategy aims to grow tourism numbers in Cavan by 15%. The strategy aims to work towards the following three pillars: destination development, trade development and destination marketing. This includes working with Fáilte Ireland, Coillte, Waterways Ireland, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Geopark, LEADER, the Department of Rural and Community Development and community tourism groups. All strategic objectives align with the new DEDP.

The new Bailieborough Bridewell Experience opened its doors in 2025. Cavan Tourism provided practical, promotional and mentoring support as the project progressed. In addition, a significant body of work was undertaken with the voluntary group in Belturbet Heritage Railway Station and new concept plans for the experience were designed and delivered.



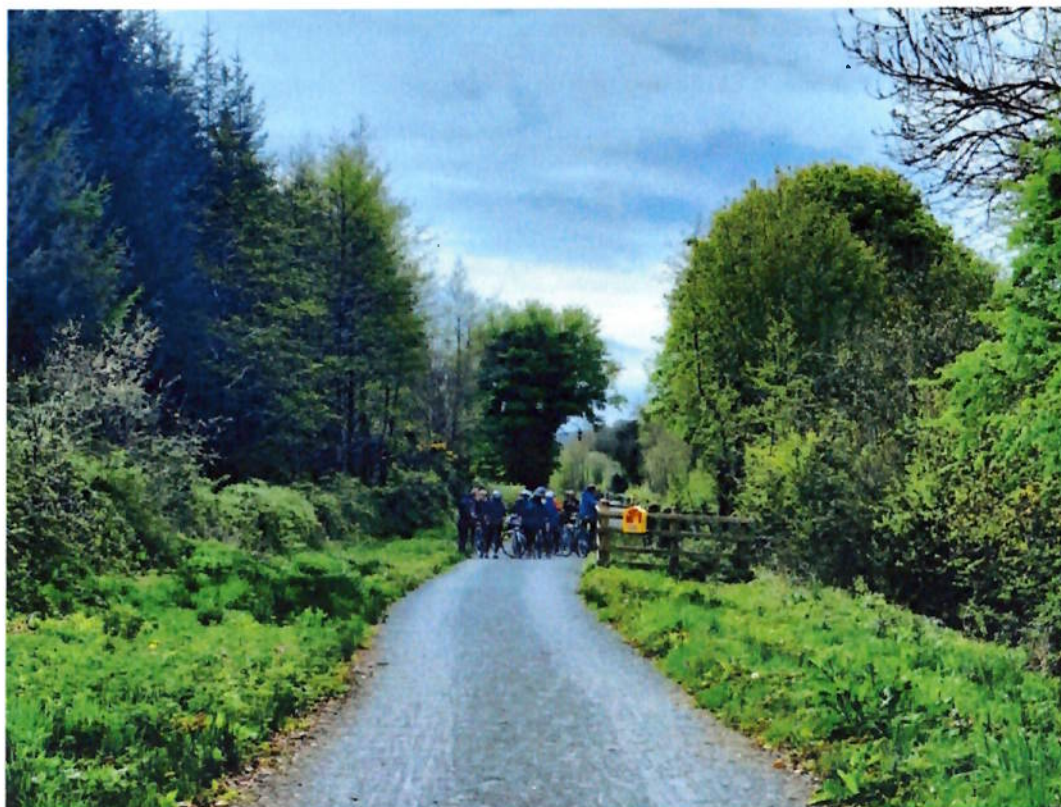
Entrance to the Bailieborough Bridewell

Other projects completed in 2025 include new trail signage and interpretation on the Ballyhaise Trails, new signage in Con Smith Park, the purchase of ten new bike repair stations in County Cavan, the finalisation and installation of a new heritage trail in Ballyconnell, the delivery of an *Integrated Tourism Plan for Belturbet, Ballyconnell and Ballinamore*, in partnership with Leitrim County Council, Waterways Ireland and Fáilte Ireland. A new design was created for Town & Village Welcome signage and pilot signage was installed in Mountnugent and Bailieborough.



An AA screening report and NIS were completed for Crover Shore (Kit's Pier) on the shores of Lough Sheelin with a view to delivering an upgraded amenity area in 2026.

The masterplan for Dun an Rí Forest Park was launched in 2023, and progress is being made on delivering a new natural play area in the park. The new Kingscourt – Navan Boyne Valley Greenway has been opened.



Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway connecting Kingscourt in County Cavan with Navan, County Meath.

MARKETING

Four online marketing campaigns for the promotion of County Cavan were implemented throughout 2025. This was comprised of professional digital media marketing, across Facebook, Twitter, Google, Instagram, TikTok and radio and print media advertising to the value of €55,000. In addition, monthly ezines and promotional blogs are created.

In addition, this is Cavan! obtained a substantial amount of national media coverage via Hidden Heartlands. Chris Connolly, travel blogger visited the county in May and ran an online competition in partnership with This is Cavan! in October. Influencer Roz Purcell visited Cavan in September, promoting the county via her Instagram page. The tourism office continues to supply the tourism trade with travel information, maps, merchandise and information on holidaying in County Cavan, along with the ongoing enhancement and investment in the This is Cavan! website.



Cavan Tourism continues to support the angling industry in Cavan by providing promotional support and small grant aid to angling festivals in the county.

A series of new guides to County Cavan were produced in 2025, including a new edition of the trails guide, new map and general guide. A new promotional family video was created. Over €30,000 expenditure was delivered in online promotion for the county. In addition, this is Cavan! attended the Holidayworld Show in the RDS and brought nine tourism businesses from the county, a Champions Workshop for tourism business in Cavan and Leitrim, the Virginia Show and was a sponsor of the tourism category of the 2025 Anglo Celt Business & Tourism Awards. This category was won by the Killeshandra Camino.



The Camino team receiving their award from the Cathaoirleach.

Cavan Tourism provides support to the Geopark events programme, Created in Cavan events, Cavan Arts Festival, Cavan Calling, Culture Night and Cavan Summer and Christmas Markets, along with a number of community festivals and events in the county.



2025 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2029

Strategic Objective 1- Making Cavan a better place to live, Work, invest and visit

Support a holistic, place-based approach to rural development, which encourages and supports rural communities to develop cohesive and integrated plans to meet the long-term needs of towns and villages This strategic objective will be implemented through various grants schemes

Strategic Objective 2- Strengthening our communities

The work of the Capital Projects team will contribute to this strategic objective, through the administration of various grants schemes which support the development of communities; these include PEACE IV, Community Enhancement Grants, CLÁR, ORIS schemes, Community Recognition Scheme, Municipal District Discretionary Grants and community grants

Strategic Objective 3: Promotion of Enterprise and Economic Development

The implementation of the tourism strategy plays a key role in this area with a key focus on galvanising the tourism proposition and enable Cavan to grow and develop successfully as a unique destination within Ireland. The aim is to increase tourist visits and economic return by 15% - 20% over the next years, through destination development, trade development and positioning and marketing. Tourism in Cavan performed very well again in 2025 and Cavan was represented at a number of high-profile tourism shows, which allowed us to show what Cavan has to offer and portray us in a very positive light. This is Cavan! continues to promote the county online

Working with communities around the county on the implementation of Town and Village Revitalisation Plans. The plans propose a range of projects which will be implemented over the short medium and long term. A key part of the preparation of the plans was engagement with local communities in identifying the projects that would add the most value to their towns and villages. Comprehensive plans are being developed for towns in the county to enable funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to be accessed.

Following the launch of the Town Centre First Policy in 2022, the roll out of a range of Town Centre First initiatives represents a targeted approach to addressing many of the challenges and issues facing our towns across the country, including vacancy, dereliction and the general decline of our town centres. Through the development and implementation of a range of large-scale capital projects, as well as smaller community engagement projects, particularly in Bailieborough and Killeshandra, it is intended that they will help to revitalise their town centres and become more attractive places to live work and visit. Developing the capacity of local community groups and stakeholders to drive project development



and implementation is also key and will be supported in parallel with the broader roll out of Town Centre First initiatives

Strategic Objective 4: Climate Action

Capital Projects Team will endeavour to meet the challenges that Climate Change will bring to the organisation by participating in all training provided and also will have input into the Draft Council Climate Action Plan.

Strategic Objective 5: National, Regional and All Island Collaboration

Capital Projects Team will endeavour to continue to strengthen cross-border collaboration by working with ICBAN and border communities to promote peacebuilding, drive economic growth, and address regional challenges through targeted actions, funding, and support that foster prosperity and adaptability in a changing environment.

Strategic Objective 6: Cavan County Council

Completion and implementation of all stages of PMDS from Annual Business Plan to Team Plan to completion of PDPs. Continual training on Health and Safety, procurement and governance.



CUILCAGH LAKELANDS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK



In 2025 Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark continued to be a cornerstone of sustainable tourism and cross-border collaboration across counties Cavan and Fermanagh. Development and expenditure for 2025 placed emphasis on sustainable regional development, climate action, and community capacity-building in line with Geopark Development Plan 2020-2025.

In 2025 financial commitments reflect the Council's ongoing partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council through an updated Memorandum of Understanding ensuring that investment in the Geopark delivers economic, social and environmental value across the region. The Geopark Committee is made up of elected representatives and senior management from both Cavan County Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council who meet on a quarterly basis including an annual AGM to agree the strategic direction of the Geopark.

Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark covers an area over 1781km² encompassing over 60 sites within Counties Cavan and Fermanagh including places such as Killykeen Forest, Cavan Burren Park, Cuilcagh Boardwalk, Ballyconnell Cavan Walk, Drumlane Abbey, Tullydermott Falls and the Marble Arch Caves.

Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark, the world's first cross border UNESCO Global Geopark continues its work in ensuring the UNESCO accreditation is upheld in preparations for revalidation in 2027. The Geopark contains some of the finest landscapes on the island of Ireland, ranging from rugged uplands, lakes and forests through to gently rolling drumlins.

SHARED ISLAND FUNDING

The Shared Island Initiative is the Irish Government's cross-border investment programme, aiming to strengthen North–South cooperation, sustainable tourism, nature, culture and civic society on the island of Ireland. In February 2025 the Government announced a major funding package of **over €50 million** from the Shared Island Fund for new cross-border projects, covering sustainable tourism through 'Shared Destinations'

Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark received an allocation of **€6 million** through the Shared Island Fund to support tourism through conservation enabling the delivery on key interventions identified in the Cuilcagh Masterplan



The funding includes provision for;

- Development of a trail network that links existing trails north and south of the border (i.e., between Fermanagh and Cavan) to enhance connectivity across the Geopark region
- Interventions such as interpretation signage, way-finding infrastructure, visitor amenities and a “community-based interpretative centre” at Glangevlin village
- Enhancing the regional tourism offering: specifically linking the Marble Arch Caves area, the Boardwalk Trail on Cuilcagh Mountain and the Cavan Burren Park.

This allocation of funding will deliver on the 2023 Cuilcagh Masterplan which identified sustainable tourism, community engagement, conservation and connectivity across the border as its core objectives.

By strengthening connectivity through trails, conservation and visitor amenities and by providing interpretation, this investment is expected to increase visitor access, length of stay, spending in local communities, and support job creation in the Geopark.

PEACE PLUS PEAT PLUS PROJECT

Peace Plus PEAT+ Project is a major cross-border initiative focused on restoring peatlands across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, including areas within the Geopark. Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark has been awarded funding of €1.3m awarded towards restoration of peatlands sites across Cuilcagh Mountain SAC and Lough Navar. Ulster Wildlife are the lead partner with other partners including Atlantic Technological University – Donegal, Mourne Heritage Trust, Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon District Council and Newry, Mourne & Down District Council. The project aims to improve carbon capture and reduce emissions from degraded peatlands. A project launch will take place in February 2026.





SHARED ISLAND PEATLANDS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Shared Island Peatland Engagement Project is a cross-border initiative focused on restoring and protecting peatlands in the Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Cavan regions. Almost £271,000 was secured through the Shared Island Peatlands Challenge Fund with partners including NPWS, Coillte and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council covering sites across Cuilcagh Mountain and Cuilcagh Anierin Special Areas of Conservation where the blanket bog is a priority habitat for restoration. The project will involve baseline scientific surveys to identify restoration opportunities as well as development of Peatland Restoration Plans and ongoing scientific monitoring. The project also aims to promote community engagement, citizen science, volunteering, and education across the area.



Shared Island Peatlands Engagement Programme Launch

SITE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Geopark continues to coordinate a dedicated cross departmental team who are responsible for the management, maintenance and monitoring of 62 Geopark sites across Cavan and Fermanagh.

Significant upgrades were undertaken to a number of key sites in the Geopark in 2025 including Turbet Island, Cavan Burren Park and Cornagee Viewpoint.

The sustainable development and ongoing maintenance of all sites is crucial in ensuring a standard for visitors and to protect the unique features which will ensure the Geopark retains UNESCO status. Significant financial resources are directed from the Geopark to ensure site protection, accessibility, interpretation and conservation.



Cornagee Viewpoint Upgrade Works



SHANNON POT/CAVAN BURREN PARK DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Geopark continues to work in partnership with Fáilte Ireland under the Platforms for Growth: A Programme for Tourism Investment (2019-2022) for Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions in developing and delivering a world class visitor experience in West Cavan in the northern region of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands (IHH) at Shannon Pot Discovery Centre and Cavan Burren Park.

The project received €7.4m in funding from Fáilte Ireland with a further €2.6m in funding provided by Cavan County Council. Construction work has commenced, and interpretative design is almost complete. The project, it is envisaged, once completed will drive over €30m visitor spend and attract over 600,000 visitors by 2036, while creating 10 new jobs in the region, as well as supporting many more ancillary jobs and businesses locally.

The attraction will incorporate an immersive visitor exhibition and interpretive space, along with reception, café, retail shop, public amenities, and a new 500-metre walking trail.



Shannon Pot Construction Site



Shannon Pot Designated Activity Company

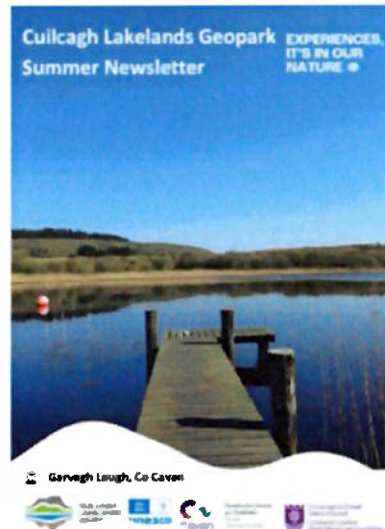


GEOPARK NEWSLETTER

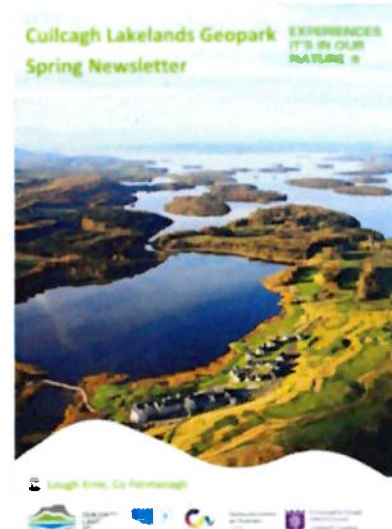
The Geopark Newsletter continues to go from strength to strength in 2025 with over 1000 subscribers. The Newsletter features current and upcoming projects and programmes in the Geopark highlighting community engagement, sustainable development and conservation.



Autumn Newsletter



Geopark Summer Newsletter



Geopark Spring Newsletter

Geopark Newsletter 2025

GEOPARK ENGAGEMENT

The Geopark continues to run an expansive programme of events across Geopark sites. These events are delivered by accredited network of existing Geopark Guides. Significant events this year included the Burren Bites food event at Cavan Burren Park as well as the Stories under the Stars (a climate Action Week event) in conjunction with Geological Survey of Ireland. The Geopark hosted a programme of events and education provision during Science Week and European Geopark Networks Week.

Social Media platforms continue to grow with an active Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube account for the Geopark @cuilcaghlakelands #cuilcaghlakelands

The Geopark also continues to undertake stakeholder engagement across the Island of Ireland and internationally through UNESCO. Some examples from 2025 include

- Shared Island Dialogue Event – Dublin Castle April 2025
- Irish Sea Cooperation Belfast Symposium & Regenerative Tourism session Belfast Symposium – May 2025
- FODC Tourism Conference – Tourism through a Regenerative Lens, Feb 2025
- Northern Ireland Tourism Alliance Conference Panel Member – October 2025



- IUCN UK Peatland Programme Conference – Abstract and Poster Presentation

The Geopark team represented the area at a number of trade shows across 2025. Including ITOA (Inbound Tourism Operators Association Ireland) and Meitheal in Killarney where the team joined 380 local tourism businesses meeting 250 tour operators from 15+ markets to showcase what is on offer in Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark.



Engagement Events 2025

FUNDING

Works were completed in 2025 for the following projects;

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund 2024

Measure 1: Cavan Burren Park Accessible Trail Upgrade €30,000

Measure 1: Geopark Recreational Maintenance – Upgrade works at Geopark sites €30,000



Before and After images at Cavan Burren Park Accessible Trail and Dromod Sulphur Spa



Upgrade Works to Turbet Island

Turbet Island located the River Erne in Belturbet has undergone significant upgrade works enhancing the looped trail, as well as the path leading to Belturbet Heritage Railway Station. Improvements include upgraded fencing, trail surface and interpretation panels



Before and After images – Turbet Island

Shared Island Divergently Together project

The Geopark continues to strengthen its commitment to Accessibility & Inclusion and across 2025 have been a partner in the Divergently Together Shared Island Project. The Geopark continues to avail of the opportunity to learn from many professionals working in the areas of accessibility and inclusion and engage with the very users to ensure our sites are accessible for all.

Funding Awarded 2025

Clár Funding Measure 1 - Developing Community Facilities and Amenities Applications

Dowra Geopark Community Hub (€44,647) for enhancement works to Dowra Courthouse. Works have commenced and are due to be complete early 2026.

Measure 1 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund

A total of €343,073 has been awarded to Cavan projects under Measure 1 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). The following projects, located in the Geopark will as well as marketing of Geopark sites through Cavan Trails Promotion Measure 1 will commence in late 2025/early 2026.



Project Name	Project Details	Funding
Ballyconnell Canal	Upgrade and extension to existing riverside trail at Ballyconnell Canal	€40,000
Castle Saunderson trails enhancement	Upgrades to two trails in Castle Saunderson Demesne - the Castle Trail and Jetty Trail	€34,763
Cavan Trails promotion	Marketing and promotion to support outdoor facilities in County Cavan	€30,420
Dowra Island walk	Upgrade works to existing trail, upgrade of interpretation and infrastructure	€40,000
Giant's Leap and Tullygobban Trails	Upgrades to Giant's Leap and Tullygobban Trails in Cavan Burren Park	€40,000
Maintenance of Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark sites	Upgrade and enhancement of existing Geopark sites	€37,890
Moneygashel Cashel Heritage Trail	Upgrade of existing walking trails at Moneygashel Cashel	€40,000

GEOPARK BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME 2025

The 4th instalment of the award winning Geopark Business Sustainability Training Programme commenced in September 2025. This is a flagship initiative aimed at promoting sustainable and regenerative tourism across the Geopark. There are 10 participating businesses from across the Geopark area currently undertaking a 14week programme which will help them reduce environmental impact and improve sustainability. The programme provides training in

- Energy, water, and waste management
- Biodiversity and accessibility
- Sustainability storytelling
- Collective marketing

Once participants complete the programme their business becomes an accredited geopark members



and join the Regenerative Tourism Business Network.

The programme has been developed by the Geopark with financial assistance from Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland. The programme is empowering businesses to adapt the principles of regenerative tourism through adopting more sustainable practices, embracing community tourism and protecting the heritage of the area. There are currently 32 members in the Network with an adopted code of practice and independent Chair.



CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES

The Geopark continues to support and enhance local democracy and promote engagement and collaboration with our citizens through our cross-border partnerships including the Geopark Committee which meets quarterly to provide for the strategic direction of the Geopark under the adopted Geopark Development Plan 2020-2030.

The Geopark also engages with its citizens through the Geopark Ambassador Programme, the Geopark Regenerative Tourism Network and through various community stakeholder groups. As a UNESCO designation Geopark's are inherently unique as they employ a bottom-up approach to development focusing on the needs of local communities in strategic decisions around the direction of the Geopark. Facilitation of key models for delivery of this collaborative decision making are animated through various stakeholder groups. The Geopark team are located in central offices in Blacklion with a cross-border team situated there.



Corporate Plan Objective	Geopark Activity 2025 (examples)	Result
Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit	Promotes regenerative tourism and conservation. Capital investment supports placemaking through protection of cultural and natural heritage.	Capital investment and conservation/stewardship directly supports Corporate objective 1 and 3 by making Cavan a more attractive, accessible, and economically vibrant destination.
People – Strengthening our Communities	Empower communities and improve quality of life. New training programme for Geopark Community Ambassador Network Cuilcagh Masterplan Implementation Regenerative Tourism Network (6 meetings and development of Code of Practice and Action Plan) Development of Youth Ambassador Scheme	Engages local communities through education, volunteering, and citizen science. Supports inclusive tourism and community-led development. Supports local businesses to operate sustainably and promote regenerative tourism.



Economy – Promoting Economics, Enterprise and Tourism Development	Capital Investment Geopark Ambassador Network Regenerative Tourism Network Business Programme certification Geopark Newsletter Experience Development through Marketing and Promotion Working in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland	Capital investment and conservation/stewardship directly supports Corporate Plan by making Cavan a more attractive, accessible, and economically vibrant destination. Drives sustainable economic growth
Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan	Sustainability and Regenerative Tourism Programmes Peatland Engagement Project Peat Plus (Peace Plus) Capital Investment Climate Action Plan Implementation WG	Embedding resilience and low- carbon principles into the tourism sector while fostering long-term sustainability. Promotes biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and climate resilience.



Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration	Development of Shannon Pot Discovery Centre and Cavan Burren Park Geopark Committee (quarterly meetings) Cross Border Regenerative Tourism Network Foster Cross Border Partnerships Leverage Cross Border funding Cross Border Geopark Ambassador Network	This Geopark embodies the Council's commitment to collaboration reflecting a coordinated approach to shared heritage development and environmental stewardship on a cross-border basis.
Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority	Capital funding allocations of over €6million in 2024 Cross Border HQ, Blacklion Deliver high quality service and governance Management and maintenance of 29 sites across Geopark in Cavan.	Ensuring funding streams are effectively leveraged to deliver high-impact, value-for-money results for local communities. Demonstrates effective inter- agency collaboration and strategic planning. Serves as a model for integrated environmental and community development.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cootehill Enterprise Park

Cavan County Council, under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund, completed the first phase of development of industrial lands owned by Cavan County Council, in Cornacarrow, Cootehill. A new access road and services were completed and the first company PQE Engineering Ltd has been operating from the Enterprise Park since July 2024.



**Cootehill
Enterprise
Park**

An initiative of
Cavan County Council

Cootehill Enterprise Park



Cavan Digital Hub

An initiative of Cavan County Council, funded by the Regional Enterprise Development Fund under the Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Project in partnership with Leitrim and Longford County Councils, and the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Cavan County Council, Cavan Digital Hub opened in June 2019. Cavan Digital Hub has been operating successfully for the past 6 years. The Local Enterprise Office is represented on the board of the Digital Hub, providing an enterprise and strategic focus and provides ongoing support to the digital companies operating from the Digital Hub.



**CAVAN
DIGITAL
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Transforming Supporting Connecting



Spanning 5 floors with a total floor space of 13,000 sq. ft, Cavan Digital hub provides a range of hot desks, dedicated desks, private offices and meeting rooms, as part of an overall work solution for digitally focused companies. Clients based out of the facility include digital start ups, established small-to-medium technology businesses and larger firms embracing a hybrid and regional working ethos and seeking a local base in Cavan. The firms specialise in all areas of the digital spectrum including artificial intelligence, software development, digital services and web solutions.

At the start of 2025, Clubspot, one of the original digital start ups moved out of the Cavan Digital Hub as they had taken on additional staff and due to their ongoing expansion plans moved to a new premises in Stradone. This fulfils the objective of Cavan Digital Hub facilitating digital start ups and job creation.

Cavan County Council Economic Partnerships & Collaborations

Cavan County Council partners with a number of agencies, including the IDA, with the aim of creating opportunities for employment, expansion of existing business and making County Cavan an attractive place for inward investment. A very successful collaboration with IDA Ireland led to the construction of a New Advanced Technology Building at the IDA Business Park in Killygarry which was completed this year.

To attract new FDI to the county along with other indigenous investment, there is a need for a sufficient supply of high-quality, marketable, serviced lands and premises. The availability of such sites and the future requirement for same, is key to the future economic development of the county and indigenous and foreign investors are a critical element requiring a collaborative, streamlined approach in sourcing and developing appropriate lands and premises.



New IDA Advanced Technology Building under construction – April 2025

During 2025, Cavan County Council has been proactively developing plans in relation to lands that it owns at the IDA's Business Park in Killygarry.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Local Enterprise Office Cavan (LEO Cavan) plays an important role in facilitating and promoting sustainable economic growth and enterprise. We aim to promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups, and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation and to provide accessible high-quality supports for new business ideas.

We contribute to the support and enhancement of local democracy and promote engagement and collaboration with our citizens, ensuring that the promotion and provision of our services and supports are accessible to all citizens within the community, providing equality of opportunity to all.

The LEO works collaboratively with key enterprise and strategic stakeholders, including business and community groups, to promote a strong enterprise focused environment contributing to the county achieving its economic potential. As part of Cavan County Council, we play a significant role in economic activities of the Local Economic & Community Development Plan, County Development Plan and the Economic, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

LEO Cavan engages proactively with the North East Regional Enterprise Plan to 2026 and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with other stakeholders and agencies in the Region. This plan has an emphasis on building a cohesive regional identity while acknowledging our diversity, leading the way in terms of our digital and decarbonisation transition, strengthening our SME ecosystem, and leveraging the potential of growth sectors across the region.

Our focus for 2025 was to provide high quality, relevant supports and services encouraging and fostering new start-ups along with supporting existing businesses to expand and grow and face the challenges they experience. In support of this we approved over €655,000 of grant support across a number of areas such as capital equipment, employment, software support and export. We also assist in improving their competitiveness, sustainability and escalating production as they look to compete domestically and internationally. Our training and mentoring programmes, delivered both in person and virtually, continue to be a critical intervention to all those businesses trying to remain competitive and resilient as they face the many current and future challenges within the national and global economy.

Diversification and exploring new export opportunities through the Market Explorer Grant remains key for our portfolio clients. Digitalisation and Green were key priorities for support in 2025 and this will continue in 2026. The LEO Green for Business offering is paving the way to encouraging businesses to reduce their carbon footprint. During 2025, we have approved 24 Energy Efficiency Grants across all sectors. This will continue to be a priority for LEO Cavan in 2026.



Similarly, the Digital for Business Programme is encouraging business to embrace new digital processes which can improve their efficiencies and competitiveness. Following completion of this programme, businesses can avail of the Grow Digital Voucher which covers areas such as cybersecurity, customer relationship management along with Ecommerce website supports.

At a cross border and European level, the LEO is fully engaged in a number of activities aimed at stimulating and supporting enterprise and economic activity. Throughout 2025 LEO Cavan continued to promote the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) to facilitate linkages and potential business partnerships and trading opportunities across the EU.

LEO Cavan contributes to Cavan County Council's objective to maximise investment and improve the county's infrastructure to stimulate development opportunities for job creation and enhanced quality of life. The LEO collaborates with colleagues and stakeholders on the development of enterprise incubation space and planning for future enterprise and industrial developments that will encourage and support enterprise start-ups and expansion in the County. Developing initiatives such as Cavan Digital Hub is an example of LEO Cavan's contribution on the objective to promote the development of stronger towns and villages to enable them act as key drivers of economic, social and community development across the county.

Innovation, efficiency, value for money and a high standard of customer service are priorities for LEO Cavan. LEO staff are fully committed to the Local Enterprise Office Customer Service Charter which always ensures quality service delivery to the customer.

All LEO operations are governed by the LEO Procedures Manual which has been developed by the Enterprise Ireland Centre of Excellence in collaboration with the LEO Network. The Procedures Manual has been prepared to ensure consistent best practice in the delivery of LEO supports and will be reviewed annually. It is available for inspection by the level above the Body in the Financial Management and Control Cascade i.e., Certifying Authority, Managing Authority, the European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Financial Control Units, the Internal Audit Units, the European Commission, or its agents.

The LEO strategy for communication ensures an inclusive, open, and accessible platform for communicating the services and activities of the LEO locally, regionally, and nationally thus promoting the County as a location for new business and economic activity.

The LEO Network has formal protocols in place with MicroFinance Ireland, Credit Review Office, Department of Social Protection, Revenue Commissioners, National Association of Community Enterprise Centres, Education & Training Boards and Failte Ireland, which govern dissemination of information,



information signposting and inter-agency referrals. LEO Cavan has both formal and informal engagement with these agencies and works closely to assist and support job creation at county level.

Promoting and highlighting enterprise and entrepreneurship as widely as possible continues to be supported by national LEO initiatives such as Local Enterprise Week, Look for Local, National Women's Enterprise Day, the Student Enterprise Programme, and the National Enterprise Awards.

Local Enterprise Week

Local Enterprise Week 2025 took place from **Monday 3rd to Friday 7th March**, celebrating innovation, entrepreneurship, and business growth across County Cavan. The week kicked off with a dynamic **Launch Event at the Cavan Digital Hub**, focusing on the theme of **digitalisation**. Attendees explored how digital tools and strategies are transforming local businesses, with an expert-led session on embracing technology for productivity and growth.

A key highlight of the week was the **Sustainability Event**, which featured guest speaker Stephen Tripp and an engaging panel discussion. The event delved into sustainable business practices and showcased the **Local Enterprise Office (LEO) supports** available to help businesses transition to greener operations, including funding, mentoring, and training opportunities.

The week concluded with the **Local Enterprise Awards**, which saw a record number of categories and entries. The awards celebrated excellence in innovation, customer service, and sustainability. The **Overall Winner was Fire Doors Ireland Ltd**, recognised for their outstanding growth, commitment to quality, and contribution to the local economy. They went on to win the Regional Award at the National Enterprise Awards in May.



Winners of the Cavan County Enterprise Awards 2025: Declan & Amanda Sharkey, Fire Doors Ireland Ltd, Sandra Coote, Crafts of Ireland; Joshua Ajayi, Paydai Technologies Ltd; Tommy Farrelly, Tommy Farrelly Pressure Washers; Sean, Irene & Aideen Donegan, Mixer Sauces; Aaron McIntyre, Cootehill Precision Engineering; together with Elected Members, Cathaoirleach TP O'Reilly, Eoin Doyle, Chief Executive, Cavan Co Council; Brendan Jennings, Director of Service Cavan Co Council and Local Enterprise Office Team Cavan.



Student Enterprise Awards

The Cavan Student Enterprise Awards 2025 showcased the remarkable creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of young people across the county. Held in the prestigious Slieve Russell Hotel in March, the event brought together over 150 **students** from local secondary schools, from over 300 initial competitors, all eager to present their innovative business ideas. After months of hard work and competition, **48 teams** earned their place in the county final, where they pitched their enterprises to a panel of judges.

The overall **Senior Category Winner** was **Triple C Crafts**, a team that impressed with their unique handmade wood products and strong business acumen. Their win highlights the talent and dedication nurtured through the Student Enterprise Programme, which continues to be a vital platform for fostering future business leaders. The awards ceremony was a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and ambition, and it reflected the vibrant entrepreneurial culture growing among Cavan's youth.



Cavan Dublin Business Network Events

The Cavan/Dublin Business Network delivered two high-calibre events in 2025, hosted at Chartered Accountants House in April and Matheson LLP in October, connecting Cavan entrepreneurs with Dublin's business ecosystem. With prominent speakers at both events, startup showcases, and strong



LEO backing, both events enhanced professional links, business visibility, and growth opportunities between Cavan and the capital.



Pictured at the Cavan Dublin Business Networking Event in October, Thomas Coyle, Quotes for It, Aiden McKenna, Regional Director for the Americas, Enterprise Ireland, Robert Maloney Derham, Partner at Matheson, Caroline Ashe Brady, Director Kore Insulation & Kore Retrofit. Oliver McAllister, Chief Financial Officer, Lakeland Dairies, Neil Phair, Phair & Co Tax & Business Advisors, Conor Craven, LEO Cavan, John Potter, Quotes for It, Eoin Doyle, Chief Executive, Cavan County Council.



Succession Planning Event November 2025

LEO Cavan organised a very successful Succession Planning Event in The Kilmore Hotel on 4th November. The event was attended by over 50 Business People from across various sectors around the county. The event was chaired by Joe O'Reilly, Boost Your Sales and they heard from Solicitor Fergal McManus, Mercantile Solicitors and Tax Advisor Neil Phair, Phair & Co Tax Advisors about the importance of planning for the future of their business.



Attendees at the Succession Planning Event in November 2025

Cavan Women in Business – A Catalyst for Growth

Throughout 2025, CWBN has solidified its position as one of Ireland's foremost women's business networks. With standout gatherings aligned with International Women's Day, National Women's Enterprise Day, and a festive Christmas Fair, the network delivers unparalleled visibility, support, and growth for local women entrepreneurs. Anchored by strong LEO Cavan collaboration and a dynamic member base, CWBN continues to expand its presence across County Cavan and beyond.

It continues to deliver strategic learning, high-profile exposure, and economic opportunity for members. From digital business techniques to seasonal product showcases, 2025 has confirmed CWBN's role as a cornerstone for women entrepreneurs across County Cavan—and a model for similar networks nationwide.



Members of the Cavan Women in Business Event for National Women's Enterprise Day October 2025

Lunch & Learn Events

The LEO held a series of successful *Lunch & Learn* events across County Cavan during 2025, drawing strong attendance from business professionals in **Bailieborough, Kingscourt, Cootehill, Virginia, Ballyjamesduff, Cavan, Belturbet, and Ballyconnell**. These sessions provided a valuable platform for local entrepreneurs, SMEs, and business leaders to connect, share insights, and explore the wide range of supports available to help their businesses grow.

Each event featured informative discussions on enterprise supports, funding opportunities, mentoring services, and digital transformation initiatives. Attendees engaged actively with LEO staff, gaining practical knowledge tailored to the needs of businesses in the region. The strong turnout and enthusiastic participation highlighted the appetite for continued learning among Cavan's business community.

The Lunch & Learn series not only fostered networking but also reinforced the importance of accessible, localised business support. Plans are already underway to expand the initiative further, building on the momentum and positive feedback received.



LEO Lunch & Learn Event in Johnston Library, Cavan in June 2025

Digital Awareness Event – Bailieborough, 10 October 2025

The Bailieborough Digital Awareness Event, hosted by the Bailieborough Development Association, took place at Bailieborough Courthouse and welcomed local SMEs for a focused morning session on digital transformation. The event was designed to help small businesses translate digital ambition into practical next steps, with a strong emphasis on streamlining operations, enhancing customer engagement, and selecting cost-effective digital tools.

Opening remarks were delivered by Minister of State Niamh Smyth, who underscored the government's commitment to supporting SME digitisation. A key contributor was Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Cavan, represented by Conor Craven, who outlined the range of supports available to businesses, including mentoring, funding, and training.

The event featured expert insights from Karin Jancykova (FactoryXChange), Niall McKeon (National Enterprise Hub), and Leanne Clarke (McCabe Feeds), and concluded with participants developing tailored digital action plans for the coming quarter.



CREATED IN CAVAN FOOD NETWORK

Implementation of the 2024-27 Cavan Food Strategy continued. This strategic initiative seeks to bolster the region's culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among food companies, acknowledging the sector's pivotal role within the local economy.

Key to the strategy's success is collaboration among stakeholders, including the Food Strategy Co-Ordinator and the Created in Cavan internal and external working groups. Together, these groups play an essential role in nurturing this dynamic sector, providing targeted support, resources, and expertise to drive sustainability, creativity, and economic development within Cavan's food community.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Rural Innovation and Development Fund (RIDF) Agri-Tourism measures awarded €10,000 funding to part finance initiatives in 2025 supported by Cavan County Council including:

- Summer Markets took place in Con Smith Park on the 7th & 8th June 2025. The event was a success, giving local producers in attendance a great opportunity to highlight the wonderful food and drink that we have in our County.
- 'Created In Cavan' Consumer Awareness Campaign took place during May & June, highlighting network members through press and radio, showcasing their contributions and the importance of local produce to the community.
- The 2025 Created in Cavan producer directory & producer map was updated and distributed to local chefs to encourage the use of local produce.
- A videography project which produced 8 vertical video reels suitable for social media, showcasing 8 local hospitality venues promoting the importance of sourcing local and showcasing dishes from Created in Cavan Network producers.
- Created In Cavan National Schools Food Programme was delivered in September & October 2025 and received very positive feedback from all schools that participated. The programme was designed to help children understand where their food comes from, local produce, nutrition, and food preparation. It also created an awareness of the Cavan Food Network and the "Created In Cavan" branding.
- The Cootehill Markets were held in November 2025 showcasing the wonderful Cavan produce.
- Monthly Food Cluster sessions were held to support network members, providing valuable insights into key topics such as brand development, marketing strategies, and scaling for growth. Each session featured industry updates, opportunities for networking, and a guest speaker.



12 Created In Cavan producers attended The Virginia Show, showcasing and raising awareness of local produce. Colleagues from Local Enterprise Office Cavan, Tourism and Cuilcagh Lakelands GEO Park attended the event promoting services and experiences throughout the county.



Dermot Gallagher – Food Strategy Coordinator, Clarissa Beacom - Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark, Emma Poyntz - Tourism, Karl Kelly – Local Enterprise Office.

The Blás na hÉireann awards took place in Dingle on Friday 3rd October. Eight Cavan producers were shortlisted as finalists, winning 15 awards. Ice Cream Treats was recognised as "Best in Cavan 2025" award.



Dermot Gallagher, Food Co-ordinator Cavan Co Council, Gerry Sheridan, Ice Cream Treats, Lisa Clarke, Ice Cream Treats, Artie Clifford, Chairperson Blás na hÉireann, Conor Craven, Head of Enterprise Local Enterprise Office Cavan

Cavan Craft Collective

Following a feasibility study by Verling Consulting, the "Cavan Craft Collective" network has been established to support local craft makers. The network will officially launch in November 2025, with 16 members showcasing their work at an exhibition hosted by Crafts of Ireland on Thursday, 27th November.



**CAVAN
CRAFT
COLLECTIVE**



Cathaoirleach John Paul Feely, Eoin Doyle, Chief Executive Cavan Co Council, Brendan Jennings, Director of Service Cavan Co Council, Conor Craven, Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office Cavan with members of the Cavan Craft Network including chairperson Marina Harten



DIVISION E – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Services Section of Cavan County Council is responsible for environmental issues in the county including waste issues. Much of the work of the section relates to water issues, however air and noise issues are also dealt with, and the Section provides advice to other directorates in the Council. Environmental Services is also responsible for energy matters and the Energy Manager operates within the section. Climate action is a growing area of responsibility within the section. The local Climate Action Plan which was approved by the council in 2024, will continue to require significant resources in 2026.

SAMPLING PROGRAMME

A significant sampling programme for our rivers and lakes is undertaken. This programme is primarily determined by the EPA and is part of our functions under the Water Framework Directive. It is expected that this programme will continue in 2026, analysis will be undertaken by the EPA laboratories and the sampling element will continue to be undertaken by the Environmental Services Section.

Other monitoring activities undertaken relate to industrial/commercial discharge licences, and drinking water.

The monitoring of drinking water supplies is essential in order to maintain quality assurance in the supplies. The Council is responsible for coordinating the sampling programme for the Group Water Supply Schemes and other small private supplies to be monitored in 2026. These activities are undertaken under Strategic objective No 1.1.35, 2.1.24

NITRATES REGULATIONS

Implementation of the Nitrates Regulations will continue in 2026 and there is significant emphasis on this body of work, with significant inspection numbers required to be undertaken by Cavan County Council upon direction to do so by the EPA and the Department of housing local government and heritage. These regulations form the basis for protecting water quality through the proper management of agricultural activities throughout the county. The Environmental Services Section will also help offset the impact of regulation by informing farmers of good agricultural practice through regular articles in public media relevant to time of year. These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 2.1.24

WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS FOR SINGLE HOUSES

The national inspection programme for wastewater treatment systems for single houses, is ongoing and the inspection plan will continue in 2026. A minimum of 33 inspections will be required under this programme throughout 2026 as well as verification inspections and re-inspections from previous assessments. These activities are undertaken under; Strategic Objective No 1.1.2



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Environmental assessments for planning applications will be undertaken to allow for appropriate measures to be included in order to preserve and improve the environment within the county. These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 1.1.2

POLLUTION INCIDENTS

The Section deals with a significant number of complaints, usually related to either pollution or environmental nuisance. Every effort is made to deal with complaints without the need for formal enforcement action. Nevertheless in some cases the only effective course of action lies with either statutory notices under the Water Pollution Act and/or legal action. These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 1.1.2,2.1.24

WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE(WFD)

Cavan County Council works with both the Local Authorities Water Programme (LAWPRO) and the EPA to implement the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The Regulations provided for the Minister to establish a WFD Office to facilitate a coordinated regional approach. In 2026, Ireland's third Water Action Plan: River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 will continue to be implemented, and the WFD office will continue to work in conjunction with the Council in engaging with the public in water matters, seeking participation, education, local inclusion, two way communications, understanding, trust, and developing local area water management plans in partnership with stakeholders to meet WFD objectives. The Councils key task, to protect good quality waters and improve those which are less than good still remains. These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 2.1.24

ENERGY

In 2026 the energy officer will continue to report on energy efficiency and energy improvements within the Council. Based on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) scorecard, Cavan County Council has made significant improvements to date (30.8% improvement) but there is still work to be done as we move towards the 2030 targets (50% target). These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 5.1.8,4.1.1

SMOKEY COAL BAN

Since 2022, regulations have been implemented relating to solid fuels including Smokeless Coal under the Air Pollution (Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels) Regulations.

It is illegal to burn bituminous coal (Smoky Coal). Coal merchants and retail outlets will not be allowed to display or sell bituminous coal.

Fine particles are released during the burning of smoky coal that can spark asthma attacks, and can cause a range of respiratory problems such as bronchitis, bronchiolitis (affects one in four children under the



age of two), pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer and others. This has also been associated with strokes, heart attacks, and other cardiovascular conditions. The burning of smoky coal affects the external environment, but also the internal environment of homes where it is burned. In 2026 enforcement of this legislation will continue. These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 1.1.2



WASTE MANAGEMENT

The waste element within the Environmental Services Section of Cavan County Council is responsible for waste issues in the county. Much of the work of the section relates to waste prevention and management (including generation, collection, and treatment) and deterring illegal waste activities such as littering, illegal dumping, bogus waste collection, backyard burning, abandoned vehicles and end of life vehicles and taking the necessary enforcement actions. However, other activities include providing the households of County Cavan with a good quality waste management infrastructure by improving and maintaining our network of recycling bring centres and Civic Amenity Centres, monitoring historical landfills, providing education and awareness measures through our Green School Network, and assisting community and voluntary groups to tackle the issues faced by littering and illegal dumping. The Section is also responsible for the control of dogs in its functional area and the dog warden and veterinary officer operates within the section. Waste management activities are undertaken under Strategic objective No 1.1.2, 2.1.22, 3.1.9, 5.1.7

LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025 - 2028

The Litter Management Plan 2025 – 2028 is currently in Draft for consideration at SPC and adoption in quarter 4 2025. The plan includes information on legislation, details the activities undertaken by the Council during the lifespan of the previous plan and sets out the objectives of the new plan under Litter Prevention & Control Measures, Enforcement Measures, Public Awareness including education and information measures, Working in Partnership with Communities and Businesses and Climate and Biodiversity Action.

ANTI DUMPING INITIATIVE (ADI)

The Anti-Dumping Initiative is designed to work in partnership with community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate prevention and abatement measures and enforcement responses. The initiative is co-ordinated through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs). The initiative will continue in 2026.

As part of the 2025 Anti-Dumping Initiative, the Council completed projects which included prioritising the key measures outlined in Circular WP07.24:

- Upgrade of our Recycling Bring Centre Network including extensive refurbishment works at the Blacklion and Corlough Bring Centres.



- Prevention measures included providing half price Bulky Waste Drop Offs at all three Civic Amenity Sites in July.
- Education and Awareness measures included assisting our Green Schools Programme by working in partnership with VOICE Ireland and to provide the “Picker Pals” education programme to 10 schools.
- Abatement measures were undertaken at a site at Castle Saunderson.



BRING CENTRES AND CIVIC AMENITY SITES

As part of previous Anti-Dumping Initiatives, Cavan County Council audited our Recycling Bring Centre Network and identified locations in need of refurbishment through ADI funding. In recent years, we have developed a targeted campaign at improving the appearance of recycling facilities across the County to encourage the continued responsible use of facilities by regular service users and motivate non recyclers to start using the facilities.

In conjunction with the Civic Amenity Sites, this allows for appropriate recycling.



Bring Centre in Corlough

ANTI LITTER INITIATIVES

The Council have supported national and local anti-litter initiatives throughout the year including the National Spring Clean, for which, 1,874 No. people participated, National Tree Week during which over 400 No. native tree saplings were distributed to community groups, schools and tidy towns. The Council's own Green Kilometre Scheme allows individuals/groups to choose a designated green kilometre stretch of road in their area.

Litter pickers, bags and gloves are available from Cavan County Council for participating individuals and groups. The Council will arrange for the removal of bags once the litter pick has concluded.



GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Green-Schools, known internationally as Eco-Schools, is an environmental education programme run by An Taisce in partnership with local authorities. It promotes long-term, whole-school action for the environment.

There are approximately 87 No. schools in the county with some of them already having achieved Green-School status and proudly fly the Green Flag outside their school. Following the award of their first Green Flag for the Litter and Waste theme, schools renew their Green Flag award every two years by working on a new theme: Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity and Global Citizenship.



In 2025, 13 No. Schools in Cavan were awarded Green Flags at the regional awards ceremony held in Radisson Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath on the 21st May as follows:

- Water Flag: The Model school Bailieborough and St.Mogues College Bawnboy
- Travel Flag: St.Patricks College Cavan, St.Patricks NS Gowna, Crossreagh NS Mullagh, St.Felims NS Cavan, Cabra Central Kingscourt and Drumcrave NS Cavan.
- Biodiversity Flag: Ballinamoney NS Bailieborough, The Holy Family School Cootehill, Milltown NS Belturbet, Castlerahan NS and Killinkere NS.

GUM LITTER TASKFORCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) is part of a joint initiative that aims to achieve a long-term sustainable solution to the irresponsible disposal of chewing gum litter. The GLT is charged with developing and implementing an action plan to tackle gum litter in the most sustainable way – by changing disposal behaviour, the root cause of the issue – by encouraging the public to dispose of their gum responsibly in a bin. The GLT campaign has been developed to incorporate a set of integrated initiatives including education and awareness raising measures to ensure the greater visibility of the €150 fine for littering and reminding people that incorrectly disposed of chewing gum is litter. The GLT Roadshow took place in Ballyjamesduff on Friday, 4th July 2025.

IRISH BUSINESS AGAINST LITTER (IBAL) ANTI-LITTER LEAGUE AND TIDY TOWNS

Cavan Town overall score in Round 1 the IBAL Anti-Litter League finished 19th out of 40 towns and cities surveyed in 2025 with a ranking of “Clean to European Norms”.

WASTE REGULATIONS, MONITORING & ENFORCEMENT

Waste Enforcement Officers, Community Wardens and other technical staff implement national waste prevention and environment, management and enforcement priorities and deliver the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Plan. Ensuring environmental inspections are carried out and necessary enforcement actions are initiated. Environmental Services liaise with the Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Office in implementing actions and objectives set out in the National Enforcement Priorities.

A number of audits are also carried out with regard to various producer responsibility initiatives schemes for waste tyres, waste electrical, packaging and end of life vehicles.



CLOSED/HISTORIC LANDFILLS

The Council is required in line with relevant waste legislation to carry out a risk assessment in respect of closed landfills in its functional area. There are several such landfills which fall into this category. These activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 3.2, 6.7, 5.5



PARKING CONTROL

Environmental Services are responsible for Parking Control functions for the County.

The service provided aims to be at the forefront of new and relevant parking initiatives. We aim to promote best practice and continual quality improvement across the service. Demand for kerbside parking in most towns is at a premium and the Council seeks to maintain an active balance between the different demands from residents, visitors, businesses and their deliveries and customers and access for people with disabilities and mobility issues. The main objectives are to keep traffic moving, avoiding unsafe and obstructive parking and making sure there is good access for pedestrians, cyclists, emergency services and other vehicles.

CLIMATE ACTION

Cavan County Council adopted its first Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) in 2024, setting out a five-year roadmap to address the challenges of climate change. The plan includes over 150 actions across five thematic areas:

- Governance & Leadership
- Built Environment & Energy
- Transport
- Natural Environment & Biodiversity
- Community Engagement & Awareness

The plan aligns with national targets including:

- A 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
- A 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030
- Building a climate-resilient Cavan through adaptation and risk reduction

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

The Climate Action Implementation Team, comprising representatives from all departments, meets quarterly to monitor progress. The Climate Action Unit leads implementation, supported by senior management. Annual reporting to the SEAI and DECC ensures accountability and transparency. To ensure that delivery is timely, the implementation of the Climate Action Plan will be monitored by the Climate Action Unit via an in-house monitoring system. Progress reporting to elected members will continue to take place annually via the implementation report.



FLEET DECARBONISATION

The Climate Action Unit are currently in the process of completing a Fleet decarbonisation business case which will be completed in 2026. This study is essential in supporting the Local Authorities commitment to climate action goals, demonstrating leadership, increasing resilience as well as reducing our contribution to green house gas emissions. Once completed, the findings will be evaluated and a plan of action for implementation can be designed.

DISTRICT HEATING

District heating is a system for distributing heat generated in a centralised location through a system of insulated pipes for residential and commercial heating requirements such as space heating and water heating. The Climate Action Unit have recently completed a pre-feasibility study to identify suitable location within the county of Cavan for application of this technology. Progression to phase 2 full feasibility is currently being deliberated. The aim of this study is to create a transition roadmap toward efficient district heating and cooling, which is the first and necessary step in the development of a low carbon energy solution.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

Over the course of 2025, a total of 22 projects are being funded as part of the community climate action fund. Under strand 1 of the programme (building Low Carbon Communities) a total of €439,000 was allocated to support 17 projects across County Cavan. In addition under the shared island strand of the fund, another €332,961 was allocated to 5 cross border climate projects. Funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the projects focus on the climate action themes of energy, transport, food & waste, shopping and recycling, and local environment and climate action. In 2026, the strand 1 element of the fund has been allocated €439,000.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS

In 2026, a series of comprehensive multimedia campaigns that includes social media outreach, informational posters and newsletters will take place in order to raise awareness about local climate initiatives. The campaign will highlight practical steps residents can take to reduce their carbon footprint and emphasise the benefits of participating in local sustainability programs.

CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

During 2026 the Climate Action Unit will continue to provide clear and coordinated communications campaigns to help raise public awareness and engagement on Climate Action and delivery of Cavan's Climate Action Plan. In 2025, a very successful schedule of events were completed, engaging over 2000 people and covering the various thematic areas of climate action.



A major stakeholder event entitled “Decarbonising Cavan” was held in October 2025, bringing together SEAI, Mannok, Kyte Powertech, Cavan County Local Development, Cavan County Council Housing Section and the Local Enterprise Office, to showcase innovation and collaboration. In addition to this the event was attended by numerous renewable energy and decarbonisation service providers from across the County.

For 2026, in addition to climate action week, the Climate Action Unit will work with colleagues across the organisation to deliver a number of additional collaborative and cross sectoral events. The Climate Action Unit will also continue its collaboration with schools through the green schools programme, youth clubs through the green clubs initiative, and third-level institutions will involve young people in climate action. This will likely include sustainability-themed competitions, educational workshops, and supporting eco-clubs in schools.

2026 CLIMATE PRIORITIES

- Continue implementation of the LACAP
- Deliver projects under the Community Climate Action Fund
- Complete a District Heating Feasibility Study
- Complete Fleet Decarbonisation Business Case
- Support climate literacy through schools and community programmes
- Continue efforts to reduce the organisations Carbon emissions and Energy usage.
- Engage and collaborate with stakeholders to exemplify Cavan’s Decarbonisation Zone.

These Climate Action activities are undertaken under Strategic Objective No 4.1.1

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CORPORATE PLAN

The corporate plan is being progressed as outlined above in the strategic objectives being linked to the proposed budget. In addition, implementation and performance review of the Corporate Plan 2024-29 is achieved by the following mechanisms, the section contributes to the monthly management reports to Elected Members and in the compilation of relevant performance indicators identified by NOAC. The strategic objectives and the supporting strategies outlined in the corporate plan are specifically linked to the actions in the annual service delivery plan of the section.



CAVAN COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

The implementation of the Retained Firefighters WRC (2023) agreements commenced during 2024. Budget 2026 continues to be prepared on the assumptions that costs associated with the agreement will be recouped from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Continued efforts are underway to achieve full staffing levels in the 10 fire stations located around the County. In addition, approval for a new senior fire officer posts awaits filling in 2026.

The budget outlines significant investment in personnel, training and equipment, ensuring the brigades operational effectiveness and enhancing community fire safety programs. The projection in operational expenses reflects our commitment to enhance service capabilities, with staffing supports a central value.

As in previous years, ICT costs have risen due to increased license fees, maintenance commitments on existing systems and the need for new technology supports. We will continue to explore opportunities to maximise the benefits of new technology and communication systems.

Software /Provider	Renewal subscription	2026 uplift costs
ICR Fire & Rescue – Incident Command System	€14,500	Same
Diamond/Mallon SLA -premises files record	€10,504.20	Same, costs to re-align to calendar year
BCMS – Building Control Management System	€51,957	+76.49%
LMS365 – training records data base	€10,000 however this database has run to end of life, training data to be merged.	In considering the requirements of ISO: 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management system, Flex Manager Technology ~ €12,000 serves best.



CAMP/ERCC – Eastern Regional Control Room – 999 call handling dispatch service	~ €155,000	+1% increase
Gartan Technologies Ltd – Payroll & Availability	€8,142.60 €18,892.80	+3.5% increase

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E11 OPERATION OF FIRE SERVICE - OBJECTIVES

Cavan County Council operates a retained fire service deployed from 10 fire stations.

- To provide an efficient and effective Fire Service to protect and save lives.
- Maintain current mobilisation times for fire crews attending emergency incidents
- Provide effective training programmes, including health and safety, for all Fire Service personnel
- To deliver the national primary school fire safety programmes in all schools in the County
- To engage at community outreach events
- To develop pre-incident plans for high-risk locations
- To maintain and upgrade existing fire stations.
- To establish a work program with a view to achieving ISO 45001, Occupational Health and Safety Management System

E12 FIRE PREVENTION - OBJECTIVES

- To assess and grant Fire Safety Certificates, Revised Fire Safety Certificate and Regularisation Certificates in support to the Building Control Authority.
- To carry out inspections under the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003
- To carry out inspections and risk assessments under the Dangerous Substances Act, 1972



CAVAN COUNTY CIVIL DEFENCE

Cavan County Civil Defence currently has 112 active volunteers throughout the county, providing skills in all Civil Defence disciplines.

Currently there are 9 centres and 11 weekly classes providing casualty teams, a boat team, a rope rescue team, a welfare team, a drone team, an auxiliary fire service team and a communications team and a land search team. Our new headquarters at Pullamore Business Park is now providing a very modern training centre for both Civil Defence and Cavan County Council.

A provision of €125,000 is included in Budget 2026 to support all these functions.

Cavan County Civil Defence has performed 162 duties from 1st January to the 20th October 2025 including

- Assisting the Fire Service
- Missing Person searches
- Ambulance cover for Camino Walks in Killeshandra and Cuilcagh.
- Assist at Blood Clinics Ballyconnell, Ballyjamesduff, Cootehill, Kingscourt, Lough Gowna & Virginia.
- Ambulance and Boat cover for Swim Ireland Event at Annagh Lake and Virginia.
- Ambulance and Boat Cover at James McManus Triathlons & Virginia Triathlons.
- Ambulance and boat cover for Cavan Kayaka Run
- Ambulance Cover at two events at the Cavan Burren.
- Ambulance cover for numerous cycles for DB Cycle, Cavan Wheelers & Virginia Cycle Clubs.
- Cavan Arts Culture Night.
- Visit of relicts of St. Oliver Plunkett.
- Country music festivals, Lavey, Mullahoran and Breffni Bash, Ballyconnell, 3 nights each.
- All major GAA games in Breffni Park including Ulster Council and All Ireland Series Qualifier Games.
- LGFA Games
- Wheelchair Patient Transport from Home to Hospital Appointments.
- Providing assistance to vulnerable persons across the County of Cavan in the aftermath of Storm Eowyn in January/February including opening our Head Quarters as a Hub for persons to use showers, charge devices, access Hot Water etc.
- Wheelchair Patient Transport for HSE to Oncology Appointments in Cavan & Dublin.
- We had a total of 220 taskings in 2024



Civil Defence continue to provide a high level of service to the community with a full time Civil Defence Officer and the employment of an Assistant Civil Defence Officer in the near future. A provision is included in Budget 2026 to cover the Local Authority element for salaries.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

In 2025 Cavan Civil Defence took possession of our new Atlantic Composite bespoke built boat (grant aided by Civil Defence Branch out of dormant account funds €43,000.00 in 2024).

This boat is to replace an existing 4M RIB, the new boat will be 5.2m in length and will allow the crew to launch in winds stronger than a moderate breeze which is the limit for our current boats and will allow more working room on board.

We also received our New Drone a DJI M4TD at a cost of €10,500+ along with accessories and launch /landing Pad funded by the Civil Defence Branch, this is a more robust Drone and will allow for flying in more challenging weather conditions thus enhancing our Search and Rescue ability. Training has been provided by the Civil Defence Branch also.

The re-fit of our new HQ at Pullamore Business Park, Dublin Road Cavan has been completed, and the official opening was held in April 2024,

The facility is being used not just by Civil Defence locally and nationally but also extensively by Cavan County Council & Stranorlar Regional Training Centre for meetings and training.

We will also need to build a lean to type shed in rear yard to protect our larger vehicles.

The Civil Defence HQ is part of Pullamore Estate Management and as such must make annual contributions towards the upkeep of the Business Park, the most pressing being the re-surfacing and lining of the existing Car Park and Insurance for same.

A sum to cover ongoing maintenance and upkeep has been included in the 2026 budget.

MAJOR EMERGENCY PLANNING

As a statutory organisation of volunteers, Cavan County Civil Defence can provide a very important resource for use during major emergencies, in support of the principal response agencies.

Cavan County Civil Defence responded to a number of search incidents on water where we assisted both AGS and the Fire Service.

TRAINING

In 2024/25 Cavan Civil Defence continue training in all aspects of our various disciplines and concluded the training year in May with a multi-disciplined exercise in Castle Saunderson where a wide range of skills were tested, including Search and Rescue accompanied by our Drone Team.

All First Aid Instructors were up skilled in September and our EMTs were upskilled to the latest CPGs in



January.

Life Saving First Aid courses were provided to all local secondary schools and to many local community groups.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

Cavan Civil Defence helps Cavan County Council to achieve its Strategic Objective No 2: *Facilitate and promote sustainable economic growth, enterprise and tourism*, by providing assistance (Casualty, communications, boat & drone) to sporting and community events.

Cavan Civil Defence promotes Cavan County Council's Strategic Objective No 3: *Promote the development of stronger towns and villages*, as all of the volunteers are members of their local communities.

A key supporting strategy within Cavan County Council's Strategic Objective No 4: *Strengthen our communities*, is to enhance Safety in the Community. The skills developed by volunteers through their involvement with Civil Defence (e.g. Cardiac First Responder) assists them to enhance the Safety within their own communities. During Storm Eowyn in 2025 Cavan County Civil Defence played a very important role during the aftermath to ensure that essential services continued to be provided to the vulnerable within their communities, by providing welfare checks and any assistance we could, we also opened our HQ at Pullamore as a Community Hub where members of the public were able to avail of hot showers, tea, and charge any devices they needed.

Cavan County Civil Defence are a very visible resource within the county. This is in accordance with Cavan County Council's Strategic Objective No 5: *Foster a spirit of pride in our organisation*. The positive feedback that volunteers get for the services they provide, develops the pride of the individual and the organisation.



DIVISION F – RECREATION AND AMENITY

CAVAN LIBRARY SERVICE

A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE SERVICE

Cavan Library Service continues to develop library spaces and services that are accessible to all. We strive to improve our buildings, by introducing new technology, furniture and equipment to support our work with marginalised, socially excluded, and disadvantaged communities, including the provision of age-friendly seating and specialised reader pens to assist children and adults with learning difficulties such as dyslexia. Cavan Library Service also secured funding through the SláinteCare Healthy Communities programme to create a new accessible and engaging sensory space in Bailieborough Library.

This links to Strategy 2.4 of the Corporate Plan.

AGE FRIENDLY SERVICES

A very vibrant Reminiscence group meets regularly in Johnston Central Library, providing a platform for older library members to share their memories and experiences of life in Cavan in years gone by. Bridge and Scrabble clubs provide further social opportunities for our older members, and along with the Activator Poles initiative exemplify the library service's commitment to promoting lifelong learning, social inclusion, and well-being within the community. Cavan Library Service regularly attend public information events to highlight the valuable services available for all members of our community.

This links to Strategic Objective 2.4 of the Corporate Plan.

LITERACY INITIATIVES

Cavan Library Service continued to roll out national and local literacy initiatives such as *Right to Read* which is primarily aimed at children and families, and *Skills for Life*, which supports adult literacy. *Right to Read* encourages the development of literacy, engaging with library users to foster a love of reading for pleasure with targeted activities to support Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars and Children's Book Festival. *Skills for Life* is a new nationwide library initiative which aims to empower adults by providing inclusive learning opportunities, including free workshops, book collections, online resources, and one-to-one support accessible to all adults. Such programmes highlight libraries as lifelong learning hubs & trusted spaces for education & personal growth

CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL 2025

This year Cavan Library Service placed a strong focus on Children's Irish Books and Irish Authors to show our support for the Discover Irish Children's Books Campaign. Cavan Libraries welcomed Award-winning authors and illustrators to meet children right across the county. We had visits from Marita



Conlon-McKenna, Bex Sheridan, Shane Hegarty, Gerry Daly, Sadhbh Devlin, Emma Murphy, Peter Donnolly, Nina Carberry, Alma Jordan and Felicity Dempsey.

Library staff also organised poetry competitions, quizzes, art workshops and creative writing workshops during the month to encourage all our borrowers to get involved with the festival. Special Storytimes and craft events took place across Cavan to celebrate Halloween and the end of Children's Book Festival.

This links to Strategy 2.4 of the Corporate Plan.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Cavan Library Service acknowledges the important role of the many partners we work with in delivering our annual programmes, including Cavan County Council's Community and Enterprise Section, Culture and Creativity Team, Cavan Sports Partnership, and external agencies such as Cavan/Monaghan ETB, the HSE and many more.

CAVAN MONAGHAN SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The 10th Cavan Monaghan Science Festival, a collaboration between Cavan and Monaghan County Councils, runs from November 8th - 16th, and delivers a wide-ranging programme of events to an adult audience primarily, focusing on the theme of 'Then, Today, Tomorrow'.

Groups were invited to co-host events with us in their own communities and this proves very successful with events being held in Bailieborough, Virginia, Ballyconnell, Swanlinbar, Belturbet, Lough Sheelin, Dowra and Ballyjamesduff, providing a wide geographical spread to the Festival. The week includes over 20 events aimed specifically at adults, ranging from Cheesemaking Class at Corleggy Cheeses in Belturbet, to talks with leading experts such as John Gibbons and Dr Sabina Brennan. This year's programme was developed by Cavan Library Service and Creative Cavan and showcased council initiatives such as Cavan Connects. Cavan Library Service continues to develop greater working partnerships through the programme this year.

The Festival also includes a schools programme with a number of school events taking place across the county. The week of activities commenced with the Family Day in Cavan Institute, with over 700 in attendance, enjoying a range of fun events, including demonstrations by Cavan Civil Defence.



Cheese Making Class at Corleggy Cheese, Belturbet, as part of Cavan Monaghan Science Festival 2025
PHOTO: Cavan Library Service

This links to Strategy 2.4 of the Corporate Plan.

CLIMATE ACTION

During Sustainable Development Goals Week in September, and again during Climate Action Week in October, storytime sessions and displays of library resources which looked at the theme of SDGs were arranged in library branches as part of Children's Book Festival 2025 to gently convey the message to children about the importance of protecting our planet. Workshops and demonstrations of the Codema Home Energy Kit for adults were also organised.



Children's Book Festival event / Climate Action Week – Class Visit with Author Emma Murphy PHOTO:
Cavan Library Service

This links to Strategic Objective 4.5 of the Corporate Plan.



PRESERVING AND PROMOTING CAVAN'S HERITAGE

Cavan Library Service plays a central role in recording and preserving the life of our communities. The Local Studies Dept continues to develop a collection of unique and valuable material, along with delivering a programme of activities which highlight the collection. Community groups and individuals made numerous donations of Cavan material which will now be made available to the wider public. The Library Service delivered a number of lectures in 2025, including the ever-popular Autumn Lecture Series.



Autumn Lecture Series 2025 – Dr. Jonathan Cherry, Speaker, pictured with Jonathan Smyth, Local Studies Dept and Emma Clancy, County Librarian – Johnston Central Library

PHOTO: Cavan Library Service

This links to Strategic Objective 2.4 of the Corporate Plan.



NATIONAL PROMOTIONS

Cavan Library Service participated in a number of national library initiatives during 2025 to promote and highlight the range of services available at your local library. During February 2025, Cavan Libraries encouraged everyone to take part in 'Ireland Reads', a national reading campaign, aimed at promoting the power of reading for enjoyment and wellbeing. A National Public Libraries Open Day was held on September 27th with Cavan libraries hosting a range of events and demonstrating resources and new technologies.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Paul Feeley, pictured with participants at a papercraft workshop on National Public Libraries Open Day. PHOTO: Adrian Donohoe

This initiative adheres to Strategy 2.4 of the Corporate Plan.

Corporate Objectives

1. Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit
2. People – strengthening our communities
3. Economy – Promoting Economics, Enterprise and Tourism Development
4. Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan
5. Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration
6. Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority



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RAMOR THEATRE & TOWNHALL CAVAN



Cavan Arts Centres, Ramor Virginia & Townhall Cavan are Cavan County Council's two flagship buildings for the arts in County Cavan. They operate under the one management team. The vision is that these two venues will act as central hubs for the cultural and artistic activities for all of County Cavan, with Ramor serving east Cavan and Townhall serving the county town and west Cavan.

Both Arts Centre's aim to **impact** and **enable**; impact our audiences and enable our artists by encouraging, nurturing and developing an interest and participation in the arts in the county. This is done by presenting a varied program of performances by professional artists in all the art-forms together with encouraging and facilitating professional theatre companies, youth arts, community based amateur groups and individual artists to develop projects and showcase them in each venue.

The two Cavan Arts Venues; Townhall Cavan and Ramor Virginia have recently undergone important restoration and refurbishments and together with a strategic Countywide Arts plan from the the Cavan Arts Office, are now in a position to undertake a whole new chapter in their development as the two venues work together under the one management team to create '**A Home For The Arts**' where the arts is accessible and beneficial to everyone.

Our aim is to continue "**Forging connections between the arts and the public**" with our Arts Centres being, public facing, professionally managed, building based organisations. They will support the creation, presentation and mediation of the arts across a range of arts practices by supporting professional, collaborative, voluntary and amateur arts practice.

Our main goals are: TO CREATE & CONNECT by:

- Creating Two Homes for the Arts— Ramor Virginia and Townhall Cavan two unique heritage buildings with a shared vision, sensitively restored and developed into custom designed spaces for audiences and artists, where the arts are experienced and made accessible, beneficial and available to everyone in the county and beyond.
- Connecting people and enabling partnerships with support bodies, through ongoing collaboration with creative practitioners and cultural groups and through building connections with people and their communities.
- Creating important resources that enable the art community to create and make a positive impact in people's lives by providing homes for the arts that are inclusive and appreciative of the creativity, cultures, talents and needs of everyone.



Ramor Arts Centre, Virginia

Ramor Arts Centre is home to Livin Dred Theatre Company which over the past nineteen years has worked in partnership with the venue to incubate, develop and produce top quality professional theatre, which has then gone to tour both nationally and internationally. It is our aim to grow this partnership with Livin Dred as we embark on the next chapter of our evolution. Both, venues aim is to encourage, nurture and develop an interest and participation in the arts in the county working with our other cultural partners within the local authority including The Arts Office, The County Museum and the Library Service. Programming at Townhall Cavan & Ramor Virginia, covers all artforms including Theatre, Film, Workshops, Popular Music, Children's Theatre, Comedy, Children's Film, Classical Music, Youth Drama, In-house Productions, Special Needs Drama, Community Arts and Visual Arts. This is in keeping with Ramor/Townhalls commitment to the Strategic Objectives laid out in The Cavan County Council Corporate Plan through Community Development, Participation, Quality of Life and Inclusion by bringing and promoting Arts and Culture to the citizens of Cavan.

The Virginia Civic, Culture and Library Centre and this new state of the art amenity which continues to enhance the Ramor Theatre greatly giving it a new bar, box office, dressing rooms and rehearsal space. This means together with the library service that this new building will become an entrance point to the county and be a connection for visitors coming from beyond the County which in turn means the development of tourism which promotes a positive image of Ramor Theatre, Cavan County Council and indeed the County of Cavan as a whole.

Professional Touring Theatre at both Ramor and Townhall Cavan for 2026 will include productions with some of Ireland's best-known performers and theatre companies visiting our county. These visits by these companies increase the profile of our venues as destinations for-top class theatre companies.

Some of the biggest names in Irish music will also appear at Ramor and Townhall Cavan during 2026 which continues to raise our profile nationally and through social media again in keeping with objectives of Cavan County Council Corporate Plan.



In 2026 Ramor and Townhall Arts Centre's hope to continue its strategy to develop Drama & Theatre workshops at both venues. This involved Professional Theatre Artists delivering both weekly and weekend courses at the venue to both professional, semi-professional and amateur individuals and groups based in our region.

One of the main goals of Ramor Theatre and Townhall Cavan continues to be working with and developing young people and childrens interest in the arts. POD Youth Theatre will continue to operate from The Ramor while Gonzo Youth Theatre will return for performances in Townhall in 2026.

Ramor and Townhall will continue in 2026 its commitment to local artists and community groups, an activity of which we are most proud and we feel that this continued collaborations with Community groups is integral to the work we do at The Ramor but also in keeping with the pillars of Community Development, Participation, Quality of Life, Inclusion and Arts and Culture laid out in The Strategic Objective Supporting Communities.

Ramor Theatre and Townhall Cavan continues to endeavour to ensure the effective, efficient and economic use of all the Councils resources and will aim to apply the principals of good governance in everything we do.

Ramor and Townhall management feel that we continue to strive to integrate the Corporate Objectives & Key Strategic Actions within our section especially in:

OBJECTIVE 1

To Support and enhance local democracy and promote engagement and collaboration with our citizens objective through providing venues and performances and interactions for all the people of Cavan.

OBJECTIVE 2

Facilitate and promote sustainable economic growth, enterprise and tourism through attracting audiences from Cavan and beyond into both Virginia and Cavan Town.

OBJECTIVE 3

Promote the development of stronger towns and villages to enable them act as key drivers of economic, social and community development across the county through the presence of our venues and outreach and off-site work in both east and west Cavan.

OBJECTIVE 4

Strengthen our communities, to remove disadvantage and make them more resilient through engagement with performances across all art forms through our two venues.

OBJECTIVE 5

Foster a spirit of pride in our organisation and promote organisational effectiveness to ensure the optimum level of customer service while supporting our staff to reach their full potential by making Ramor and Townhall flagship beacons about all that is positive in Cavan County Council.



In 2025 we have developed a new Environmental Policy and Action Plan which we will continue to work on in 2026. We are also currently working on a 5 year Strategic Plan which will run from Autumn 2025 to Autumn 2030.



Townhall Cavan



CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

Nearly thirty years ago, on the 17th of June 1996, President Mary Robinson officially opened Cavan County Museum. Ever since, the Museum has been dedicated to preserving and showcasing the rich history and heritage of County Cavan and Ireland. The Museum is housed in a historic building and features three floors of artifacts, exhibitions, and interactive displays that attract both domestic and international visitors. During 2025, Cavan County Museum continued to play an important role as one of Cavan County Council's core service areas, engaging visitors through a variety of interactive and immersive experiences and affirming a pride of place in the local community. As custodians of Cavan's historical collection and a major tourist attraction for the county, the Museum strives to progress and increase its service. Museum staff work together to ensure our visitors have an exceptional experience, and we strive to deliver an engaging, informative and varied programme of events annually to schools and the public. This links to Strategic Objectives 1.4, 2: 2.1 to 2.7, 3.7, 4.6, 5.4, and 5.7 of the Corporate Plan

In 2025, the Museum participated in several national celebrations, including Culture Night, Heritage Week and Cruinniú na nÓg and supported many County Cavan projects. For the newly established National Holiday of Brigid's Day the collaborative project of Bringing St. Brigid's Cloak to Life which involved artists and poets, primary and post primary students, supported through Cavan Arts Office, Cuilcagh Lakelands Global Geopark, Creative Cavan and Creative Ireland culminated in a memorable exhibition in Cavan County Museum. A drop in Brigid's Cross Workshop complimented this event.



Brigid' Cloak Councillor Trevor Smith, Morag Donald, Catherine McGuinness, Bee Smith and Teresa Tracey Photo Credit: Adrian Donohue

Heritage Week saw the launch of The Courageous Men of Cavan Exhibition, an Open Day of the Museum, Tales from the Trenches tour and storytelling, Public Tours of the reopened Trenches, now a permanent feature of the museum, and a lecture on the Irish Foundations of Cavan Placenames. St. Clare's NS History club had a Museum Takeover Day for Cruinniú na nÓg with students making



presentations on areas of interest to them in the museum and giving tours. The Museum's Culture Night launched the animation "The Speaking Horse of Cuilcagh" by Margaret McKenna with a talk by Morag Donald and storytelling by the Breffni Yarnspinners. These events, which link to local heritage and culture and the working together in partnership with key external organisations and stakeholders align with Strategic Objectives 1.5, 2: 2.1 to 2.7, 3.5 to 3.7, and 4.6.



Launch of Courageous Men Exhibition - Deputy Brendan Smith, Richard Gilroy, Catherine McGuinness, Caroline Clarke, Sally-Ann Duffy, Lynda McGavigan, Emma Clancy, Sharon Howe, Councillor Winston Bennet, Cathaoirleach of the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District Trevor Smith Trevor Smith. Photo Credit: Adrian Donohue



Daniel Downey, Ann Gerety Smyth, Lynda McGavigan, Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council John Paul Feeley, Margaret McKenna, Marion Dempsey, Deputy Brendan Smith, Morag Donald, Sharon Howe. Photo Credit: Adrian Donohue

The Museum continued to be a site of lifelong learning in 2025 with the Evening Lecture Voice of Deities, new research by Ancient Music Ireland in March and the Annual Arthur Griffith lecture delivered by Mairead McGuinness in April. The Museum also hosted book launches in September and October. Well attended exhibitions celebrating local creators were held throughout the year including Kevin Sweeney, Elena Duffy and Sandra Coote and a community meeting on a future project collaborating the work of Kim Gaffney, Colette Kearney, Barry O'Reilly and Jago Studios. Community Workshops, Coffee mornings



and Drama were also part of the scheduling for 2025 including the CCLD Soap Making Workshop and Green Ribbon Coffee Morning, Cavan Art and Health Forum workshops, Climate Action Week Drama Performance of "What are we eatin' anyways?" Along with these activities supporting the community, the Museum continues to maintain the much loved and traversed Nun's Walk which is used daily by local walkers and visitors to the playground and is a key part of the interpretation of the biodiversity of the area through the information panels along the path. These events, encouraging arts and culture and promoting greater public involvement align with Strategic Objective 2: 2.1 to 2.7.



Caroline Walsh, Councillor Trevor Smith, Councillor Niamh Brady, Councillor Winston Bennet, Catherine McGuinness, Emma Clancy, Lynda McGavigan, Mairead McGuinness, Cathaoirleach of the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District T.P. O'Reilly, Councillor Carmel Brady

Photo Credit: Adrian Donohue

The relaunch of the World War 1 Trench Experience in September increased the education and visitor numbers in the last quarter of the year and so maintained our annual education programme numbers to approximately 2000 pupils from all over the country visiting the Museum to engage with our collections and stories. This is an indication that the numbers should increase in 2026. Group tours have also been a healthy part of Museum life, as we welcomed over 1400 group visitors from multiple different groups and organisations in 2025.



Official Relaunch of the World War 1 Trenches - Cathaoirleach of the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District Trevor Smith with Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council John Paul Feeley at the Launch. Photo Credit: Adrian Donohue



The Museum holds Accreditation under the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland. Cavan County Museum was one of the earliest entrants to the programme, which ensures Museums meet set standards across a range of sections, including conservation, exhibitions, archives and many more. The successful retention of our Accreditation demonstrates the standards of excellence shown by the work of the Museum. Museum staff are active in the Local Authority Museum Networks and are partaking in Continued Professional Development through the MPSI Autumn Training Program.

The Museum also made significant investment in our conservation programme, how we care for the building and the collection. Thanks to significant grants from the Heritage Council's Stewardship Fund and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's 2025 Regional Museum Exhibition Scheme, the Museum had the opportunity to develop the display and conservation standards in the Museum, working on elements such as our archive storage facilities and the creation of a disaster store, essential parts of the work we do in caring for our unique and special collection. This funding also provided for a new professional introduction video which will be displayed in the Boat Room of the Museum which is available online in English and Irish and is an excellent promotional tool for international and domestic visitors.

Our continued demonstration of excellence in maintaining Museum standards and the continued investment in our collections and exhibitions mean Cavan County Museum will maintain its reputation as one of the finest local authority Museums in Ireland. This aligns with Strategic Objective 2 and 3 in the Corporate Plan and is work that we will continue into 2026 and beyond.

2026 will be the 30-year Anniversary of the Cavan County Museum. We aim to build on the success of the relaunch of the World War 1 Trench Experience, continue updating the exhibitions and keeping them relevant, build on the work completed in the conservation and documentation of the collection, increase the outreach to local schools and bordering counties and nurture connections with our Diaspora. Cavan County Museum will continue to work with the community to instil a sense of pride of place in the museum, Ballyjamesduff and Cavan.



ARTS

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The work of the Arts Office from 2018 to 2023 was guided by *Inclusivity and Ambition – A Strategy for Cavan Arts*. This strategic plan provided a clear vision and direction, focusing on supporting artists, diversifying participation, developing audiences, and enhancing arts infrastructure across the county. A new arts strategy is currently in development, with extensive consultation underway. It is scheduled for launch in mid-2026 and will build on the achievements of the previous framework while responding to emerging needs and opportunities within the arts sector in County Cavan.

ARTS OFFICE MISSION

Cavan Co. Co. will nurture and create the conditions in which great art can happen, while ensuring that as many people as possible can engage with and participate in high quality arts experiences so that the distinctive contribution of the arts to people's lives is fostered.

CORPORATE SERVICES

1. Support and enhance local democracy and promote engagement and collaboration with our citizens.
2. Facilitate and promote sustainable economic growth, enterprise, and tourism.
3. Promote the development of stronger towns and villages to enable them act as key drivers of economic, social and community development across the county.
4. Strengthen our communities, to remove disadvantage and make them more resilient.
5. Foster a spirit of pride in our organisation and promote organisational effectiveness to ensure the optimum level of customer service while supporting our staff to reach their full potential.
6. Promote a greater understanding of Climate Change and ensure that climate adaptation considerations are mainstreamed and integrated into all activities and delivery of functions and services across our administrative area.

The Corporate Objectives are aligned with each Strategic Priority in the Arts Strategy.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 – SUPPORTING ARTISTS

Supporting Corporate Objective 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Supporting Artists is a shared priority in the Arts Council Framework Agreement with Cavan County Council. We continue to increase our funding request to the Arts Council annually to further build artist capacity, confidence and ambition.



ARTS AWARDS

We continue to develop the Arts Awards and Bursary offers to meet the needs and challenges of the artists and communities in Cavan. Seed funding for artists and community is invaluable to support them lever additional resources from funders, sponsors and patrons.

In 2025, Cavan Arts continued to prioritise the support and development of artists at all stages of their careers through a range of targeted initiatives.

The Arts Awards supported 96 recipients, including 45 Arts Development Awards, 18 Emerging Artist Awards, and 33 Professional Artist Awards.

RESIDENCIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of its strategic development, the Arts Office continues to support and will seek to expand studio award opportunities in collaboration with the Townhall Arts Centre and the Ramor Arts Centre.

ARTIST LIASON

The Artist Liaison continues to play an active role at Townhall Cavan, working closely with a panel of advisers to support artist development and programme delivery. As part of ongoing strategic planning, a review of the bursary programme is being considered to align with the forthcoming arts strategy. The Artist Liaison oversees artist residencies and contributes significantly to visual arts programming, exhibition curation, and audience development initiatives at Townhall Cavan.

OTHER PROJECTS SUPPORTING ARTIST

Cross-Border Collaboration and Strategic Arts Programming

The *Border Biennale*, led by artist Rita Duffy and supported by PeacePlus and Cavan Arts, returned in 2025 with a dynamic programme of site-specific installations and participatory workshops. The launch event at Townhall Arts Centre Cavan in July 2025 attracted over 300 attendees. The project also engaged audiences through Culture Night programming, including a special event at The Market House, Ballyconnell, and activities involving Cross-Border Women's Group.

Planning is underway for further dissemination of the Biennale in 2026, with expanded engagement across educational and community platforms. Collaborative events are being developed with Cavan Institute and Southwest College, supporting the Biennale's commitment to fostering local, national, and international artistic exchange. A return of the Biennale is scheduled for 2027, continuing its role in promoting inclusive, cross-border cultural dialogue.



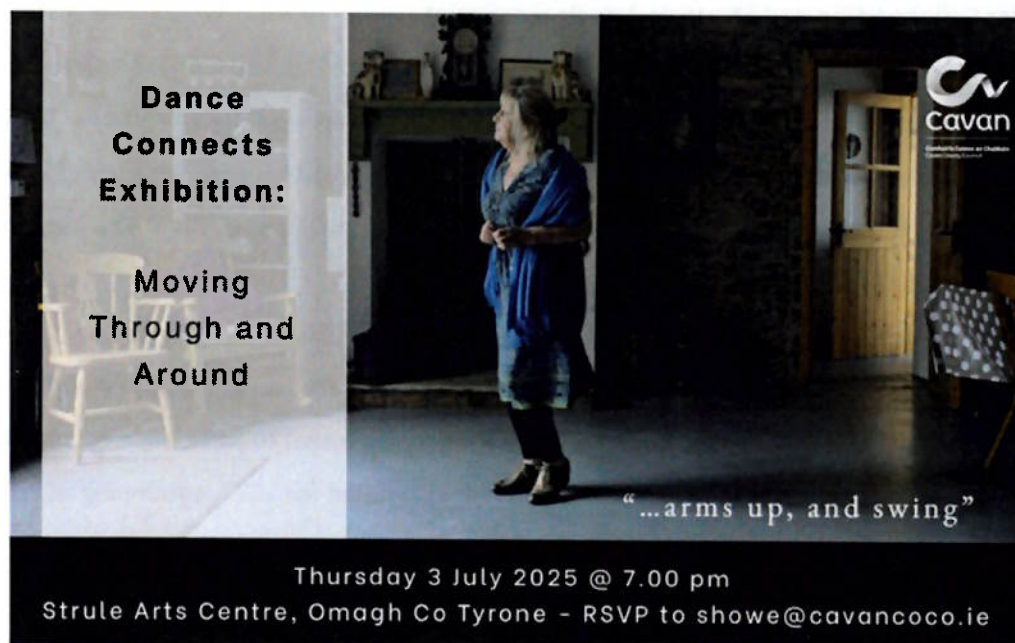
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Sally O'Dowd, Cavan Artist now living and working in Belfast returns for Border Biennale 2025
Townhall Arts Centre, Cavan.
Photo credit Adrian Donohoe

Regional Arts Development and Cross-Border Collaboration

Dance Connects Phase II, supported through Shared Island funding, progressed toward establishing a sustainable framework for dance across the region. The accompanying exhibition, *Moving Through and Around*, was launched at Strule Arts Centre, Omagh in July 2025, with a second iteration scheduled for Ramor Arts Centre in February 2026. A GIS mapping system of dance artists and venues, led by University College Dublin and Queen's University Belfast, is nearing completion and will inform future policy development and engagement strategies.





Vanishing Veins, a climate action initiative led by artist Sinéad Curran, builds on the *Invitation to Collaborate / Roots for the Future* programme. Curran's Geopark residency (2024–2026) has included public engagement through Heritage Week and Culture Night events, with further interventions planned for 2026.

CULTURE NIGHT 2025

Culture Night supported over 60 participating artists. StreetFest, new to the programme, transformed Cavan town with vibrant installations, guerilla writers' corners, walkabout spectacles, multicultural dance, live contemporary classical, jazz, circus performances, etc. with 40 acts energising the county and celebrating Cavan's creative diversity.



Culture Night 2025 Con Horgan Fanzini Brothers. Photograph credit Lorraine Teevan

ARTS AND HEALTH

The Arts and Health Manager successfully delivered a series of continuing professional development (CPD) programmes and implemented Year 1 of European funding under the Culture & Health platform. This initiative supported three artists from County Cavan and three artists nationally, strengthening both local and national engagement in arts and health practice.

In a significant milestone for international collaboration, the manager headed up a team of four representing Ireland and Cavan Arts at the Culture & Health Forum in Turku, Finland in 2025. This engagement highlights Cavan's growing leadership in the arts and health sector and its commitment to cross-border and European partnerships.



Arts and Health Manager, Elisha McCaffrey and Art Therapist, Kim Doherty in Turku, Finland

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 – DEVELOP AUDIENCES / REACHING MORE PEOPLE

SUPPORTING CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 1,2, 3, 4 and 5

In 2025, Cavan Arts advanced its strategy of Reaching More People through a series of impactful, inclusive, and cross-sectoral arts initiatives supported by Core Funding and Funding from Arts Council of Ireland and other stakeholder. These actions expanded access to the arts across rural, cross-border, and underrepresented communities.

Arts & Health programming in Cavan has achieved remarkable reach locally, nationally, and now across Europe. Through a blend of online and in-person CPD initiatives such as *Sustaining Our Practice* and *Bones of Contention*, artists have deepened their skills and expanded their knowledge base. The in-person elements of the project have consistently attracted large audiences, demonstrating strong local and regional interest and participation. In parallel, the online training sessions have extended the project's reach significantly, drawing participants from other parts of Ireland and from across Europe. This dual approach has not only broadened access but also enhanced the project's visibility and impact beyond County Cavan.

Cavan Arts was proudly represented at the prestigious Culture & Health Forum in Turku, Finland, where the county's contribution sparked interest from European partners now looking to Ireland as a model for collaboration.

This growing international engagement underscores the strength of Cavan's arts and health programming and opens exciting possibilities for future cross-border partnerships.



Cavan Arts Festival 2025 remained one of the flagship events, attracting growing audiences with diverse programming for all ages. It delivered a vibrant and inclusive programme that appealed to audiences of all ages. The festival showcased a wide range of artistic disciplines, including music, theatre, visual arts, and participatory events, with a strong emphasis on community engagement and accessibility.

Audience numbers continued to grow, reflecting the festival's increasing profile and its success in fostering a welcoming environment for both emerging and established artists. The festival also contributed to local economic and social development, reinforcing its value as a key driver of cultural tourism and creative placemaking.

Looking ahead, the festival remains central to Cavan Arts' strategic goals of developing audiences, supporting artists, and enhancing arts infrastructure across the county.



Cavan Arts Festival 2025, Indigos Ego. Photograph credit Sarah Hardy

Cavan Arts continues to support grassroots cultural initiatives through the Community Development Awards. In 2025, this included the **NYAH Festival**, the **Ed Reavy Festival**, and other locally led events that celebrate traditional music, heritage, and community participation. These festivals play a vital role in enriching the cultural life of the county, fostering intergenerational engagement, and promoting regional identity. Support from the Arts Office ensures that organisers can access resources, build capacity, and deliver high-quality programming that reaches diverse audiences.

Dance Connects: A GIS mapping system, hosted by Queen's University Belfast and funded through Shared Island, is nearing completion. It documents dance artists, facilitators, and venues across Cavan and the border region, and will support future planning, visibility, and access to dance in rural areas. An exhibition showcasing this work is scheduled for Ramor Theatre in 2026 and will attract audiences from across Cavan.

Vanishing Veins: In the area of Climate action and Biodiversity awareness Vanishing Veins, expanded its reach through partnerships with Cavan Co. Co. Biodiversity Officer and Climate Action Team, Heritage Week, Culture Night, and Science Week and local communities. These collaborations are engaging new audiences and embedding climate-focused arts within broader civic frameworks.

Culture Night 2025 attracted crowds of over 3000 people across the county with events in towns, villages and rural locations. Public engagement and audience development for Culture Night increased through a clear focus on audience engagement and reach through various channels with largest numbers ever attending events across the county.

The Arts Office will continue to support climate action initiatives like theatre piece: What Are We Eatin' Anyways, Divergently Together, which uses STEM technologies to engage neurodivergent communities in climate action and unmasking nature.



Culture Night 2025: Photograph credit Adrian Donohoe



Culture Night 2025, Logi on Fire at Townhall Carpark. Photograph credit Jago Studio

Border Biennale engaged new audiences and cross border audiences through site-specific installations, workshops, and performances throughout 2025 and into 2026. Led by Rita Duffy and supported by PeacePlus and Cavan Arts, the launch exhibition at Townhall Arts Centre attracted over 300 visitors. The project has expanded access to contemporary arts across rural settings and cross-border communities.

These actions reflect Cavan Arts' commitment to inclusive, community-rooted programming that reaches more people, supports artists, and strengthens regional and international partnerships. They demonstrate how strategic investment, and collaboration can embed the arts more deeply into public life and policy.

In 2026, Cavan Arts will expand its reach through ambitious, artist-led projects, strategic partnerships, inclusive programming, and deeper audience engagement. A key development will be the launch of a new Arts Strategy, accompanied by a refreshed visual identity and logo, reflecting our commitment to inclusion, innovation, and community connection. A number of exciting projects are in the pipeline and subject to funding from the Arts Council of Ireland and other funders.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – YOUTH AND YOUTH ARTS

Supporting Corporate Objectives 1, 4, and 5

The Cavan Monaghan Local Arts in Education Partnership (LAEP) supported four Cavan schools with artist residencies and, through the Youth Arts Hub, awarded three bursaries for collaborative youth arts projects. Annual initiatives included the Music on Wheels tour to 18 schools and creative workshops.



The Youth Arts Hub, in partnership with NYCI, CMETB, Cavan Arts and Monaghan County Council, will host a networking event in November 2025, further enhancing capacity, professional development, and high-quality arts engagement for young people regionally.

Creative Schools: In partnership with LEAP and Cavan Monaghan Youth Arts Hub, the Arts Office continues to support arts engagement in education settings in consultation with Creative Artists/Associates. The scheme is managed by the National Youth Council of Ireland and funded by Cavan Arts, Monaghan Arts Office, Cavan Monaghan Education Training Board Youth Services.

Music Generation Cavan/Monaghan, guided by its new Strategic Plan launched in 2025, delivered high-quality music education to approx. 3,000 children across 20 schools, hubs, and ensembles. Highlights included: Performances at Traddoole Festival with Eleanor Shanley, The Slieve Russell Hotel, the Cavan TownHall Showcase, Killashandra Tradfest Big Band, and National Harp Day. A 106-piece youth orchestra performed in Dublin and Belfast, celebrating Máirtín O'Connor's music and Community Choir. The programme promoted inclusive access, creative development, and youth-led performance, directly supporting the Arts Council's Young People and the Arts strategy.



Cavan Monaghan Music Generation Ensemble 2025: Photograph Credit Lorcan Doherty.

Create to Connect: As part of the Cavan Monaghan Arts and Health Forum, a series of workshops were delivered by local artists and an art therapist, informed by the co-produced Create to Connect project with CAMHS and Mental Health Ireland. Supported by the Public Sector Innovation Fund, these workshops engaged young people and carers, culminating in a public exhibition at Johnston Central Library in April 2025.

Youth Theatre and Festivals: POD Youth Theatres at Ramor Theatre, KYDS Kilnaleck, and Gonzo Theatre Cavan Town continued to receive bursaries, providing access to theatre and public



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performances for young people across the county. Additional partnership funding supported bilingual theatre and music shows, harp events with Cruit Éireann, circus and spectacle with Theatre Lab Cavan, and mask-making and music workshops at Cootehill Arts Festival. Arts and Health interventions included collaborative mural projects with secondary school students.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4 – CULTURE NIGHT **Supporting Corporate Objectives 1, 2, 3 & 5**

Culture Night Cavan 2025, delivered with Partnership Funding, was a countywide platform for audience development, increased diversification and social inclusion. The programme directly advanced the Framework Agreement's goals by expanding access, fostering belonging and embedding the arts and reflecting the those now living in Cavan. The programme was shaped by a growing appetite for immersive and intercultural experiences. Townhall StreetFest featured circus, visual art, installations and a dynamic dance programme, including Indian, Flamenco, Filipino, and Irish dance, celebrating cultural diversity and engaging audiences of all ages. High-energy circus acts (Fanzini Brothers, Logy on Fire) and a strong classical music and jazz strand (concerts, rural exhibitions) demonstrated audience demand and growth potential for these genres. Inclusive programming was central: workshops and participatory events promoted wellbeing, intercultural exchange, and creative expression, reaching new audiences and those with limited prior arts engagement. Highlights included A pop-up Gaeltacht, Tatreez Embroidery (Palestinian heritage), and accessible, dementia-friendly and intergenerational events such as the World Culture Show at Lisdarn Unit for the Elderly. The launch of Cultúr Cavan Creatives, a digital platform for multicultural and neurodiverse artists and writers, further supported regional talent and broadened engagement partnering with Creative Cavan.

Partnership with Creative Cavan projects and The Border Biennale a PeacePlus funded project was critical in delivering an ambitious, accessible and artistically rich programme. Culture Night Cavan 2025 demonstrated how strategic investment, and collaboration can activate cultural participation at scale,



nurture local creativity, and make the arts a shared, transformative experience for all.

Culture Night 2025 was marked by an exceptional public response, with large audiences turning out across County Cavan to support a diverse and high-quality programme. The calibre of participating artists and performers was widely praised, and the inclusive, multicultural nature of the events reflected the county's evolving cultural identity. From traditional arts to contemporary expressions, audiences engaged enthusiastically with work that celebrated both local heritage and global perspectives. The night also demonstrated the power of arts to foster connection across generations, communities, and cultures.

Looking ahead to 2026, we aim to build on this momentum by continuing to support ambitious, artist-led programming that reflects the richness of life in Cavan. We will further develop partnerships with communities and artists to ensure that Culture Night remains a space for innovation, inclusion, and meaningful engagement. Our strategic direction will remain focused on supporting artistic excellence, and creating opportunities for new and existing audiences to encounter the arts in unexpected and transformative ways.

SPECIALIST STAFFING SCHEME

ARTS AND HEALTH MANAGER – The Arts and Health Manager has played a pivotal role in furthering the work of Arts and Health in Cavan and Ireland working alongside Cavan Monaghan Arts & Health Forum, the HSE and local ETB, amongst others. Projects include Create to Connect, Holistic Harmonies, Singing in Nursing Homes with Creative Cavan, Kindling the Spark with Healing Arts with Creative Cavan, community arts and health programmes, CPD Trainings both in person and online and supporting existing Arts & Health projects and a Peer Support Network.

Collaboration with the Cavan Monaghan Arts and Health Forum, the HSE, and the local ETB has ensured strong cross-sectoral integration. A standout community outcome is the Singing for Health and Wellbeing Choir, which has grown into an independent group performing at local nursing homes, Culture Night, and other events. Members report increased confidence, joy, and social connection, demonstrating the tangible impact of arts and health initiatives

In 2025 the Arts and Health Manager also successfully administered Year 1 of the Culture Action Europe funding programme, a multiannual project supporting emerging artists working in arts and health in a range of community, health or education settings. €24,000 euro was granted to six artists working in Arts and Health, with three local projects and three national projects supported. The overall project will enter Year 2 in 2026 with a further fund of €24,000 to support three to four artists in this area. The Arts and Health Manager headed up a team of four participants from Ireland who represented Cavan and Ireland at Turku, Finland for the Culture and Health Conference October 2025 putting Cavan County Council at the forefront of Arts and Health in Ireland.



BACKGROUND: CULTURE ACTION EUROPE

In 2024 Cavan County Council Arts Office was awarded funding under Culture Action Europe for a 4-year project commencing Autumn 2024. Together with cofinancing by Cavan County Council yields an overall budget of €190,000.

Objective:

- To enable emerging artists in Europe to develop capacity, gain experience and expertise in arts and health work through peer support, continuing professional development, and sharing experiences.
- To embed culture and health work as a strategic priority to support well-being, creativity, and innovation across our service areas through shared experiential learning to build the community.
- Our outcomes will build capacity and support advocacy for the effectiveness of culture and health practice.

ASSISTANT ARTS OFFICER –

The Assistant Arts Officer, employed on a part-time basis (2.5 days per week), plays a very important role in the effective delivery of the core arts programme. This position provides essential administrative support, ensuring the efficient management of both the Arts Awards and Culture Night Awards and this year the consultation process for the new Cavan Arts Strategy 2026 – 2031. Responsibilities include overseeing the application processes, coordinating communications, and maintaining accurate records. These contributions have significantly enhanced transparency, operational efficiency, and the timely provision of support to artists and community groups.

Furthermore, the Assistant Arts Officer's fluency in the Irish language has meaningfully advanced the integration of Gaeilge within the arts programme. Through the implementation of Irish language on social media and signage and the promotion of Irish in programming, the role has laid the groundwork for greater inclusivity of the Irish Language with much still to be done in this area. This work aligns with and strengthens the arts programme's broader objectives around cultural inclusion and linguistic diversity.



DIVISION G – AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND WELFARE

ANTI-DOG FOULING AWARENESS

Our Community Wardens work closely with Tidy Towns groups to maintain a network of dog fouling bins and bag dispensers. They also highlighted the importance of bagging and binning dog foul at various anti-litter awareness information stands held across the year. New dog dispensing bins were installed throughout the county. We launched a poster competition to raise awareness around dog fouling. We had hundreds of applications of a very high standard; there was one overall winner and three winners in each MD. Winning posters from each of the MD's are displayed throughout the county. This competition was run in conjunction with Cavan Credit Union.

CONTROL OF DOGS

Cavan County Council is responsible for the control of dogs in its functional area, and the budget is prudent and necessary to comply with our obligations. Strategic objective No 1.5. New Legislation came into effect regarding XL Bullies on 1st October 2024. 21 Certificates of Exemptions were issued in 2025.



DIVISION H – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

HUMAN RESOURCES & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The Corporate Plan covers the period 2025 to 2029 and sets six strategic objectives as follows:-

1. Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit
2. People – strengthening our communities
3. Economy – Promoting Economics, Enterprise and Tourism Development
4. Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan
5. Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration
6. Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority

The main actions in Human Resources and Corporate Affairs are in support of Strategic Objective 6, Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority:-

Cavan County Council is committed to supporting local democracy and improving service delivery by maximising the effectiveness of our people, budgets, operations, and ICT resources. We aim to enhance efficiency, collaboration, and customer focus by realigning the organisational structure to meet operational needs, fostering a culture of collaboration, mutual support, and staff wellbeing, and leveraging advanced technology to improve customer service. Through effective internal and external communication, we strive to create a more efficient, collaborative, and customer-focused organisation that meets the current and future needs of the community.

Register of Electors

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 was signed into law on the 25 July 2022. This Act is a fundamental strengthening of our electoral system and processes, making them more streamlined, effective, inclusive and resilient into the future. Under the new Electoral Reform Act 2022, the processes of producing a draft, final and supplement registers have been replaced by a single live and continuously updated register. This means that the same process is in place all year around and electoral records can be updated at any time up to fifteen days before an electoral event. The most significant change to the electoral register process lies in the move from fixed statutorily imposed deadlines for updating electoral register, to continuous or rolling registration which can now be done online or through a form. From the age of sixteen years, one can apply to be added to the Pending Electors List, and the registration system will record the elector as pending until they reach the eligible voting age of eighteen years. Once they reach eighteen the registration system will automatically update their status to active. Cavan County Council is currently cleansing and preparing the register for migration in 2026 to a National System.



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI)

The Freedom of Information Act came into effect on 21 April 1998. The following rights were conferred on members of the public:

- right of access to official records held by public bodies
- right to have personal information about them held by such bodies corrected or updated where necessary
- right to be given reasons for decisions taken by public bodies which affect them

The current Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation was enacted and applied to local authorities in October 2014. The 2014 FOI Act provides that every person has the following legal rights to:

- access official records held by Government Departments or other public bodies as defined by the Act
- have personal information held on them corrected or updated where such information is incomplete, incorrect or misleading
- be given reasons for decisions taken by public bodies that affect them

Freedom of Information (FOI) Statistics (January to October 2025):

Cases brought forward from 2023:	2
Number of applications received:	43
Number of applications granted:	29
Number of applications part granted:	2
Number of applications refused:	9
Withdrawn /Dealt with outside FOI	1
Ongoing requests:	4

DATA PROTECTION

Cavan County Council is committed to protecting the privacy of its service users. Cavan County Council is a data controller. The delivery of high-quality services remains one of Cavan County Council's core objectives and is included in our Corporate Plan.

In order to provide the most effective and targeted range of services to meet the needs of the citizens, communities, and businesses of County Cavan we collect, process, and use certain types of information about people and organisations.

We recognise the following rights of the data subjects we engage with.

- the right to be informed
- the right of access
- the right to rectification
- the right to erasure



- the right to restrict processing
- the right to data portability
- the right to object
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

As a Data Controller Cavan County Council is legally obliged under legislation to:

- obtain and process the information fairly
- keep it only for one or more specified and lawful purposes (no unauthorised sharing)
- process it only in ways compatible with the purposes for which it was given initially
- keep it safe and secure
- keep it accurate and up to date
- ensure that it is adequate, relevant, and not excessive
- retain it no longer than is necessary for the specified purpose or purposes
- give a copy of his/her personal data to any individual, on request.

Further details of how Cavan County Council uses and safeguards the personal data it holds is available on <https://www.cavancoco.ie/services/corporate-governance/data-protection/data-protection-policy/>

The Data Protection Unit has a number of key actions detailed in its action plan which are being rolled out across the organisation.

Data Protection Statistics: There have been 2 Subject Access Requests to date in 2025.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Department is responsible for the delivery of all aspects of the human resources function which includes the recruitment, selection, and organisation of staff, training and development, staff welfare, industrial relations, performance management and development, equality and diversity and superannuation. The Strategic Workforce Plan has been created to reflect the importance of proactive, strategic management of our current and future workforce. By developing this Strategic Workforce Plan we will ensure we have the skills and labour to continue delivery on our objectives, against both expected and unexpected change.

As of September 2025, 494 staff and 111 retained firefighters are employed by Cavan County Council. Between January and October 2025, the Human Resources Department organised 40 separate competitions for various posts within the Council. These competitions attracted 1,504 applicants and to date 80 staff have been appointed. These appointments include staff joining the organisation and existing staff attaining promotion.



STAFF WELFARE

We are conscious of the need for staff to balance their working and domestic lives. Employees have access to a wide range of schemes that aspire to assist employees achieve a proper work life balance. Schemes include parents leave, parental leave, force majeure leave, work sharing, term time leave, shorter working year and career breaks.

The HR Team works to maintain a supportive and healthy work environment and utilises the services of the Employee Assistance Programme to ensure our staff have professional support available to them when needed. The Council also implements a Staff Wellbeing Programme which aims to support the health and wellbeing of all our employees by providing information, events and supports on mental, physical and social wellbeing.

On the 5th November the Council launched an exciting new "Peer Coaching" resource. This resource entails 14 newly trained up staff members who will be available to coach on a "one to one" basis and will be open to all employee's of Cavan County Council. Examples of what topics employees can be coached on are: Thinking through a project, increasing confidence, adjusting to a new role, debriefing an unsuccessful interview, managing a team, problem solving and time management.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

A comprehensive Training Programme continues to be delivered to enable staff to carry out their role in a confident, competent manner and contribute effectively to the overall vision of the organisation and the accomplishment of its goals and objectives. Staff training is delivered with specific emphasis on health & safety and mandatory organisational training needs. Support continues to be provided to staff wishing to pursue further education study programmes. Training continues to be delivered to all our Elected Members.

From January to October 2025, the training section organised 31 online training courses and 166 in-person training courses for Council employees, with 724 indoor staff and 270 outdoor staff attending these courses.

183 staff took part in Employee Financial Wellness Webinars.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM (PMDS)

Performance Management and Development System (PMDS) is the mechanism used to support and improve performance at individual, team and organisational levels and is a means of engaging, supporting and developing individual staff members. The Full Performance Cycle is a key component of PMDS and compliance with the system is monitored by the HR team.

The competency framework is now embedded in the organisation for both Senior and Middle Managers, as an integral part of our PMDS process. Performance Management and Development System in Cavan County Council is driven by the Senior Management Team.



CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK

The Customer Service Desk plays a central role in our organisation. It is the central point of contact for resolving customer issues and answering questions about the Council Services. The staff on the customer service desk streamlines support operations and enhances customer satisfaction. Almost 22,000 phone calls were processed to date in 2025 in our main Customer Service Desk and over 5,000 customers served in person, with similar numbers anticipated in 2026.

DEVELOPMENT OF CORPORATE PLAN 2024- 2029

In accordance with Section 134(2) of the Local Government Act 2001, preparation of Cavan County Council's Corporate Plan 2024-2029 took place from June to December 2024. The plan was adopted at the 2025 February meeting of the Council. The key purpose of the corporate plan is to provide a framework within which annual service delivery plans are formulated. Each annual service delivery plan over the lifetime of the Council will set out in greater detail the activities to be undertaken across all key function areas to deliver on the corporate plan's objectives.

OIFIGEACH GAEILGE / IRISH LANGUAGE OFFICER

The Irish language officer is primarily responsible for ensuring that the County Council complies with the Official Languages Act 2003 and the Official Language (Amendments) Act 2021.

The Irish language office started work in July 2025 and so far, has been involved in translating signage, dealing with public inquiries, dealing with the Irish language Commissioner, street names, agenda letters, and developing Irish language plans for the coming years.

In 2026 we are planning to:

- Roll out Irish language training for staff and elected members.
- Procure new bi-lingual signage for council buildings.
- Provide more services to the public through Irish.
- Liaise with local Irish language groups to help the development of Irish in the wider community.
- Work with section managers to comply with our obligations under the Official Languages Act.



FINANCE

The Finance Directorate is responsible for managing the Finance, ICT, Rates, Procurement, Internal Audit and Motor Tax functions of the organisation to be primarily linked to Strategic Objective No. 6: Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority although the finance function supports all 6 Strategic Objectives.

The Finance Department monitors on an ongoing basis both Revenue and Capital expenditure and income in respect of the local authority. It has responsibility for managing the Treasury function of the local authority encompassing both investment and borrowing requirements. It monitors cash flow, processes renewal of all insurance premium for organisation and manages creditor payments and Finance element of payroll function, it manages recoupment of all Road grants, House Loan Repayments and monitors key debtor accounts on an ongoing basis. The Finance Department manages the financial management system for the organisation. The Finance Department has responsibility for ensuring that the organisation fully complies with all tax and regulatory requirements in relation to Creditor and Payroll payments.

The 2025 Budget was presented to the Elected Members on the 6th December 2024 and adopted with an Annual Rate on Valuation of 0.2432 on the same date.

The Annual Financial Statement for 2024 for Cavan County Council was prepared and presented at the Council Meeting on 14th April 2025.

Department approval was received for an overdraft accommodation of €9m for the year ending 31st December 2025.

The three-year Capital Programme 2025-2027 was prepared and adopted at the Budget Meeting on the 6th December 2024.

HOUSE LOANS

The Council has 156 loan accounts, which have generated mortgage repayments of €390,973.41 January to September 2025.

Throughout 2025 Cavan County Council has continued to proactively engage with customers who have found themselves in unsustainable arrears.

PROVISION OF PAYROLL FUNCTION

Payroll involves the processing and payment of salaries, wages and pensions including statutory and non-statutory deductions, and completion of all relevant statutory returns. In December 2014 MyPay assumed responsibility for processing payroll payments on behalf of Cavan County Council. At the end of



September 2025, there were 940 individuals on Cavan County Council's payroll.

RATES

A total of 2,468 Rate Demands were issued for the year 2024 which resulted in a total levy of €17,622,406 for collection. The gross rates demand for 2025 amounted to €19,700,492. This increase is attributed to the 10% increase in the Annual Rate of Valuation (ARV) to 0.2432. No increase in the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) is assumed for 2026.

The Small Business Rates Incentive Scheme introduced in 2022 will continue in operation for 2026. The scheme was introduced to help ease the cash flow burden on rate payers with an annual rates liability below €10,000 by allowing a 5% discount provided the account is paid in full by 31st October annually.

Rates on Vacant Premises - In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, members have the power to determine the proportion of rates refunds applicable on vacant commercial premises. The vacancy refund remains at 90% in the draft budget. This is in line with the national policy of reducing vacancy and dereliction in our cities and towns.

Tailte Eireann (formerly known as the Valuation Office) completed a revaluation of all commercial industrial properties in the Cavan County Council rating area in 2019. The new valuations came into effect for 2020. Cavan County Council still awaits a number of outstanding appeal decisions which have implications for commercial rates recovery on a number of customer accounts.

MOTOR TAX

The Motor Tax Department is responsible for the collection of Motor Tax in the County. The sum of €2,367,792 has been collected to 30th September 2025 via the Motor Tax Office. This represents 14,964 transactions of which 10,852 relate to motor tax, 2,609 transactions relate to motor tax arrears and the balance of transactions relate to miscellaneous items such as statutory off-road declarations, VRC receipts, trailer licences, trade plates, duplicates etc. The Motor Tax Department also act as a control and collection centre for all lodgements across the organisation.

INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

Internal Audit (IA) provides an independent appraisal function to Cavan County Council. In doing so it is charged with conducting reviews on the policies, plans, procedures, practices and performance of the local authority. Its prime objective is to assess the adequacy of the internal controls and to provide assurance that the daily activities of the organisation are effectively managed. This process ensures management are alerted of any significant risks that may impinge on the strategic objectives of the Council and where necessary it provides impartial, practical and constructive advice on possible system improvements.

The core areas covered by Internal Audit are:



- Accounting and management systems
- Compliance with internal controls
- Adequacy and integrity of the Council's financial data
- Compliance with laws and regulations
- Exposure to fraud and or corruption
- Effective use and safeguarding of Council assets
- Economic, efficient and effective use of resources
- Adherence to procurement regulations

It is the policy of Cavan County Council to maintain and support a quality Internal Audit function which incorporates a strong culture of good governance and accountability that's pivotal to achieving the main priorities set out in the 2024-2029 Corporate Plan. An integral element of this is the existence of a robust control environment which is closely associated with scope and objectives of the Internal Audit Dept.

The Internal Auditor reports directly to the Chief Executive, undertakes specific audit quests on behalf of the Local Government Auditor and the supports the role of the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

In supporting the core objectives as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan for 2024-2029 the Annual Internal Audit Programme places an emphasis on Corporate Strategies **No 6-** To support a more efficient and effective local authority, **6.10** Ensure value for money, transparency and accountability in financial management and delivery of all our services, fostering a culture of good governance in our public service delivery to our citizens. To achieve this the work programme for 2025 scheduled the completion of several audit inspections, reviews and reports across the organisation. All audit findings and recommendations were presented to the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee. Regulatory audit work was also undertaken on behalf of the Council with reports circulated to various Government Depts (NOAC and POBAL) on the following areas:

- Article 48 Checks of the Leader Funding Programme
- The Annual SICAP Review (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)
- The Statutory Public Spending Code In-Depth Reviews (PSC)

As part of the Annual PSC In-depth Quality Assurance Process for 2025 one revenue programme and two capital projects were assessed. These included an In-Depth Review of the Waste Regulations, Monitoring & Enforcement Revenue Expenditure Programme for 2024, an In-depth Review of the



Capital Housing Capital Project - 45 Housing Units at Pairc Na Teile, Beckscourt, Bailieborough and also an In Depth Review of the Capital Project - Ballyjamesduff Community & Enterprise Hub.

Cavan County Council operates in an environment that requires accountability and transparency of all management decisions taken. The Council must ensure that all services operate in an economical, efficient and effective manner.

Internal Audit is proactive in its appraisal of the service delivery plans, operations and governance procedures of Council to ensure best practice and Value for Money apply.

PROCUREMENT

Cavan County Council's current Corporate Procurement Plan 2023 – 2025 (Version 2) was launched in April 2023. This plan is a framework document that sets out how Cavan County Council will conduct its procurement function for the period (2023 – 2025) and puts in place the principles and proper foundation on which the Council's procurement function will operate while also remaining intrinsically linked to the principles and strategic objectives of the organisation's Corporate Plan.

The focus of the plan is to: -

- Incorporate essential changes to the National Thresholds, relevant Procurement Procedures and County Council Staff Approval Limits and Requirements.
- Reaffirm existing procurement protocols and procedures put in place during the last plan.
- Provide a platform to support future improvements that will enhance and strengthen the organisations procurement function going forward.
- Strongly promote the use of Sustainable Public Procurement practices through the appropriate and suitable use of Social Considerations and Green Public Procurement measures.

Cavan County Council's Procurement Procedure Manual was updated and published in January 2024 to deliver and support the strategy outlined in the Councils Corporate Procurement Plan and to incorporate essential changes to operational protocols and procedures following the issue of the New OGP – Public Procurement Guidelines for Goods and Services - Version 3 (Issued October 2023).

The Procurement Officer and Members of the Central Tendering Administration Unit (**CTA Unit**) continued to provide Quotation and Tendering assistance to all Departments and Sections throughout the Organisation e.g., Community and Enterprise, Arts, Housing and Housing Construction, Roads and Road Design, Environment, Planning, I.T, Fire Service, Corporate, Library Services and Local Enterprise Office.



In 2024 - **196** Procurement Competitions were advertised by the CTA Unit. This was a **10%** decrease on the previous year. **121** of these were through the etenders portal (**49** Quotation Competitions and **72** Tender Competitions) and a further **75** Tender Competitions through the Supplygov system. Based on current figures, it is anticipated that additional tenders will be conducted in 2025 all these competitions will be advertised through the CTA Unit.

The Procurement Officer and **CTA Unit** manage the new etenders platform system (launched in May 2023) on behalf of Cavan County Council and administered relevant tender competitions through it. **CTA Unit** have finalising the process of archiving all the tender competitions currently on the old etender portal and downloading them to secure council electronic folders before the old etender portal is closed for good in May 2025.

The **CTA Unit** continued to manage the SupplyGov system on behalf of Cavan County Council and administered relevant tender competitions through it. SupplyGov is a procurement platform developed by the Local Government Operational Procurement Centre (LGOPC) to facilitate Local Authorities and other state agencies who wish to run tender competitions under the relevant LGOPC Frameworks/Dynamic Purchasing systems for Plant Hire and Minor Building & Civil Works.

Cavan County Council submitted its report on the use of Centralised Procurement Arrangements to the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) in July 2025, in line with the requirements set out in Circular 09/2024.

During 2025, substantial challenges remained in respect of supply difficulties and delays, price inflation, fuel and energy costs and Green Public Procurement measures etc. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) published a new Green Public Procurement (GPP) Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027 in April 2024. The GPP strategy introduced key principles, actions and requirements for Public Bodies. In August 2024 DPENDR initiated a Consultation process to replace Circular 20/2019 in light of the DECC Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan document. The Council are currently awaiting the outcome from the Consultation process before deciding on how best to proceed.

Throughout the year the Procurement Officer and **CTA Unit** provided Management and Staff with the necessary procurement advice, support, and guidance. Staff were also provided with Procurement Training and Information Tutorial videos. The Procurement Officer and the Council's Procurement Steering Group also held quarterly meetings throughout the year.

Quarterly Procurement Monitoring continued throughout 2025. Directors of Service, Department Heads and nominated Section Heads inputted specific data on a quarterly basis into the Council's electronic Quarterly Public Procurement Monitoring Report App. The quarterly reports created from the



information provided in the app gave the Chief Executive a quarterly oversight on procurement compliance across all Departments within the organisation.

Finally, the Procurement Officer coordinated, compiled, and submitted the Council's Quality Assurance Report for 2024 to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) as required under the Department of Public Expenditure and Reforms Public Spending Code.



INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Cavan County Council's Information Systems Department plays a vital role in supporting and enhancing the delivery of public services through technology. The work includes managing and maintaining the Council's digital infrastructure—such as networks, servers, and devices—ensuring cybersecurity and data protection and providing technical support to staff across all departments.

The team also develops and implements software solutions to streamline operations, supports digital transformation initiatives, and ensures compliance with national regulations and standards. Additionally, the IT Department collaborates with other units to improve service delivery to citizens, such as through online portals, geographic information systems (GIS), and smart city technologies.

During 2024, the IT Department have brought forward many new developments in the areas of infrastructure, cyber-security, communications, ICT systems in addition to upgrades to our software and operating environments.

To date in 2025 the main ICT projects were:

- 4,921 helpdesk requests completed to October 2025.
- Upgrade of CORE, iPlan, iHouse & iReg systems.
- Replacement and implementation of UPS on main infrastructure.
- Infrastructure installation at Lynton House.
- Cavan Connects Innovation Conference held in Town Hall.
- BCP National VEX Robotics Competition.
- Telephony upgrade at LEO & CITC offices.
- CIS Controls security gap analysis conducted.
- Online system for Peace V Projects to increase efficiency & reporting.
- Lead authority on online solution for Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.
- New GIS mapviewer.
- Upgrade of all Windows 10 systems.
- IT solutions rapidly deployed during storm response.
- External and internal penetration tests carried out.
- New asset management system for IT assets implemented.
- Review of mobile phone administration, policies and connections.
- Secure access management system for third parties implemented.
- AI: New controls and policy implemented, and AI awareness training conducted.
- Tendering for CRM system, online forms tool, M365 backups and Cyber awareness platform.

The activities of the IT section support and assist in the delivery of the corporate objectives of the organisation:



Strategic Objective: 1. Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit.

- NavIT project to create virtual walk through for upper Lavey graveyard.
- Promoting opportunities for young people to develop their skills and interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics through VEX Robotics workshops.

Strategic Objective No. 2: People – strengthening our communities

- Cavan Connects Innovation Conference held in Town Hall.
- Various school and community workshops held along with Cavan Connects Cafe event.

Strategic Objective: 5: Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration

- Lead authority on build to share development of online solution for Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants.

Strategic Objective No. 6: Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority.

- Ongoing security awareness and enhancements.
- Upgrade of all Windows 10 systems.
- Comprehensive reviews with each business area to identify digital opportunities and developments.
- AI: New controls and policy implemented, and AI awareness training conducted

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Summary by Service Division						
	Expenditure €	Income €	Budget Net Expenditure 2026 €	%	Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2025 €	%
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income						
A Housing and Building	23,625,666	24,375,495	(749,829)	(2.3%)	527,790	1.5%
B Road Transport & Safety	30,383,634	20,430,789	9,952,845	30.5%	10,620,636	30.7%
C Water Services	11,029,440	10,706,169	323,271	1.0%	(37,502)	(0.1%)
D Development Management	16,150,513	7,086,840	9,063,673	27.7%	9,008,472	26.0%
E Environmental Services	13,357,643	5,220,068	8,137,575	24.9%	7,909,488	22.9%
F Recreation and Amenity	9,399,371	2,329,779	7,069,592	21.6%	6,749,471	19.5%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	437,161	180,479	256,682	0.8%	266,038	0.8%
H Miscellaneous Services	7,406,716	8,787,585	(1,380,869)	(4.2%)	(449,318)	(1.3%)
	111,790,144	79,117,204	32,672,940	100.0%	34,595,075	100.0%
Provision for Debit Balance	-	-	-			
ADJUSTED GROSS EXPENDITURE AND INCOME	(A)	79,117,204	32,672,940		34,595,075	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances						
Provision for Credit Balance		-	-			
Local Property Tax		12,870,091	12,870,091			
SUB-TOTAL	(B)		12,870,091			
AMOUNT OF RATES TO BE LEVIED	C=(A-B)		19,802,849			
Net Effective Valuation	(E)		81,426,209			
GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION	(C/E)		0.2432			

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025

Division & Services	2026				2025			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A Housing and Building								
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	5,274,868	5,274,868	192,861	192,861	4,889,032	5,258,137	169,739	182,738
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	529,215	529,215	6,242	6,242	524,930	526,201	6,199	6,199
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	705,090	705,090	9,385,296	9,385,296	598,323	599,574	7,897,145	8,146,127
A04 Housing Community Development Support	198,151	198,151	4,063	4,063	198,473	198,611	4,035	4,035
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	1,269,819	1,269,819	1,075,207	1,075,207	1,279,046	1,150,694	1,095,668	967,392
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.	673,117	673,117	150,178	150,178	710,064	711,433	158,562	159,318
A07 RAS Programme	7,259,967	7,259,967	7,113,429	7,113,429	6,949,079	7,143,431	6,835,931	7,093,810
A08 Housing Loans	675,548	675,548	263,182	263,182	631,347	632,688	233,128	235,028
A09 Housing Grants	6,855,615	6,855,615	6,089,037	6,089,037	6,800,271	7,105,781	6,089,003	6,111,328
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,779	1,779	1,000	1,000	1,684	1,686	1,000	1,000
A12 HAP Programme	182,497	182,497	95,000	95,000	202,124	202,249	95,000	95,720
Division A Total	23,625,666	23,625,666	24,375,495	24,375,495	22,784,373	23,530,485	22,585,410	23,002,695

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B Road Transport & Safety								
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,679,234	1,679,234	913,355	913,355	1,578,782	1,591,744	873,154	912,897
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	424,506	424,506	175,118	175,118	423,808	422,066	175,079	174,923
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	6,834,690	6,834,690	5,333,520	5,333,520	5,845,423	6,686,634	4,380,035	4,622,875
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	17,395,947	17,395,947	11,642,710	11,642,710	16,837,798	17,307,278	11,650,258	11,527,417
B05 Public Lighting	723,958	723,958	1,245	1,245	672,584	805,019	1,236	1,236
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	327,639	327,639	185,000	185,000	227,144	392,221	84,023	160,000
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	166,130	166,130	4,934	4,934	166,143	166,175	4,900	4,900
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education	16,455	16,455	-	-	16,378	16,380	-	-
B09 Car Parking	885,489	885,489	503,748	503,748	889,895	876,547	501,118	500,740
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog	368,063	368,063	159,470	159,470	294,772	357,223	109,404	134,404
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,561,523	1,561,523	1,511,689	1,511,689	850,418	1,545,366	836,807	1,506,625
Division B Total	30,383,634	30,383,634	20,430,789	20,430,789	27,803,145	30,166,653	18,616,014	19,546,017

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Division & Services	2026				2025			
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	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
C Water Services								
C01 Water Supply	1,690,735	1,690,735	1,615,999	1,615,999	2,197,678	2,132,477	2,197,544	2,197,430
C02 Waste Water Treatment	1,259,685	1,259,685	1,341,544	1,341,544	1,677,957	1,645,750	1,677,223	1,677,500
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Public Conveniences	73,351	73,351	457	457	53,743	71,742	454	454
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	7,472,042	7,472,042	7,472,714	7,472,714	7,383,108	7,413,951	7,383,601	7,503,607
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	400,381	400,381	223,516	223,516	378,734	380,631	377,823	377,679
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	133,246	133,246	51,939	51,939	128,684	129,054	128,815	54,437
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Non Irish Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Division C Total	11,029,440	11,029,440	10,706,169	10,706,169	11,819,904	11,773,605	11,765,460	11,811,107

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D Development Management								
D01 Forward Planning	611,691	611,691	60,814	60,814	472,870	796,888	60,784	60,889
D02 Development Management	1,953,133	1,953,133	697,365	697,365	1,666,034	1,667,695	464,080	462,580
D03 Enforcement	338,150	338,150	12,288	12,288	330,177	330,359	82,253	82,253
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities	90,000	90,000	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	-
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	1,048,768	1,048,768	118,599	118,599	1,034,684	1,095,244	128,527	133,184
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	4,382,520	4,382,520	2,808,721	2,808,721	3,173,348	3,924,377	1,830,250	2,369,329
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	252,687	252,687	5,921	5,921	281,844	282,374	5,880	5,880
D08 Building Control	269,168	269,168	42,745	42,745	250,294	251,008	2,726	2,726
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	5,459,758	5,459,758	2,280,047	2,280,047	5,173,269	5,277,543	1,996,597	2,133,743
D10 Property Management	422,635	422,635	32,710	32,710	288,574	288,607	28,450	29,030
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,306,814	1,306,814	1,026,728	1,026,728	1,038,790	1,268,855	796,601	1,008,772
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	15,189	15,189	902	902	14,720	14,804	896	896
Division D Total	16,150,513	16,150,513	7,086,840	7,086,840	13,824,604	15,297,754	5,397,044	6,289,282

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E Environmental Services								
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare	730,909	730,909	176,382	176,382	782,120	790,852	391,372	391,122
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	519,979	519,979	51,160	51,160	530,757	531,297	12,145	51,145
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	4,346	4,346	61	61	4,269	4,276	61	61
E05 Litter Management	723,124	723,124	10,961	10,961	685,815	694,769	10,913	10,663
E06 Street Cleaning	558,841	558,841	7,952	7,952	466,486	554,430	7,898	7,898
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,701,169	1,701,169	1,249,683	1,249,683	1,520,297	1,681,629	1,078,593	1,230,371
E08 Waste Management Planning	50,323	50,323	495	495	50,596	50,837	492	492
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	45,570	45,570	-	-	25,716	26,112	-	-
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	534,737	534,737	159,676	159,676	521,824	523,104	180,237	180,067
E11 Operation of Fire Service	6,621,550	6,621,550	3,037,757	3,037,757	6,118,772	6,162,956	2,422,168	2,430,918
E12 Fire Prevention	356,449	356,449	9,357	9,357	353,434	353,953	8,803	8,928
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	943,053	943,053	286,584	286,584	880,144	889,730	242,585	284,619
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	162	162	-	-	153	153	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	567,431	567,431	230,000	230,000	523,086	533,674	208,000	292,000
Division E Total	13,357,643	13,357,643	5,220,068	5,220,068	12,463,469	12,797,772	4,563,267	4,888,284

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025									
Division & Services	2026				2025				
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure			Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	
F Recreation and Amenity									
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations	401,201	401,201	91	91	400,713	472,754	91	91	91
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,386,002	3,386,002	338,580	338,580	3,076,539	3,282,783	270,446	450,456	450,456
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	698,989	698,989	4,617	4,617	649,269	753,937	4,585	4,585	4,585
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,837,605	1,837,605	1,171,344	1,171,344	1,701,652	1,722,589	1,038,981	1,228,676	1,228,676
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	3,074,523	3,074,523	815,147	815,147	3,150,514	3,159,016	965,296	958,796	958,796
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,051	1,051	-	-	995	996	-	-	-
Division F Total	9,399,371	9,399,371	2,329,779	2,329,779	8,979,682	9,392,075	2,279,399	2,642,604	2,642,604

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025								
Division & Services	2026				2025			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G01 Land Drainage Costs	103,699	103,699	1,146	1,146	103,021	103,044	1,138	1,138
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	333,462	333,462	179,333	179,333	743,763	705,819	578,717	541,687
G05 Educational Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Division G Total	437,161	437,161	180,479	180,479	846,784	808,863	579,855	542,825

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025								
Division & Services	2026				2025			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H Miscellaneous Services								
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account	507,957	507,957	281,659	281,659	493,742	495,751	280,586	282,238
H02 Profit & Loss Stores Account	349,326	349,326	251,549	251,549	314,463	316,628	233,517	252,871
H03 Adminstration of Rates	2,876,743	2,876,743	137,412	137,412	3,057,801	3,061,104	111,292	111,017
H04 Franchise Costs	282,526	282,526	151,660	151,660	180,598	182,090	1,880	80,033
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	184,279	184,279	1,048	1,048	183,234	183,285	1,041	1,041
H06 Weighbridges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	9,911	9,911	223	223	9,704	9,713	221	221
H08 Malicious Damage	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	1,321,083	1,321,083	17,380	17,380	1,342,987	1,373,379	17,260	17,260
H10 Motor Taxation	612,022	612,022	38,192	38,192	598,469	599,188	38,100	38,100
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,199,382	1,199,382	7,844,975	7,844,975	1,250,683	1,252,784	7,134,660	7,140,459
Division H Total	7,406,716	7,406,716	8,787,585	8,787,585	7,495,168	7,537,409	7,882,044	7,986,727
OVERALL TOTAL	111,790,144	111,790,144	79,117,204	79,117,204	106,017,129	111,304,616	73,668,493	76,709,541

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

Table D		
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2026 FROM GOODS AND SERVICES		
Source of Income	2026 €	2025 €
Rents from Houses	10,465,969	8,927,760
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	201,000	161,000
Parking Fines & Charges	492,895	490,340
Uisce Éireann	3,046,500	4,135,000
Planning Fees	267,000	387,000
Domestic Refuse Charges	-	-
Commercial Refuse Charges	-	-
Landfill Charges	150,000	300,000
Fire Charges	520,000	500,000
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	627,800	574,500
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	227,553	356,431
Superannuation	755,200	749,998
NPPR	-	30,000
Other income	3,586,813	2,793,417
Total Goods & Services	20,340,730	19,405,446

Table E		
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2026 FROM GRANTS & SUBSIDIES		
	2026 €	2025 €
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Housing and Building	13,222,927	13,055,670
Road Transport & Safety	224,000	123,023
Water Services	7,514,144	7,485,938
Development Management	3,258,464	2,163,667
Environmental Services	3,039,122	2,590,623
Recreation and Amenity	614,770	659,207
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	7,585,369	6,623,174
Sub-total	35,458,796	32,701,302
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	1,548,833	1,348,833
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-
National Transport Authority	-	-
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	150,000	168,600
Education & Youth	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	195,000	220,000
Transport	16,197,560	15,362,501
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	-	-
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment	1,608,488	1,414,288
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	1,149,235	907,049
Climate, Environment, & Energy	-	-
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	400,000
Other	2,468,562	1,740,474
Sub-total	23,317,678	21,561,745
Total Grants & Subsidies	58,776,474	54,263,047

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A0101 Maintenance of LA Housing Units	4,058,310	4,058,310	3,758,702	3,816,076
A0102 Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	-	-	-	-
A0103 Traveller Accommodation Management	87,977	87,977	124,948	125,198
A0104 Estate Maintenance	78,850	78,850	79,000	79,025
A0199 Service Support Costs	1,049,731	1,049,731	926,382	1,237,838
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	5,274,868	5,274,868	4,889,032	5,258,137
A0201 Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	412,995	412,995	414,046	414,667
A0299 Service Support Costs	116,220	116,220	110,884	111,534
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	529,215	529,215	524,930	526,201
A0301 Debt Management & Rent Assessment	501,830	501,830	404,379	405,104
A0399 Service Support Costs	203,260	203,260	193,944	194,470
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	705,090	705,090	598,323	599,574
A0401 Housing Estate Management	16,782	16,782	17,554	17,554
A0402 Tenancy Management	105,869	105,869	108,871	108,871
A0403 Social and Community Housing Service	-	-	-	-
A0499 Service Support Costs	75,500	75,500	72,048	72,186
A04 Housing Community Development Support	198,151	198,151	198,473	198,611
A0501 Homeless Grants Other Bodies	-	-	-	-
A0502 Homeless Service	1,164,105	1,164,105	1,178,205	1,049,348
A0599 Service Support Costs	105,714	105,714	100,841	101,346
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	1,269,819	1,269,819	1,279,046	1,150,694
A0601 Technical and Administrative Support	232,838	232,838	276,351	277,107
A0602 Loan Charges	124,047	124,047	132,497	132,467
A0699 Service Support Costs	316,232	316,232	301,216	301,859
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.	673,117	673,117	710,064	711,433
A0701 RAS Operations	4,520,071	4,520,071	4,514,368	4,509,618
A0702 Long Term Leasing	2,549,321	2,549,321	2,254,318	2,452,181
A0704 Affordable Leases	-	-	-	-
A0799 Service Support Costs	190,575	190,575	180,393	181,632
A07 RAS Programme	7,259,967	7,259,967	6,949,079	7,143,431
A0801 Loan Interest and Other Charges	477,189	477,189	441,100	442,100
A0802 Debt Management Housing Loans	96,322	96,322	93,613	93,613
A0899 Service Support Costs	102,037	102,037	96,634	96,975
A08 Housing Loans	675,548	675,548	631,347	632,688

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A0901 Disabled Persons Grants	-	-	-	-
A0902 Loan Charges DPG/ERG	-	-	-	-
A0903 Essential Repair Grants	-	-	-	-
A0904 Other Housing Grant Payments	6,576,218	6,576,218	6,533,040	6,838,040
A0905 Mobility Aids Housing Grants	-	-	-	-
A0999 Service Support Costs	279,397	279,397	267,231	267,741
A09 Housing Grants	6,855,615	6,855,615	6,800,271	7,105,781
A1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
A1199 Service Support Costs	1,779	1,779	1,684	1,686
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,779	1,779	1,684	1,686
A1201 HAP Programme	182,497	182,497	202,124	202,249
A1299 A12 Service Support	-	-	-	-
A12 HAP Programme	182,497	182,497	202,124	202,249
Division A Total	23,625,666	23,625,666	22,784,373	23,530,485

Table F - Income				
Division A - Housing and Building				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	13,222,927	13,222,927	13,055,670	13,158,568
Other	124,047	124,047	192,497	132,497
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	13,346,974	13,346,974	13,248,167	13,291,065
Goods & Services				
Rents from Houses	10,465,969	10,465,969	8,927,760	9,190,957
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	201,000	201,000	161,000	161,000
Superannuation	78,525	78,525	77,986	77,986
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	283,027	283,027	170,497	281,687
Total Goods & Services	11,028,521	11,028,521	9,337,243	9,711,630
Division A Total	24,375,495	24,375,495	22,585,410	23,002,695

Table F - Expenditure				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B0101 NP - Surface Dressing	-	-	-	-
B0102 NP - Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	-	-	-	-
B0103 NP - Winter Maintenance	96,953	96,953	96,953	96,593
B0104 NP - Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	-	-	-	-
B0105 NP - General Maintenance	732,083	732,083	714,298	715,798
B0106 NP - General Improvements Works	-	-	-	-
B0199 Service Support Costs	850,198	850,198	767,531	779,353
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,679,234	1,679,234	1,578,782	1,591,744
B0201 NS - Surface Dressing	-	-	-	-
B0202 NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	-	-	-	-
B0203 NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	-	-	-	-
B0204 NS - Winter Maintenance	56,468	56,468	56,468	56,468
B0205 NS - Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	-	-	-	-
B0206 NS - General Maintenance	105,629	105,629	105,629	105,629
B0207 NS - General Improvement Works	-	-	-	-
B0299 Service Support Costs	262,409	262,409	261,711	259,969
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	424,506	424,506	423,808	422,066
B0301 Regional Roads Surface Dressing	496,774	496,774	474,800	474,800
B0302 Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	3,025,350	3,025,350	2,314,875	2,993,191
B0303 Regional Road Winter Maintenance	325,000	325,000	325,000	480,000
B0304 Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0305 Regional Road General Maintenance Works	723,429	723,429	680,063	680,063
B0306 Regional Road General Improvement Works	701,000	701,000	523,500	523,500
B0399 Service Support Costs	1,563,137	1,563,137	1,527,185	1,535,080
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	6,834,690	6,834,690	5,845,423	6,686,634
B0401 Local Road Surface Dressing	1,877,286	1,877,286	1,899,200	1,899,200
B0402 Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	7,059,150	7,059,150	6,944,625	6,944,625
B0403 Local Roads Winter Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0404 Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0405 Local Roads General Maintenance Works	5,190,450	5,190,450	4,758,817	5,208,817
B0406 Local Roads General Improvement Works	386,000	386,000	443,500	443,500
B0499 Service Support Costs	2,883,061	2,883,061	2,791,656	2,811,136
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	17,395,947	17,395,947	16,837,798	17,307,278
B0501 Public Lighting Operating Costs	656,000	656,000	606,000	738,319
B0502 Public Lighting Improvement	-	-	-	-
B0599 Service Support Costs	67,958	67,958	66,584	66,700
B05 Public Lighting	723,958	723,958	672,584	805,019

Table F - Expenditure				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B0601 Traffic Management	-	-	-	-
B0602 Traffic Maintenance	140,097	140,097	139,737	139,737
B0603 Traffic Improvement Measures	184,023	184,023	84,024	249,023
B0699 Service Support Costs	3,519	3,519	3,383	3,461
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	327,639	327,639	227,144	392,221
B0701 Low Cost Remedial Measures	49,606	49,606	53,179	53,179
B0702 Other Engineering Improvements	47,326	47,326	47,410	47,326
B0799 Service Support Costs	69,198	69,198	65,554	65,670
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	166,130	166,130	166,143	166,175
B0801 School Wardens	-	-	-	-
B0802 Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
B0899 Service Support Costs	1,455	1,455	1,378	1,380
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education	16,455	16,455	16,378	16,380
B0901 Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	146,000	146,000	136,636	143,497
B0902 Operation of Street Parking	360,354	360,354	388,669	378,159
B0903 Parking Enforcement	188,056	188,056	182,017	171,277
B0999 Service Support Costs	191,079	191,079	182,573	183,614
B09 Car Parking	885,489	885,489	889,895	876,547
B1001 Administration of Roads Capital Programme	260,157	260,157	193,638	255,990
B1099 Service Support Costs	107,906	107,906	101,134	101,233
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog	368,063	368,063	294,772	357,223
B1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	1,365,409	1,365,409	664,494	1,358,998
B1199 Service Support Costs	196,114	196,114	185,924	186,368
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,561,523	1,561,523	850,418	1,545,366
Division B Total	30,383,634	30,383,634	27,803,145	30,166,653

Table F - Income				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	224,000	224,000	123,023	184,000
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	1,548,833	1,548,833	1,348,833	1,523,420
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
National Transport Authority	-	-	-	-
Transport	16,197,560	16,197,560	15,362,501	15,372,500
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	-	-	-	-
Other	1,181,794	1,181,794	519,476	1,181,794
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	19,152,187	19,152,187	17,353,833	18,261,714
Goods & Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	492,895	492,895	490,340	489,962
Superannuation	198,030	198,030	196,664	196,664
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	587,677	587,677	575,177	597,677
Total Goods & Services	1,278,602	1,278,602	1,262,181	1,284,303
Division B Total	20,430,789	20,430,789	18,616,014	19,546,017

Table F - Expenditure				
Division C - Water Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
C0101 Water Plants & Networks	749,649	749,649	1,076,305	1,024,870
C0199 Service Support Costs	941,086	941,086	1,121,373	1,107,607
C01 Water Supply	1,690,735	1,690,735	2,197,678	2,132,477
C0201 Waste Plants and Networks	622,528	622,528	906,237	881,780
C0299 Service Support Costs	637,157	637,157	771,720	763,970
C02 Waste Water Treatment	1,259,685	1,259,685	1,677,957	1,645,750
C0301 Debt Management Water and Waste Water	-	-	-	-
C0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-
C0401 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	65,005	65,005	45,885	63,889
C0499 Service Support Costs	8,346	8,346	7,858	7,853
C04 Public Conveniences	73,351	73,351	53,743	71,742
C0501 Grants for Individual Installations	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
C0502 Grants for Water Group Schemes	-	-	-	-
C0503 Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	-	-	-	-
C0504 Group Water Scheme Subsidies	7,048,500	7,048,500	7,000,000	7,026,900
C0599 Service Support Costs	353,542	353,542	313,108	317,051
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	7,472,042	7,472,042	7,383,108	7,413,951
C0601 Technical Design and Supervision	11,600	11,600	10,250	11,162
C0699 Service Support Costs	388,781	388,781	368,484	369,469
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	400,381	400,381	378,734	380,631
C0701 Agency & Recoupable Service	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,275
C0799 Service Support Costs	132,246	132,246	126,684	127,779
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	133,246	133,246	128,684	129,054
C0801 Local Authority Water - Non Irish Water	-	-	-	-
C0802 Local Authority Waste - Non Irish Water	-	-	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Non Irish Water	-	-	-	-
Division C Total	11,029,440	11,029,440	11,819,904	11,773,605

Table F - Income				
Division C - Water Services				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	7,514,144	7,514,144	7,485,938	7,545,066
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	7,514,144	7,514,144	7,485,938	7,545,066
Goods & Services				
Uisce Éireann	3,046,500	3,046,500	4,135,000	4,121,519
Superannuation	145,525	145,525	144,522	144,522
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total Goods & Services	3,192,025	3,192,025	4,279,522	4,266,041
Division C Total	10,706,169	10,706,169	11,765,460	11,811,107

Table F - Expenditure				
Division D - Development Management				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D0101 Statutory Plans and Policy	560,479	560,479	424,575	748,545
D0199 Service Support Costs	51,212	51,212	48,295	48,343
D01 Forward Planning	611,691	611,691	472,870	796,888
D0201 Planning Control	1,405,530	1,405,530	1,141,932	1,141,611
D0299 Service Support Costs	547,603	547,603	524,102	526,084
D02 Development Management	1,953,133	1,953,133	1,666,034	1,667,695
D0301 Enforcement Costs	249,598	249,598	245,952	245,952
D0399 Service Support Costs	88,552	88,552	84,225	84,407
D03 Enforcement	338,150	338,150	330,177	330,359
D0401 Industrial Sites Operations	-	-	-	-
D0403 Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	90,000	90,000	100,000	100,000
D0404 General Development Promotion Work	-	-	-	-
D0499 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities	90,000	90,000	100,000	100,000
D0501 Tourism Promotion	819,332	819,332	815,396	875,105
D0502 Tourist Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
D0599 Service Support Costs	229,436	229,436	219,288	220,139
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	1,048,768	1,048,768	1,034,684	1,095,244
D0601 General Community & Enterprise Expenses	3,218,338	3,218,338	2,080,892	2,830,422
D0602 RAPID Costs	-	-	-	-
D0603 Social Inclusion	476,990	476,990	436,324	436,184
D0699 Service Support Costs	687,192	687,192	656,132	657,771
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	4,382,520	4,382,520	3,173,348	3,924,377
D0701 Unfinished Housing Estates	179,951	179,951	213,109	213,487
D0799 Service Support Costs	72,736	72,736	68,735	68,887
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	252,687	252,687	281,844	282,374
D0801 Building Control Inspection Costs	216,733	216,733	197,403	198,066
D0802 Building Control Enforcement Costs	21,926	21,926	24,176	24,176
D0899 Service Support Costs	30,509	30,509	28,715	28,766
D08 Building Control	269,168	269,168	250,294	251,008

Table F - Expenditure

Division D - Development Management

Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive / Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D0901 Urban and Village Renewal	-	-	-	-
D0902 EU Projects	-	-	-	-
D0903 Town Twinning	-	-	-	-
D0904 European Office	-	-	-	-
D0905 Economic Development & Promotion	3,400,073	3,400,073	3,388,459	3,397,797
D0906 Local Enterprise Office	1,870,956	1,870,956	1,603,663	1,698,155
D0999 Service Support Costs	188,729	188,729	181,147	181,591
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	5,459,758	5,459,758	5,173,269	5,277,543
D1001 Property Management Costs	397,416	397,416	264,549	264,549
D1099 Service Support Costs	25,219	25,219	24,025	24,058
D10 Property Management	422,635	422,635	288,574	288,607
D1101 Heritage Services	382,853	382,853	309,475	392,668
D1102 Conservation Services	859,598	859,598	667,994	814,700
D1103 Conservation Grants	-	-	-	-
D1199 Service Support Costs	64,363	64,363	61,321	61,487
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,306,814	1,306,814	1,038,790	1,268,855
D1201 Agency & Recoupable Service	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
D1299 Service Support Costs	7,189	7,189	6,720	6,804
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	15,189	15,189	14,720	14,804
Division D Total	16,150,513	16,150,513	13,824,604	15,297,754

Table F - Income				
Division D - Development Management				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	3,258,464	3,258,464	2,163,667	2,827,557
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment	1,608,488	1,608,488	1,414,288	1,534,935
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	1,149,235	1,149,235	907,049	907,049
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-	-	-
Other	290,892	290,892	160,120	158,120
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	6,307,079	6,307,079	4,645,124	5,427,661
Goods & Services				
Planning Fees	267,000	267,000	387,000	387,000
Superannuation	99,103	99,103	98,419	98,419
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	25,000	25,000
Other income	413,658	413,658	241,501	351,202
Total Goods & Services	779,761	779,761	751,920	861,621
Division D Total	7,086,840	7,086,840	5,397,044	6,289,282

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E0101 Landfill Operations	359,189	359,189	351,191	356,956
E0102 Contribution to other LAs - Landfill Facilities	-	-	-	-
E0103 Landfill Aftercare Costs.	228,150	228,150	291,449	293,227
E0199 Service Support Costs	143,570	143,570	139,480	140,669
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare	730,909	730,909	782,120	790,852
E0201 Recycling Facilities Operations	9,630	9,630	14,630	14,630
E0202 Bring Centres Operations	321,600	321,600	351,850	352,007
E0204 Other Recycling Services	-	-	-	-
E0299 Service Support Costs	188,749	188,749	164,277	164,660
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	519,979	519,979	530,757	531,297
E0301 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
E0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
E0401 Recycling Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0402 Organic Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0403 Residual Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0404 Commercial Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0406 Contribution to Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0407 Other Costs Waste Collection	-	-	-	-
E0499 Service Support Costs	4,346	4,346	4,269	4,276
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	4,346	4,346	4,269	4,276
E0501 Litter Warden Service	264,701	264,701	246,019	246,249
E0502 Litter Control Initiatives	19,713	19,713	26,250	25,758
E0503 Environmental Awareness Services	-	-	-	-
E0599 Service Support Costs	438,710	438,710	413,546	422,762
E05 Litter Management	723,124	723,124	685,815	694,769
E0601 Operation of Street Cleaning Service	475,216	475,216	388,071	475,841
E0602 Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	-	-	-	-
E0699 Service Support Costs	83,625	83,625	78,415	78,589
E06 Street Cleaning	558,841	558,841	466,486	554,430
E0701 Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	13,800	13,800	13,670	13,679
E0702 Enforcement of Waste Regulations	1,501,462	1,501,462	1,329,855	1,490,386
E0799 Service Support Costs	185,907	185,907	176,772	177,564
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,701,169	1,701,169	1,520,297	1,681,629

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E0801 Waste Management Plan	42,898	42,898	43,589	43,814
E0802 Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	-	-	-	-
E0899 Service Support Costs	7,425	7,425	7,007	7,023
E08 Waste Management Planning	50,323	50,323	50,596	50,837
E0901 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	40,500	40,500	20,500	21,289
E0999 Service Support Costs	5,070	5,070	5,216	4,823
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	45,570	45,570	25,716	26,112
E1001 Operation Costs Civil Defence	278,548	278,548	280,184	281,125
E1002 Dangerous Buildings	-	-	-	-
E1003 Emergency Planning	100,295	100,295	91,887	91,887
E1004 Derelict Sites	-	-	-	-
E1005 Water Safety Operation	34,500	34,500	34,500	34,500
E1099 Service Support Costs	121,394	121,394	115,253	115,592
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	534,737	534,737	521,824	523,104
E1101 Operation of Fire Brigade Service	6,064,035	6,064,035	5,648,612	5,638,666
E1103 Fire Services Training	274,404	274,404	202,927	256,259
E1104 Operation of Ambulance Service	-	-	-	-
E1199 Service Support Costs	283,111	283,111	267,233	268,031
E11 Operation of Fire Service	6,621,550	6,621,550	6,118,772	6,162,956
E1201 Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	59,513	59,513	70,814	71,014
E1202 Fire Prevention and Education	88,707	88,707	85,695	85,702
E1203 Inspection & Monitoring of Commercial Facilities	77,700	77,700	72,187	72,187
E1299 Service Support Costs	130,529	130,529	124,738	125,050
E12 Fire Prevention	356,449	356,449	353,434	353,953
E1301 Water Quality Management	664,488	664,488	614,083	622,594
E1302 Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
E1399 Service Support Costs	275,565	275,565	263,061	264,136
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	943,053	943,053	880,144	889,730
E1401 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
E1499 Service Support Costs	162	162	153	153
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	162	162	153	153
E1501 Climate Change and Flooding	567,431	567,431	523,086	533,674
E1599 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	567,431	567,431	523,086	533,674
Division E Total	13,357,643	13,357,643	12,463,469	12,797,772

Table F - Income				
Division E - Environmental Services				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	3,039,122	3,039,122	2,590,623	2,714,707
Social Protection	-	-	-	-
Defence	150,000	150,000	168,600	168,600
Climate, Environment, & Energy	-	-	-	-
Other	91,300	91,300	63,300	71,000
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	3,280,422	3,280,422	2,822,523	2,954,307
Goods & Services				
Domestic Refuse Charges	-	-	-	-
Commercial Refuse Charges	-	-	-	-
Landfill Charges	150,000	150,000	300,000	300,000
Fire Charges	520,000	520,000	500,000	508,750
Superannuation	57,146	57,146	56,754	56,754
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,212,500	1,212,500	883,990	1,068,473
Total Goods & Services	1,939,646	1,939,646	1,740,744	1,933,977
Division E Total	5,220,068	5,220,068	4,563,267	4,888,284

Table F - Expenditure				
Division F - Recreation and Amenity				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
F0101 Leisure Facilities Operations	356,000	356,000	356,000	427,950
F0103 Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
F0199 Service Support Costs	10,201	10,201	9,713	9,804
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations	401,201	401,201	400,713	472,754
F0201 Library Service Operations	2,259,278	2,259,278	2,064,191	2,202,299
F0202 Archive Service	-	-	-	-
F0204 Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	130,000	130,000	120,000	120,000
F0205 Contributions to Library Organisations	68,065	68,065	11,300	79,832
F0299 Service Support Costs	928,659	928,659	881,048	880,652
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	3,386,002	3,386,002	3,076,539	3,282,783
F0301 Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	442,792	442,792	399,941	503,981
F0302 Playgrounds	161,791	161,791	159,028	159,028
F0303 Beaches	-	-	-	-
F0399 Service Support Costs	94,406	94,406	90,300	90,928
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	698,989	698,989	649,269	753,937
F0401 Community Grants	578,735	578,735	532,423	532,423
F0402 Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	-	-	-	-
F0403 Community Facilities	365,069	365,069	235,351	256,211
F0404 Recreational Development	725,116	725,116	772,937	772,375
F0499 Service Support Costs	168,685	168,685	160,941	161,580
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,837,605	1,837,605	1,701,652	1,722,589
F0501 Administration of the Arts Programme	1,952,742	1,952,742	2,098,323	2,107,271
F0502 Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	-	-	-	-
F0503 Museums Operations	569,854	569,854	528,484	526,784
F0504 Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	7,000	7,000	6,500	7,000
F0505 Festivals & Concerts	-	-	-	-
F0599 Service Support Costs	544,927	544,927	517,207	517,961
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	3,074,523	3,074,523	3,150,514	3,159,016
F0601 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
F0699 Service Support Costs	1,051	1,051	995	996
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,051	1,051	995	996
Division F Total	9,399,371	9,399,371	8,979,682	9,392,075

Table F - Income				
Division F - Recreation and Amenity				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	614,770	614,770	659,207	827,577
Education & Youth	-	-	-	-
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
Social Protection	-	-	-	-
Library Council	-	-	-	-
Arts Council	195,000	195,000	220,000	212,000
Transport	-	-	-	-
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	-	-	-	-
Other	629,622	629,622	690,081	710,618
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	1,439,392	1,439,392	1,569,288	1,750,195
Goods & Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	627,800	627,800	574,500	740,080
Superannuation	83,686	83,686	83,110	83,110
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	178,901	178,901	52,501	69,219
Total Goods & Services	890,387	890,387	710,111	892,409
Division F Total	2,329,779	2,329,779	2,279,399	2,642,604

Table F - Expenditure				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
G0101 Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	93,000	93,000	93,000	93,000
G0102 Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	-	-	-	-
G0103 Payment of Agricultural Pensions	-	-	-	-
G0199 Service Support Costs	10,699	10,699	10,021	10,044
G01 Land Drainage Costs	103,699	103,699	103,021	103,044
G0201 Operation of Piers	-	-	-	-
G0203 Operation of Harbours	-	-	-	-
G0299 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	-	-	-	-
G0301 General Maintenance - Coastal Regions	-	-	-	-
G0302 Planned Protection of Coastal Regions	-	-	-	-
G0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-
G0401 Provision of Veterinary Service	-	-	-	-
G0402 Inspection of Abattoirs etc	-	-	399,350	362,770
G0403 Food Safety	-	-	-	-
G0404 Operation of Dog Warden Service	171,084	171,084	192,304	191,294
G0405 Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,100
G0499 Service Support Costs	159,778	159,778	149,509	149,655
G04 Veterinary Service	333,462	333,462	743,763	705,819
G0501 Payment of Higher Education Grants	-	-	-	-
G0502 Administration Higher Education Grants	-	-	-	-
G0503 Payment of VEC Pensions	-	-	-	-
G0504 Administration VEC Pension	-	-	-	-
G0505 Contribution to Education & Training Board	-	-	-	-
G0506 Other Educational Services	-	-	-	-
G0507 School Meals	-	-	-	-
G0599 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G05 Educational Support Services	-	-	-	-
G0601 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
G0699 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-
Division G Total	437,161	437,161	846,784	808,863

Table F - Income				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	-	-	-	-
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
Education & Youth	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-	400,000	362,770
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	-	-	400,000	362,770
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	17,979	17,979	17,855	17,855
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	162,500	162,500	162,000	162,200
Total Goods & Services	180,479	180,479	179,855	180,055
Division G Total	180,479	180,479	579,855	542,825

Table F - Expenditure				
Division H - Miscellaneous Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H0101 Maintenance of Machinery Service	34,323	34,323	32,733	32,733
H0102 Plant and Machinery Operations	340,441	340,441	335,559	337,381
H0199 Service Support Costs	133,193	133,193	125,450	125,637
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account	507,957	507,957	493,742	495,751
H0201 Purchase of Materials, Stores	14,000	14,000	20,000	20,000
H0202 Administrative Costs Stores	267,038	267,038	229,741	231,859
H0203 Upkeep of Buildings, stores	-	-	-	-
H0299 Service Support Costs	68,288	68,288	64,722	64,769
H02 Profit & Loss Stores Account	349,326	349,326	314,463	316,628
H0301 Administration of Rates Office	347,508	347,508	258,762	261,262
H0302 Debt Management Service Rates	119,037	119,037	113,821	113,821
H0303 Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	2,068,724	2,068,724	2,360,796	2,360,796
H0399 Service Support Costs	341,474	341,474	324,422	325,225
H03 Adminstration of Rates	2,876,743	2,876,743	3,057,801	3,061,104
H0401 Register of Elector Costs	261,933	261,933	161,110	162,279
H0402 Local Election Costs	-	-	-	-
H0499 Service Support Costs	20,593	20,593	19,488	19,811
H04 Franchise Costs	282,526	282,526	180,598	182,090
H0501 Coroner Fees and Expenses	140,627	140,627	141,081	141,081
H0502 Operation of Morgue	-	-	-	-
H0599 Service Support Costs	43,652	43,652	42,153	42,204
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	184,279	184,279	183,234	183,285
H0601 Weighbridge Operations	-	-	-	-
H0699 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	-	-	-	-
H0701 Operation of Markets	-	-	-	-
H0702 Casual Trading Areas	6,431	6,431	6,394	6,394
H0799 Service Support Costs	3,480	3,480	3,310	3,319
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	9,911	9,911	9,704	9,713
H0801 Malicious Damage	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487
H0899 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H08 Malicious Damage	63,487	63,487	63,487	63,487

Table F - Expenditure				
Division H - Miscellaneous Services				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H0901 Representational Payments	694,872	694,872	653,633	654,128
H0902 Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	35,860	35,860	35,837	35,837
H0903 Annual Allowances LA Members	60,255	60,255	79,855	80,105
H0904 Expenses LA Members	50,600	50,600	42,600	50,644
H0905 Other Expenses	143,000	143,000	139,215	161,275
H0906 Conferences Abroad	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,915
H0907 Retirement Gratuities	41,790	41,790	100,000	100,000
H0908 Contribution to Members Associations	27,500	27,500	27,500	26,400
H0909 General Municipal Allocation	-	-	-	-
H0999 Service Support Costs	259,206	259,206	256,347	257,075
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	1,321,083	1,321,083	1,342,987	1,373,379
H1001 Motor Taxation Operation	363,638	363,638	361,649	361,349
H1099 Service Support Costs	248,384	248,384	236,820	237,839
H10 Motor Taxation	612,022	612,022	598,469	599,188
H1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	981,962	981,962	949,433	951,090
H1102 NPPR	-	-	91,542	91,542
H1199 Service Support Costs	217,420	217,420	209,708	210,152
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,199,382	1,199,382	1,250,683	1,252,784
Division H Total	7,406,716	7,406,716	7,495,168	7,537,409
OVERALL TOTAL	111,790,144	111,790,144	106,017,129	111,304,616

Table F - Income				
Division H - Miscellaneous Services				
Income by Source	2026		2025	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	7,585,369	7,585,369	6,623,174	6,638,174
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	-	-	-	-
Social Protection	-	-	-	-
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-	-	-
Other	150,907	150,907	115,000	186,807
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	7,736,276	7,736,276	6,738,174	6,824,981
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	75,206	75,206	74,688	74,688
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	227,553	227,553	331,431	331,431
NPPR	-	-	30,000	30,000
Other income	748,550	748,550	707,751	725,627
Total Goods & Services	1,051,309	1,051,309	1,143,870	1,161,746
Division H Total	8,787,585	8,787,585	7,882,044	7,986,727
OVERALL TOTAL	79,117,204	79,117,204	73,668,493	76,709,541

APPENDIX 1		
SUMMARY OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR YEAR 2026		
Description	2026 €	2025 €
Area Office Overhead	1,373,979	1,365,068
Corporate Affairs Overhead	1,539,921	1,573,620
Corporate Buildings Overhead	541,684	527,996
Finance Function Overhead	1,057,382	997,981
Human Resource Function Overhead	1,741,896	1,715,348
IT Services	1,912,731	1,781,318
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	152,098	152,428
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	5,460,799	5,010,222
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	13,780,490	13,123,981

APPENDIX 2		
SUMMARY OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2026		
Description	2026 €	2026 €
Discretionary		
** Discretionary Local Property Tax (Table A)	<u>12,870,091</u>	12,870,091
Self Funding - Revenue Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	<u>-</u>	-
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget		12,870,091
Self Funding - Capital Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	<u>-</u>	-
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget		-
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)		12,870,091

**This amount includes an equalisation contribution of €7,653,510 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund.



CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that at the Budget Meeting of Cavan County Council held this 20th November 2025, the Council by resolution adopted for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December 2026 the Budget set out in Tables *(A-F) and by resolution determined in accordance with the said Budget the Rates set out in Table *(A) to be the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in those Tables.

Signed

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

Chief Executive

Dated this 20th Day of November 2025



Comhairle Contae an Chabháin
Cavan County Council



Cavan County Council

3 Year Capital Programme 2026-2028

Cavan County Council

Three Year Capital Programme 2026 to 2028

14th November 2025

Dear Councillor,

I set out hereunder details of estimated expenditure on the Capital Programme of works proposed to be undertaken by this Council for the period 2026 to 2028, in accordance with Section 135 of Local Government Act 2001. The 3-year Capital Programme is being presented with the Annual Budget 2026. The Programme indicates the various projects proposed for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028. The actual level of expenditure will ultimately depend on Government funding, successful grant applications, and the approval of loans where necessary.

These works reflect ongoing infrastructure provision by this Council and takes account of Department Capital allocations notified to date for 2026 and estimated allocations for 2027 and 2028 based on the Council's infrastructural investment programmes. Details of how schemes are being funded are also outlined.

Description	2026 €	2027 €	2028 €	Total €	Funding
Social Housing New Build Programme	€36,140,000	€42,350,000	€45,375,000	€123,865,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt.
Social Housing Acquisition Programme	€1,400,000	€1,550,000	€1,700,000	€4,650,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt.
Approved Housing Bodies CAS Funding	€2,275,000	€5,250,000	€5,625,000	€13,150,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt./Subsidised Loan
Part V Purchases	€3,575,000	€5,250,000	€5,625,000	€14,450,000	Part V Contributions
Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme	€1,400,000	€1,600,000	€1,800,000	€4,800,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt. & Own resources Co-Funding
Planned Maintenance Programme	€1,000,000	€1,200,000	€1,400,000	€3,600,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt. & Own Resources Co-Funding

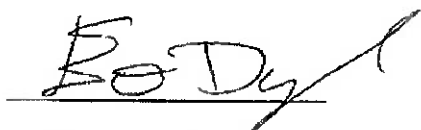
Description	2026 €	2027 €	2028 €	Total €	Funding
Voids Programme	€1,650,000	€1,800,000	€1,950,000	€5,400,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt. & Local Authority Co-Funding
Housing Adaptation Grants to Council Houses	€550,000	€600,000	€650,000	€1,800,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt./Local Authority Contribution
Traveller Accommodation Programme	€200,000	€225,000	€250,000	€675,000	Grant from Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Govt.
Redevelopment of Council Offices, Farnham Street, Cavan	€1,500,000	€5,000,000	€5,000,000	€11,500,000	Local Authority Contribution/Loan
Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People, Mobility Aid Grants	€3,400,000	€3,500,000	€3,500,000	€10,400,000	Grant from Dept of Housing, Planning & Local Govt./Local Authority Contribution
Housing Loans	€1,500,000	€1,500,000	€1,500,000	€4,500,000	Loan
Museum Story Telling Centre	€0	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€2,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
National Primary /National Secondary Improvement	€9,000,000	€9,000,000	€9,000,000	€27,000,000	T.I.I Grant
Regional Road Improvement (Inc. East/West Route)	€750,000	€1,000,000	€1,250,000	€3,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Rural Water Programme	€2,100,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€4,100,000	Grant Aid under MARWP Group Water Schemes
Electric Vehicle Charging Points	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000	€300,000	75% SEAI Contribution / 25% Local Authority Contribution ¹
Public Buildings Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme (Cavan Leisure Centre)	€1,265,028	€1,265,028	€600,000	€3,130,056	50% grant funded SEAI/ Local Authority Contribution

¹ A total of 75% of the capital costs will be provided, capped at €5,000 per single charge point. Note a charge post may contain two charge points, in which case a charge post would receive up to €10,000 per post. Grant of 35% of capital cost.

Description	2026 €	2027 €	2028 €	Total €	Funding ¹⁾
Corranure Renewable energy hub	€500,000	€2,556,000	€2,556,000	€5,612,000	Local Authority Contribution
Solar PV Installation on Public Buildings	€600,000	€0	€0	€600,000	110K SEAI contribution/ Local Authority Contribution however approx. 5 year pay back
Greenway Projects	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€2,000,000	€4,000,000	Grant / Local Authority Contribution
Active Travel	€3,000,000	€3,000,000	€3,000,000	€9,000,000	NTA Grant
Car Parks	€350,000	€350,000	€350,000	€1,050,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Cavan Town Multi Storey Car park Refurbishment Project	€200,000	€50,000	€0	€250,000	Local Authority Contribution
Cavan Town LTP	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€3,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Climate Change	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€3,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€3,000,000	Local Authority Contribution/Loan
Footpath Programme	€350,000	€350,000	€300,000	€1,000,000	Local Authority Contribution
Flood Prevention (Incl. CFRAM)	€750,000	€350,000	€400,000	€1,500,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Kingscourt Town Centre Regeneration Project	€4,000,000	€6,000,000	€4,000,000	€14,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Bailieboro Town Centre Regeneration Project	€400,000	€600,000	€3,000,000	€4,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Municipal District Depots	€250,000	€250,000	€250,000	€750,000	Local Authority Contribution
Enterprise Park Development	€700,000	€800,000	€800,000	€2,300,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Food Innovation Hub	€200,000	€800,000	€1,500,000	€2,500,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Abbeylands Regeneration Project	€7,325,000	€8,100,000	€1,340,000	€16,765,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Cavan Sports Campus	€11,400,000	€11,400,000	€11,400,000	€34,200,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution/Loan
Amenity Park Development	€250,000	€250,000	€250,000	€750,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Percy French Regeneration Project	€6,200,000	€2,800,000	€100,000	€9,100,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Ballyconnell Market House Regeneration Project	€60,000	€0	€0	€60,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Bailieboro Courthouse Regeneration Project	€100,000	€0	€0	€100,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
St Micheals Hall Cootehill	€3,400,000	€3,060,000	€340,000	€6,800,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution

Description	2026 €	2027 €	2028 €	Total €	Funding
Future Rural Regeneration Projects	€200,000	€3,600,000	€3,600,000	€7,400,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Shannon Pot / Cavan Burren Park	€6,600,000	€300,000	€0	€6,900,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Peat Plus (PeacePlus)	€250,000	€380,000	€710,000	€1,340,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Cuilcagh Masterplan (PeacePlus)	€1,200,000	€3,200,000	€1,600,000	€6,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Killykeen	€200,000	€500,000	€500,000	€1,200,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
Dun an Ri / Deerpark / Castle Lake	€500,000	€250,000	€250,000	€1,000,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
T&V, ORIS, Clar, etc,	€2,500,000	€2,500,000	€2,500,000	€7,500,000	Grant/Local Authority Contribution
ICT Upgrades	€275,000	€75,000	€0	€350,000	Local Authority Contribution
Fire Services	€250,000	€1,000,000	€500,000	€1,750,000	Grant

Yours Sincerely,



Chief Executive

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