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MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

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DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET 2026

For the Financial Year ending on 31st December 2026

Caínaisneís Don Bhliain Airgeadais dár críoch an 31ú La Nollaig 2026

Kevin Kelly, Chief Executive

Chief Executive's Office,
Áras an Chontae,
Castlebar,
Co. Mayo.

TO THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND MEMBERS OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

I submit for your consideration the Draft Annual Budget in respect of the financial year ending 31st December 2026 together with a report detailing the main provisions outlined therein and a summary report from the Directors of Service in respect of activities in their respective functional areas which is submitted as an annual progress report in respect of the Corporate Plan.

In accordance with the statutory requirement issues relating to the preparation of the Draft budget was considered at meetings of the Corporate Policy Group held on 10th October 2025 and 13th November 2025.

The Council considered and made its determination on the Local Property Tax adjustment at its meeting held on 14th July 2025 and each of the Municipal Districts considered the Budgetary Plan for their Municipal District at a series of meetings held between the 29th October 2025 and 17th November 2025.

The Council may by resolution amend the Draft budget but shall adopt the Draft Budget with or without amendment, and determine, in accordance with the budget so adopted, the annual rate on valuation to be levied.

The Council is required to complete the statutory process within a period of 14 days. This allows, for the adjournment, if necessary, of the statutory meeting which is scheduled for 27th November 2025 provided the process is completed by 11th December 2025.

A summary of the Budget is:

	€	€
Expenditure		219,587,935
<u>Funded by:</u>		
Receipts	150,372,707	
Local Property Tax	23,025,711	
Rates on commercial and Industrial Property	46,189,517	
	219,587,935	

The foregoing figures highlight that the increase in the revenue spend in 2026 amounts to €6.1m which brings the total increase in revenue spend over the last 5 years since 2021 to €60.4m. While this increase in spend is very welcome much of it takes the form of specific grants or financial provisions for specified purposes which doesn't provide for much needed local discretion.

The Members decision on the LPT variation in July has ensured that our funding from LPT remains constant in 2026 but the rejection of the proposal to vary the local adjustment factor by 15% has impacted negatively on our ambition to undertake various additional actions. The additional income derived from the Local Property Tax is utilised as follows

MD Grant funded projects including TVRS,ORIS, CLAR etc
Hedge Cutting
Additional staffing for housing activation schemes
Co-funding of existing grant funded Capital Projects such as URDF / RRDF/LSSIF

As previously outlined the rates revaluation process removes any discrepancies or differences in valuation that may have existed between similar businesses which are now treated in the same way. In particular variations may have arisen where businesses have not been valued or revalued for several decades. Likewise, where properties have premises where there is vacancy or non-use on an ongoing basis this should now be captured within the new valuation and existing vacancy adjustments no longer apply other than in accordance with statutory provisions. Any further properties where commercial operations have ceased should be listed for re-valuation.

Contained in the budget is an increase in the commercial rates valuations arising from the valuation or review of existing or extended businesses and this has delivered an additional €0.37m in 2026 which relates mostly to additional windfarm development.

The budget for 2026 has been produced on the assumption that central Government support will be available to offset some of the increased costs of the National Pay Agreement and the National Agreement on the Retained Fire Services and therefore these additional costs are included in the budget at a net additional cost of €0.84m.

As Members will be aware the main changes agreed in respect of the retained fire service were new pay scales and guaranteed pay (including drill hours , promoting community fire safety, attendance at incidents and a revised retainer), attendance requirement revised to attending alerts on 24 weeks in the year on a week on / week off basis which also allows attendance during rostered off periods , extended premium hours, increased staffing including a minimum crew of 12 in every station and the provision of a dress uniform. In 2023 the budget provision for operating the fire service was €5.43m before increasing in 2025 to €8.448m and in 2026 the Fire Service budget provision has increased to €9.6m.

The financial implications of the move of Water Services to Uisce Eireann continue to evolve and with the recoupment of both pension costs and Central Management Charge capped at 2022 levels there will be a reduction in income from this source of approximately €384k in 2026.There are a number of significant issues to be addressed at national level before the cessation of the transition period in December 2026 in order to ensure that the transition does not impact negatively on the finances of Mayo County Council.

The Members have been circulated with the Councils Strategic Workforce Plan 2025 – 2030 which outlines an additional staffing requirement over this period of 235 of which 201 are dependent on Mayo County Council funding and at an additional annual cost of €13.5m. While it is obvious that this level of change is beyond our current financial capacity it is incumbent on us to start addressing this additional staffing requirement, but the financial capacity does not currently exist to make any significant advancement in 2026.

While many of the budgetary pressures arise from matters outside of our control including statutory demands, national agreements, Gratuities & Pensions, Energy & Fuel and co-funding requirements the Members will be aware that the approach to drafting the budget over recent years has included a response to areas identified by the Members as requiring additional resources. Over the 5 budgets since 2021 the following adjustments have been made

Fire Services	€5,288,094
Roads Maintenance own contribution	€450,000
Street cleaning and bin collection,	€500,000
Civic Amenity Sites & associated closed landfills,	€473,118
Parks & open spaces,	€245,000
Housing maintenance	€700,000
Housing casual vacancies	€380,000
Housing retrofitting	€370,000
Housing Grants	€3,800,000
Climate Change	€529,900
Piers and Harbours	€165,000
Beaches & Amenities	€125,000
Playgrounds	€170,000
TIC Estates	€100,000
Office Maintenance & Improvement	€470,000

Other areas that have been assigned additional budget include the capital delivery team, maintenance of greenways, swimming pools operation and maintenance, operation of IQ Ballina, Jackie Clarke Museum, Homelessness, Traffic Wardens, short-term letting, property management, Tourism and historic landfills.

The Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark has been supported by Mayo County Council for a number of years. In 2025 a budget provision of €25,000 was included and the budget for 2026 contains an increased provision of €50,000 on an exceptional and once-off basis to support the work of the advancement of the Geopark.

Members will be aware of the various loan requirements of Mayo County Council in order to progress our capital programme of work. In 2017 we applied for loan approval of €30m of which €15m was for completed projects and €15m was for future strategic capital projects. The €15m for future strategic capital projects was not drawn down and was re-approved in 2023 and on application to the Department we received loan approval for €10.5m in respect of projects that had received grant approval. The balance of €4.5m was re-approved by the Members in May 2025 together with funding required for other projects to a combined value of €13.65m of which €3.65m has received Departmental approval and been drawn down. In addition, in March 2025 the Members approved €4.8m of borrowings for burial ground provision of which €2m has received Departmental approval and been drawn down. In addition to the above the Department have been advised of future additional anticipated borrowing requirements over the next 5 years of €15m to include Westport RRDF (part), Castlebar Sports Complex, Climate Action Pathfinder Projects, Áras an Chontae improvements and other future URDF / RRDF match funding requirements.

The Members were advised last year of the proposed Housing Rents Review which is now substantially completed and additional income of €2m has been included in budget 2026 arising from both this review and additional new housing stock and budget 2026 includes an additional provision of €300k in respect of housing maintenance and €180k in respect of Casual Vacancies' and Retrofitting.

The budget for 2025 included a provision to minimise the impact on small businesses from the adjustments arising from the general rates revaluation and the increase in the commercial rate. The approach continued with some support for this cohort through a modified approach which limited the maximum benefit that can accrue to a ratepayer to €2,000 and subject to an appeal or a revision request having been submitted to Taillte Eireann. It is intended to continue with a similar support in 2026, but this will be reviewed in 2027 so that ultimately all businesses are treated in an equitable manner based on their recently updated rates valuation.

The budget maintains the provision of €400,000 introduced in 2025 to enable the Members together with Municipal District staff to address smaller work items within their areas, on a priority basis, including works to carparks , line marking , signage provision, speed ramps etc. and this will be split across the 4 Municipal Districts based on population

In Budget 2025 it was outlined that any increase in paid parking charges or any additional locations for paid parking included a commitment that any additional nett income from any increase in charges or charges at new locations would be retained within the relevant Municipal District to undertake works in respect of the provision or extension of parking facilities, road improvements, traffic controls or other similar traffic improvements. This is a reserved function of Members and no changes were made to paid parking in 2025 and therefore no additional income accrued from same.

In most if not all cases the additional budget provision falls short of that requested by the Directors and there have been many initiatives, projects and additional service requirements for which the Directors sought additional funding in 2026 but which were not possible to support given budget availability.

The preparation of the Draft Annual Budget has been challenging and there are many areas of need that we are unable to address at this time but the proposed expenditure of €219.6 m together with our capital programme spend represents a very considerable investment of monies in the development of the county and the delivery of services throughout the county.

I wish to acknowledge the support, courtesy and cooperation of all of the Members and staff of Mayo County Council and the assistance of the Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Carey and the former Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Hara in transacting the business of the Council.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of the Members of the Corporate Policy Group in the consideration of budgetary issues and also the Directors and their staff for their compilation of budget submissions and their support in producing the draft budget. In particular, I wish to thank Mr. Peter Duggan, Director of Finance, Ms Tracy Flanagan, Management Accountant and Ms Olivia Heffernan, Financial Accountant, for all of their work and assistance in preparing what has been a very complex budget.

I commend the draft budget for 2026 to the Members for adoption.

Kevin Kelly
Chief Executive
13th November 2025

INCOME SOURCES	2026	2026	2025
<u>State Grants</u>	**€**	**%**	**%**
Road Grants	43,766,514		
Housing Grants Subsidies	30,580,010		
Group Water Schemes	7,338,000		
Water/Wastewater Services	4,050,816		
General Purpose Grant - FEMPI/FIRE	19,193,823		
SICAP	2,180,000		
Environmental Grants	2,165,260		
Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Grant	2,066,681		
Community Projects	3,125,450		
Arts, Libraries and Museums	929,361		
Miscellaneous State Grants	1,717,439		
	117,113,354	**53.33%**	**49.88%**
<u>Goods & Services</u>			
Housing Rents & RAS Rents	11,330,000		
Pay & Display	2,685,000		
Swimming Pool/Leisure Facilities	3,508,000		
Pension Contributions	1,550,000		
Civic Amenity	930,000		
Housing Loan Repayments	960,000		
Fees, Licences & Charges	1,342,500		
Planning Fees	580,000		
Fire Charges and Fire Safety Certificates	565,000		
Property Rents & Casual Trading	480,000		
Rates PEL/Revisions	20,000		
Miscellaneous	833,500		
	24,784,000	**11.29%**	**10.54%**
<u>Recoupment - Agency Works</u>			
Uisce Éireann	2,051,500		
Regional Communication Centre	2,740,218		
Regional Training Centre	1,495,000		
Waste Levies	1,200,000		
Local Authorities	911,935		
Others	76,700		
	8,475,353	**3.86%**	**6.72%**
Rates on Commercial Properties	46,189,517	**21.03%**	**22.43%**
Local Property Tax	23,025,711	**10.49%**	**11.42%**
	219,587,935	**100.00%**	**100.00%**

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME BY DIVISION AND SERVICE

HOUSING AND BUILDING

HOUSING

Mayo County Council remains firmly committed to advancing the objectives of Housing for All. This Housing Plan for Ireland continues to guide national housing policy through to 2030. In 2026, our focus will be on sustaining delivery momentum, addressing affordability, and tackling vacancy and dereliction, in close collaboration with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs), the Housing Agency, and private sector partners. Despite ongoing challenges in the construction sector—such as escalating energy and building costs, and a tightening labour market, Mayo County Council continues to deliver high-quality housing solutions. In 2025, significant capital investment supported the construction of homes that meet the highest national standards, and this trajectory will continue into 2026. The Council is actively acquiring and preparing land across all Municipal Districts to support future housing delivery. This strategic land banking remains a cornerstone of our long-term housing programme. Under the Housing for All 2022–2026 framework, Mayo was assigned a target of 730 new social housing builds. Significant progress has been made to date, and we are actively working toward achieving this target with continued emphasis on sustainable communities.

Affordable housing delivery continued in 2025, supported by increased funding through the Affordable Housing Fund. A scheme of five homes was delivered in 2025 in Westport under the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme. Additional schemes will be considered in Castlebar, Ballina and other high urban areas in 2026 and funding will be sought to support their advancement.

The Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant continues to play an important role in addressing vacancy and supporting access to homeownership. Mayo County Council is also participating in URDF Call 3, which provides a mechanism to address long-term vacancy and dereliction. Under this initiative, 58 vacant properties were identified in Mayo, with 29 refurbished and brought back into use by owners in 2025.

Mayo County Council continues to administer the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme in conjunction with the Housing Agency.

Principal Work Areas for Housing Services in 2026:

- Continued implementation of Housing for All and alignment with revised national targets
- Delivery of affordable housing under the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme
- Acquisition of land for housing
- Management and refurbishment of housing stock
- Voids and Planned Maintenance Programme
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme
- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2026–2029
- URDF Call 3 programme delivery
- Operation of Housing Adaptation Grants Scheme
- Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings
- Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme administration

- Buy & Renew and Repair & Leasing Schemes
- Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme administration
- Local Authority Home Loans and Renovation Loans
- Homelessness services and Tenancy Sustainment
- Review and development of housing policies
- Gaeltacht Vacant Homes
- Mortgage to Rent
- Ready to Build Scheme (serviced sites for new homes)

Mayo County Council will continue to deliver housing solutions with ambition and resilience. The robust funding framework in place for 2026, combined with strategic partnerships and community engagement, will ensure that we meet the evolving housing needs of our county. Our commitment to quality, sustainability, placemaking and inclusivity remains at the heart of our housing strategy.

ACHITECTS DEPARTMENT

Mayo County Councils Architects Department encompasses a large range of in-house technical expertise incorporating Architects, Architectural Technicians, Clerks of Works, Surveyors, Heritage, Biodiversity & Conservation Officers and Clerical Staff, located throughout the County.

Carnacon (09)

2025 will see the completion of new build social housing at Ballavarry (12), Carnacon (09) Cross West (08) Mount Street, Claremorris (06). Lr. Charles St Castlebar (04) Church Manor, Ballina (03). With housing schemes under construction and going to site at The Meadows, Ballina (15) Four Ballinrobe sites (14) Lahardane (19) and Lois na Circa, Castlebar (37)

We will continue our commitment to Rebuilding Ireland in 2026 which will see the commencement of the construction of new housing on sites including Ellison Street (13) Castlebar, Cheshire Homes (83) & Duffy's Bakery (31) in Ballina, Kilmaine (04), Irishtown (05), Abbeyquarter Balluhaunis (28) and Ballycastle (07) amongst others.
Projects are also planned for Lawn Road, Castlebar (64), Sli na Roba, Ballinrobe (09), Knockmore (08), Foxford (07), Kilbride, Swinford (38), Tooraree (06), Charlestown (04), Swinford (06) and these are complimented by a host of smaller sites varying in size around the county.

Municipal Districts: the Architectural teams in the MD's are progressing the Castlebar Historic Core Reactivation and Regeneration Initiative, Ballyhaunis Library and Lisloughery Pier, amongst other projects.

Turlough Park: Our horticultural team continue the maintenance of the parkland of Turlough House which in 2024 again secured the An Taisce Green Flag award.

Architectural Conservation Office: In 2025 the Historic Towns Initiative enabled conservation works to Walsh Street Barracks, The Jackie Clarke Collection, The Former Church of Ireland School and structures on Pearse Street, Ballina. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund supported conservation works at St. Muredach's Cathedral, Belleek Castle, and the Former Church of Ireland School in the Ballina MD, Raheens Obelisk, Raheens and the Former Methodist Church, Castlebar in the Castlebar MD, Robe Villa in the Claremorris Swinford MD, and St. Patrick's Church, Newport and Bridge House, Westport in the Westport MD. Rural Regeneration and Development Funds supported the progression of projects at Ballinrobe Market House and Ballinrobe Library.

Walsh Street Barracks, Ballina

The 2025 edition of the Architecture at the Edge festival incorporates a wide range of public tours, exhibitions, and talks as well as the continuity of the Ballina EU funded HeritACT scheme.

ROADS, TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The road transportation system in any county is essential for supporting the social and economic development of the county and wider region. Accordingly, the road network in Mayo is a key driver for the economic development of the county. Mayo County Council ensures the maintenance and improvement of the roads network within the county, thus supporting and enhancing the economy within the county. As a large rural county there are **6,716** kms of roadway in the charge of Mayo County Council, comprising of the following categories of roadway:

National Primary Roads:	133 kms	(N5, N17, & N26)
National Secondary Roads:	266 kms	(N58, N59, N60, N83 & N84)
TOTAL NATIONAL ROADS	**399 kms**	(Funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.)
Regional Roads:	650 kms	
Local Roads:	5,667 kms	
TOTAL RLRs:	**6,317 kms**	(Funded by Department of Transport and MCC's Own Resources.)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

The Roads & Transportation SPC will continue to deliver in 2025. The SPC will assist the Council in the formulation, development, and review of policy.

Funding

In 2024, the overall funding allocated for Roads Maintenance and Improvement in Mayo amounted to **€65,599,028**.

NATIONAL ROAD CAPITAL SCHEMES

N5 Swinford Bypass Safety Scheme

Consultants have been appointed to provide technical and environmental support to the project. Project appraisal, feasibility and options selection will progress throughout 2025 and 2026.

N17 Knock to Collooney Road Project

Sligo County Council, through a Section 85 Agreement with Mayo County Council, are progressing this project. Preliminary design and environmental assessments will progress during 2025.

N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1

The preliminary design, environmental assessments and compulsory acquisition documentation have progressed throughout 2025. It is anticipated that statutory procedures will commence during Q4 2025 or Q1 2026, subject to TII approval.

N26 Foxford to Mount Falcon

The Options Selection public consultation took place during 2025. It is anticipated that the Preferred Route will be selected during Q1 2026 with preliminary design and environmental assessments commencing thereafter.

N58 Foxford Transport Project
Consultants have been appointed to provide technical and environmental support to the project. Project appraisal, feasibility and options selection will progress throughout 2025 and 2026

N59 Newport to Derradda Scheme
Mayo County Council awarded a construction contract during 2025 for the 5km upgrade of the N59 between Newport and Derradda. Substantial completion anticipated in Q4 2027.

N60 Heathlawn Scheme
To close out of snagging during the Defects Period will conclude in 2025.

N60 Manulla Cross Scheme
The preliminary design, environmental assessments and compulsory acquisition documentation have progressed throughout 2025. It is anticipated that statutory procedures will commence during Q1 2026, subject to TII approval.

Mayo National Secondaries Bypass
A Project/Programme Outline Document for the N84 Ballinrobe Transport Project will be concluded during Q4 2025. Progress thereafter will be subject to TII approval.

National Road Active Travel and Greenway Projects
Design works continue on the following projects:

- **N60 Breaffy Active Travel Scheme:** Construction contract to be awarded in October 2025. Anticipated construction period is 18 months.
- **N60 Heathlawn to Balla Active Travel Scheme:** Procure consultants to provide technical and environmental support to the project during Q4 2025. Preliminary design and environmental assessments to progress during 2026.
- **Ballina–Castlebar–Westport Interurban Greenway**: Feasibility of project assessed during 2024. Progress during 2026 will be subject to TII approval.
- **Great Western Greenway – Newport Town:** Part 8 published and awaiting approval. Detailed design to progress during 2025 and 2026 subject to securing of statutory consent(s).
- **Great Western Greenway - Belclare to Murrisk:** Options selection process to conclude in Q4 2025. Statutory procedures to commence during Q1 2026.
- **Great Western Greenway - Westport to Achill**: Targeted asset renewal works to conclude during Q4 2025.
- **Great Western Greenway - Westport (Attireesh)**: Targeted works to conclude during Q4 2025 with outstanding works to conclude during 2026, subject to TII funding.
- **Blacksod Bay Greenway Loop (Phase 1)**: Upgrade of 5km of existing road network between Binghamstown and Cross Lakes to provide a shared use facility during Q4 2025.
- **Charlestown-Swinford-Foxford Greenway**: Progress during 2026 will be subject to TII funding.

National Roads Pavement Works
Following completion of a National Road pavement maintenance scheme on N5 in 2025, funding will be sought from TII for some 12km of works for 2026. Schemes to date include:

- N17 Kilmore to Glentavraun (Kilkelly)

- N59 Deerpark East to West Road. (Westport Town)
- N59 Knappagh to Carrowbaun
- N59 Shratloe to Glennacally
- N59 Ballina (Cathedral Road)
- N60 Ballyhaunis (Abbey Street, Bridge Street, Clare Road)

Bridge Rehabilitation Works
National Road bridge rehabilitation schemes continuing and reaching construction stage during 2026 comprise the following locations:

- N5 Knockavrony Bridge
- N58 Straide River Bridge
- N59 Bellanumera Bridge
- N59 Mallaranny Bridge
- N59 Erriff Bridge
- N59 Carrowrevagh Bridge
- N60 Cloonycollaran Bridge
- N60 Abbey Street River Bridge, Ballyhaunis
- N84 Fire Station Bridge, Ballinrobe
- N59 Ballina Upper Bridge

Regional & Local Road Bridge Rehabilitation
Rehabilitation works at various stages will continue throughout 2026 at the following locations:

- Distillery Road Bridge (Westport Town)
- Ballynock Bridge (Bofeenaun - Castlebar)
- Boleyard Bridge (Bohola),
- Cloghadockan Bridge (Turlough - Castlebar)
- Cartoor Bridge (Louisburgh)
- Srahwee Bridge (Louisburgh)
- Derrynagong Bridge (Ballyhaunis)
- Bofeenaun Bridge
- Newport Bridge
- Achill Bridge.

Regional & Local Road Bridge Asset Management Inventory
Assign inhouse resources and undertake further inventory surveys during 2026.

Regional Road Improvement Projects
The following Regional Road Schemes are to be further advanced in 2026:

- **R332 Kilmaine – Foxhall**
  Phase 2 Works – construction stage.
- **R345 Cong Bypass**
  Finalise preferred route, proceed with NIS and application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
- **R312 Glenisland Phase 2**
  Obtain agreement with Inland Fisheries Ireland, make application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

- **R312 Keenagh to Bellacorick Pavement Strengthening Scheme**
  Progress surveys and design for 10-12km section of pavement overlay in accordance with the Irish Analytical Pavement Design Methodology (IAMPM) process and secure funding for construction implementation.

- **R313 Glencastle**
  Final stage of construction works (pavement / surfacing) and closeout of Project.
- **R314 Killala**
  Continue working with consultants to deliver Planning (NIS), detailed design and main works tender stages (Project Management Phases 3,4 & 5). This is in conjunction with the R315 scheme below.
- **R315 Lahardane**
  As per R314 above.

Safety Schemes
The following schemes will be progressed throughout 2026 under the TII safety programme:

- **N17 Claremorris to Knock**
  Completion of any outstanding works for the N17 junction closures / right-turn lane installation; Continue with proposals for L25116 junction improvement and right-turn lanes.
- **N84 Ballinrobe at High Street, Abbey Street, Glebe Street, Main Street**
  Signalising of junction incl. installation of pedestrian facilities.
- **N5 / R375 / N26 Swinford Bypass**
  Junction improvement works / junction tightening measures.
- **N60 Claremorris to Ballyhaunis at Bekan – Rail bridge**
  Road realignment and new rail overbridge – advance design stages in conjunction with Irish Rail.
- **N17 Kilkelly – Bus Stop**
  Proceed with planning (NIS), detailed design, and tender stages in conjunction with Regional Road Scheme.
- **Pedestrian Crossing Retrofits (various routes)**
  Complete a number of upgrades to selected crossings.
- **N17 Ballyglass Road to Charlestown**
  Commence design / planning stages for road space reassignment / active travel.
- **N5 Verge Clearance / Hazard Removal**
  Proceed with land acquisition, design and construction/demolition works to remove hazards from road verges.
- **Fencing Retrofit Programme**
  Select locations and secure agreement with landowners. Proceed with tenders and works.

Speed Limit Review
As per Dept. of Transport Guidelines (awaiting publication / details to be confirmed), complete implementation of the Urban Speed Limit Review including public consultation.

Active Travel Investment Programme
Directed by the National Transport Authority and subject to Active Travel Investment Programme Funding the following schemes will continue/initiate development throughout 2026. Progress on the following schemes is anticipated subject to NTA funding.

- **Westport Deerpark Active Travel Scheme:** It is anticipated the Project will progress through Phase 5 Detailed Design to Phase 6 Construction and Implementation within 2026.

- **Killala Town Active Travel Scheme:** Close out and Review Phase 7 is anticipated for completion in Q1 2026.

- **Ballinrobe Urban Greenway – Section 2:** The Project is currently in Phase 5 Detailed Design and Procurement.

- **Castlebar R373 Active Travel Scheme, SRTS R1 - Davitt College Castlebar & SRTS R1 - Scoil Raifteiri Castlebar:** The Project is currently in Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection.

- **R309 Knockranny to Westport Train Station AT Scheme:** The Project is currently in Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection.

- **SRTS R1 Brackloon NS, SRTS R1 Carn NS, SRTS R1 Cong NS & SRTS R1 Scoil Íosa:** The Projects are currently in Phase 3 – Preliminary Design. It is anticipated that three of the four Projects will have entered Phase 6 Construction and Implementation by the end of 2026.

- **SRTS R1 - St. Colemans College**: The Project is currently in Phase 3 – Preliminary Design.

- **SRTS R2 Ballinrobe Community School, SRTS R2 St Joseph's NS & Ballinrobe Urban Greenway Section 3:** These Projects are currently in Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection.

- **SRTS R2 Claremorris BNS, SRTS R2 Holy Trinity NS, SRTS R2 Murrisk N.S & SRTS R2 Quay NS:** These Projects are currently in Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection.

- **Castlebar Active Travel Scheme:** The Project is currently in Phase 2 – Concept Development and Options Selection. It is anticipated that the Project will have entered Phase 6 Construction and Implementation by the end of 2026.

- **N60 Claremorris Cycle Scheme:** The Project is currently in Phase 2 – Concept Development and Options Selection. It is anticipated that this Project will be progressed in partnership with TII and the National Design Office.

- **R3 SRTS High Speed Rural Roads:** Ballyvary NS, Behy NS, Derrywash NS, SN Linn Cille (Lankhill), Náisiúinta Cheathrú Thaidhg, Shraigh NS (Bunnahowen), SN Peadar & Pol (Knockafall), St Peter's NS (Snugboro) Outline Delivery Plans have been completed by An Taisce. Designs are being developed centrally by the NTA's Active Travel Support Office (ATSO). It is anticipated Phase 3 Preliminary Design will be completed on these Projects in 2026.

- **Active Travel Plans:** Continue development of Active Travel Plans for Towns and Villages throughout the County. Progress in 2026 will be subject to NTA funding.

- **Ballina LTP:** Seek funding for the development of Proposal 1 of the Ballina Local Transport Plan in 2026.

Public Lighting

Mayo County Council is tasked with responsibility for the maintenance of 17,500 public lights across the County. Approximately 3,000 units were retrofitted to LED over the last year the primary objective being to maximise energy savings by replacing SON/SOX public lights with new energy-efficient LEDs. Further progress will be made in 2026 retrofitting to more energy efficient LED lights in a cost-effective and consistent manner.

WATER SERVICES

RURAL WATER SERVICES

Mayo County Council, under the 2014 European Union, Drinking Water Regulations, (now superseded by the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2023), is the Supervisory Authority for all Private Water Suppliers in County Mayo.
Mayo County Council administers the Rural Water Programme in County Mayo, which is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and is committed to working with communities with the aim of schemes being economically viable and environmentally sustainable. There are approximately 153 schemes in operation in Co. Mayo serving more than 16,000 households and businesses.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2024 - 2026

In July 2025, Mayo was allocated approx. **€21 million** from the DHLGH for various projects under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) 2024 – 2026, including a new community water connection, network upgrades on existing schemes, source protection, and extensions to existing schemes.
In addition to this, a further **€11 million** has been allocated to fund the construction of 3 new treatment plants at Nephin Valley, PBKS and Callow Lake, at a cost of approx. €7 million. We are also amalgamating PBKS and Parke GWS which will cost in the region of €3 million.

Looking Forward

36 projects have received funding in MARWP 2024 – 2026 and construction is expected to commence on the majority of these projects in 2026. A further 26 existing projects, which were funded by the previous programme, will be substantially completed by end 2026.

Construction of a Community Water Connection at Murrisk is nearing substantial completion. This new water supply scheme will provide potable water for up to 600 houses in the Murrisk, Lecanvey, and Kilsallagh areas in Mayo. The total cost of this project is in excess of **€9.2 million** and is also part funded by Local Contributions and Uisce Éireann. Residents started to receive water mid-2025. Murrisk Community Water Connection is the biggest water project funded under the Rural Water Programme nationally.

Construction is scheduled to commence on a new community water connection for residents of Carrowteigue and the surrounding areas. Once complete, this will serve approximately 160 households.

Subsidy towards Operational Costs of Group Water Schemes (GWS)

Subsidies towards the Operational Costs of GWS are payable on an annual basis.
A total of **€6.2 million** in subsidy payments is expected to be paid to Mayo Group Water Schemes in 2025, with a total of **€6.3 million** expected to be paid to Schemes in 2026.

Rural Water Quality

Mayo County Council is the Supervisory Authority for Group Water Schemes and Small Public Supplies under the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2014 (now superseded by the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2023). We are required to monitor group water supplies through our countywide monitoring programme agreed annually. Mayo County Council will shortly invite tenders from suitable contractors to carry out Compliance Monitoring on approx. 155 Private Water Supplies for the year 2026.

Small Private Supplies (SPS)
Mayo County Council is the supervisory authority for regulated private water supplies which serve a commercial or public activity, where the water quality could directly or indirectly influence the health of consumers. These are termed Small Private Supplies (SPS).

There are currently **25** No. supplies on the SPS register. These supplies have been included in our sampling programme for 2026. Compilation of a Water Quality Database on each SPS is ongoing. This will contain all historical information on the schemes' raw water, the treatment process and mapping information.

Private Well Grants
The purpose of this grant scheme is to assist households in rural areas that are dependent on a private water supply (private well) for their household use, by financially assisting them where they incur capital expenditure to carry out improvements to the supply to ensure that the water supply is wholesome and clean, or where the quantity supplied is insufficient to meet the domestic needs of the household as defined in the Housing (Private Water Supply Financial Assistance) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 192 of 2020).

A total of approximately **€16,350** has been paid out to eligible applicants of this scheme at end September 2025.

Schemes taken in charge
A total of 4 schemes have been taken in charge by Uisce Éireann to date in 2025. These are: Cloonmore/Cloonlavish GWS, Cordarragh GWS, Knocknakell GWS and Valley No. III GWS.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

PLANNING UNIT

The Planning Department of Mayo County Council comprises three sub-sections, Forward Planning, Development Management and Planning Enforcement, which work together to implement the statutory requirements of the Planning Act 2000 (as amended). The combination of these sections provides the necessary framework for new development to take place in a spatial manner within Mayo, to comply with local, Regional and National Plans, as well as the correction of any deviation from these policies.

PLANNING IN 2025

Following the introduction of **E-Planning system** in Mayo in 2023, the number of planning applications being submitted in electronic format has grown substantially, as Agents became more familiar with the process involved, and the expediency associated with the opening and processing of Applications.

At the end of Q3- 2024 Mayo Co Council had processed in excess of **600 e-Applications**, compared to 320 in the same period previously.

In the matter of **Part 8 public consultations,** 6 proposals were placed in the public domain this year, five of which have passed through the Public Consultation process, and been approved to proceed by the elected members, whilst the 6th Consultation is currently in the public domain and is open to the public.

In the similar way that the Planning Development system operates, details of all Submissions lodged are on display, together with the Chief Executive's Report relating to each Project, and ultimately the decision is made by the elected members of the individual Municipal District where the proposed development is intended to take place. All this information, for all Local Authorities, is now available on the Planning Portal, in one single site (The Local Government Planning Portal).

FORWARD PLANNING

Following on from the adoption of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028 the Forward Planning team have been focusing on the drafting, publication of consultation documents, and adoption of the **Local Area Plans** for Castlebar, Ballina and Westport. The Castlebar & Environs Local Area Plans has been adopted, the Westport LAP is the subject of a draft Ministerial Direction, and the Ballina Town & Environs Local Area Plan has recently been approved by the elected members of the Ballina Municipal District, and we await the feedback from the Office of the Planning Regulator in relation to that final Local Area Plan.

Looking forward to 2026

The Planning Department will continue to implement the statutory requirements of the Planning Act 2000 (as amended) in terms of the processing Planning applications, having regard to the new Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028 which was put in place last year, as well as carrying out Part 8 consultations, and continued vigilance in respect of Planning Enforcement matters etc, using all resources available to us to do so.

Short term lettings

With the designation of Westport Local Electoral Area, including both Clare Island and Inishturk, as a Rent Pressure Zone, it is anticipated that notifications relating to Short Term Lettings will be submitted in the coming months, which will impact on the activities of the

Planning Enforcement section, pending establishment of the new Short-Term Tourist Letting (STTL) Register, which will be overseen by Fáilte Ireland.

COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

Responsible for the implementation of initiatives to support local and community development, citizen participation and social inclusion. The Department administers and provides oversight local and community development programmes including the LEADER Programme, Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, Healthy Ireland, Sláintecare Healthy Mayo, Community Enhancement Programme and the Community Recognition Fund.

Highlights in 2025:

Mayo Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) were successful in their bid to deliver the LEADER 2023-2027 programme for County Mayo. There is a total budget of €8.8 million which includes €6.6 for projects.

- 6 LCDC/LAG meetings were held up to October 2025. The Mayo Local Action Group (LAG) launched the LEADER 23-27 programme in June 2025 and began to accept Expressions of Interests from Project promoters.
- The LCDC awarded **€231,855** to 272 community applications received for the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025.
- Nine projects totalling **€688,539** were successful under Window 3 of the Community Recognition Fund.
- The Healthy Ireland Programme Priority areas for 2025 focused physical activity and mental health.
- Mayo County Council made application for **€994,410** for 16 projects under the CLÁR 2025 scheme and are awaiting Departmental announcement of successful projects.
- Applications have been made for five capital projects and three Project Development Measures under the Town and Village Renewal scheme to the value of €1,497,450. We are currently awaiting Department announcement for approved projects.
- SICAP funding received by Mayo LCDC for 2025 including additional funding for new arrivals totalled €2,149,191. The SICAP Implementors are South West Mayo Development Company Lot 29-1 Mayo Islands and Lot 29-3 Castlebar & Claremorris and Mayo North East Lot 29-2 Ballina and West Mayo
- The Community Capital Delivery Team commenced in January 2025. They are working to ensure that DRCDG Capital Projects are delivery on time and within budget. Schemes involved are TVRS, Clar, ORIS, RRDF, CRF and CIS.
- Work is ongoing to establish the Mayo Local Community Safety Partnership in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. The Partnership is a collaborative initiative that brings together community members, 7 county councillors, statutory services, and the community and voluntary sector to improve safety and wellbeing across the county.
- The Community Section continued to deliver their targeted programmes for Age Friendly, Public Participation Network, Community Futures, Oweninny, Pride of Place, LGBTI+ and Mayo Says no to Racism.
- Mayo PPN provided opportunities for networking, communication and sharing of information, and the delivery of a suite of free training, workshops and courses for its members – 210 have availed of these to date in 2025. Mayo PPN currently has 1,306 registered groups and over 30 community representatives on various committees for example Strategic Policy Committees, Sports Partnership, Heritage Forum and many more.

Priorities for 2026 include:

- Allocate projects under the LEADER programme 2023-2027 in line with the Local Development Strategy approved by DRCDG in 2025.
- Deliver Community funding programmes announced by the Department including CRF, TVRS & CLÁR.
- Provide training and supports to community groups in relation to Capital Projects Funding streams that are available and support the development of applications for funding.
- Implementation of the SICAP and community funding programmes.
- Implementation of strategic plans for Mayo Age Friendly (2022 – 2026), Oweninny Community Benefit Fund, LGBTI +.
- Ongoing implementation of the following programmes: Healthy Ireland Round 5 and Slaintecare Healthy Communities, Pride of Place, Community Futures.
- Implement programme of supports for PPN members through training and information sessions. Provide ongoing supports to enhance PPN representation at SPC, and LCDC levels.
- Commence public consultation process to develop a three-year Community Safety Plan.
- Develop Mayo Age Friendly Programme Plan 2027-2032.
- Celebrate 20 years of Mayo Community Futures.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

Integration Section:

The Integration Section through the work of the **Local Authority Integration Team** (LAIT) plays a central role in supporting community integration in County Mayo. The aim of the section is to lead and coordinate local efforts to help new communities including refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and other minority groups become active, included, and valued members of the wider community. Some of the areas of work include the following:

- Strategic Coordination – One stop shop to navigating supports, act as a central point of coordination between government departments, local agencies, community groups, and NGOs.
- Partnership Building with all stakeholders
- Community Engagement
- Provide language & Employment Supports
- Support for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and IP Applicants

Some of the of the work activities during 2025 included the following:

Refugee Week:

Refugee Week took place from the 16th - 22nd June 2025, participating events took place in both Ballina and Castlebar.

Refugee Week Event – Together in Song

Inclusive Communities Small Grants Fund
The Inclusive Communities Small Grants Fund was allocated to community groups facilitating integration of migrants in host communities. A total of 16 projects was supported across Mayo to enable events such as arts and sports projects. Details of these events was published on Mayo.ie.

Community Integration Forum:
Under the Community Integration Forum, an Information Pack was developed by the frontline working group for new people residing in the county. Details have been published on Mayo.ie under the Community and Integration Section.
https://www.mayo.ie/community/integration/lait

The Integration team have collaborated with Achill Tourism, along with members of the local business and sporting communities, to develop a community-focused feature highlighting the experiences of Ukrainian residents now living on Achill Island. TV Ireland has been brought on board to produce a 26-minute segment titled **"New Faces, Warm Places,"** which will be broadcast on SKY TV. This initiative aims to share a positive story of integration, showcasing how the Ukrainian community is being valued as part of Achill's community.

Collaborations:
Following a *Collaboration with Creative Ireland, Mayo LAIT* assisted with four workshops with IPAS children, on completion of the workshops a Book Map launch took place in June at the National Museum of Country Life, Turlough. A total of 150 IPAS residents from Ballycastle, Ballina and Breaffy were in attendance.

A collaboration with Mayo Roscommon Local Area Employment Service to deliver a programme titled **"Entrepreneurship for Empowerment."** This two-day workshop at the end of September in the Newman Institute in Ballina, Co. Mayo. The initiative is specifically designed for migrants currently residing in IPAS centres, with the aim of fostering entrepreneurial skills and promoting self-empowerment through practical learning and support.

Training:
Doras 'Asylum Process and Support Services for Migrants' training was scheduled for the 29th October and 12th November. The training was specific for interdepartmental (Housing) and agency staff working in the frontline.

Priorities for 2026:
In 2025 the Integration Section will continue to play a central role in supporting community integration in County Mayo. Some of the work areas will include:

- Continue to provide outreach information, guidance and signposting services to the LAIT cohorts based in accommodation centres.
- Lead and support the Community Integration Forum and its frontline structures.
- Continue to support the Inclusive Communities Small Grants Fund.
- Coordination and provision of training for interdepartmental and agency staff working in the frontline.
- Develop an Inclusive Communication Plan around Integration & Diversity in County Mayo.
- Support local intercultural Events.
- Co-ordination and oversight of the Offer a Home Programme.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Enterprise Office Mayo

In 2025 LEO Mayo continued to focus on providing assistance to eligible businesses with their growth plans while also assisting businesses to address the challenges of rising overheads and inflation costs. This involved the administration and management of initiatives such as financial supports, training programmes, and ongoing mentoring and consultancy to provide the most up-to-date support in areas such as LEAN, sustainability and the green economy, and digitalisation to support businesses in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

2025Achievements

- The mandate of LEOs was extended to facilitate working with companies with up to 50 employees who are not yet clients of Enterprise Ireland, but who are developing an export strategy and LEO Mayo continued to work with these businesses in 2025.
- Mayo company, WONDR Jellies, based in Ballina, was named the West regional champion at the National Enterprise Awards in the Mansion House. WONDR Jellies produces high-protein, low sugar jellies. The brand is aiming to revolutionise the confectionery market, by offering healthier alternatives to regular jellies.

Pictured are John Magee, LEO Mayo and Mark Birrane of WONDR Jellies with his trophy at the National Enterprise Awards.

- Local Enterprise Week took place in March. While hundreds of events took place nationally during the week, there were several events in Mayo open to all such as an event to mark International Women's Day, and sessions on trade with Northern Ireland, business consultations, and signature events with Westport Chambers of Commerce, Achill Tourism, and Platform94 at Ireland West Airport Knock.
- The Network Ireland Mayo Businesswomen of the Year Awards, which are sponsored by LEO Mayo, took place in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel Belmullet. The awards featured eight categories including Emerging Businesswoman, Solo Businesswoman, Established Businesswoman, Creative Professional, Networker of the Year, STEM Professional, Rising and Shining Stars. Winners in each category represented their branch at the national finals, further highlighting their achievements.
- Students from Louisburgh won "Best Stand" at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals 2025. The students were from Sancta Maria College and their business 'Grainne Whale', produces a range of fun knitwear items. In all, 3 student businesses represented Mayo at the finals:

- “Buiz Quiz” St. Gerald’s, Castlebar – Junior category
- “Grainne Whale”, Sancta Maria College Louisburgh. - Intermediate category
- “The Wine Waiter” Our Lady’s Secondary School, Belmullet - Senior category.

Pictured are students from Louisburgh won “Best Stand” at this year’s Student Enterprise Programme National Finals.

- As part of Mayo Ideas Month in October LEO Mayo hosted the flagship ‘Meet Mayo’ initiative – a business-to-business networking event at Ballinrobe Racecourse.
- LEO Mayo hosted a pop-up Fab Lab event in ATU Castlebar as part of the *Data2Sustain* (European Digital Innovation Hub) project. The event showcased creative digital technology and its transformative potential in production processes.
- LEO Mayo hosted a regional event to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day in October. The event featured speakers & panellists, networking opportunities, and highlighted female entrepreneurs from across the West region.

Looking Forward to 2026

- LEO Mayo will continue to drive the Green / Sustainability Agenda by providing client-specific supports to assist with green transformation within businesses. The Green for Business support provides 2 days of engagement with a sustainability specialist who reviews the company’s carbon footprint and energy use; their processes, packaging, and supply chain; identifies energy-saving opportunities; and produces a practical sustainability strategy. Once a sustainability strategy is in place businesses continue their sustainability journey by availing of the Energy Efficiency Grant. The grant has increased the supports available to small businesses to invest in technologies and equipment to make their businesses more energy efficient.
- To promote competitiveness and digitalisation amongst businesses, LEO Mayo will continue to deliver client focused, needs based, management development programmes targeted at LEO portfolio clients to include the LEAN for Business programme. In addition, the LEO will continue to support the Empower Elevate female entrepreneur development programme.

- LEO Mayo will continue to support first time and small-scale exporters to undertake essential market research and to support the development of viable and sustainable market entry strategies in new geographic markets for businesses through the Market Explorer Grant. The financial assistance proposed will provide support towards costs incurred in researching new market opportunities for products and services.
- The LEO will continue to work with businesses with up to 50 employees to develop their export strategies. LEO Mayo will also aim to increase one-to-one client engagement to identify export ready clients and provide support to same on their export journey. To support this a tailored Sales & Export Development Programme will be rolled out to client companies.
- The LEO will continue to roll out the Digital for Business initiative, widened to support businesses with up to 50 employees across a spectrum of eligible sectors, working with companies to identify opportunities for digitalisation to increase efficiencies and streamline production/service processes. A follow-on support, the Grow Digital Voucher, is a financial support to help businesses implement digital solutions to boost efficiency, reach new customers, and stay competitive.
- LEO Mayo will assist businesses to increase innovation in their business by encouraging clients to embrace an innovation agenda through the promotion of innovation programmes, raising awareness of government supports to support innovation, and assisting clients make applications for Innovation Vouchers, and RDI Grants.

Economic Development – looking forward to 2026

- Collaboration with other enterprise stakeholders will continue to be important and initiatives such as Local Enterprise Week, Mayo Ideas Month and the Mayo Business Awards will again be prioritised. Ideas Month events in 2025 included a 'Fueling Your Business for Growth' event, and sessions on preparing for export, and opportunities in the circular economy. Similar initiatives will be delivered in 2026.
- The Innovation Quarter (IQ) Ballina facility will continue to be promoted as a location for businesses from the region that have significant growth ambitions. The IQ offers a diverse range of office solutions, meeting spaces, and support services tailored to businesses in Ballina and the North Mayo region. Efforts will continue to attract suitable businesses of scale to locate in the facility.
- Work will continue to deliver the *Data2Sustain* (European Digital Innovation Hub) project which supports small and medium sized businesses with their digitalisation journey.

TOURISM, RECREATION & AMENITY

The Tourism, Recreation and Amenity Department is a dedicated unit within Mayo County Council with a remit to develop tourism and recreational offerings in the County to position Mayo as a desirable, high-quality tourism and recreation destination.

The Tourism, Recreation and Amenity Department supports the strategic aim, outlined in the County Development Plan 2022-2028, to promote and facilitate a sustainable and well-managed year-round, high-quality tourism industry that generates economic benefits to all areas of the county, thereby contributing to the wider tourism industry of the region.

The work of the department includes the following elements, in line with Mayo County Council's Tourism Statement of Strategy 2017 - 2024:

- Promotion: Marketing of Mayo as a high-quality visitor destination.
- Infrastructure: Planning, development, delivery, and maintenance of tourism, recreational and adventure related capital infrastructure and facilities.
- Leisure & Amenity: Delivery of high-quality leisure services at the Lough Lannagh Leisure Centre.

Key Achievements 2025

Phase 2 of the Achill Island Greenway Completed:
This project delivered an integrated walking and cycling trail through the village of Achill Sound, aimed at enhancing active travel infrastructure and community connectivity. Key components of the works included the installation of rest areas, pedestrian crossings, landscaping and planting, directional and interpretive signage, upgrades to the existing county road, and the application of line markings to improve safety and accessibility.

Achill Sound – Segregated Greenway

Achill Sound – Sustainable Trail Head Furniture and Picnic Area

Keem Bay:
A Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan has been established for Keem Bay, incorporating an Interpretation Plan to enhance visitor engagement and understanding of the area. As part of this initiative, Mayo County Council appointed a Beach Ranger for the 2025 summer season to oversee and manage high visitor volumes during peak tourism periods. This measure was supported through funding provided by Fáilte Ireland.

Old Head Trail Improvement works:
The project involved the construction of a 350-metre-long, 1.5-metre-wide quarry dust trail designed to enhance accessibility through a native forest owned by the National Parks and

Wildlife Service (NPWS). This trail forms part of a larger planned route that will ultimately connect Old Head to Louisburgh.


Before


After

Planning Permission approvals:
Part 8 Planning approval was granted for the proposed improvement works to the AbbVie Great Western Greenway Link, supporting enhanced connectivity and active travel infrastructure. In addition, planning permission was secured for the development of the Céide Coastal Path, a 15km walking trail that will extend from the Céide Fields to Downpatrick Head, offering a scenic and sustainable route along the North Mayo coastline.

The Great Western Greenway – Asset Renewal
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provided funding support of €1 million for Asset Renewal works along the Great Western Greenway. The scope of works included resurfacing selected sections of the route, replacing end-of-life fencing, and enhancing trail safety and visibility through improved markings and signage.

Turlough Greenway
An additional €625,000 in funding was allocated for asset renewal works along the Turlough Greenway. The scope of the project included surface and fencing upgrades, drainage improvements, flood alleviation measures, and enhanced line marking. All works have now been successfully completed.

Céide Coastal Path:
Funding of €200,000 was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for the development of the Céide Coastal Path. This coastal walking trail will connect Downpatrick Head with the Céide Fields. This investment marks the initial phase of a multi-phased initiative aimed at establishing an iconic visitor experience along this scenic route.


Ceide Costal Walk

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure (ORIS): The tourism team delivered several projects under the ORIS funding Scheme via support from Department of Rural Community Developments and the Gaeltachts (DRCDG).

ORIS Projects finalised and delivered in 2025 were:

- Tom's Lane, Brickens – surface improvement on a 500m trail
- Breaffy, North Mayo
- Cong to Lisloughrey Pier Recreational Trail
- Carrowteige Loop Walks
- Céide Costal Path
- Raheen Wood Biodiversity Trail
- Belmullet Tidal Pool
- Old Head to Louisburgh Trail
- Cross Beach Access
- Carrowteige Loop Walks
- Disability & Fishing Access Urlaur Lake.

These projects included maintenance and improvement works of trails.

Projects awarded funding in 2025 under ORIS for delivering in 2026 / 2027:

Project Design Measure (€50,000):

- Achill Sound Trailhead
- Killala Harbour Ross Walkway
- Portdoon Harbour, Inishturk

Measure 1 (€40,000)

- Changing Shelters in Achill (Doeega and Silver Strand)
- Lahardane Nephin Trail
- Tullaghan Roy Loop Walks
- Inishturk Island Trial Signage
- Croagh Patrick Maintenance
- Aughagower Path Repair / Picnic area

The Great Western Greenway
The Great Western Greenway achieved international recognition after being honoured with the Special Award in Green Transition in Greenways category at the European Greenways Awards ceremony held in Bilbao, Spain.

Moore Hall Environs Masterplan
The plan was officially launched by Minister Dara Calleary on 31st October 2025. It outlines a strategic roadmap for the region's development over the coming years, with a strong emphasis on safeguarding the area's environmental integrity and cultural heritage.

Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex
The Leisure Complex at Lough Lannagh has once again achieved the prestigious 'Gold Standard' under the National Quality Standard (NQS) awards - marking its sixth consecutive year receiving the highest level of recognition. Over the past year, the facility has undergone substantial upgrades, including a complete refurbishment of the gym area which involved the installation of state-of-the-art gym equipment and enhancements to the sauna and steam room, significantly improving the overall user experience.

Climbing Wall Development
Progress continues on the new climbing wall facility at Lough Lannagh. Earlier this year lead consultants were appointed for the Architect/Engineer Integrated Design Team. The specialist climbing wall tender has been completed and evaluated, with notifications issued to tenders. However, the formal award will follow the appointment of the main contractor, whose tender process is currently live on the eTenders platform, closing on Friday, 7th November.

Water Sports Facilities
The sod was officially turned on July 24^{th} on the €1.2 million Water Sports Facilities in Keel, Achill and Carrowmore, Louisburgh in July this year, by Minister of State for Small Business and Retail & Circular Economy Alan Dillon TD.
These facilities were developed by Mayo County Council in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and will provide best-in-class outdoor tourism facilities to enhance the visitor experience and serve as a central hub for outdoor activities in both of the stunning locations on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Accessibility and sustainability will be key focus points for these projects, ensuring full wheelchair access and the installation of solar heating panels. It will also feature Changing Places facilities along with accessible toilets.
Construction commenced in September on two new Beach Facility Centres and are expected to be completed by Q3 2026, subject to progress.

Tourism Development and Promotion
Tourism promotion focused on promotion of the County as a high-quality visitor and holiday destination, showcasing its diverse offerings while preserving its charm and sustainability. Promoting the key tourist attractions together with the key activities available to enjoy in the County, such as the Great Western Greenway, many trails and walks available throughout the County, Downpatrick head & Ceide Fields, the Velo Rail in Kiltimagh, Croagh Patrick and the Wild Atlantic Way, not forgetting the many beautiful towns and villages to visit and explore.

Regional Festivals and Participative Events Funding Scheme 2024:
Funding of €32,500 was allocated to Mayo County Council by Failte Ireland to support Regional Festivals and Events during 2024. A total of 28 Festivals and Events were supported under this scheme in 2025.

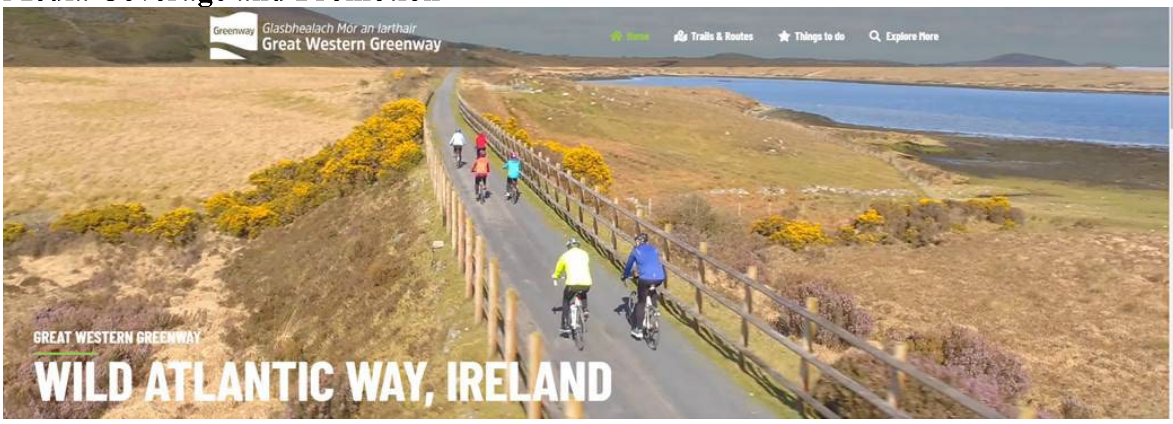
Tourism Trade Events:
Mayo County Council, in collaboration with industry partners, participated at the Holiday World Show, Belfast from 10th – 12th January 2025 and Holiday World Show Dublin from 24th - 26th January 2025.
Representatives from the Tourism Department together with local industry participated at an overseas tourism trade events in Cologne and Milan with Ireland West Airport Knock, Tourism Ireland, the seven local authority areas and twenty-one industry representatives from across the region to promote the twice weekly flights from both Milan (Bergamo) and Cologne to Ireland West Airport Knock. It presented an opportunity to meet with over 50 German and Italian tour operators and media interests.

Milwaukee Irish Fest - representatives from the Tourism and Communications Departments with elected members attended the annual Milwaukee Irish Fest, the event took place from the 14th to 17th August 2025 in Wisconsin, Chicago. Milwaukee Irish Fest attracts up on 130,000 visitors each year, this makes it one of the largest Irish cultural events in the world.

Try Mayo - The tourism Department collaborated with Tommy Marren on Midwest radio during Summer months, encouraging Mayo people to “Try Mayo”, discover and explore Mayo. Regular tourism slots were hosted on the show discussing various elements of Tourism.

Conferences
Two major conferences were hosted in Mayo in 2025. The IAAT (Irelands Association for Adventure Tourism) Conference and the ALAN (Artificial Light at Night) Conference. Both events had 200+ attendees to include guest speakers and highlighted various tourist attractions in Mayo to these large audiences.

Media Trips / Social Media Influencers:
The tourism department supported the hosting of a number of media trips / social media influencers by way of providing supports to Achill Tourism, Mayo North Tourism and Destination Westport. Some of the experiences covered included: visitor attractions to include some of the new offerings such as Céide Fields, Wild Nephin National Park and the new section of the Great Western Greenway on Achill Island outdoor broadcasts with local and national radio stations.

Media Coverage and Promotion


Greenway – Website

Looking Forward – 2026 Work Programme:
Mayo County Council's tourism and recreation agenda for 2026 will focus on delivering impactful infrastructure, strategic planning, and collaborative initiatives to strengthen County Mayo's position as a leading visitor destination. Key priorities include:

- **Advancing Phase 3 of the Achill Island Greenway**
  Continued development of this flagship active travel route to enhance connectivity and promote sustainable tourism on Achill Island.
- **Formulating a New Tourism Statement of Strategy**
  Development of a refreshed strategic framework to guide tourism growth, investment, and destination management across the county.
- **Progressing Capital Projects**
  Implementation of initiatives funded under the Tourism Capital Programme, with a focus on enhancing visitor infrastructure and experiences.
- **Elevating County Mayo's Tourism Profile**
  Strengthening Mayo's brand as a premier tourism destination through coordinated marketing efforts with industry partners, agencies, and local destination marketing groups.
- **Implementing Strategic Destination Plans**
  Continued rollout of the Tourism Statement of Strategy, the Clew Bay Destination Development Plan, and the newly developed North Mayo Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP).

- **Collaborating with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Coillte**
  Joint delivery of nature-based tourism and conservation projects that protect biodiversity while enriching visitor engagement.
- **Enhancing Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex**
  Expansion and improvement of services and amenities at the Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex, with a commitment to maintaining the Industry National Quality Standard.

STRATEGIC CAPITAL DELIVERY TEAM

The Strategic Capital Delivery Team (SCDT) are responsible for the delivery of certain Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) projects. Currently, the SCDT are progressing the following projects:

Westport RRDF – Regeneration of Sisters of Mercy Convent Site and Adjacent Lands

This regeneration project entails the development of a new Public Library and Civic Offices for the Westport Belmullet Municipal District, Community Facilities, and Public Realm/Civic Space within the existing grounds of the former Sisters of Mercy Convent site on Altamont Street, and Mill Road in the centre of Westport town.

Newport RRDF – Newport Regeneration

The Newport Regeneration project consists of three main elements:

- Dark Sky-friendly Exemplar Public & Flood Lighting.
- Enterprise Hub.
- Town Centre Public Realm Works (Main Street & Medlicott Street)

Ballyhaunis RRDF- Community Enterprise Hub

This regeneration proposal seeks to sensitively adapt the existing derelict Convent Primary School Building and its grounds within the town centre of Ballyhaunis to a new use as Public Library and Enterprise Hub. Externally the grounds will be developed as a landscaped public park with pedestrian links to the main business and retail core of the town.

Ballintubber Abbey RRDF - Culture and Heritage Visitor Centre
This regeneration project seeks to further develop the structure of Ballintubber Abbey to create an interpretive centre to educate, engage and inspire visitors regarding the extraordinary historical, cultural and spiritual legacy of Ballintubber Abbey, the 'Abbey that refused to die'.

Looking Forward to 2026:

- Ongoing Construction of the Westport RRDF Regeneration of Sisters of Mercy Convent Site and Adjacent Lands project.
- Commencement of the Construction Stage of the Enterprise Hub for Newport RRDF – Newport Regeneration.
- Commencement of the Construction Stage of the Public Realm Works in Newport.
- Commencement of the Construction Stage of the Ballyhaunis RRDF - Community Enterprise Hub.
- Commencement of the Construction Stage of Ballintubber Abbey RRDF - Culture and Heritage Visitor Centre.

As other projects pass through the RRDF and URDF decision stages they may be added to the list of projects to be delivered by the SCDT.

Regeneration – Town Centre First Mayo

Town Centre First- A Policy Approach for Irish Towns is an across government approach to provide proven pathways to address the issues and challenges facing towns throughout Ireland: building resilient and sustainable places, supporting community-led regeneration and town centre revitalisation under the **Town Centre First Programme**.

Mayo County Council's Town Regeneration Officer (TRO) works collaboratively with all relevant departments within MCC: Municipal District Teams, Housing, Heritage, Conservation, Tourism, Climate Change, Community, Arts, Creative Ireland, Sports, Healthy Ireland etc., providing whole-organisation expertise to the TCF towns in a joined-up approach.

Town Centre First 2025:
Mayo County Council TRO will continue to work collaboratively on a national level with the Town Centre First Office within the LGMA: sharing best practice, learning from experience in other counties and developing the Town Centre First Programme.

- **Killala**
  Killala Town Team, Ballina MD and Mayo TRO are continuing to deliver the key priorities in the Killala Town Centre First Town View Killala Town Centre First Plan PDF at this link. Progressing the Tower Hub has been the major focus this year, to prepare this project for future funding.
  In partnership with Creative Ireland Creative Communities Programme, a project focused on engagement with young people in Killala 'Our Place' was facilitated by two highly experienced artists.
- **Ballyhaunis** (Phase 2 town)
  This year a comprehensive Town Centre First Plan was completed for Ballyhaunis. This involved extensive engagement with wider diverse communities, young people and key stakeholders.
- **Balla**
  Arising from Town Centre First engagement in 2024, Balla is continuing to work with ACT (Accelerating change Together) a young, award-winning group of Ballina-based architects. Balla, ACT, Castlebar MD and University College Dublin are part of a major EU research project – the Horizon Blueprint project.
- **Swinford**
  Swinford Town Team participated in TCF engagement in 2024, leading to a Category 2 RRDF application. Further work is being undertaken in partnership with Mayo North East SICAP team to build a Community Council for Swinford Town.
- **Ballinrobe**
  Ballinrobe was one of six path-finder towns under the Town Centre Living Initiative (TCLI) in 2019/ 2020. This year a national review was conducted by UCD Centre for Towns, to gather the learnings from this programme.
- **Stocktake**
  The Department of Rural and Community Development & Gaeltacht (DRCDG) and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) jointly carried out a stocktake of the implementation of the Town Centre First policy and its progress to date. The CCMA Economic Development Committee, the CCMA Rural, Community, Culture and Heritage Committee and the Office of the Chief Executive, LGMA engaged with the DRCDG and agreed to seek feedback across the sector.

Looking Forward to 2026:
Mayo TRO will continue to work with all Mayo towns under the TCF programme and further towns which are expected to be designated in 2026. Ensuring that TCF plans are embedded in the work of MD teams and across the Local Authority will be essential to ensure delivery.

HERITAGE OFFICE
The Heritage Office works with communities, third level institutions, NGOs, individuals and other agencies to conserve, raise awareness of and develop heritage in Mayo. The ***County Mayo Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030*** sets out a strategy for the identification, management and promotion of all aspects of Mayo's built, natural and cultural heritage.

Some of the wide range of projects delivered in 2025 include:

- **Programme of Conservation for Recorded Monuments under the Community Monuments Fund** – including Ardnaree Abbey, Lough Lannagh Castle and Castleconor.
- Launch of ***Ogham Stones of County Mayo*** book
- **Audit of Oral Heritage Recordings in County Mayo – Phase 2**
- Publication of **Mayo Holy Wells Book** based on research and fieldwork undertaken between 2022 and 2024.
- **Oral History of Mayo Creameries Project - Phase 2**
- **Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2025 –** grants awarded to 20 community groups undertaking a range of natural, built and cultural heritage projects.
- **'Know Your Locality'** heritage course delivered to 40 participants.
- **Himalayan Balsam Control Programme** – Year 4 - Turlough to Lough Conn.
- **Heritage Week 2025 –** 90 events organised by groups, volunteers and agencies.
- Ongoing support and advice to communities on local heritage projects
- **Mayo Fieldnames** project
- Publication of Mayo County Council's **Heritage Calendar 2025**

Looking forward to 2026

Some of the key initiatives and projects to be delivered in 2026 will be: Programme of Conservation works to a selection of **Mayo monuments**; The **Cillíní of County Mayo** project will record and research cillíní across the county and document the traditional practices associated with these sites; Launch of the **Mayo Holy Wells** book and online database; Development of **Raheens Biodiversity Park**; Roll out of **Oral History** Training programme to selected Mayo communities; Mayo County Council's **Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2026** will be open for applications in Q1**;** Continued roll out of **Mayo Field Names Recording Project** across the county. **National Heritage Week 2026** will be coordinated, assisting the many participating groups and individuals in Mayo to showcase the wealth and diversity of their local heritage; **Mayo Maritime Heritage Project** will survey, record and promote a selection of important coastal heritage sites; ***Know Your Locality*** 2026 heritage course, will assist community groups and individuals who wish to learn more about Mayo's geology, archaeology and history and undertake local heritage projects; Publication of **Mayo Heritage Calendar 2026**; Further **surveys of Mayo's heritage assets** will be undertaken, contributing to the collection of information and understanding of our heritage. We will continue to advise, support and work with communities to assist them to record, preserve and enhance their natural, cultural and built heritage, while promoting traditional skills and crafts.

Launch of *Ogham Stones of County Mayo book* ***Launch of National Heritage Week 2025***

Biodiversity Office:

In 2025, Mayo Biodiversity Office commenced the development of the County Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2031 through the Heritage Council local biodiversity action plan funding, which is on-going. The NPWS Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF), provided for nine biodiversity and conservation led projects within the county, including Invasive Species Eradication Programme on West Connacht Islands 2025-2027, Mayo Biodiversity Awareness Programme, County Mayo Hedgerow Survey 2025, Himalayan Balsam Control: Castlebar River, Co. Mayo Offshore Cetacean Survey, Church Return to Nature, Castlebar Town Park Biodiversity Enhancement Project, Mayo Wetlands Dashboard Development and National Mayfly Survey of Ireland.

In addition to this the office ran a successful series of events as part National Biodiversity Week and Heritage Week. The Biodiversity Office runs a series of community engagement events and awareness campaigns through the year, to engage and communicate with the public the importance of biodiversity. In addition to this the office also provided training workshops for staff such as AA Screening training, hedgerow maintenance training, management of green spaces, and best practice in artificial lighting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental Awareness

The Environment Awareness Office continued to progress several initiatives throughout 2025, as part of their waste prevention and reuse campaign. Working in partnership with Mayo Libraries to provide reusable party kits, the *Bring it In, Bring it Out* campaign to reduce disposable lunch packaging in the staff canteen, a Composting & Recycling in Schools Project and Schoolbooks and Furniture for Ghana Campaign. Over 60 schools throughout County Mayo donated surplus schoolbooks and furniture for distribution in Ghana. All these items will be reused and given a second life to under-resourced communities in Ghana.

Activities and Programmes undertaken in 2025 include:

Electrical Recycling Events – WEEE Day
Launch of the Green Hubs Programme in Westport. National Launch of the Gum Litter Taskforce Campaign 2025
Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme
Media Campaigns
Picker Pals Programme in Mayo
Green Clubs Programme
Relove Fashion Competition
Waste Awareness Workshops
Green Schools Awards 2025

Waste Enforcement and Permitting

In addition to undertaking projects under the Anti-Dumping Initiative, routine inspections are carried out to meet the ambitious targets as set out in the RMCEI Plan (in line with National Waste Priorities) and are spread across a wide range of regulations and business types –

- Approximately 1,000 waste/litter related complaints received and investigated, in conjunction with Litter Wardens. Many complaints required several inspections before resolution.
- Approximately 400-500 routine inspections completed across a range of waste regulations.
- 138 data validation inspections take place on Permitted Facilities and Permitted Waste Collectors.

Anti-Dumping Initiative:

9 Projects undertaken as part of the Anti-Dumping Initiative were successfully grant-funded. Projects included a clean-up of historical waste dumping and end-of-life vehicles from Inishbiggle island, a project to remediate several asbestos dump sites around the county, as well as projects aiming to tackle illegal waste activity.

Permitting:

- 5 New Waste Facility Permits Issued.
- 2 Review Waste Facility Permits Issued
- 3 New Certificates of Registration Issued
- 3 Review Certificates of Registration Issued
- 1 Certificate of Registration refused and 1 invalidated

Recovery Levy
The Circular Economy (Waste Recovery Levy) Regulations 2024 introduced a €10 per tonne levy on certain waste recovery activities, which will apply to relevant LA permitted sites from March 2026. The levy shall be payable quarterly to the local authority from these sites. The local authority shall pay the levy to the Circular Economy Fund.

Regional Waste Management Planning Office
Mayo County Council is the lead-authority for the Connaught Ulster Waste Region and through the Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Management Office was responsible for the implementation of the Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(Extended to 2024). The Regional Waste Management Office engaged with the other waste regions nationally on the preparation of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy, which was made by all local authorities collectively in March 2024 and sets out an ambition of 0% waste growth per person per year over the 5 years of the plan. The plan contains a range of new national targets in response to national waste policy and sets out a framework of actions across a range of focus areas. The Regional Waste Management Office will be directly involved in the implementation of the National Plan and an initial work plan for 2025 has been agreed and is being implemented. Key priorities include reductions in residual waste production and a focus on construction and demolition waste.

Burial Grounds There are 124 Burial Ground on the Council's burial ground Register. The Municipal Districts, with the assistance of active burial ground committees, carry out maintenance and improvement work as resources permit.

The Burial Ground Capital Programme continued in 2025 – works at Aughagower and Ballinrobe Burial Grounds are now complete. A 3-year Capital Programme 2025-2027 for burial grounds has been approved in conjunction with the MDs. This programme involves 18 project extensions and new burial grounds covering 18 projects including a columbarium at St. Tiernan's Cemetery, Crossmolina.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Mayo Civil Defence is a voluntary organisation comprising of approximately 50 volunteers providing support to Primary Response Agencies and local communities with highly trained members whose activities are valued by front line emergency services and local communities. The strength of the organisation lies in its voluntary ethos and commitment to purpose with members willingly and freely giving of their time, expertise and training on a weekly basis.

Members provide support in the following areas in line with the Civil Defence Towards 2030 document published by the Department of Defence:

- Emergency Response
- Search and Rescue
- Medical Response
- Community Assistance
- Radiation Monitoring Service

Storm Éowyn Response

- 42 taskings to support our vulnerable disconnected communities via the Community Response Forum
- 4 days supporting ESB Networks in assessment of storm damage
- 30 Volunteers involved over 11 days equating to approximately 500 Volunteer hours
- Regional support from Roscommon and Limerick units

75th Anniversary Reception at Áras an Uachtaráin

Operational Activities
In 2025 Mayo Civil Defence deployed approximately 80 times to community events, festivals, sports, local authority events & adventure races.
Mayo Civil Defence Volunteers have responded to missing person/search and accidental incidents across the West and Midland region including incidents in using specialised search equipment.

Training
Essential Training continued across the service during 2025 this included:

- Pre Hospital Emergency Care Certification
- Health and Safety Courses
- Radio Communications
- Missing Person Search Responder
- Critical Incident Stress Management – Peer Supporter
- Child Protection and Code of Conduct
- Boat Operations SOG Training
- SwiftWater & Flood First Responder Course

Weekly training for all volunteers will recommence in the Autumn of 2025.

Towards 2026
Civil Defence in Mayo will continue to provide a professional voluntary-based emergency service to the people of Mayo. We will build on our relationships with the Primary Response Agencies and ensure we have adequate facilities and equipment for our Volunteers to carry out their roles.

Derelict Sites
The Derelict Sites service provided by Mayo County Council is a collaboration between the Environment, Climate Change and Agriculture Section, the four Municipal Districts and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. There are currently 287 Derelict Sites on the register, available for viewing in the Environment Office and online at www.mayo.ie.

WATER SAFETY

Mayo County Council provides water safety awareness throughout the year, primarily by organising water safety courses in the public pools (Castlebar, Ballina, Claremorris and Westport) during the winter months and at numerous outdoor locations during the summer.

The Council employs Beach/Pool Lifeguards at **10** of the most popular outdoor locations for water-based activities in the county during the summer months. These locations are:

Westport/Louisburgh:	Bertra, Old Head, Carramore & Carrownisky Beaches
Achill Island:	Keem, Keel and Dugort (Silver Strand) Beaches
Mulranny:	Mulranny Beach
Killala:	Ross Beach
Belmullet:	Tidal Pool

Following recruitment tests on first aid, water safety theory and open water fitness together with interview process, a total of 2 Head Beach Lifeguards, 22 Beach Lifeguards and 5 Pool Lifeguards for Belmullet Tidal Pool were employed in 2025.

Our Lifeguards are trained to the highest standards in personal safety, rescue and basic life support techniques and use of personal protective equipment. Defibrillators are provided at all Lifeguard Stations and all employed Lifeguards are fully trained and qualified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The following Beach Lifeguard Statistics were recorded from 31st May to 14th September 2025:-

- **4 Board Rescues**
- **423 First Aids**
- **21,358 Advice Given**
- **77 Assists**
- **391 Accidents Prevented**

Ringbuoys
Mayo County Council provides ringbuoys at 558 locations in Co. Mayo and these are constantly inspected and monitored by Council staff in all Municipal Districts.

2025 Induction Training with members of Westport Coastguard

New Lifeguard Hut purchased with ancillary works upgrade at Ross Beach in 2025.

Water safety development officer's conference

Mayo County Council hosted the 2025 Annual Water Safety Development Officers Conference on 9th and 10th April 2025 at Mulranny Park Hotel. Water Safety Development Officers from 22 different local authorities were present and took part in a training programme. The delegates also visited Achill Island and were given a demonstration of a mountain/cliff rescue at Keem Beach by Achill Island Coastguard.

World Drowning Prevention Day on 25th July 2025 was marked by our Lifeguards by wearing blue face paint to remember the victims of drowning around the world.

Looking forward to 2026
It is proposed to purchase a further four Lifeguard Huts to be located at Keel, Silver (Dugort), Carrowmore and Bertra Beaches and two Equipment Containers for Silver (Dugort) and Carrowniskey in 2026 as part of a three-year Capital Project Plan.

It is planned to roll out number identification of all Ringbuoys and their housing units at all Municipal Districts in 2026. This will assist with the inspection records process. A Digitised Ringbuoy Inspection Training Programme will be given to the staff who carry out inspections in each of our Municipal Districts in order to keep computerised records of inspections.

Mayo County Council will also mark World Drowning Prevention Day on 25th July 2026.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024-2029

Mayo County Council's Climate Action Plan, adopted in February 2024, continues to progress. A report is available on Mayo County Council's website. Climate reporting has also been completed for LGMA and SEAI.

Energy Management
- Design details have progressed on energy retrofit projects under the SEAI Pathfinder programme which provides 50% funding.
- Mayo County Council achieved ISO 50001 certification – Energy Management Systems International Certification
- 4 Fire station heating systems upgraded
- Westport Depot heating and lighting upgraded
- Mayo County Council received its first delivery of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in October 2025. It is expected to reduce our carbon emissions by 500 tonnes.

Community Climate Action Programme

- Work is ongoing with the administration of **€640,000** to the 17 successful community groups of Phase 1 of the CCAP programme.
- Phase 2 of the CCAP was launched in October 2025 with an additional **€609,000** to be distributed among successful groups.

Community Events

Mayo County Council has led and participated in numerous community events including, Climate Action Week, October 10th -19th

Mayo County Council supported a number of community groups to apply for the inaugural Mayo Sustainability Fund. **€628,000** in total was awarded to 12 Mayo groups for local climate and nature projects from this unique Philanthropic Sustainability Fund established specifically for Mayo.

Mayo County Council is currently providing bridge financing to 5 Sustainable Energy Communities to complete Energy Master Plans. SEC's include Breaffy, Killala, Parke & Crimlin, Ballyhaunis, Moy Valley.

Climate Resilience

- Mayo County Council has received assistance as part of the EU Mission on Climate Adaptation to develop climate resilience solutions using the EU Regional Adaptation Support Tool.
- Fencing has been installed on Bertra and Keel as part of the *Protect our Dunes* campaign.
- Clew Bay has been chosen as a Living Lab for the EPA funded TALX2 project and work is ongoing with relevant partners on this project.
- MCC has partnered in 2 Horizon consortiums which, if successful, will improve Climate resilience in the Clew Bay region.

Light Pollution

- Dark-Source won the contract to produce a Mayo Light Pollution Policy. Work is ongoing with numerous stakeholder meetings held. A presentation on progress to date was given at the International Artificial Light at Night Conference, held in Westport from October 28th - 31st.

Sustainable Development Goals
Mayo County Council undertook a number of successful initiatives during its term as SDG Champion as appointed by DCEE.

Flooding
The Council, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works continues to progress long-term flooding solutions for areas at high risk of flooding, including prioritising flood schemes for Ballina, The Neale and Westport. The Ballina FRS scheme is currently at planning stage with An Coimisiun Pleanála, and also comprises a CPO for permanent land acquisition, rights of way and temporary access for construction purposes.

Crossmolina Flood Relief Scheme
Led by OPW, the scheme has commenced construction following confirmation by the Minister for Public Expenditure in 2024. Mayo County Council continues to work with OPW on the scheme with an expected completion programme of 3 years.

The Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)
CARO ASBN is actively supporting local authorities in the Atlantic Seaboard North Region (Donegal, Galway City, Galway County, Mayo and Sligo) to implement their Climate Action Plans (LACAP) and transition to a low-carbon future. They provide guidance, advice and support to all five Local Authorities to leverage the capability, reach and resources of the sector to effectively address climate change.

Beaches & Dunes
Beaches and Dunes Forum: In 2026, the Forum will grow its membership, promote nature-based solutions, and host a National Dune Gathering with dune stakeholders www.dunes.ie.
Protect Our Dunes Campaign: The campaign aims to expand to all coastal local authorities, building on strong engagement from 2025.

Climate Adaptation Training: Training will be delivered at 12 coastal sites, with 3 Train the Trainer courses and a national dune conference planned.
Signage Project: The NPWS pilot signage project will advance, supporting public awareness and dune protection.

Regional Energy Bureau
Led by Mayo County Council, the Regional Energy Bureau is partnering with SEAI to achieve ambitious Public Sector energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction targets by 2030. It is anticipated that 2026 will see a new and improved energy bureau model to accelerate energy-saving measures and advance energy saving projects. A new funding agreement for 2025 to 2028 is being finalised with SEAI for the Pathfinder Programme (which is 50% funded by SEAI) to carry out a deep retrofit of four buildings namely Áras an Chontae, Ballina Swimming pool, Castlebar Fire Station HQ and Westport Leisure Park. The Energy Bureau will also closely monitor the Gap to Target (GTT) to ensure the Council is on track (for 2030 targets) and this will include a plan to achieve carbon savings in the Council fleet.

WIRE
The Weather Impact Register, or WIRE App, was developed by CARO in conjunction with Local Authorities and Climate Ireland to address the need to gather and organise data on the impacts of weather events locally to inform climate adaptation planning into the future. WIRE is being rolled out with Council staff for winter 25/26 as a pilot with a view to improving the app for a wider roll out the following year.

Lough Carra LIFE Project
Mayo County Council leads the Lough Carra LIFE Project, running until the end of 2026. The €5m budget is 60% funded by the EU LIFE Programme, with co-funding from Mayo County Council, DAFM, NPWS, Geological Survey Ireland, Coillte, and the Lough Carra Catchment Association.

The project aims to improve ecosystem resilience and reduce nutrient pollution in Lough Carra. Key achievements in 2025 include:

- Pilot Agri-environment Scheme – 60 farmers engaged in actions to reduce nutrient run-off and protect habitats.
- Biodiversity and Site Restoration Plans – Progressed across the catchment.
- Invasive Species Control – Ongoing year-round on the lake.
- Groundwater Model – Conceptual model of the catchment complete.
- Water Monitoring – Comprehensive programme in place.
- Public Engagement – Outreach and awareness campaign underway.

Water Monitoring Programme
Mayo County Council operates one of the most extensive water monitoring programmes in Ireland. The progamme covers:

- 54 rivers
- 21 lakes
- 29 bathing areas

Each year over 1,000 water quality samples are collected and analysed to support the classification of water quality and inform water management decisions. This work programme supports environmental protection, and protection of public health. The results of this programme contribute to national reporting obligations under the Water Framework Directive and the Bathing Water Directive.

Septic Tank – National Inspection Programme.
Mayo County Council inspects domestic wastewater treatment systems/septic tanks in sensitive areas as designated by the EPA. Approximately 60-65 planned inspections are carried out annually, with a failure rate of approximately 66%. Householders are encouraged to avail of grants, where applicable, to rectify issues with their systems and legal action is pursued where required to protect the environment and human health.

Agricultural Inspections
Under the Nitrates Action Implementation Plan (NAIP), Mayo County Council has recruited two Agricultural Inspectors to monitor compliance with the GAP regulations on farms. Inspections target areas where waterbodies are at risk of not meeting the required standards of the Water Framework Directive due to agricultural pressure. These inspections focus on activities which may impact negatively on water quality, such as poor slurry storage and spreading, silage bale storage and supplementary feeding locations. In general, there has been welcome engagement by the agricultural community to address any issues found during these GAP inspections.

Bathing Water Monitoring and Protection Programme.
Beaches are identified as a valuable resource within the county, with increased public interest in regular "open water" swimming and numbers using the beaches for other recreational activities. Blue Flags were awarded to 11 bathing waters with 9 bathing waters awarded the Green Coast Award, in 2025, confirming Mayo's position as one of the premier coastal holiday destinations.

Discharge Licenses
Mayo County Council issues and monitors compliance with over 50 Discharge Licenses issued to businesses and entities which have on-site treatment systems for trade effluent. This effluent is licensed to discharge to either groundwater or surface water locations within acceptable limits.

Air Monitoring and Enforcement Programme.
In partnership with the EPA there are 4 Air Quality Monitoring stations in County Mayo. information is available in real time on www.airquality.ie. The general air quality in Mayo is consistently "Good" however challenges remain in the use of solid fuel and vehicle emissions in urban areas.

Solvent Regulations
Mayo County Council issues and monitors compliance to commercial entities involved in the use of solvents. These mainly fall into two categories, Dry Cleaners and Vehicle Refinishers with a register of the Certificates of Compliance issued, available at www.mayo.ie.

Solid Fuel Regulations
Enforcement staff monitor compliance with the solid fuel regulations to ensure only low smoke fuels are distributed and sold around the county. There is a renewed focus on moisture content in wood sales, and producer registration. These regulations are in place to improve air quality and reduce the risk to human health from combustion emissions.

Looking Forward to 2026

- Progress the actions within the Climate Action Plan, working towards meeting the 2030 targets of 51% emissions reductions.
- Build on the success of the Schoolbooks and Furniture for Ghana Project by investigating further options of reuse.
- Continue raising awareness of better waste segregation in homes, workplaces and educational settings.
- In partnership with the Municipal Districts, actively address dereliction across the county through the Derelict Sites process.
- It is anticipated that Blue Flag status will be at least maintained at existing locations for 2026.
- Complete the remediation of the Claremorris Historic Landfill with DCEE funding.
- Focus on enforcement of the Circular Economy (Waste Recovery Levy) Regulations 2024 and offer compliance assistance where necessary.
- Continue delivery of the Burial Ground Capital Programme.
- Continue the Dog License Campaigns at an increased rate.
- Commence a joint campaign with Teagasc to raise awareness in the farmer community of Dog Owner responsibilities.
- Strengthen the protection of Lough Carra's groundwater and surface water quality by deepening collaboration with farmers in the pilot agri-environmental scheme.

FIRE SERVICES

Mayo County Council will continue to provide a range of services aimed at enhancing fire safety in our communities, ensuring appropriate fire protection measures are in place in buildings in addition to providing an operational response. Our Mission, therefore, is

'***To improve public safety through prevention, protection and response***'.

Technical Fire Safety and Building Control
The technical fire safety role ensures that appropriate measures are taken by the 'persons in charge' of buildings of all kinds to prevent fires and to ensure the safety of persons in the event of fire breaking out in the buildings. Categories of property such as hospitals and nursing homes, places of assembly, industrial / factories etc have a potential for high or even catastrophic societal loss in the event of fire. Legislation places responsibility for preventing fire and ensuring the safety of the persons in the buildings on the 'person in control' of such buildings.

Under the Building control legislation, our officers carry out desktop analysis of approximately 120 Fire Safety and 70 Disability Access Certificate applications. They also carry out circa 600 Building Control inspections and 140 licencing inspections annually.

Fire Service Operations
Mayo County Council currently employs a total complement of 150 highly trained firefighters across the 12 fire stations located around the County. The Fire Brigade units respond to approximately 870 responses annually (5-year average), ranging from chimney fires, house fires, bog/forest fires, road traffic collisions, rescues, chemical spills and flooding.

Community Fire Safety

Community Fire Safety aims to promote general fire safety messages to reduce the numbers if fires, together with targeting fire safety messages at key groups of the population who are identified as being particularly vulnerable to fire. Successful ongoing initiatives include;

- The implementation of a joint protocol of partnership between Mayo County Council and Age Friendly Ireland to Enhance Home Safety for Older Residents in the county.
- Fire Safety demonstrations and providing advice/information at large social events throughout the county. (e.g. Heritage Days, Festivals, Mayo Day)
- Primary Schools Programme delivered to all our 3rd class students in Primary Schools in Mayo.
- Fire Safety Week - open days in Fire Stations and a number of other requested events.
- B-Fire Safe Programme delivered to Transition Year students.
- Home Safety Checks to a minimum of 500 homes annually.
- Targeted Fire Safety Talks by Fire Fighters and Fire Officers to elderly/ vulnerable groups.

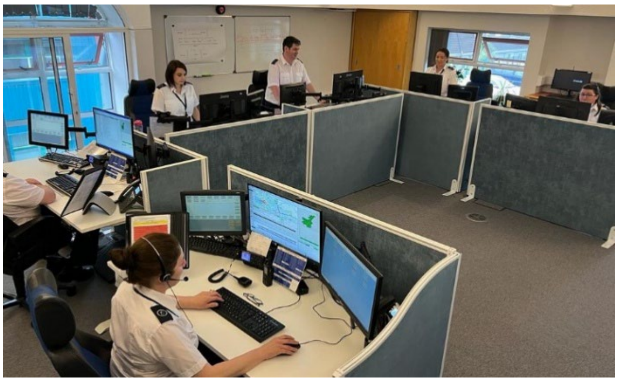
Fire Service Training

Mayo County Fire Service continues to make a substantial investment in its staff through regular training. We are one of a small number of counties to have the facility to train firefighters in Backdraft and Flashover conditions at our Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (CFBT) facility at Ballinrobe. Our facilities continue to be used by other local authorities including, Cavan County Council, Limerick County Council and Clare County Council.

West Region Communications Centre (WRCC)

Mayo County Council manages and operates the Centre on behalf of the Fire Authorities of the counties of Connaught and Donegal. The centre provides a 24/7/365 service for members of the public requiring emergency (999/112) assistance.

WRCC successfully migrated to the National Mobilisation and Communications System in May 2025



Our Communications Centre

This is Ireland's next-generation platform designed to integrate the national fire service's emergency call handling and dispatch. It gives staff and call handlers the latest tools and real-time information they need to quickly dispatch fire appliances to incidents based on their proximity and capability, ensuring fast and effective responses to emergencies.

Fire Service Charges
The charges for the attendance of the Fire Brigade for the year 2026 is as follows:

	Type of Incident	Charge Proposed
Domestic Incidents	Chimney Fire	€200.00
	All other domestic incidents	€375.00 per hour, per appliance
Commercial Incidents	Chimney Fire	€200.00 per hour, per station
	All other Commercial incidents including Road based incidents	€550.00 per hour, per appliance

These charges are designed to provide a more balanced charge structure for domestic incidents to reflect the difficulty in dealing with chimney fires, appliance (e.g. Toaster, tumble dryer) or fire alarms and building fires. We strongly urge people to have adequate insurance cover on their houses, cars and business premises having due regard to the fire brigade charges outlined above. Particular attention should be given to motor policies to ensure cover is provided even if there is no requirement for the Fire Service to cut the vehicle away from you or extinguish a fire in your vehicle.

Capital Programme
Capital grant aid approval was received from the DHLGH for the provision of 2 new Class B Fire appliances and it is expected that these vehicles will be delivered and commissioned in January 2026.

Significant Grant aid assistance was also received for the provision of apparatus for the decontamination of Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment to mitigate the health threat posed by fire contaminants. All apparatus has been procured and it is expected that the entire decontamination/ cleaning system for the county will be installed, tested and commissioned in Q1 of 2026.

Looking forward to 2026
- Capital grant aid approval will be sought for two new fire stations at Kiltimagh and Ballina.
- The enhanced rollout of our partnership with Age Friendly Ireland with Home Fire Safety Checks at homes of the elderly enabling them to stay in their own home for longer.
- Continual Improvement of our Safety Management System to obtain recertification to OHSAS 45001.

RECREATION AND AMENITY

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Over **360,000** books will be borrowed in Mayo Libraries this year.
- Mayo libraries have 27,316 active members and lending rose by 2.8% in 2025.
- Borrowbox has proven to be extremely popular with 40,423 eAudio books borrowed in Mayo and 25,132 eBooks totalling 65,555 borrowed online in 2025.
- More than **330,000** visits will be made to Mayo libraries in 2025.
- Almost **2,000** children took part in Summer Stars Reading programme in 2025.
- The Skills for Life national Library Initiative was launched offering free workshops, events and resources to help adult build everyday skills such as money management and basic IT.
- Mayo County Library facilitated numerous information stands at health and community events throughout the county.
- In the aftermath of storm Éowyn, libraries in Mayo provided sanctuary to those without light and heat. Ballina, Castlebar, Westport, Swinford and Kiltimagh opened on the Bank Holiday weekend to facilitate the public.
- More than 60 events will take place throughout the County during the month of October as part of **Children's Book Festival.**
- **Comic Fest** took place in Sept 2025 with a family fun day at Castlebar library where 1,189 people were in attendance. Outreach events took place in Westport and Claremorris.
- **C-Pens** for people with reading difficulties are now available in all branches of Mayo County Libraries. TTRS licences are available for children and schools to utilise to teach typing to those who experience dyslexia or dyspraxia.
- Lego, chess and coding workshops for children and teens were run in a number of libraries over the summer months.
- Castlebar library holds a **Starting Solids** workshop for parents and their babies in partnership with the HSE every six weeks.
- 235 Little Library Bags of books were distributed to preschools and after-school childcare facilities from their nearest library branch.
- 1,459 local history queries were responded to.
- Adult, teen and a children's book club take place in Castlebar library each month. Adult book clubs take place in Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Castlebar, Kiltimagh and Swinford each month.
- Fighting Words teenage writing workshops are run monthly in Castlebar Library. The **Time to Read** partnership took place with Educate Together National School in Castlebar – 8 council staff volunteered to read with second class students weekly.
- There continues to be huge ongoing demand for sensory facilities in Ballina, Castlebar and Swinford libraries.
- Numerous talks and events were held in libraries as part of the **Healthy Ireland** programme which aims to improve the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of communities and individuals.

The Jackie Clarke Collection

- The Jackie Clarke Collection will have welcomed approximately 30,000 visitors by the end of 2025.
- Conservation work was carried out on the original sash windows of the building under the Historic Towns Initiative.

- Ireland's Memory Room was refurbished with all storyboards and labels being redesigned.
- Much work has been done to attain Museum Standards accreditation including the implementation of a new cataloguing system.
- The JCC Education Programme continued to grow and had its best year ever with 195 curriculum-linked workshops delivered to more than 5000 pupils across Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Galway, and Roscommon.
- Outreach extended to inclusive programming under the Ballina Autism Charter and community partnerships with Western Care, local Men's Sheds, and voluntary groups. The JCC also strengthened international links, hosting interns from Villanova University, and welcoming American visitors through Ireland's Luxury Tours.
- The JCC delivered an extensive programme of events during National Heritage Week, Culture Night, and the Ballina Salmon Festival. Initiatives such as Laneways & Sessions, inclusive music workshops, and the launch of the Knitmas Tree project broadened participation and reach.
- The JCC was awarded the TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Award 2025, recognising consistently high visitor satisfaction.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- The Creative Ireland Community Grant Scheme supported over 25 community groups and their creative projects across County Mayo.
- The 8th annual Cruinniú na nÓg took place on June 7th, engaging just under 2,000 children across the county in creative activities.
- The Creative Health and Wellbeing Project, delivered in partnership with Roscommon County Council, came to a close. It successfully supported artist placements in three nursing homes, Mayo Hospice, and the homes of 16 older people experiencing isolation.
- The Children's Books of Mayo Map was launched as part of Cruinniú na nÓg. This initiative marked a national first.

Over €48,000 was secured to support creative engagement for:

- Teenagers and young people through the Night-Time Economy Task Force.
- Older people experiencing isolation in their homes through the Shared Island programme.
- A new initiative in partnership with LSE and the Urban95 programme to explore how towns can better support children under 4 and their caregivers.

Looking forward to 2026:

- Work to commence on new Westport and Ballyhaunis libraries.
- Appointment of an Archivist in 2026.
- Celebrations for Mayo Library centenary in 2026.
- The library's digital programme will be extended in 2026.
- The Jackie Clarke Collection will progress towards full Museum Standards Programme for Ireland accreditation in 2026.
- Continued conservation of the historic Jackie Clarke building, including the phased repair of the remaining original windows in 2026.


Spinathon at the Jackie Clarke Collection


Vintage car event


Easter Bunny at the Jackie Clarke Charity

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL PLAYGROUNDS

Mayo County Council manages **129 outdoor recreational play spaces** countywide. A new inspection system using a dedicated mobile app has been implemented to enhance safety monitoring, support routine inspections and prioritise investment needs across Municipal

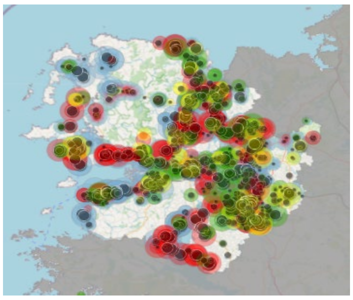
Districts. Staff have received training to carry out inspections, ensuring consistent standards and proactive maintenance.

New Inclusive Playground: Máirt Campbell Playground, Swinford

Mayo County Council, in partnership with Down Syndrome Ireland and Down Syndrome Mayo, has developed the **Máirt Campbell Playground** on the Kilkelly Road, Swinford (F12 K685). The playground is designed to be inclusive, featuring accessible equipment, sensory play areas, supportive surfacing and quiet zones.

As part of annual maintenance, refurbishment works are underway or completed at Killala Community Playground (Phase 1), Lios Na Circa, Castlebar, Mayfield, Claremorris, Ballycroy, The Show Grounds, Ballinrobe and Westport. Works focus on upgrading safety surfacing, improving accessibility, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

Mayo County Council is supporting the development of new outdoor play areas in Shrule, Fahy, Knockmore, Keel & Bohola. These projects are being progressed in collaboration with local communities and subject to funding availability.



Japanese Knotweed Mapping & Management

Over **3,460 infestations** of Japanese Knotweed have been mapped across the county. A targeted treatment programme is underway, aligned with the plant's seasonal dormancy, with completion expected by late October. A heat map illustrates the distribution and progress of treatment efforts.

Looking forward to 2026:

- Finalisation of the **Play & Recreation Strategy**
- Progression of proposed playgrounds as funding becomes available
- Continued implementation of the Japanese Knotweed programme
- Ongoing inspection and maintenance of all play facilities

Mayo Sports Partnership

Mayo Sports Partnerships main aim is to increase participation in sport and physical activity among all sectors of the community. Core funded by Sport Ireland and hosted locally by Mayo County Council the Partnership has three main functions:

- Information - One stop shop for sport in Mayo.
- Education - Provide quality opportunities for training courses held locally.
- Implementation - To develop sports policy within the county through a strategic plan for sport in Mayo and select participation programmes to suit local needs.

Highlights in 2025:

- Supported Sports Clubs / Community Groups in the delivery of sport through a Return to Sport Small Grant Scheme / Volunteer Training Supports: €30,700 was allocated to 56 clubs / community organisations in Mayo through the Partnerships 2025 Return to Sport Small grant scheme supported by Sport Ireland and the Dormant Account Board.
- Dormant Accounts Funding of €124,500 announced by Ministers and Sport Ireland for Mayo sports and community initiatives. The allocation included €20,000 towards phase 5 of the Ballina Community Sports Hub and €54,500 to phase 1 of a new Community Sports Hub in Ballycroy. €20,000 was allocated to Volunteer Supports with the remaining €30,000 for Equality, Diversion and Inclusion Initiatives.
- 2024 Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Projects Formally Launched in June 2025
- €24,000 was allocated to Mayo Sports Partnership in 2024 with 6 projects funded. These included: Swimming Shelter at Ross Beach, Kilcummin and Eachleim Erris, Steel reinforcement of existing handrails and additional handrails for Curran Beach Inishturk, Outdoor Furniture at Dooega Beach Achill and Swimming Markers for Castlebar Triathlon Club.
- New programme Manager and Sport for Empowerment (European Social Fund) Officers appointed.
- Forty-five Mayo groups received €13,440 to fund physical activity for older people.
- Funding provided through the Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme.
- Mayo Sports Partnership was awarded the Local Sports Partnership of the Year. This acknowledges MSP as having delivered measurable health outcomes, fostered community engagement, and strengthened links between sport and healthcare through a shift toward preventative, community-based physical activity.
- Major Success for Mayo Sports Partnership at National Sports Disability Inclusion Awards. Mayo Sports Partnership picked up 3 awards. They achieved both the bronze and silver accolade in addition to a special recognition award for ensuring access to inclusive and accessible environments.
- Mayo Sports Partnerships Older Adult Activator Walking with Poles Programme now in over 20 locations with approx. 320 participants.
- “Staying Fit for the Future Better Balance Programme” hosted 33 classes in 2025 with 488 participants.
- MSP delivered general Participation & Education Programmes in 2025 including - Couch to 5K, Men on the Move, Open Water Swimming, Fit4Work, Marathon Kids, GAA for All, Safeguarding, Disability Inclusion, Sports First Aid.
- 2000 participants took part in the 2025 Mayo Sports Partnership organised “Mayo.ie Western People West of Ireland Women’s Mini Marathon” in Castlebar on Sun 4th May, In addition over 800 participating in the Primary Schools Mini Mini 2K Fun Run.

- Community Sports Hubs in Ballinrobe /Ballyhaunis and Outdoor Hubs in Castlebar and Ballina delivered 60 events targeting approx. 800 from hard-to-reach groups.
- Campaigns in 2025 included Bike Week (700 participants), European Week of Sport (32 Events 900 Participants), Sports Ability Week (27 events – 350 participants), HER Outdoors Week (42 events – 700 participants), Women in Sport Week (19 events – 670 participants), Women 40+ Events (250 participants), Inclusive Cúl Camp (20 participants June), HER Moves Teen Girls Badminton (15) Teen Girls IPAS Come & Try Golf (12), Schools: Tri Heroes (17 schools, 690 Participants), Marathon Kids (17 schools, 1,100), Mini Mini Marathon (800), Fit4Work (240 Participants), Staying Fit for the future Better Balance (33 programmes, 488 Participants).
- Club Volunteer Support Initiative with a suite of subsidised training including Coaching Children, Safeguarding, Disability Inclusion and Sport Webinars continued in 2025.

Priorities for 2026

In 2026 Mayo Sports Partnership will continue to be a central body in the delivery of actions contained in the National Sports Policy, National Physical Activity Plan and Mayo Sports Partnership Strategic Plan "More People Enjoying More Sports".

- Work with relevant departments within Mayo County Council to develop Mayo Local Sports Plan.
- Monitor the implementation of the County Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- Establish new Community Sports Hub in Ballycroy
- Further development of the pilot Physical Activity for Health, Outdoor Recreation and Sport for Empowerment programmes.
- Support applications to a new round of the Community Facilities Grant Scheme.

Mayo.ie Western People West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon 2025

Training and Upskilling

Physio and Mayo Sports Partnership instructors up skilled throughout the year

Arts Service

Mayo County Council Arts Service works to enrich cultural life in the county, impacting the lives of almost 150,000 people annually, both directly and indirectly, through diverse programming and supporting events/organisations with funding.

Guided by the principles of artistic excellence, access, participation, sustainability, and partnership, the Arts Service collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders, including artists in all artforms, organisations, communities of place and interest and funding partners.

The service's core programme is strategically funded by Mayo County Council in partnership with the Arts Council of Ireland, with additional support from Creative Ireland, Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Healthy Ireland and the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport in 2025.

Highlights in 2025:

- New Stage Youth Theatre in Foxford and Iorras Youth Theatre provide opportunities for young people in North Mayo to participate in weekly theatre workshops and regular performances. A new pilot youth theatre initiated in Kiltimagh.
- OnSight 2024/25: Silent Objects/Spoken Lives saw a collection of new poems created in response to the National Folklife Collection by poets Martin Evans, Sean Borodale and Geraldine Mitchell at National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park. Poems were exhibited throughout the summer.
- Scaling Up Creative Projects – professional development workshops with Kari Cahill ran in May and June.
- Rural Producers Support Programme - in partnership with Promenade and Circus250, delivered a workshop with experts and mentoring programming for Mayo based producers.
- Luisne Art Project in Ballinrobe continues to deliver weekly art workshops for the service users of Crann Mór Centre, Ballinrobe, in partnership with Western Care and TACÚ FRC.
- There were 43 events for Mayo Culture Night 2025, and an audience of almost 3,500 attended events right across the county as part of our national cultural celebration.

- RACE – a Circular Economy & the Arts Research & Training project commenced, in partnership with Longford County Council.
- Adoption of new Arts Strategy for the County.
- Launch of new Public Art Works Briathra Talún / Words from the Land by Noah Rose in Irishtown and The Touchstones by James Winnett in Islandeady, Breaffy and Toulough.
- New Public Art Panel advertised and selected.
- Voices of the Centenaries concert with Resurgam at Ballintubber Abbey as part of Mayo County Council's Commemorative Programme.
- Evolving Access Mini-Symposium exploring Access for artists, festivals and venues took place in in Westport Townhall Theatre.
- Creative Careers event, supported by Sláintecare Healthy Communities took place in Áras Inis Gluaire.

Beryl Performance at Sacred Heart Hospital for Bealtaine 2025. Photo Eoghan Heverin

Launch of Briathra Talún / Words from the Land by Noah Rose at Páirc a' Tobair in Irishtown. Photo Trish Forde

Mayo Artsquad is a unique community employment scheme which provides training and community placement opportunities for 15 participants. The scheme supports community arts projects and events throughout the county. The scheme is sponsored by Mayo County Council and wage, supervisor, materials, and training costs are funded by the Department of Social Protection in 2025.

AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

MARINE SERVICES

The 2025 reporting year was characterised by significant progress across consenting, design, procurement, construction, and governance activities. Strategic focus remained on strengthening coastal infrastructure, supporting island communities, and enhancing sustainability within the marine and fisheries sectors.

DAFM Capital Program/DRCDG Minor Capital Program

Four principal projects advanced under the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) Capital Program:

- **Porteen, Rosmoney, Porturlin, and Lacken:** Continued design, tendering, and early construction works to improve harbour access, safety, and service infrastructure.
- **Islands Program:** Works completed on **Inish Turk, Clare Island, Roonagh, Clinish, and Inish Lyre**, focusing on pier improvements, safety enhancements, and accessibility upgrades. Additional island projects remain in development, ensuring the ongoing enhancement of maritime connectivity.

Roonagh Harbour Development

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary announced funding for the **Strategic Assessment and Business Case** for the future development of **Roonagh Harbour**. This vital piece of infrastructure serves as a key mainland access point for island communities and supports both passenger and freight operations. The assessment will define investment priorities and guide long-term planning for capacity, safety, and resilience improvements. Work is currently ongoing and will be completed early in the new year as the first step in the urgent requirement to re-develop the Harbour.

Maintenance Works

Routine and reactive maintenance continued across the regional harbour network. Works included:

- Cranes and mechanical equipment servicing and repair
- Pontoon maintenance and safety compliance
- Storm damage restoration and structural remediation
- Replacement of ladders and handrails
- Slipway cleaning and debris removal

These interventions ensured continued safe operation and compliance with marine infrastructure standards.

Navigational Aids
Upgrades and repairs were undertaken around Achill, building upon prior works in Westport. Improvements to beacons, lighting systems, and structural resilience supported enhanced navigational safety and reliability. These works were carried out in close collaboration with Irish Lights

Marine Heritage Program
Progress continued on the Heritage Pier Program, with planning and design development at Knites Pier, Belmullet. The initiative aims to preserve historic marine structures while maintaining their functional role in local coastal economies.

Sectoral and Community Support
Active collaboration continued with key stakeholder groups, including:

- Aquaculture Forum
- Inshore Fishermen's Network
- Westport Marina Group
- Island Forum
- Coastal Adventures Group

These partnerships strengthen coastal enterprise, foster knowledge exchange, and ensure alignment with local development objectives.

Renewable Energy
Engagement advanced on two strategic renewable projects:

- **RWE Test Site** – progressing environmental and technical assessments for offshore energy testing.
- **AMETS (Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site)** – continued contribution to Ireland's offshore renewable energy programme, including data collection and inter-agency coordination.

Governance and Stakeholder Engagement
On a whistle stop tour along Mayo's Extensive Coastline, Ministers Darragh Calleary and Timmy Dooley supported by Mayo County Council, focused on new funding opportunities, the refinement of consent processes, and the continued strengthening of governance structures across all project streams.

Dog Control Service

Implementation of XL Bully Legislation - The Dog Wardens coordinated and carried out the necessary steps to implement the new XL Bully Legislation from 1st February 2025 throughout the County. Inspections were carried out and Certificates of Exemption issued. A monthly progress return is reported to the DRCD.

Microchipping Awareness and provision

Microchip awareness days are being carried out by Dog Wardens in conjunction with Rescue Centre's and Community Groups.

Dog License Campaigns 2025

The Dog Wardens have been involved in Dog Licensing campaigns throughout the year. A new Dog Warden commenced working in July this year and has focused on carrying out community license campaigns.

Dog Breeding Establishments Mayo County Council's Dog Wardens carry out inspections of Dog Breeding Establishments, which included Kennels, Dog Breeders and Trainers. The Dog Breeding Register with details of all Dog Breeding Establishments can be viewed on Mayo.ie,

Ex- Gratia Funding Since 2011 an allocation for animal welfare has been made available to animal welfare groups. This year an advertisement was placed in the local newspapers and on social media inviting applications for funding. Five applications were received for funding this year.

MISCELLANEOUS AND CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

The Corporate Development section manages a range of services to the public and Councillors and is also responsible for corporate planning and policy and governance. It is a central area of support within the organisation working closely with other departments.
The section provides administrative support for meetings of the Council which include monthly meetings, meetings of the Corporate Policy Group and the annual general and budget meetings. Members expenses and remuneration are also managed from this section.
Preparation and implementation of the Local Authority's Corporate plan. This plan serves as the Local Authority's strategic framework for action for the duration of the plan (2024-2029). The elected members adopted the plan in December 2024. The implementation of the plan is monitored through the Annual Service Delivery Plan.

Leading on the implementation of Public Sector Duty-the section coordinates the Equality Action Team whose focus is to support the implementation of the Public Sector Duty Action Plan over the course of the term of the current corporate plan. Actions have been identified across the organisation, and an annual review of implementation will be published in the Annual Report. Projects in relation to the participation of women and diversity in local democracy are led out by Corporate Development.

Corporate Development operates the Data Access Unit, fulfilling the statutory obligations of Freedom of Information requests and managing personal data requests. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, the FOI Unit deals with requests from members of the public, journalists, and organisations for the right to request access to records held by Mayo County Council. Numbers of requests continue to increase with 167 requests logged in 2024. The Act is currently under review with change expected to the legislation.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) gives individuals the right to request access to information relating to them which is 'processed' i.e., being used by Mayo County Council. This is known as a subject access request. The Data Access Unit will roll out awareness briefings in relation to FOI, GDPR and records management including online self-directed training tools to members of staff in 2026. The Unit will continue to engage with staff across the council in relation to developing privacy statements and implementing retention policies.

The administration of the Audit Committee meetings is coordinated in this section. The Council's Audit Committee is a statutory committee, comprising of external independent members and Councillors who have an independent role on governance oversight within the Council. The Risk Register for the organisation forms part of this oversight, which is maintained by this section, reviewed by the Directorates, and updated on a quarterly basis if required. The Risk Register will be reviewed in 2026 supported by IPB to ensure that it is current and relevant to newly identified risks and a constantly changing environment.
Customer Services and liaising with the Office of the Ombudsman is also managed in Corporate Development. It is planned to collaborate with the Ombudsman's office to deliver a presentation to staff on the role and remit of the Ombudsman's Office providing an overview and specific examples of how they investigate complaints with the aim of effectively utilising the resources of our respective organisations.
The Ethics Register, in accordance with legislative requirements, is prepared annually on

completion of annual declaration of interests of elected members and relevant employees and is held by the Ethics Registrar. Registers of Executive Orders which are required under legislation to be kept are also managed within this section for the organisation.

Insurance management including coordination with the Council's insurers IPB on premia for insurance policies and mid-term alterations, insurance claims, court cases and settlements.
The section also coordinates collation of data throughout the organisation for 46 performance indicators covering 11 service areas which are published by the National Oversight & Audit Commission (NOAC) as part of the annual Local Authority Performance Indicator Report. The results are published in the Annual Report.

Looking Forward to 2026
Continuing to implement statutory policy and requirements.
Completion of review of the risk management register with IPB with a view to improving use and capabilities.
Review of the Public Sector Duty Implementation Plan.
Completion of Annual Service Delivery Plan Report for 2025.
Contribution to the national electoral migration project Voter.ie – the National Voter Registration Database.

Cllr Sean Carey was elected as the new Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council at the Annual General Meeting of the council on 27th June 2025.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

2025 included the completion of the following Health and Safety related works:

- A full periodic review of the MCC Corporate Safety Statement to include a full scope of MCC activities.
- Revision and circulation of various Safety Policy & Procedure (SPPs), Activity Risk Assessments (ARAs) & Safety Forms (SFs) across all MCC functions.
- Mayo Fire Service successfully achieved their annual NSAI re-assessment audit which certifies to ISO 45001:2018.
- Implementation of Proworks across further sections in MCC with both desktop and site training for relevant staff.
- Preparation of H&S Quarterly Reports.
- Over 110 H&S Inductions delivered to date.
- Development of new revised H&S Induction program for new staff.

- A comprehensive Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) program commenced across MCC. PAT testing is an examination of electrical equipment and appliances to ensure they are fit for purpose and safe to use with each item certified and QR label attached with recertification date etc.
- Coordination of all Safety Committee meetings across area, function, and senior management.

Looking forward: Health and Safety priorities for 2026
Mayo Fire Service NSAI Annual Audit.
Continuation of the implementation of the Proworks across further sections in MCC.
Full annual review of the MCC Corporate Safety Statement.
Revision and circulation of Safety Policy & Procedure (SPPs), Activity Risk Assessments (ARAs) & Safety Forms (SFs).
Continued conversion of all MCC risk assessments across all sections into new format.
Delivery of H&S statutory training including Inductions to new starters.
Preparation of H&S Quarterly Reports.
Coordination of Safety Committee meetings across area, function, and senior management.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS
Ahead of the Presidential Election, the following statistics were extracted and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) on **17th October 2025**:-

Dáil Constituency	**Presidential Electors (Irish Citizens)**	**Dáil Electors (Irish & UK Citizens)**
Mayo	**107,496**	**110,875**

European Parliament Constituency	**European Electors (Irish & EU Citizens)**
Midlands-North-West	**108,193**

Local Electoral Areas	**Local Government Electors (Irish, UK, EU & Non-EU Nationality)**
Ballina	21,904
Belmullet	12,220
Castlebar	26,581
Claremorris	23,813
Swinford	15,808
Westport	15,678
Overall	**116,004**

POSTAL & SPECIAL VOTERS								
Dáil Constituency	Postal-Gardaí	Postal-Defence Forces	Postal-Diplomats	Postal-Illness or Disability	Postal-Occupation & Students	Postal-Prisoners	Postal-Anonymous Voters	Special Voters
Mayo	16	69	8	215	20	11	2	268

Funding of **€50,194** was granted to Mayo County Council for the update of the Electoral Data for Co. Mayo by DHLGH to assist to increase the number of applications received from new and current electors and to spread awareness to the public, this funding has been spent on advertising, flyer post drops, printing cost and events banners, purchase of branded promotional goods to issue at visits to secondary schools, supermarkets, sporting events, libraries with overtime worked by the Team.

Looking forward to 2026:

The Register of Electors Team will continue to engage in a large-scale national and local publicity campaign. This will include liaison with public and private sector employers in the county together with advertising and information circulated to all local post offices, secondary schools, libraries, garda stations and Council Offices, visits to supermarkets, sporting and community events.

The Team will work with the host local authority, Dublin City Council to ensure that all corrections and upgrades are done prior to migration over to Voter.ie – the National Voter Registration Database.

Mayo County Council will collaborate with the Returning Officer at the Courts Service to provide electoral assistance required for any polling events which may occur in 2026.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Department is responsible for the ongoing development of Mayo County Council's external and internal communications, the services of Oifig na Gaeilge and the Road Safety Office are also delivered within this function. 2025 has been a busy and productive year, the highlights of which include:

Highlights in2025:

- **Mayo.ie website and online channels:** The website provides a consistent feed of news updates and information for the general public in relation to all aspects of council services. It is the online home for all services and initiatives of this local authority, and many other campaigns.
- Our **social media channels** continue to grow with over 104,000 followers at present, with consistent output highlighting services/news/campaigns/initiatives, extreme weather alerts along with highlighting multiple positive Mayo Stories, News and Events.
- **Cathaoirleach's Awards**: The Cathaoirleach's Awards 2024 were announced and celebrated in Breaffy House Resort in early 2025, with 19 awards presented to individuals and groups following an open nomination process. These awards attracted significant interest from across the county and the Mayo Diaspora and are a highlight in the Cathaoirleach's calendar annually. Preparations are underway for the launch of the nomination process for the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025.

Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Hara presents Brian Hiney with his award at the Cathaoirleach's Awards

Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Hara presents Nora Patten with her award alongside Kevin Kelly, Chief Executive of Mayo County Council

Mayo Day 2025: Mayo Day returned with a countywide celebration on Saturday, May 3rd. Mayo Day events took place in 18 different locations including: Castlebar, Westport, Ballina, Belmullet, Mulranny, Achill and Killala. The day concluded with a sold-out Grand Finale Concert in the TF Royal Theatre, where over 1,500 people enjoyed a night of entertainment and music.

- **The Online #MayoDay campaign** reached an estimated 7 million people online through social media and featured over 240 individual content items on Mayo Day itself and across all social media channels, highlighting all the events that took place on the day, including multiple viral videos such as Garron Noone and Mary (Mae) Dunne
- **International Mayo Day**: International Mayo Day saw the day celebrated across the globe, with flagship events in far flung locations such as Hanoi, Vietnam, Kuala Lumper, Malaysia and closer to home in the UK.
- **Events**: The Department continues to advise and support the delivery of council events, including the official opening the Creggs Road Active Travel Scheme in Ballina, The Sod Turning for recreational facilities in Keel Beach in Achill and Carrowmore Beach in Louisburgh; the official opening of Bog Gate Demesne in Westport, the official opening of the Ballinrobe Urban Greenway, the official opening of the new housing development in Murvagh, Mulranny and the Sod Turning of the new housing development at The Meadows, Ballina. The department also facilitated the visit of a delegation to the Milwaukee Irish Fest, to promote Mayo as a key destination to visit, live and invest in along with a number of Ministerial and Ambassadorial visits to the county. They also hosted a visit from business group from Korea.

The Sod Turning for recreational facilities at Keel Beach

Mayo Day wins best Irish Festival at the LAMA Awards

- **Awards**: Mayo County Council won Best Irish Festival at the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards in February for Mayo Day 2024. Mayo Day is an annual celebration which is organised by the Communications Department. The council was also shortlisted in a number of other categories.

The Communications function envelops all aspects of communications of the council, ensuring a clear and consistent corporate message is delivered locally, nationally, and internationally. **2026 will focus on the following:**

- **Cathaoirleach Awards 2026** – Managing all elements of the awareness campaign, application process, awards event evening.
- **External Communications** – Updating the public with information related to the County and the Local Authority requires a continued coordinated approach, ensuring that our website and social media channels reflect accurate consistent information.
- **Web and online services** – Ensuring new fresh relevant content is available across our channels.
- **Mayo Day 2026** will see Mayo County Council once again celebrate Mayo Day with flagship events taking locally, nationally, and internationally placing a spotlight on our Diaspora worldwide.
- **Milwaukee Irish Festival Regional Showcase** – Mayo County Council will collaborate with Milwaukee Irish Fest Organisers and the multiple stakeholders in the Irish Destinations Area to promote the West of Ireland and to also to engage with the Mayo Diaspora at the biggest Irish Festival in the world attracting up to 100k people annually.
- **Establishment of Diaspora Engagement working group** – Work with established stakeholders locally and globally to elevate the profile of the county.
- **Mayo Ambassador Programme** – A campaign will be launched to encourage Mayo's Diaspora to become part of a worldwide campaign to promote Mayo as a place to visit, live, work and invest in.
- **Media Services and Advertising:** The Communications Department will continue to work with all Council Departments to co-ordinate local authority advertising both with local and national media outlets. During 2026, The Communications Department will continue to work with sections within Mayo County Council to provide advice and support for events, official visits, launches and campaigns, etc.
- **Internal Communications:** A key objective of the Communications Department is the ongoing work of improving internal communications to enhance the sharing of information.

- **Connect** has become a hub for internal communications, with regular news updates, vacancies and recruitment opportunities postings along with social events and wellbeing initiatives. Key works will be carried out in 2026 to further improve the portal layout in order maximise the effectiveness of Connect as a staff asset and to maximise staff interactions with all the information available through the portal.
- **Staff Mobile App:** The roll out of a new staff mobile app which will be able available to all staff members though their mobile phone.

ROAD SAFETY OFFICE

Mayo Road Safety Office is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting road safety across the county by delivering education programmes, organising campaigns and community activities that encourage drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and other road users to adopt safer practices. It works in collaboration with the Road Safety Authority, An Garda Siochána and other community groups to achieve this.

By fostering knowledge, positive attitudes and responsible behaviour the Mayo Road Safety Offices supports a culture of safety on our roads in County Mayo.

Highlights for 2025:

- **Local Media/Social Media:**
  Promotion of Road Safety through Local Media and Social Media: Mayo Road Safety Office have a dedicated Facebook and Twitter page in promoting road safety.
- **Road Safety Week 2025**:
  The Midwest Radio Tommy Marren breakfast show was dedicated to Road Safety on Thursday 2nd October with many Road Safety Stakeholders taking part on the morning.
- **Campaigns in 2025:**
  Mayo Road Safety Office in conjunction with outside Stakeholders collaborated on a number of campaigns during 2025 including: Driver Fatigue, Amber Thursday, Children's Safe Return To School, Farm Safety campaign with Stephen Coen, Mayo GAA senior football player, Check it Fits, Road Safety Talk in Secondary Schools, Make Way Day, Bike Week 2025, National Slow Down Day and Bank Holiday Weekend Road Safety Campaigns such as the Applegreen Free Coffee to combat driver fatigue, weather alerts.
- **Mayo County Council/AXA Roadsafe Roadshow**:
  This very successful road safety event took place in April 2025 in the TF Theatre, Castlebar. 1,400 Transition Year students from across 22 schools in the county were in attendance. The aim of the hard-hitting roadshow is to encourage the next generation of young road users to actively focus the mind and "think" about the importance of road safety.
- **The Roads Safety Working Together Group**:
  This group has and has met a number of times during 2025. This group brings together all the relevant stakeholders involved in Road safety in the county.
- **Active Living & Safe Driving: A Community Event:**
  Mayo Road Safety Office in collaboration with Mayo Older Persons Council and Mayo Local Community Safety Partnership organised a road safety event for Senior Road Users in October 2025. A number of guest speakers on the day were from the RSA, Local Link Mayo, Mayo Sports Partnership and An Garda Siochána.

- **From Scenic Strolls to Safe Arrivals**:
  On Mayo Bank Holiday Weekend 2025, Mayo Road Safety Office in conjunction with Achill Tourism and An Garda Siochána Mayo launched a road safety awareness campaign aimed to get holiday makers and locals alike to think about pedestrian road safety during the busy summer months, especially if walking on the island in the evening. A supply of free high-viz vests and armbands were made available free to the public in a number of business locations across the island as part of the campaign.
- **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims:**
  A Special Memorial Mass to mark World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Sunday 16th November 2025 in Knock Basilica. This Mass remembers the precious lives tragically lost on our roads in 2025 and the profound impact this has on their families, friends and wider communities aswell as those seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions. It is also a day on which we reflect on the tremendous work carried out by the emergency services on a daily basis.

Looking forward to 2026:
Mayo County Council/AXA Roadsafe Roadshow. Plans are in place to continue the organising of this event in 2026

PROPERTY

Property & Facilities

Mayo County Council holds and manages property assets as a means of responding to and providing for the diverse and evolving needs of the community. The section has responsibility for the strategic management and maintenance of the Council's non-residential property portfolio and, focuses on the day-to-day maintenance requirements of the Aras an Chontae campus, Glenpark & Mayo House as well as providing advisory support to other corporate offices located around the County.

Achievements for 2025

- Completed office accommodation reviews which resulted in restructuring and optimisation of workspaces across several corporate buildings.
- Delivery of purpose-built Archive Storage facility on Áras Campus for secure, compliant and long-term retention of critical documentation.
- LED lighting upgrade works across the Áras Campus resulting in improved energy performance.
- Carried out storm damage repairs to the Áras Campus restoring affected areas and ensuring continuity of operations.
- Progressed design development for the Council Chamber and Áras reception upgrade, including stakeholder engagement and refinement of concept proposals.
- Installation of new access control systems in Ballina and Ballinrobe Civic Offices creating a safer working environment for all staff.
- Upgrade of obsolete fire system in Ballinrobe Civic Office to meet current compliance standards.
- Installed new gas boilers in the Annex Building, improving heating efficiency and reducing operational costs.
- Completion of the grazing license application process for 2025.

Looking forward to 2026:

- The Property section will continue the process of first registrations and re-registrations to update the council's property ownership records.
- Advance the Council Chamber and Aras reception upgrade project through detailed design and procurement.
- Implementation of remaining corrective actions based on the findings of the fire compliance audit and accessibility compliance audit of the Aras Complex buildings subject to feasibility and funding.
- Continuation of office accommodation reviews across corporate buildings.
- Provide ongoing advisory support to Council departments on property related matters: leasing, compliance and asset protection.
- Expand energy efficiency initiatives in collaboration with the Climate Action team through the Pathfinder Programme for the Aras Campus.
- Roll out of grazing license application process for 2026.

HUMAN RESOURCES & TRAINING

The Human Resources Section of Mayo County Council is committed to excellence in service delivery through the development of a skilled, dedicated, healthy, and agile workforce. Guided by values of inclusivity, innovation, and continuous improvement, HR plays a pivotal role in ensuring the Council is well-equipped to meet current and future challenges. Through strategic planning, staff development, and policy leadership, the HR Section supports the organisation in delivering high-quality public services to the people of Mayo.

Looking Back Over 2025

Strategic Workforce Planning

Completion of a comprehensive Strategic Workforce Plan, informed by demographic analysis, staff engagement, and union consultation. This five-year plan aligns with the 2024–2029 Corporate Plan and is one of a small number of Counties to have received formal compliance confirmation from the Department of Housing and Local Government and Heritage.

Recruitment surged with 244 appointments to date (October 2025), including 89 promotions, reflecting strong internal career progression.

Vacancies reduced from 111 in January to 22 in October 2025, representing a reduction in the staff vacancy rate from 8.6% to 1.7% over the period.

Superannuation and Pensions

Successful transfer of pension administration to Mypay Shared Services in Laois following a major superannuation data retention project involving 1,600 files.

The Council remains trustee of the scheme, verifying Mypay's information and processing payments.

Staff Development and Training

Launch of the Talent Module in the Core Portal to digitise Performance Development Plans (PDPs).

Rollout of a coaching programme with Kingston College; 16 staff completed certification, and a Coaching Hub was established.

739 indoor staff participated in training, with popular courses including Excel, Project Management, Climate Awareness, Cybersecurity, and Health & Safety.

56 employees enrolled in further education, with top choices being IPA Local Government Studies and ATU Supervisory Management.
1,041 attendees at Castlebar Regional Training Centre courses.
Launch of Apprenticeship Programme in Cybersecurity.

Policy Development
New policies introduced for vaccination management, leave for medical care, and standardisation of legacy leave balances.
Enhanced employee wellness initiatives, including mental health supports, flexible work arrangements, and employee assistance programmes.
Continued support for the transition of Water Services staff to Uisce Éireann, with headcount reduced from 98 in December 2024 to 57 in October 2025.

Employee Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion Programme
Mayo County Council remains deeply committed to fostering a workplace culture that promotes wellbeing, equality, and inclusion. In 2025, the Council expanded its Employee Wellbeing Programme to encompass a wide range of supports across mental, physical, social, and financial domains and appointed a Wellbeing Officer. Staff benefited from stress management workshops, and financial wellness sessions delivered in partnership with Employee Financial Wellness, with strong engagement from both indoor and outdoor teams. The Council also advanced its equality agenda through the launch of a graduate placement programme specifically designed for people with disabilities, alongside continued efforts to promote leadership and gender pay gap reporting. Family-friendly work policies were enhanced through the digitisation of leave processes and the introduction of new entitlements such as Leave for Medical Care Purposes. These initiatives reflect the Council's strategic focus on building an inclusive, supportive, and high-performing public service workforce.

Looking Forward to 2026:
Ongoing implementation of the Councils Strategic Workforce Plan including the acceleration of recruitment and continued management of vacancy rates.
Expansion of Apprenticeship and Student Placement Programmes.
Focus on leadership development, inter-departmental collaboration, and promoting Mayo County Council as an employer of choice.
Ongoing collaboration with Mypay Shared Services and refinement of pension processes.
Launch of a new digital Training Platform to streamline induction, Health & Safety, governance, compliance, and awareness training.
Planned training includes Excel Intermediate, Manual Handling, Disability Awareness, Stress and Time Management, Leadership Cybersecurity, Data Protection & FOI, Financial Governance (MS4/Agresso), Climate Action and a wide range of Construction and Health and Safety Courses for outdoor workers.
Development of: Staff Handbook, Staff Wellbeing Strategy, Further Education Plan, Digitisation of Family-Friendly Leaves and Probation Certificates, Health Screenings, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and Menopause Training Initiatives.
Continued rollout of wellness initiatives across physical, mental, social, and financial domains.
Enhanced induction and awareness programmes for new recruits.
Focus on promoting the Council as an Employer of Choice and encourage young people to consider careers in local government through apprenticeship and placement programmes.

Castlebar Regional Training Centre
Castlebar Regional Training Centre (CRTC) provides workplace training on a shared services basis for 6 Local authorities and other public & private sector organisations in the West and Midlands. Mayo County Council are the lead authority. Training is provided to the highest standard primarily for Roads, Water, Environment & Fire Services. The facility has accreditation from SOLAS, QQI, City & Guilds and ECITB.

Looking back 2025
CRTC scheduled **5,141** training days and trained **3,220** learners (January - September) 2025 resulting in an expected turnover of €1.49 m.

Demand has been strong for Mandatory Road Opening & Reinstatement training **which** is only available through the LASNTG training centres and practical health & safety training, such as Safe pass (223 days), Manual Handling (**200** days).

The Outdoor training facility and practical training yard has provided a choice of versatile rooms that are suitable for groups of different sizes and needs for training purposes and room hire. Each room is equipped with access to first rate ICT infrastructure, fast wireless internet, projectors, interactive touch screens, auto tracing cameras, desks with charging ports, an impressive practical area suitable for outdoor requirements, on site catering and a large parking area.

Looking forward 2026

We expect demand to remain high for roads, fire, planning, environment and water courses. Climate Action training will continue to be delivered on site to all Local Authority operatives during 2026.

INFORMATION SYSTEM, INNOVATION, BROADBAND & DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT

Mayo County Council's Information Systems & Innovation Department supports multiple locations across the county and operates one of the most extensive ICT infrastructure networks in Ireland. The Council's technology setup includes everyday tools like computers, phones, printers, and Wi-Fi, along with cloud services that make it easier for staff to work from different locations, share information quickly, and keep systems secure and up to date.

2025 presented continued challenges for the ICT sector both globally and locally, particularly in the areas of cybersecurity, capacity management, and service delivery. Despite these pressures, the Information Systems Department remained focused on the effective management and maintenance of all Council ICT systems, networks, and operations. In parallel, the team provided strategic business analysis and dedicated systems support to departments across the organisation, aligning technology services with the Council's broader objectives.

Some of the initiatives completed in 2025 include:

- Councillor support – cyber security training and ongoing support provided.
- Information Security Standard ISO 27001:2022 successfully maintained with six monthly surveillance audits.
- Direct Debits (DEFT) rolled out.
- Network, UPS upgrades and legacy infrastructure replacements at Area Offices, Libraries and Fire Stations to support and improve the corporate network.
- Network upgrade of Annex server room.
- Email security on more than 2.5 million emails.
- Upgrade of existing Hyper Converged Infrastructure, tender, evaluation and implementation.
- Windows 11 upgrade across the organisation
- Support for Leisure Centres – new phone systems installed, software solutions upgraded.
- Environment CRM deployed & Litter App for all MDs.
- Vacant Property Registration – MyCoCo.
- Support for the transition of staff from Mayo County Council to Irish Water.
- New OGP framework for Desktops and laptops.
- Maturing of blended working process.
- Assisting with national mobile call and data services and mobile devices frameworks.
- Competitive tendering for all IT services and products in compliance with Procurement rules.
- Heritage Storymaps published – data collected once and used many times.
- Intune mobile device management software enrolment.
- Cyber Security awareness campaign and ongoing training of staff.
- Phishing exercises for all staff.
- Reduced reliance on the Data Centre by deletion of unnecessary data, making our systems more efficient and cost-effective, and supporting our climate action goals by reducing our carbon footprint.
- Consultation and Application Portal available to all departments.
- Representation of the council at national and regional forums.
- Mapping viewers for Planning.
- Mapping & Surveying Public Art Works.
- Continuous monitoring of security threats and responding to threats affecting the organisation and IT infrastructure.
- Supported collaboration and productivity by expanding and improving Microsoft 365 tools, helping teams work more efficiently across locations and with suppliers and customers.

Broadband & Digital Development

The Broadband & Digital Development Unit continues to work with all relevant Government Departments and Telecommunications Companies to assist the rollout of high-speed broadband throughout the County, including the National Broadband Plan. With 41% of the county now complete the aim is to have the county complete by the end of 2026 with broadband available to all residents and businesses. The Broadband and Digital Development Unit has a key role in facilitating this infrastructure, as well as delivering on associated digital initiatives countywide. As part of the National Broadband Plan, 16 Broadband Connection Points in Mayo avail of early High Speed Broadband Connections. Many of the BCP's have developed into community hubs, using the connectivity to offer remote working spaces. The Healthy Islands project is a cross-Local Authority initiative between Mayo & Galway County Councils, the project is located on Inishturk, Clare Island & Inishbofin. A project is underway in Mayo to develop and implement the next iteration of Tetra using satellite communications.

Looking Forward to 2026

The IS Department will support the organization in delivering the services to the citizens of Mayo while maintaining an emphasis on security and availability. The IS Department will also continue to deliver on the Local Government ICT strategy while emphasising security, capacity building and shared services with other Local Authorities. MyCoCo.ie will continue to be developed as a platform for the public to access services with applications for housing solutions, payments and other services coming onstream. By the end of 2026 the National Broadband Plan will be completed. The Healthy Islands project will continue into 2026 in collaboration with the HSE, NUIG and Cisco Ireland. The Tetra project will go to the next stage of rollout in conjunction with the OGCIO, HSE and other relevant departments.
We will continue to deploy the Consultation portal for online application forms across all departments.

The IS Department will continue to work closely with the National Cyber Security Centre to implement the National Cyber Security Standards and prepare for EU NIS2 regulatory framework as a Local Authority. It will also continue to maintain and strengthen its security posture while providing a secure working environment for staff both in the office and from home.

MOTOR TAX

Mayo Motor Tax is delivered through our three strategically located offices in Mayo and continues to deliver a high quality, customer focused, efficient and effective service to the people through its offices in Castlebar, Ballina and Belmullet.

Looking forward to 2026:
We are expecting to move to disc free operations from early in the new year, where it will no longer be a legal requirement to display a motor tax disc. Customers can still renew their motor tax in any of the 3 offices, or online, but they will be issued with a receipt rather than a disc.
Mayo Motor Tax will continue to provide an efficient and reliable service to the people of Mayo. It will also continue to improve the quality of information, forms and links delivered on its website, whilst the centralised Mayo Motor Tax e-mail channel will continue to provide answers and solutions for customers with Motor Tax queries.

PROCUREMENT

2025 was a highly productive year for the Mayo County Council Procurement Team, with over 400 procurement competitions published across SupplyGov and eTenders platforms. The team continued to lead improvements in procurement compliance through the standardisation of processes, the promotion of best practice, and the provision of ongoing support and guidance to all departments across the organisation.

A key milestone in 2025 was the publication of a new Corporate Procurement Plan, now available on the Mayo County Council website. This plan outlines strategic procurement objectives and reinforces the Council's commitment to transparency, efficiency, and value for money.

In collaboration with Senior Management, Procurement undertook a review of the Local Procurement Thresholds. Following approval, these thresholds were increased, providing greater flexibility at section level and significantly reducing administrative burden across the organisation.

Green Public Procurement (GPP) remains a priority on the public sector agenda. The Procurement Team has actively advanced GPP initiatives, updating the internal SharePoint site with relevant resources and examples of green criteria for use in competitions. A new Green Procurement Policy, aligned with Circular 17/2025, is currently under review and scheduled for publication before the end of 2025.

To enhance organisational engagement, the team delivered three Procurement Seminars, reaching over 200 employees across various sections. These seminars have contributed to increased collaboration and a steady rise in the number of competitions being published.

In 2025, Procurement supported the rollout of Preliminary Market Consultations, a new process for Mayo County Council. This approach has proven valuable in identifying market solutions and informing procurement strategies for complex requirements.

The team also continued to support the Fleet Management section, overseeing the ordering and allocation of fuel cards across the Council.

In line with Circular 09/2024 – "Reporting on the Use of Centralised Procurement Agreements", the Procurement Team completed the required departmental report in July 2025, demonstrating the Council's commitment to leveraging national frameworks and Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS's).

Procurement Budget Plan – 2026

Building on the momentum of 2025, the Procurement Team at Mayo County Council will continue to focus on delivering strategic procurement outcomes that support organisational efficiency, compliance, and sustainability.

Key priorities for 2026 include:

Implementation of the Corporate Procurement Plan: The team will operationalise the objectives outlined in the newly published plan, ensuring alignment with national policy and local service delivery needs.

Green Public Procurement (GPP): With the forthcoming publication of the Green Procurement Policy aligned to Circular 17/2025, the team will embed GPP principles across procurement activities as appropriate. Training, guidance, and updated templates will be provided to support sections in applying green criteria effectively.
Enhanced Procurement Support and Engagement: Building on the success of the 2025 seminars, the team will deliver targeted workshops and develop new resources to further increase awareness and engagement across departments.
Monitoring and Reporting: The team will maintain compliance with Circular 09/2024 by continuing to report on the use of centralised procurement arrangements and promoting the use of national frameworks and DPSs.
Local Procurement Thresholds: Following the successful review and increase of thresholds in 2025, the team will monitor the impact of these changes and provide further guidance to ensure continued compliance and efficiency at section level.
Digital Procurement Tools and Resources: The Procurement SharePoint site will be further enhanced with updated templates, guidance documents, and examples of best practice to support staff in all stages of the procurement lifecycle.

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

DRAFT BUDGET TABLES

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING UNITS				
GENERAL REPAIRS	1,500,000	1,800,000		1,800,000
ESTATE MANAGEMENT	215,000	215,000		215,000
PROPERTY TAXES	250,000	270,000	270,000	
CASUAL VACANCIES & RETROFITTING	820,000	1,000,000		1,000,000
PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME	130,000	150,000		150,000
SUB-TOTAL	2,915,000	3,435,000	270,000	3,165,000
HOUSING ASSISTANCE				
RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME	6,470,000	6,400,000	6,400,000	
LEASING	5,588,290	6,651,000	6,651,000	
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT	230,982	156,000	156,000	
CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOUSING SOCIETIES	82,000	82,000	82,000	
HOUSING GRANT SCHEMES	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	
CROÍ CÓNAITHE	0	6,480,000	6,480,000	
ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS	4,400,000	4,700,000	4,700,000	
VACANT HOMES UNIT	240,000	188,400	188,400	
PRIVATE RENTED INSPECTIONS	325,000	600,000	600,000	
HOUSING FOR ALL	1,001,000	931,200	931,200	
ADMINISTRATION OF CAPITAL HOUSING SCHEMES	0	120,500	120,500	
ADMINISTRATION OF DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS	390,580	390,000	390,000	
SUB-TOTAL	24,727,852	32,699,100	32,699,100	0
HOUSING LOAN CHARGES & COSTS				
SALARIES	135,400	137,050	137,050	
HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS	850,000	850,000	850,000	
VOLUNTARY HOUSING LOANS	460,000	406,000	406,000	
LEASING LOANS	150,000	150,000	150,000	
MORTGAGE PROTECTION PREMIUM	110,000	110,000	110,000	
SHARED OWNERSHIP LOANS	17,000	17,500	17,500	
LEGAL AND OTHER EXPENSES	25,000	27,895	27,895	
SUB-TOTAL	1,747,400	1,698,445	1,698,445	0
RENT COLLECTION				
SALARIES	436,770	451,290	451,290	
BILL PAY COSTS	37,000	35,000	35,000	
LEGAL AND OTHER EXPENSES	20,000	20,500	20,500	
SUB-TOTAL	493,770	506,790	506,790	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
INSURANCE	211,000	292,400	292,400	
LEGAL COSTS	140,000	140,000	140,000	
SOCIAL WORKERS/TALO	366,200	365,900	365,900	
OTHER EXPENSES	90,000	90,000	90,000	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	3,818,701	4,052,716	4,052,716	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	4,315,767	4,686,058	4,686,058	
SUB-TOTAL	8,941,668	9,627,074	9,627,074	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	38,825,690	47,966,409	44,801,409	3,165,000

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING UNITS				
PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME	130,000	150,000	150,000	
SUB-TOTAL	130,000	150,000	150,000	0
HOUSING ASSISTANCE				
RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME	6,470,000	6,400,000	5,220,000	1,180,000
LEASING - RECOUPMENT	6,085,889	7,282,100	6,132,100	1,150,000
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT	230,982	156,000	156,000	
RECOUPMENT - CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOUSING SOCIETIES	82,000	82,000	82,000	
HOUSING GRANT SCHEMES - RECOUPMENT	5,100,000	5,100,000	5,100,000	
CROÍ CÓNAITHE	0	6,480,000	6,480,000	
ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS	4,180,500	4,450,000	4,229,500	220,500
VACANT HOMES UNIT	240,000	188,400	188,400	
PRIVATE RENTED INSPECTIONS	325,000	600,000	600,000	
HOUSING FOR ALL	955,500	846,200	846,200	
ADMINISTRATION OF CAPITAL HOUSING SCHEMES	0	120,500	120,500	
ADMINISTRATION OF DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS	390,580	390,000	390,000	
SUB-TOTAL	24,060,451	32,095,200	29,544,700	2,550,500
HOUSING LOAN CHARGES & COSTS				
HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS	850,000	850,000		850,000
VOLUNTARY HOUSING LOANS	460,000	406,000	406,000	
LEASING LOANS	150,000	150,000	150,000	
MORTGAGE PROTECTION PREMIUM	110,000	110,000		110,000
SUB-TOTAL	1,570,000	1,516,000	556,000	960,000
RENT COLLECTION				
RENTS	7,000,000	9,000,000		9,000,000
SUB-TOTAL	7,000,000	9,000,000	0	9,000,000
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	179,723	171,957		171,957
SOCIAL WORKERS/TALO - RECOUPMENT	329,580	329,310	329,310	
SUB-TOTAL	509,303	501,267	329,310	171,957
TOTAL INCOME	33,269,754	43,262,467	30,580,010	12,682,457

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
NATIONAL ROADS				
NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS MAINTENANCE	787,948	551,611		551,611
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS MAINTENANCE	727,360	761,496		761,496
SUB-TOTAL	1,515,308	1,313,107	0	1,313,107
REGIONAL ROADS				
MAINTENANCE GRANTS	2,276,065	2,351,065		2,351,065
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	6,732,870	7,560,928		7,560,928
SUB-TOTAL	9,008,935	9,911,993	0	9,911,993
LOCAL ROADS				
MAINTENANCE GRANTS	9,158,935	8,993,935		8,993,935
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	18,336,041	17,891,441		17,891,441
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES	1,571,736	1,709,099		1,709,099
MAINTENANCE OWN RESOURCES	4,250,000	4,400,000	250,000	4,150,000
JAPANESE KNOTWEED	75,000	75,000	75,000	
LOAN REPAYMENTS	271,500	120,000	120,000	
MACHINERY YARD SUBVENTION	100,000	100,000	100,000	
SUB-TOTAL	33,763,212	33,289,475	545,000	32,744,475
ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT				
ROAD SAFETY	120,000	120,000	120,000	
LOW COST SAFETY GRANTS	696,350	849,600		849,600
PAY AND DISPLAY	1,436,150	1,455,000		1,455,000
CAPITAL MATCH FUNDING	550,000	550,000	550,000	
CAR PARKING LOAN CHARGES	280,000	280,000	280,000	
SUB-TOTAL	3,082,500	3,254,600	950,000	2,304,600
PUBLIC LIGHTING				
NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS	77,768	77,768		77,768
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS	151,631	97,631		97,631
OTHER ROUTES	1,620,000	1,850,000		1,850,000
PUBLIC LIGHTING LOAN CHARGES	275,000	405,000	405,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,124,399	2,430,399	405,000	2,025,399
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SALARIES	360,740	369,600	369,600	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	6,000	6,000	6,000	
PRIVATE WORKS	10,000	10,000	10,000	
REGIONAL DESIGN OFFICE - PROJECT OFFICE	1,951,115	1,851,115	1,851,115	
NTA PROJECT OFFICE	325,684	503,763	503,763	
COUNTY DESIGN OFFICE	1,015,950	1,053,000	1,053,000	
ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE SHARED SERVICE	141,743	142,809	142,809	
OTHER EXPENSES	58,000	58,000	58,000	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	6,505,623	6,834,200	6,834,200	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	2,999,017	2,915,561	2,915,561	
SUB-TOTAL	13,373,872	13,744,048	13,744,048	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	62,868,226	63,943,622	15,644,048	48,299,574

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
NATIONAL ROADS				
NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS MAINTENANCE	787,948	551,611	551,611	
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS MAINTENANCE	727,360	761,496	761,496	
SUB-TOTAL	1,515,308	1,313,107	1,313,107	0
REGIONAL ROADS				
MAINTENANCE GRANTS	2,276,065	2,351,065	2,351,065	
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	6,732,870	7,560,928	7,560,928	
SUB-TOTAL	9,008,935	9,911,993	9,911,993	0
LOCAL ROADS				
MAINTENANCE GRANTS	9,158,935	8,993,935	8,993,935	
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	18,336,041	17,891,441	17,891,441	
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES	1,571,736	1,709,099	1,709,099	
MAINTENANCE OWN RESOURCES	200,000	200,000		200,000
SUB-TOTAL	29,266,712	28,794,475	28,594,475	200,000
ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT				
ROAD SAFETY	90,000	90,000		90,000
LOW COST SAFETY GRANTS	696,350	849,600	849,600	
PAY AND DISPLAY	2,585,000	2,685,000		2,685,000
SUB-TOTAL	3,371,350	3,624,600	849,600	2,775,000
PUBLIC LIGHTING				
NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS	77,768	77,768	77,768	
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS	151,631	97,631	97,631	
SUB-TOTAL	229,399	175,399	175,399	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	421,561	403,345		403,345
PRIVATE WORKS	10,000	10,000	10,000	
ROAD OPENINGS LICENCES	165,000	230,000		230,000
REGIONAL DESIGN OFFICE - PROJECT OFFICE	1,951,115	1,851,115	1,851,115	
NTA PROJECT OFFICE	325,684	503,763	503,763	
REGIONAL DESIGN OFFICE - RENTAL	75,000	75,000		75,000
COUNTY DESIGN OFFICE	587,062	567,062	567,062	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	138,000	150,000		150,000
SUB-TOTAL	3,673,422	3,790,285	2,931,940	858,345
TOTAL INCOME	47,065,126	47,609,859	43,776,514	3,833,345

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	5,326,025	1,276,000	1,276,000	
SUB-TOTAL	5,326,025	1,276,000	1,276,000	0
PUBLIC SEWERAGE SCHEMES				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	2,560,975	636,000	636,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,560,975	636,000	636,000	0
METER READING				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	276,000	33,500	33,500	
SUB-TOTAL	276,000	33,500	33,500	0
PRIVATE SCHEMES				
GROUP WATER SCHEMES SUBSIDY	5,800,000	6,300,000	6,300,000	
ADMINISTRATION OF GROUP SCHEMES	830,000	818,000	818,000	
GROUP WATER SAMPLING	180,000	250,000	250,000	
SUB-TOTAL	6,810,000	7,368,000	7,368,000	0
ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	1,041,100	106,000	106,000	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	90,000	90,000	90,000	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	5,601,053	5,893,749	5,893,749	
SUB-TOTAL	6,732,153	6,089,749	6,089,749	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	21,705,153	15,403,249	15,403,249	0

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	5,326,025	1,276,000	1,276,000	
SUB-TOTAL	5,326,025	1,276,000	1,276,000	0
PUBLIC SEWERAGE SCHEMES				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	2,560,975	636,000	636,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,560,975	636,000	636,000	0
COLLECTION OF WATER & WASTE WATER CHARGES				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	276,000	33,500	33,500	
SUB-TOTAL	276,000	33,500	33,500	0
PRIVATE SCHEMES				
RECOUPMENT OF SUBSIDY	5,800,000	6,300,000	6,300,000	
RECOUPMENT OF ADMINISTRATION COSTS	830,000	808,000	808,000	
RECOUPMENT OF GROUP WATER SCHEMES SAMPLING	150,000	230,000	230,000	
SUB-TOTAL	6,780,000	7,338,000	7,338,000	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
IRISH WATER AGENCY SERVICE	1,041,100	106,000	106,000	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS RECOUPMENT GRANT	4,435,000	4,050,816	4,050,816	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	3,500	3,500		3,500
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	354,236	338,929		338,929
SUB-TOTAL	5,833,836	4,499,245	4,156,816	342,429
TOTAL INCOME	20,776,836	13,782,745	13,440,316	342,429

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT				
SALARIES	2,778,440	3,327,420	3,327,420	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	65,000	57,000	57,000	
LEGAL EXPENSES	70,000	70,000	70,000	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	85,780	107,000	107,000	
DEVELOPMENT PLANS	165,000	175,000	175,000	
OFFICE EXPENSES	47,500	50,000	50,000	
RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX	0	313,484	313,484	
PLANNING ENFORCEMENT	263,462	265,000	265,000	
NATIONAL BUILDING CONTROL OFFICE	63,000	120,000	120,000	
SUB-TOTAL	3,538,182	4,484,904	4,484,904	0
COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE FUNCTION				
SALARIES	632,100	543,700	543,700	
COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT	703,800	677,240	677,240	
SICAP	2,015,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	
LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM	325,500	495,000	495,000	
COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FORUM	0	204,935	204,935	
INNOVATION ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND	20,000	20,000	20,000	
EMPLOYMENT AND ENTERPRISE	57,700	57,700	57,700	
HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT	2,100,000	112,725	112,725	
COMMUNITY PROMOTION	35,000	35,000	35,000	
COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE	407,000	407,000	407,000	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	50,000	51,200	51,200	
SUB-TOTAL	6,346,100	4,804,500	4,804,500	0
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION				
SALARIES	1,465,843	1,421,549	1,421,549	
ENTERPRISE AND INVESTMENT UNIT	215,000	192,000	192,000	
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE	1,472,996	1,952,000	1,952,000	
SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT FUND	715,000	700,000	700,000	
SDZ IRELAND WEST AIRPORT KNOCK PROJECT MANAGEMENT	356,155	339,681	339,681	
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION	356,200	381,200	381,200	
TOURISM MATCH FUNDING	160,000	215,000	215,000	
TOWN CENTRE FIRST PROGRAMME	192,700	176,200	176,200	
URDF/RRDF PROGRAMME	1,220,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	
STRATEGIC CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME	103,500	92,319	92,319	
CAPITAL MATCH FUNDING (LPT)	739,220	713,370		713,370
COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND	60,000	60,000		60,000
IWAK - SUPPORT & INVESTMENT	160,000	160,000	160,000	
DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT	251,000	236,500	236,500	
DIGITAL HUB	30,000	45,000		45,000
IQ BUILDING	129,200	132,600		132,600
BROADBAND - LOAN CHARGES	58,000	58,000	58,000	
NORTHERN & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY	275,000	288,093	288,093	
PROPERTY PORTFOLIO & ASSET MANAGEMENT	116,000	116,000	116,000	
LOAN CHARGES	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	
SUB-TOTAL	9,305,814	9,709,512	8,758,542	950,970
HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION				
HERITAGE & BIODIVERSITY	440,350	452,650	452,650	
CONSERVATION WORKS	592,000	490,000	490,000	
SUB-TOTAL	1,032,350	942,650	942,650	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	3,586,412	3,810,723	3,810,723	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	1,014,972	1,040,417	1,040,417	
SUB-TOTAL	4,601,384	4,851,140	4,851,140	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,823,830	24,792,706	23,841,736	950,970

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT				
PLANNING FEES	611,000	540,000		540,000
COMMENCEMENT NOTICES	40,000	40,000		40,000
PLANNING - RECOUPMENT	197,300	467,800	467,800	
RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX	0	313,484	313,484	
SUB-TOTAL	848,300	1,361,284	781,284	580,000
COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE FUNCTION				
COMMUNITY & INTEGRATED DEV. GRANTS/RECOUPMENT	527,475	500,840	500,840	
SICAP	2,000,000	2,180,000	2,180,000	
LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM	325,500	495,000	495,000	
COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FORUM	0	204,935	204,935	
COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE	407,000	407,000	407,000	
HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT	2,100,000	112,725	112,725	
SUB-TOTAL	5,359,975	3,900,500	3,900,500	0
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION				
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE RECOUPMENT	1,269,839	1,727,000	1,727,000	
SDZ IRELAND WEST AIRPORT KNOCK PROJECT MANAGEMENT	356,155	339,681	339,681	
TOWN CENTRE FIRST PROGRAMME	160,000	130,000	130,000	
RECOUPMENT - CAPITAL DELIVERY	260,000	260,000	260,000	
DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT	150,750	146,650	146,650	
PROPERTY & OTHER RENTAL INCOME	79,350	80,000		80,000
RECOUPMENT - IWAK LOAN CHARGES	52,600	50,500	50,500	
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION		25,000	25,000	
IQ BUILDING	86,000	130,000		130,000
SUB-TOTAL	2,414,694	2,888,831	2,678,831	210,000
HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION				
HERITAGE & BIODIVERSITY GRANTS	245,383	235,750	235,750	
CONSERVATION WORKS	480,000	380,000	380,000	
SUB-TOTAL	725,383	615,750	615,750	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	185,136	177,136		177,136
OTHER RECEIPTS	14,500	10,000		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	199,636	187,136	0	187,136
TOTAL INCOME	9,547,988	8,953,501	7,976,365	977,136

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
LANDFILL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES				
LANDFILL AFTERCARE	595,000	595,000	595,000	
CIVIC AMENITY SITES	1,295,000	1,438,000	1,438,000	
LOAN REPAYMENTS	400,000	70,000	70,000	
RECYCLING	155,000	162,500	162,500	
SUB-TOTAL	2,445,000	2,265,500	2,265,500	0
ENVIRONMENT AND LITTER MANAGEMENT				
ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT SALARIES	405,977	385,502	385,502	
ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS & ENFORCEMENT	168,640	180,840	180,840	
ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN	96,000	96,000	96,000	
WASTE PREVENTION	26,100	26,100	26,100	
LITTER CONTROL	420,000	420,000		420,000
STREET CLEANING	1,775,000	1,800,000		1,800,000
ANTI DUMPING INITATIVE		102,560		102,560
SUB-TOTAL	2,891,717	3,011,002	688,442	2,322,560
WASTE MANAGEMENT				
WASTE RECOVERY LEVY	0	1,236,000	1,236,000	
CONNAUGHT WASTE PLAN AND REGIONAL OFFICE	452,500	465,500	465,500	
SUB-TOTAL	452,500	1,701,500	1,701,500	0
BURIAL GROUNDS				
CARETAKING AND MAINTENANCE	365,000	365,000		365,000
LOAN CHARGES	230,000	320,000	320,000	
SUB-TOTAL	595,000	685,000	320,000	365,000
SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES				
CIVIL DEFENCE	210,400	225,000	225,000	
DERELICT SITES	15,000	15,000	15,000	
WATER SAFETY	402,300	426,540	426,540	
REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE OFFICE	750,000	750,000	750,000	
ASBN ENERGY BUREAU	546,500	590,000	590,000	
CLIMATE CHANGE & FLOODING	673,500	839,900	839,900	
LOAN CHARGES	100,000	265,000	265,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,697,700	3,111,440	3,111,440	0
FIRE SERVICE				
FIRE SERVICE - SALARIES	1,672,100	1,870,800	1,870,800	
FIRE SERVICE - OPERATION	8,448,208	9,600,000	9,600,000	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE	2,641,517	2,740,218	2,740,218	
LOAN CHARGES	34,000	34,000	34,000	
SUB-TOTAL	12,795,825	14,245,018	14,245,018	0
POLLUTION CONTROL				
LICENSING AND MONITORING SALARIES	609,155	634,315	634,315	
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING & ANALYSIS	140,000	140,000	140,000	
MONITORING AND ENFORCING	35,000	35,000	35,000	
INSPECTION COSTS	246,680	430,420	430,420	
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS (NAIP)	128,200	144,000	144,000	
CAPITAL MATCH FUNDING	220,000	220,000	220,000	
SUB-TOTAL	1,379,035	1,603,735	1,603,735	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SALARIES	283,374	317,154	317,154	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	25,000	25,000	25,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	3,000	3,000	3,000	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	3,371,699	3,559,366	3,559,366	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	456,185	492,663	492,663	
SUB-TOTAL	4,139,258	4,397,183	4,397,183	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	27,396,035	31,020,378	28,332,818	2,687,560

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
LANDFILL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES				
CIVIC AMENITY CHARGES	940,000	930,000		930,000
SUB-TOTAL	940,000	930,000	0	930,000
ENVIRONMENT AND LITTER MANAGEMENT				
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT GRANT	225,000	225,000	225,000	
LITTER	10,000	10,000		10,000
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS	25,000	25,000	25,000	
ANTI DUMPING INITATIVE		102,560	102,560	
SUB-TOTAL	260,000	362,560	352,560	10,000
WASTE MANAGEMENT				
WASTE RECOVERY LEVY	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	
CONNAUGHT WASTE PLAN AND REGIONAL OFFICE	381,865	392,835	392,835	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	42,000	40,000	20,000	20,000
SUB-TOTAL	423,865	1,632,835	1,612,835	20,000
BURIAL GROUNDS				
BURIAL FEES	395,000	375,000		375,000
SUB-TOTAL	395,000	375,000	0	375,000
SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES				
CIVIL DEFENCE	126,500	126,500	126,500	
DERELICT SITES LEVY	40,000	50,000		50,000
REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE OFFICE - RECOUPMENT	750,000	750,000	750,000	
ASBN ENERGY BUREAU RECOUPMENT	491,840	530,000	530,000	
CLIMATE CHANGE & FLOODING RECOUPMENT	237,500	316,700	316,700	
SUB-TOTAL	1,645,840	1,773,200	1,723,200	50,000
FIRE SERVICE				
RECOUPMENT DEPT. OF HOUSING	2,013,347	2,325,000	2,325,000	
FIRE SAFETY CERTIFICATES	190,000	190,000		190,000
FIRE SERVICE CHARGES	350,000	375,000		375,000
REG. COMMUNICATION SERVICE- CONTRIBUTIONS	2,641,517	2,740,218	2,740,218	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	152,000	150,000		150,000
SUB-TOTAL	5,346,864	5,780,218	5,065,218	715,000
POLLUTION CONTROL				
MONITORING AND ENFORCING	35,000	35,000		35,000
INSPECTION COSTS RECOUPMENT	190,000	317,000	317,000	
LABORATORY RENTAL	0	160,000		160,000
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS (NAIP)	128,200	144,000	144,000	
SUB-TOTAL	353,200	656,000	461,000	195,000
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	207,592	198,622		198,622
SUB-TOTAL	207,592	198,622	0	198,622
TOTAL INCOME	9,572,361	11,708,435	9,214,813	2,493,622

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
SWIMMING POOLS AND LEISURE CENTRES				
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	3,955,000	4,334,500		4,334,500
LOAN CHARGES	245,000	245,000	245,000	
SUB-TOTAL	**4,200,000**	**4,579,500**	**245,000**	**4,334,500**
LIBRARIES				
SALARIES	2,502,100	2,526,000	2,526,000	
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	1,282,000	1,292,000	1,292,000	
LOAN CHARGES	75,000	75,000	75,000	
SWINFORD CULTURAL CENTRE	91,500	60,000		60,000
SUB-TOTAL	**3,950,600**	**3,953,000**	**3,893,000**	**60,000**
OUTDOOR LEISURE AREAS				
MAINTENANCE BEACHES/AMENITIES	252,000	255,000		255,000
PARKS & OPEN SPACES	930,000	975,000		975,000
MAINTENANCE & REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS	172,500	180,000	17,500	162,500
PROVISION FOR NEW PLAYGROUNDS	90,000	90,000	90,000	
GREENWAY MAINTENANCE	515,000	465,000		465,000
WATER SPORTS FACILITIES	0	120,000		120,000
LOAN CHARGES AMENITIES	605,000	730,000	730,000	
SUB-TOTAL	**2,564,500**	**2,815,000**	**837,500**	**1,977,500**
COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION				
MAYO SPORTS PARTNERSHIP	**876,449**	**910,000**	**910,000**	
SPORTS CO-ORDINATORS	80,000	90,000	90,000	
SPORTS BURSARY	5,000	5,000	5,000	
WALKING ROUTES	20,000	20,000	20,000	
LOUGH LANNAGH HOLIDAY VILLAGE	1,051,000	794,000		794,000
RECREATION & AMENITIES MATCH FUNDING	275,000	350,000	350,000	
SUB-TOTAL	**2,307,449**	**2,169,000**	**1,375,000**	**794,000**
ARTS AND MUSEUMS				
SALARIES	242,900	262,600	262,600	
ARTS PROGRAMME	366,000	386,000	386,000	
SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES	318,588	335,000	335,000	
TURLOUGH HOUSE - GARDENS	**200,000**	**220,000**		**220,000**
MUSEUMS	449,900	392,300		392,300
BALLYHAUNIS FRIARY	40,000	50,000		50,000
SUB-TOTAL	**1,617,388**	**1,645,900**	**983,600**	**662,300**
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SALARIES	267,170	263,430	263,430	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	2,596,815	2,735,698	2,735,698	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	375,610	408,920	408,920	
SUB-TOTAL	**3,239,595**	**3,408,048**	**3,408,048**	**0**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**17,879,532**	**18,570,448**	**10,742,148**	**7,828,300**

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
SWIMMING POOLS				
RECEIPTS -SWIMMING POOLS	2,445,000	2,770,000		2,770,000
SUB-TOTAL	2,445,000	2,770,000	0	2,770,000
LIBRARIES				
LIBRARY INCOME	355,000	355,000	335,000	20,000
SWINFORD CULTURAL CENTRE	20,000	20,000		20,000
SUB-TOTAL	375,000	375,000	335,000	40,000
OUTDOOR LEISURE AREAS				
WATER SPORTS FACILITIES	0	50,000		50,000
CARAVAN/CAMPING SITE	1,000	1,000		1,000
SUB-TOTAL	1,000	51,000	0	51,000
COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION				
MAYO SPORTS PARTNERSHIP	876,449	910,000	910,000	
LOUGH LANNAGH HOLIDAY VILLAGE	1,147,500	738,000		738,000
SUB-TOTAL	2,023,949	1,648,000	910,000	738,000
ARTS AND MUSEUMS				
GRANTS FOR ARTS	100,000	105,000	105,000	
SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES	256,672	269,361	269,361	
TURLOUGH HOUSE	200,000	220,000	220,000	
SUB-TOTAL	556,672	594,361	594,361	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	148,815	142,385		142,385
SUB-TOTAL	148,815	142,385	0	142,385
TOTAL INCOME	5,550,436	5,580,746	1,839,361	3,741,385

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
LAND DRAINAGE AND AGRICULTURE				
LOCAL LAND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE	40,000	40,000		40,000
LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION	35,000	42,000	42,000	
SUPERANNUATION-COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE	28,650	28,652	28,652	
SUB-TOTAL	103,650	110,652	70,652	40,000
PIERS HARBOURS AND COASTAL PROTECTION				
PIERS AND HARBOURS - MAINTENANCE	500,000	505,000		505,000
PIERS AND HARBOURS - CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	300,000	300,000	300,000	
PIERS AND HARBOURS - LOAN CHARGES	196,000	196,000	196,000	
COASTAL EROSION	20,000	20,000		20,000
SUB-TOTAL	1,016,000	1,021,000	496,000	525,000
VETERINARY SERVICES				
DOG CONTROL	276,200	362,300	362,300	
CONTROL OF HORSES	24,000	15,000	15,000	
ANIMAL WELFARE	50,000	50,000	50,000	
SUB-TOTAL	350,200	427,300	427,300	0
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT				
SCHOOLS MEALS	3,810	3,875	3,875	
SUB-TOTAL	3,810	3,875	3,875	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	425,833	452,515	452,515	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	87,375	84,468	84,468	
SUB-TOTAL	513,208	536,983	536,983	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,986,868	2,099,810	1,534,810	565,000

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
VETERINARY SERVICES				
DOG LICENCES	217,900	286,000	50,000	236,000
CONTROL OF HORSES	24,000	15,000	15,000	
SUB-TOTAL	241,900	301,000	65,000	236,000
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT				
SCHOOLS MEALS	1,905	1,905	1,905	
SUB-TOTAL	1,905	1,905	1,905	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION	23,022	22,027		22,027
SUB-TOTAL	23,022	22,027	0	22,027
TOTAL INCOME	266,827	324,932	66,905	258,027

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
RATES				
SALARIES	568,590	579,650	579,650	
OFFICE EXPENSES	55,000	60,450	60,450	
IRRECOVERABLE RATES	4,000,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	
PROVISION FOR RATE APPEALS	2,845,000	770,000	770,000	
LEGAL FEES	45,000	45,000	45,000	
SUB-TOTAL	7,513,590	4,955,100	4,955,100	0
FRANCHISE COSTS				
REGISTER OF ELECTORS	216,112	425,000	425,000	
LOCAL ELECTIONS	100,000	100,000	100,000	
SUB-TOTAL	316,112	525,000	525,000	0
MORGUE AND CORONER EXPENSES				
CORONERS AND INQUESTS	312,400	310,000	310,000	
SUB-TOTAL	312,400	310,000	310,000	0
LOCAL REPRESENTATION & CIVIC LEADERSHIP				
SALARIES	930,000	930,000	930,000	
CATHAOIRLEACH AND LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH ALLOWANCE	60,000	60,000	60,000	
MEMBERS ALLOWANCE	296,700	296,700	296,700	
CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS IN IRELAND	75,000	85,000	85,000	
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES	36,000	36,000	36,000	
OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS & PRESENTATIONS	4,000	6,000	6,000	
CONFERENCES ABROAD	70,000	70,000	70,000	
ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,500	21,000	21,000	
MEMBERS ASSOCIATIONS AND NETWORKS	13,000	15,000	15,000	
SECURITY MEASURES	25,000	30,000	30,000	
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION	2,100,000	2,100,000		2,100,000
SUB-TOTAL	3,629,200	3,649,700	1,549,700	2,100,000
MOTOR TAXATION				
SALARIES	561,800	580,750	580,750	
MOTOR TAXATION OPERATION	95,000	95,000	95,000	
SUB-TOTAL	656,800	675,750	675,750	0
AGENCY AND RECOUPABLE SERVICES				
SECONDED STAFF	270,500	203,600	203,600	
REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE	1,495,000	1,495,000	1,495,000	
CANTEEN	225,000	240,000	240,000	
COURTHOUSES	5,000	4,000	4,000	
ARCHITECT SERVICES SUPPORT	130,000	25,000	25,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,125,500	1,967,600	1,967,600	0
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SALARIES	136,380	118,250	118,250	
MISCELLANEOUS	7,083	8,061	8,061	
SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS	2,632,723	2,830,449	2,830,449	
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SALARIES	658,555	751,403	751,403	
SUB-TOTAL	3,434,741	3,708,163	3,708,163	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,988,343	15,791,313	13,691,313	2,100,000

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
RATES				
RATES PEL/REVISIONS	70,000	20,000		20,000
SUB-TOTAL	**70,000**	**20,000**	**0**	**20,000**
FRANCHISE COSTS				
REGISTER OF ELECTORS	40,000	123,000	123,000	
SUB-TOTAL	**40,000**	**123,000**	**123,000**	**0**
OPERATION OF MARKETS & CASUAL TRADING				
CASUAL TRADING	17,000	15,000		15,000
SUB-TOTAL	**17,000**	**15,000**	**0**	**15,000**
AGENCY AND RECOUPABLE SERVICES				
SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPORT GRANT	14,956,644	16,868,823	16,868,823	
RECOUPMENT SECONDED STAFF	**270,500**	**203,600**	**203,600**	
TRAINING CENTRE	**1,495,000**	**1,495,000**	**1,495,000**	
CANTEEN	150,000	170,000		170,000
COURTHOUSES - GRANT FROM DEPT. OF JUSTICE	**5,000**	**4,000**	**4,000**	
NPPR - NON PRINCIPAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE	40,000	0		0
MISCELLANEOUS	12,500	50,000		50,000
SUB-TOTAL	**16,929,644**	**18,791,423**	**18,571,423**	**220,000**
SUPPORT & OVERHEAD COSTS				
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	99,916	95,599		95,599
OTHER INCOME	126,400	105,000		105,000
SUB-TOTAL	**226,316**	**200,599**	**0**	**200,599**
TOTAL INCOME	**17,282,960**	**19,150,022**	**18,694,423**	**455,599**

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
CORPORATE BUILDINGS				
SALARIES - CARETAKING AND CLEANING	331,814	344,827	344,827	
HEATING AND LIGHTING	200,000	155,000	155,000	
FUNDING OF OFFICES AND BUILDINGS	407,500	600,000	600,000	
LOAN CHARGES	305,000	305,000	305,000	
OFFICE MAINTENANCE	200,000	230,000	230,000	
RATES AND WATER CHARGES	250,000	300,000	300,000	
INSURANCES	555,000	610,000	610,000	
EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE	3,000	3,000	3,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,252,314	2,547,827	2,547,827	0
CORPORATE SERVICES				
SALARIES	1,582,345	1,759,370	1,759,370	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	21,000	21,000	21,000	
PROCUREMENT	235,800	242,600	242,600	
L.G.O.P.C.	75,000	75,000	75,000	
TELEPHONES	38,000	35,000	35,000	
AUDITING	148,000	148,000	148,000	
ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE	40,000	40,000	40,000	
L.G.M.A. FINANCE & BUSINESS	175,650	205,650	205,650	
LEGAL EXPENSES	67,000	70,000	70,000	
IRISH OFFICE	58,000	58,000	58,000	
COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING	176,100	176,100	176,100	
POSTAGE	146,000	146,000	146,000	
PRINTING,STATIONERY AND ADVERTISING	30,000	30,000	30,000	
OTHER EXPENSES	26,000	26,000	26,000	
SUB-TOTAL	2,818,895	3,032,720	3,032,720	0
I.T. SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES				
SALARIES - I.T.	1,763,770	1,864,390	1,864,390	
COMPUTER SERVICES	2,170,000	2,480,000	2,480,000	
GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS	270,000	275,500	275,500	
SALARIES - HUMAN RESOURCES & PAYROLL	1,746,585	1,780,445	1,780,445	
SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK	367,100	370,700	370,700	
STAFF TRAINING & RECRUITMENT	300,000	400,000	400,000	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	6,000	6,000	6,000	
OTHER EXPENSES	45,000	45,000	45,000	
I.P.A.	39,000	39,000	39,000	
PAYROLL SHARED SERVICE	152,955	153,404	153,404	
MISCELLANEOUS	15,000	15,000	15,000	
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME	20,000	20,000	20,000	
SUB-TOTAL	6,895,410	7,449,439	7,449,439	0
FINANCE AND PENSION COSTS				
SALARIES	1,930,240	2,049,430	2,049,430	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	5,000	5,000	5,000	
OFFICE COSTS	55,000	65,000	65,000	
BANK INTEREST AND CHARGES	60,000	40,000	40,000	
LOAN CHARGES	800,000	800,000	800,000	
PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES	12,500,000	13,000,000	13,000,000	
SUB-TOTAL	15,350,240	15,959,430	15,959,430	0

EXPENDITURE	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICE OVERHEADS				
BALLINA MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	357,000	357,000	357,000	
CASTLEBAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	75,000	75,000	75,000	
CLAREMORRIS SWINFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	410,000	368,000	368,000	
WEST MAYO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	380,000	380,000	380,000	
SUB-TOTAL	1,222,000	1,180,000	1,180,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	28,538,859	30,169,416	30,169,416	0

TOTAL ALL SERVICES EXPENDITURE	213,473,677	219,587,935	153,991,531	65,596,404

INCOME	ADOPTED 2025	BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	1,620,000	1,550,000		1,550,000
TOTAL INCOME	1,620,000	1,550,000	0	1,550,000

TOTAL ALL SERVICES INCOME	143,332,288	150,372,707	125,588,707	24,784,000

BUDGET SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION		BUDGET 2026	COUNTY AT LARGE 2026	MD SCH OF WORKS 2026
GROSS REVENUE EXPENDITURE				
A.	Housing and Building	47,966,409	44,801,409	3,165,000
B.	Road Transport and Safety	63,943,622	15,644,048	48,299,574
C.	Water Services	15,403,249	15,403,249	0
D.	Development Management	24,792,706	23,841,736	950,970
E.	Environmental Services	31,020,378	28,332,818	2,687,560
F.	Recreation and Amenity	18,570,448	10,742,148	7,828,300
G.	Agriculture,Education, Health and Welfare	2,099,810	1,534,810	565,000
H.	Miscellaneous Services	15,791,313	13,691,313	2,100,000
	Total Gross Expenditure	219,587,935	153,991,531	65,596,404
	Plus Provision for Debit Balance			
	Adjusted Gross Expenditure	219,587,935	153,991,531	65,596,404

		BUDGET 2026	GRANTS & AGENCY 2026	GOODS & SERVICES 2026
GROSS REVENUE INCOME				
A.	Housing and Building	43,262,467	30,580,010	12,682,457
B.	Road Transport and Safety	47,609,859	43,776,514	3,833,345
C.	Water Services	13,782,745	13,440,316	342,429
D.	Development Management	8,953,501	7,976,365	977,136
E.	Environmental Services	11,708,435	9,214,813	2,493,622
F.	Recreation and Amenity	5,580,746	1,839,361	3,741,385
G.	Agriculture,Education, Health and Welfare	324,932	66,905	258,027
H.	Miscellaneous Services	19,150,022	18,694,423	455,599
	Total Gross Income	150,372,707	125,588,707	24,784,000
	NET EXPENDITURE	69,215,228		
OTHER INCOME				
	Local Property Tax	23,025,711		
	Total Other Income	23,025,711		
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED		**46,189,517**		
NET EFFECTIVE VALUATION		187,002,093		
ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION		**€0.247**		

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TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION							
Summary by Service Division		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2026		Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2025	
		€	€	€	%	€	%
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income							
Housing and Building		47,966,409	43,262,467	4,703,942	6.8%	4,830,087	7.2%
Road Transport & Safety		63,943,622	47,609,859	16,333,763	23.6%	15,820,941	23.5%
Water Services		15,403,249	13,782,745	1,620,504	2.3%	1,194,360	1.8%
Development Management		24,792,706	8,953,501	15,839,205	22.9%	14,431,823	21.4%
Environmental Services		31,020,378	11,708,435	19,311,943	27.9%	17,558,022	26.0%
Recreation and Amenity		18,570,448	5,580,746	12,989,702	18.8%	11,974,455	17.8%
Agriculture, Food and the Marine		2,099,810	324,932	1,774,878	2.6%	1,637,085	2.4%
Miscellaneous Services		15,791,313	19,150,022	-3,358,709	-4.9%	-8,180	0.0%
		219,587,934	**150,372,707**	**69,215,227**	**100.0%**	**67,438,594**	**100.0%**
Provision for Debit Balance							
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income	**(A)**	**219,587,934**	**150,372,707**	**69,215,227**		**67,438,594**	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances							
Provision for Credit Balance							
Local Property Tax			23,025,711	23,025,711		22,251,565	
Sub - Total	**(B)**			**23,025,711**		**22,251,565**	
Amount of Rates to be Levied	**C=(A-B)**			**46,189,516**			
Net Effective Valuation	**(E)**			187,002,093			
General Annual Rate on Valuation	**D/E**			**0.247**			

Table B		Expenditure & Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025							
		2026				2025			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Division & Services	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayo	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Housing and Building								
Code									
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units		5,655,406		9,512,322	4,934,813	4,852,732	7,494,083	7,501,076
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer		1,384,286		19,128	1,364,490	1,145,837	19,992	18,881
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		887,151		12,700	838,398	815,037	13,274	12,536
A04	Housing Community Development Support		886,522		8,558	782,339	736,766	8,944	8,447
A05	Administration of Homeless Service		5,204,993		4,458,063	4,899,784	4,829,897	4,188,927	3,967,959
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.		5,302,244		2,653,695	4,805,142	4,702,966	2,424,739	2,371,163
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme		13,255,825		13,689,261	12,250,241	12,541,812	12,563,373	12,900,068
A08	Housing Loans		1,545,256		968,168	1,522,215	1,470,590	968,537	973,991
A09	Housing Grants		13,406,826		11,591,441	6,869,633	10,384,928	5,111,957	8,976,293
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services		205,917		189,270	256,419	141,743	240,910	126,759
A12	HAP Programme		231,984		159,861	302,218	218,764	235,017	153,811
	Service Division Total		47,966,409		43,262,467	38,825,690	41,841,072	33,269,754	37,010,985
Code	**Road Transport & Safety**								
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement		1,027,696		562,896	1,250,452	999,210	799,743	562,750
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement		1,546,756		778,660	1,493,161	1,497,303	745,299	778,439
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement		11,243,602		9,952,485	10,332,239	11,198,979	9,051,256	9,951,963
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		37,706,400		29,015,497	37,798,016	37,557,729	29,496,948	29,012,865
B05	Public Lighting		2,513,937		176,760	2,212,734	2,376,895	230,822	176,743
B06	Traffic Management Improvement		261,065		17,239	256,652	241,538	22,431	22,184
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement		960,815		853,573	809,962	958,485	700,503	853,522
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education		145,436		91,771	144,495	144,016	91,851	91,748
B09	Car Parking		2,130,483		2,703,753	2,100,921	1,586,559	2,604,600	2,153,511
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.		4,927,419		2,432,457	5,050,398	4,748,328	2,402,881	2,373,522
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services		1,480,013		1,024,767	1,419,195	1,393,621	918,793	904,474
	Service Division Total		63,943,622		47,609,859	62,868,226	62,702,662	47,065,126	46,881,721

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		2026				2025			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Division & Services	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayo	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Water Services								
Code									
C01	Water Supply		3,280,709		1,402,985	7,235,657	5,904,956	5,458,745	4,165,347
C02	Waste Water Treatment		2,383,720		735,146	4,221,762	3,701,607	2,664,599	2,182,867
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges		156,334		41,664	392,616	273,969	284,532	168,058
C04	Public Conveniences		97,562		3,845	97,258	97,042	3,861	3,841
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations		7,734,111		7,355,101	7,155,909	7,445,309	6,797,873	7,087,880
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme		1,714,577		190,791	2,567,530	1,936,708	1,129,721	537,697
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services		36,236		2,397	34,421	33,642	2,505	2,366
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services		0		4,050,816	0	0	4,435,000	4,050,816
	Service Division Total		15,403,249		13,782,745	21,705,153	19,393,232	20,776,836	18,198,872
Code	**Development Management**								
D01	Forward Planning		1,855,791		541,272	1,373,662	1,481,737	119,122	400,792
D02	Development Management		3,791,999		793,227	3,244,676	3,064,325	777,377	698,920
D03	Enforcement		1,014,926		78,220	1,047,533	950,089	11,413	10,779
D04	Industrial & Commercial Facilities		0		0	0	0	5,200	0
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion		1,651,553		91,097	1,621,988	1,527,867	68,901	92,996
D06	Community and Enterprise Function		4,904,227		3,513,717	6,430,834	4,934,987	4,974,105	3,543,397
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates		102,174		63	80,661	56,444	66	62
D08	Building Control		254,864		46,301	189,564	185,545	46,586	44,220
D09	Economic Development and Promotion		9,082,418		2,711,633	8,644,647	8,843,056	2,300,729	2,773,730
D10	Property Management		501,725		142,734	484,333	480,102	99,054	78,642
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services		996,455		618,232	1,083,223	858,648	727,978	506,286
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services		636,575		417,005	622,709	615,724	417,457	416,876
	Service Division Total		24,792,706		8,953,501	24,823,830	22,998,522	9,547,988	8,566,700

Table B		Expenditure & Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025							
		2026				2025			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Division & Services	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayo	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	**Environmental Services**								
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare		2,511,869		948,884	2,676,881	2,701,881	959,737	933,640
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations		225,858		43,287	204,344	204,750	43,345	41,270
E05	Litter Management		1,148,230		149,037	1,016,068	1,046,428	46,995	148,889
E06	Street Cleaning		2,362,294		36,419	2,304,282	2,306,339	38,064	35,949
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		714,015		232,565	721,699	682,366	234,997	234,441
E08	Waste Management Planning		493,888		393,990	479,288	478,465	383,073	383,005
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds		1,022,345		381,379	898,794	900,926	401,667	377,997
E10	Safety of Structures and Places		1,265,099		190,861	1,205,398	1,227,042	181,510	177,660
E11	Operation of Fire Service		10,657,935		2,819,732	9,453,475	10,298,376	2,488,744	3,284,542
E12	Fire Prevention		1,419,107		249,725	1,243,404	1,152,114	247,390	259,535
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution		1,992,430		513,570	1,737,571	1,790,091	371,564	405,544
E14	Agency & Recoupable Servicess		5,987,033		5,427,384	4,573,112	4,003,357	3,932,653	3,573,594
E15	Climate Change and Flooding		1,220,275		321,602	881,717	809,790	242,623	187,838
	Service Division Total		31,020,378		11,708,435	27,396,034	27,601,927	9,572,361	10,043,905
	Recreation & Amenity								
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations		5,075,665		2,801,485	4,670,727	4,882,119	2,477,907	2,742,078
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service		4,970,584		430,694	4,915,381	4,560,493	433,209	432,475
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations		3,942,703		78,616	3,644,345	3,709,972	29,863	28,259
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development		2,541,725		1,660,207	2,659,244	2,619,418	2,036,707	1,999,549
F05	Operation of Arts Programme		2,039,772		609,745	1,989,836	1,988,862	572,751	584,045
	Service Division Total		18,570,448		5,580,746	17,879,532	17,760,863	5,550,436	5,786,407

Table B		Expenditure & Income for 2026 and Estimated Outturn for 2025							
		2026				2025			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
	Division & Services	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayo	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	**Agriculture, Food and the Marine**								
G01	Land Drainage Costs		115,820		452	108,598	114,347	473	446
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours		1,138,675		4,136	1,133,525	1,124,359	4,323	4,083
G03	Coastal Protection		57,608		563	56,033	55,254	589	556
G04	Veterinary Service		779,377		317,803	680,694	635,412	259,462	293,087
G05	Educational Support Services		8,330		1,977	8,017	7,860	1,980	1,976
	Service Division Total		2,099,810		324,932	1,986,868	1,937,233	266,827	300,148
Code	**Miscellaneous Services**								
H03	Adminstration of Rates		5,466,365		33,389	7,985,485	7,667,125	83,993	23,216
H04	Franchise Costs		634,285		127,394	418,824	421,263	44,593	87,732
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses		454,058		5,693	446,276	426,443	5,950	5,619
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading		25,599		15,277	20,345	24,008	17,290	13,274
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership		4,746,502		32,303	4,676,808	4,662,071	33,761	31,886
H10	Motor Taxation		1,766,990		20,987	1,633,488	1,701,289	21,934	20,716
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services		2,697,513		18,914,979	2,807,117	2,716,726	17,075,438	17,444,661
	Service Division Total		15,791,313		19,150,022	17,988,343	17,618,925	17,282,960	17,627,104
	OVERALL TOTAL		**219,587,934**		**150,372,707**	**213,473,677**	**211,854,436**	**143,332,288**	**144,415,842**

Table D	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2026 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	**2026** **€**
Rents from Houses	11,330,000
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	960,000
Parking Fines/Charges	2,685,000
Uisce Éireann	2,051,500
Planning Fees	580,000
Landfill Charges	930,000
Fire Charges	375,000
Recreation / Amenity/Culture	3,508,000
Agency Services & Repayable Works	4,016,918
Local Authority Contributions	911,935
Superannuation	1,550,000
Misc. (Detail)	4,361,000
TOTAL	**33,259,353**

Table E	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2026 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	
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Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Housing and Building	30,580,010
Water Services	11,388,816
Development Management	1,399,549
Environmental Services	2,642,000
Recreation and Amenity	25,000
Miscellaneous Services	16,991,823
	63,027,198
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	3,339,621
Culture, Communications and Sport	403,400
National Transport Authority	503,763
Social Protection	269,361
Defence	126,500
Arts Council	105,000
Transport	38,214,031
Justice, Home Affairs and Migration	124,000
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine	15,000
Enterprise, Tourism and Employment	2,066,681
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht	4,920,949
Climate, Environment and Energy	1,266,560
Other	2,731,290
	54,086,156
Total Grants & Subsidies	**117,113,354**

Table F Comprises Expenditure and Income by Division

Division to Sub-Service Level

Code	HOUSING AND BUILDING				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units		3,442,400	2,841,000	2,844,500
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management		435,900	436,200	446,100
A0199	Service Support Costs		1,777,106	1,657,613	1,562,132
	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units		5,655,406	4,934,813	4,852,732
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.		936,107	943,716	740,086
A0299	Service Support Costs		448,179	420,774	405,751
	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer		1,384,286	1,364,490	1,145,837
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment		583,540	553,175	539,987
A0399	Service Support Costs		303,611	285,223	275,050
	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		887,151	838,398	815,037
A0401	Housing Estate Management		393,416	351,975	325,765
A0402	Tenancy Management		274,340	224,700	212,900
A0499	Service Support Costs		218,766	205,664	198,101
	Housing Community Development Support		886,522	782,339	736,766
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies		4,700,000	4,400,000	4,400,000
A0599	Service Support Costs		504,993	499,784	429,897
	Administration of Homeless Service		5,204,993	4,899,784	4,829,897
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support		3,316,071	2,840,345	2,814,907
A0602	Loan Charges		697,945	749,990	714,009
A0699	Service Support Costs		1,288,228	1,214,807	1,174,050
	Support to Housing Capital Prog.		5,302,244	4,805,142	4,702,966
A0701	RAS Operations		10,906,000	10,620,272	10,653,700
A0702	Long term leasing		360,000	0	294,000
A0703	Payment & Availability		1,325,000	1,103,018	950,000
A0799	RAS Service Support Costs		664,825	526,951	644,112
	RAS and Leasing Programme		13,255,825	12,250,241	12,541,812
A0801	Loan Interest and Other Charges		1,300,077	1,289,958	1,249,187
A0802	Debt Management Housing Loans		24,895	25,000	22,000
A0899	Service Support Costs		220,284	207,257	199,404
	Housing Loans		1,545,256	1,522,215	1,470,590
A0901	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme		2,000,000	2,000,000	1,342,971
A0904	Other Housing Grant Payments		6,480,000	0	5,650,000
A0905	Mobility Aids Housing Grants		4,000,000	4,000,000	2,557,029
A0999	Service Support Costs		926,826	869,633	834,928
	Housing Grants		13,406,826	6,869,633	10,384,928
A1101	Agency & Recoupable Service		188,400	240,000	125,900
A1199	Service Support Costs		17,517	16,419	15,843
	Agency & Recoupable Services		205,917	256,419	141,743
A1201	HAP Operations		2,000	2,000	11,000
A1299	Service Support Costs		229,984	300,218	207,764
	HAP Programme		231,984	302,218	218,764
	Service Division Total		**47,966,409**	**38,825,690**	**41,841,072**

HOUSING AND BUILDING				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor**	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated Outturn**
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage		30,580,010	22,630,449	26,403,819
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		30,580,010	22,630,449	26,403,819
Goods and Services				
Rents from houses		11,330,000	9,279,082	9,251,500
Housing Loans Interest & Charges		960,000	960,000	965,929
Superannuation		171,957	179,723	169,738
Other income		220,500	220,500	220,000
Total Goods and Services (b)		12,682,457	10,639,305	10,607,167
Total Income c=(a+b)		**43,262,467**	**33,269,754**	**37,010,985**

Code	ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance		161,940	324,940	161,940
B0105	NP - General Maintenance		389,671	463,008	389,671
B0199	Service Support Costs		476,085	462,504	447,599
	National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		1,027,696	1,250,452	999,210
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance		186,198	324,198	186,198
B0206	NS - General Maintenance		575,298	403,162	575,298
B0299	Service Support Costs		785,260	765,801	735,807
	National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		1,546,756	1,493,161	1,497,303
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing		396,000	396,000	396,000
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay		7,512,060	6,546,730	7,512,060
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance		550,065	475,065	550,065
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance		48,868	186,140	48,868
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works		1,405,000	1,405,000	1,405,000
B0399	Service Support Costs		1,331,609	1,323,304	1,286,986
	Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance		11,243,602	10,332,239	11,198,979
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing		3,822,500	3,854,500	3,822,500
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay		14,787,440	15,118,191	14,787,440
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance		48,041	573,210	48,041
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works		8,550,935	8,400,935	8,700,935
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works		6,350,164	5,822,376	6,236,083
B0499	Service Support Costs		4,147,319	4,028,804	3,962,729
	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		37,706,400	37,798,016	37,557,729
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs		2,025,399	1,849,399	2,025,399
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement		405,000	275,000	273,515
B0599	Service Support Costs		83,538	88,335	77,981
	Public Lighting		2,513,937	2,212,734	2,376,895
B0699	Service Support Costs		261,065	256,652	241,538

Code	ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
	Traffic Management Improvement		261,065	256,652	241,538
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures		854,860	706,305	854,660
B0799	Service Support Costs		105,955	103,657	103,825
	Road Safety Engineering Improvements		960,815	809,962	958,485
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety		120,000	120,000	120,000
B0899	Service Support Costs		25,436	24,495	24,016
	Road Safety Promotion/Education		145,436	144,495	144,016
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks		18,395	22,646	13,239
B0903	Parking Enforcement		1,843,960	1,822,490	1,322,825
B0999	Service Support Costs		268,128	255,785	250,495
	Car Parking		2,130,483	2,100,921	1,586,559
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme		3,342,932	3,546,668	3,287,161
B1099	Service Support Costs		1,584,487	1,503,730	1,461,167
	Support to Roads Capital Programme		4,927,419	5,050,398	4,748,328
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service		1,063,000	1,025,950	1,012,000
B1199	Service Support Costs		417,013	393,245	381,621
	Agency & Recoupable Services		1,480,013	1,419,195	1,393,621
	Service Division Total		**63,943,622**	**62,868,226**	**62,702,662**

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council**	**Chief Executive/Mayor**	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated Outturn**
	€	**€**	**€**	**€**
Government Grants				
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland		3,339,621	3,695,822	3,339,621
National Transport Authority		503,763	325,684	400,829
Transport		38,214,031	37,787,323	38,214,031
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht		1,709,099	1,571,736	1,709,099
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		43,766,514	43,380,565	43,663,580
Goods and Services				
Parking Fines & Charges		2,685,000	2,585,000	2,135,000
Superannuation		403,345	421,561	398,141
Agency Services & Repayable Works		10,000	10,000	10,000
Other income		745,000	668,000	675,000
Total Goods and Services (b)		3,843,345	3,684,561	3,218,141
Total Income c=(a+b)		**47,609,859**	**47,065,126**	**46,881,721**

Code	WATER SERVICES				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
C0101	Water Plants & Networks		968,733	5,044,875	3,794,925
C0199	Service Support Costs		2,311,976	2,190,782	2,110,031
	Water Supply		3,280,709	7,235,657	5,904,956
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks		325,333	2,275,425	1,835,525
C0299	Service Support Costs		2,058,387	1,946,337	1,866,082
	Waste Water Treatment		2,383,720	4,221,762	3,701,607
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water		33,500	276,000	160,000
C0399	Service Support Costs		122,834	116,616	113,969
	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges		156,334	392,616	273,969
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences		90,000	90,000	90,000
C0499	Service Support Costs		7,562	7,258	7,042
	Public Conveniences		97,562	97,258	97,042
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies		6,300,000	5,800,000	6,200,000
C0599	Service Support Costs		1,434,111	1,355,909	1,245,309
	Admin of Group and Private Installations		7,734,111	7,155,909	7,445,309
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision		106,000	1,041,100	454,000
C0699	Service Support Costs		1,608,577	1,526,430	1,482,708
	Support to Water Capital Programme		1,714,577	2,567,530	1,936,708
C0799	Service Support Costs		36,236	34,421	33,642
	Agency & Recoupable Services		36,236	34,421	33,642
	Service Division Total		**15,403,249**	**21,705,153**	**19,393,232**

WATER SERVICES				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage		11,388,816	11,215,000	11,121,816
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		11,388,816	11,215,000	11,121,816
Goods and Services				
Uisce Éireann		2,051,500	9,204,100	6,739,000
Superannuation		338,929	354,236	334,556
Other income		3,500	3,500	3,500
Total Goods and Services (b)		2,393,929	9,561,836	7,077,056
Total Income c=(a+b)		**13,782,745**	**20,776,836**	**18,198,872**

Code	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2026 Adopted by Council	2026 Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	2025 Adopted by Council	2025 Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy		1,492,373	1,031,808	1,149,786
D0199	Service Support Costs		363,418	341,854	331,951
	Forward Planning		1,855,791	1,373,662	1,481,737
D0201	Planning Control		2,746,141	2,260,935	2,110,446
D0299	Service Support Costs		1,045,858	983,741	953,879
	Development Management		3,791,999	3,244,676	3,064,325
D0301	Enforcement Costs		799,167	844,176	752,669
D0399	Service Support Costs		215,759	203,357	197,420
	Enforcement		1,014,926	1,047,533	950,089
D0501	Tourism Promotion		1,325,710	1,315,373	1,230,776
D0599	Service Support Costs		325,843	306,615	297,091
	Tourism Development and Promotion		1,651,553	1,621,988	1,527,867
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses		1,250,815	1,106,875	1,165,020
D0603	Social Inclusion		3,195,425	4,893,200	3,353,200
D0699	Service Support Costs		457,987	430,759	416,767

Code	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
	Community and Enterprise Function		4,904,227	6,430,834	4,934,987
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates		100,000	78,580	54,415
D0799	Service Support Costs		2,174	2,081	2,029
	Unfinished Housing Estates		102,174	80,661	56,444
D0802	Building Control Enforcement Costs		120,000	63,000	63,000
D0899	Service Support Costs		134,864	126,564	122,545
	Building Control		254,864	189,564	185,545
D0901	Urban and Village Renewal		1,028,820	1,043,990	1,011,530
D0905	Economic Development & Promotion		4,633,093	4,679,055	4,536,916
D0906	Local Enterprise Office		2,563,039	2,113,226	2,513,257
D0999	Service Support Costs		857,466	808,376	781,352
	Economic Development and Promotion		9,082,418	8,644,647	8,843,056
D1001	Property Management Costs		377,750	367,850	367,000
D1099	Service Support Costs		123,975	116,483	113,102
	Property Management		501,725	484,333	480,102
D1101	Heritage Services		452,650	440,350	440,350
D1102	Conservation Services		100,000	100,000	103,000
D1103	Conservation Grants		390,000	492,000	266,000
D1199	Service Support Costs		53,805	50,873	49,298
	Heritage and Conservation Services		996,455	1,083,223	858,648
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service		407,000	407,000	407,000
D1299	Service Support Costs		229,575	215,709	208,724
	Agency & Recoupable Services		636,575	622,709	615,724
	Service Division Total		**24,792,706**	**24,823,830**	**22,998,522**

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage		1,399,549	308,000	1,131,147
Culture, Communications, and Sport		93,400	2,825,383	99,080
Enterprise, Trade and Employment		2,066,681	1,625,994	2,123,536
Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht		3,211,850	2,821,100	3,193,850
Justice, Home Affairs and Migration		120,000	0	115,100
Other		967,685	850,850	875,836
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		7,859,165	8,431,327	7,538,549
Goods and Services				
Planning Fees		580,000	651,000	578,000
Superannuation		177,136	185,136	174,851
Agency Services & Repayable Works		66,700	48,075	66,700
Local Authority Contributions		50,500	52,600	52,600
Other income		220,000	179,850	156,000
Total Goods and Services (b)		1,094,336	1,116,661	1,028,151
Total Income c=(a+b)		**8,953,501**	**9,547,988**	**8,566,700**

Code	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations		1,508,000	1,695,000	1,733,075
E0103	Landfill Aftercare Costs		595,000	595,000	592,000
E0199	Service Support Costs		408,869	386,881	376,806
	Landfill Operation and Aftercare		2,511,869	2,676,881	2,701,881
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations		90,500	72,070	89,500
E0204	Other Recycling Services		13,940	28,390	12,710
E0299	Service Support Costs		121,418	103,884	102,540
	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations		225,858	204,344	204,750
E0501	Litter Warden Service		420,000	420,000	350,000
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives		263,560	157,500	258,060
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services		265,098	249,008	253,563
E0599	Service Support Costs		199,572	189,560	184,805
	Litter Management		1,148,230	1,016,068	1,046,428
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service		1,800,000	1,775,000	1,792,000
E0699	Service Support Costs		562,294	529,282	514,339
	Street Cleaning		2,362,294	2,304,282	2,306,339
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)		44,720	56,970	35,595
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations		440,652	450,597	439,629
E0799	Service Support Costs		228,643	214,132	207,142
	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		714,015	721,699	682,366
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning		465,500	452,500	452,500
E0899	Service Support Costs		28,388	26,788	25,965
	Waste Management Planning		493,888	479,288	478,465
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds		685,000	595,000	602,672
E0999	Service Support Costs		337,345	303,794	298,255

Code	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds		1,022,345	898,794	900,926
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence		225,000	210,400	217,500
E1003	Emergency Planning		133,435	127,490	130,205
E1004	Derelict Sites		135,782	139,522	147,909
E1005	Water Safety Operation		426,540	402,300	415,755
E1099	Service Support Costs		344,342	325,686	315,674
	Safety of Structures and Places		1,265,099	1,205,398	1,227,042
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service		9,614,000	8,462,208	9,415,328
E1103	Fire Services Training		20,000	20,000	20,000
E1199	Service Support Costs		1,023,935	971,267	863,048
	Operation of Fire Service		10,657,935	9,453,475	10,298,376
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs		780,950	707,880	620,590
E1202	Fire Prevention and Education		340,580	256,340	260,560
E1299	Service Support Costs		297,577	279,184	270,964
	Fire Prevention		1,419,107	1,243,404	1,152,114
E1301	Water Quality Management		1,364,440	1,124,710	1,195,166
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality		278,365	283,705	275,050
E1399	Service Support Costs		349,625	329,156	319,875
	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution		1,992,430	1,737,571	1,790,091
E1401	Agency & Recoupable Service		5,323,423	3,942,162	3,384,932
E1499	Service Support Costs		663,610	630,950	618,425
	Agency & Recoupable Services		5,987,033	4,573,112	4,003,357
E1501	Climate Change and Flooding		1,104,900	773,500	705,000
E1599	Service Support Costs		115,375	108,217	104,790
	Climate Change and Flooding		1,220,275	881,717	809,790
	Service Division Total		**31,020,378**	**27,396,034**	**27,601,927**

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor**	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated Outturn**
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage		2,642,000	2,203,347	3,088,200
Defence		126,500	126,500	123,484
Climate, Environment and Energy		1,266,560	1,148,200	942,560
Other		581,700	483,420	293,260
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		4,616,760	3,961,467	4,447,504
Goods and Services				
Landfill Charges		930,000	940,000	915,000
Fire Charges		375,000	350,000	350,000
Superannuation		198,622	207,592	196,059
Agency Services & Repayable Works		3,940,218	2,641,517	2,641,517
Local Authority Contributions		657,835	627,785	492,125
Other income		990,000	844,000	1,001,700
Total Goods and Services (b)		7,091,675	5,610,894	5,596,401
Total Income c=(a+b)		**11,708,435**	**9,572,361**	**10,043,905**

Code	RECREATION & AMENITY				
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Code		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations		4,579,500	4,200,000	4,420,906
F0199	Service Support Costs		496,165	470,727	461,213
	Leisure Facilities Operations		5,075,665	4,670,727	4,882,119
F0201	Library Service Operations		3,463,000	3,470,600	3,163,257
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.		180,000	180,000	160,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations		310,000	300,000	300,000
F0299	Service Support Costs		1,017,584	964,781	937,235
	Operation of Library and Archival Service		4,970,584	4,915,381	4,560,493
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces		2,170,000	2,050,000	2,094,923
F0302	Playgrounds		270,000	262,500	270,000
F0303	Beaches		375,000	252,000	252,000
F0399	Service Support Costs		1,127,703	1,079,845	1,093,049
	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations		3,942,703	3,644,345	3,709,972
F0401	Community Grants		90,000	80,000	90,000
F0404	Recreational Development		2,079,000	2,227,449	2,191,200
F0499	Service Support Costs		372,725	351,795	338,218
	Community Sport and Recreational Development		2,541,725	2,659,244	2,619,418
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme		774,600	733,488	725,700
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme		169,000	169,000	169,000
F0503	Museums Operations		612,300	649,900	654,500
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations		50,000	40,000	40,000
F0505	Festivals & Concerts		40,000	25,000	40,000
F0599	Service Support Costs		393,872	372,448	359,662
	Operation of Arts Programme		2,039,772	1,989,836	1,988,862
	Service Division Total		**18,570,448**	**17,879,532**	**17,760,863**

RECREATION & AMENITY				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor**	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated Outturn**
	€	**€**	**€**	**€**
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage		25,000	35,000	35,000
Culture, Communications and Sport		310,000	300,000	300,000
Social Protection		269,361	256,672	263,860
Arts Council		105,000	100,000	105,000
Transport		0	876,449	0
Other		1,130,000	200,000	1,055,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		1,839,361	1,768,121	1,758,860
Goods and Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture		3,508,000	3,592,500	3,858,500
Superannuation		142,385	148,815	140,547
Other income		91,000	41,000	28,500
Total Goods and Services (b)		3,741,385	3,782,315	4,027,547
Total Income c=(a+b)		**5,580,746**	**5,550,436**	**5,786,407**

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE					
		2026		2025	
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas		40,000	40,000	40,000
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies		42,000	35,000	42,000
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions		28,652	28,650	27,476
G0199	Service Support Costs		5,168	4,948	4,870
	Land Drainage Costs		115,820	108,598	114,347
G0201	Operation of Piers		1,001,000	996,000	995,982
G0299	Service Support Costs		137,675	137,525	128,377
	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours		1,138,675	1,133,525	1,124,359
G0301	General Maintenance - Costal Regions		20,000	20,000	20,000
G0399	Service Support Costs		37,608	36,033	35,254
	Coastal Protection		57,608	56,033	55,254
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service		362,300	276,200	247,800
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)		65,000	74,000	65,000
G0499	Service Support Costs		352,077	330,494	322,612
	Veterinary Service		779,377	680,694	635,412
G0507	School Meals		3,875	3,810	3,810
G0599	Service Support Costs		4,455	4,207	4,050
	Educational Support Services		8,330	8,017	7,860
	Service Division Total		**2,099,810**	**1,986,868**	**1,937,233**

AGRICULTURE , FOOD AND THE MARINE				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor**	**Adopted by Council**	**Estimated Outturn**
	€	**€**	**€**	**€**
Government Grants				
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine		15,000	24,000	15,000
Other		51,905	59,805	51,905
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		66,905	83,805	66,905
Goods and Services				
Superannuation		22,027	23,022	21,743
Other income		236,000	160,000	211,500
Total Goods and Services (b)		258,027	183,022	233,243
Total Income c=(a+b)		**324,932**	**266,827**	**300,148**

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
		2026		2025	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Code		€	€	€	€
H0301	Administration of Rates Office		402,550	381,850	382,100
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates		282,550	286,740	277,227
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates		4,270,000	6,845,000	6,545,000
H0399	Service Support Costs		511,265	471,895	462,798
	Administration of Rates		5,466,365	7,985,485	7,667,125
H0401	Register of Elector Costs		449,650	239,512	243,037
H0402	Local Election Costs		100,000	100,000	100,000
H0499	Service Support Costs		84,635	79,312	78,226
	Franchise Costs		634,285	418,824	421,263
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses		310,000	312,400	295,000
H0599	Service Support Costs		144,058	133,876	131,443
	Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses		454,058	446,276	426,443
H0702	Casual Trading Areas		15,320	10,920	14,780
H0799	Service Support Costs		10,279	9,425	9,228
	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading		25,599	20,345	24,008
H0901	Representational Payments		930,000	930,000	930,000
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances		60,000	60,000	60,000
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members		296,700	296,700	296,700
H0904	Expenses LA Members		85,000	75,000	85,000
H0905	Other Expenses		72,000	65,000	67,000
H0906	Conferences Abroad		70,000	70,000	70,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations		36,000	32,500	35,000
H0909	General Municipal Allocation		2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000
H0999	Service Support Costs		1,096,802	1,047,608	1,018,371
	Local Representation/Civic Leadership		4,746,502	4,676,808	4,662,071
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation		919,985	852,435	936,430
H1099	Service Support Costs		847,005	781,053	764,859
	Motor Taxation		1,766,990	1,633,488	1,701,289
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service		2,020,261	2,068,983	1,993,300
H1199	Service Support Costs		677,252	738,134	723,426
	Agency & Recoupable Services		2,697,513	2,807,117	2,716,726
	Service Division Total		**15,791,313**	**17,988,343**	**17,618,925**

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
	2026		2025	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive/Mayor	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage		16,991,823	14,996,644	15,040,039
Justice, Home Affairs and Migration		4,000	5,000	3,500
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)		16,995,823	15,001,644	15,043,539
Goods and Services				
Superannuation		95,599	99,916	94,365
Local Authority Contributions		203,600	270,500	246,800
NPPR		0	40,000	14,300
Other income		1,855,000	1,870,900	2,228,100
Total Goods and Services (b)		2,154,199	2,281,316	2,583,565
Total Income c=(a+b)		**19,150,022**	**17,282,960**	**17,627,104**

APPENDIX 1	
Summary of Central Management Charge	
	2026 **€**
Municipal District Office Overhead	1,180,000
Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,856,720
Corporate Buildings Overhead	2,547,827
Finance Function Overhead	2,959,430
Human Resource Function	2,829,549
IT Services	4,619,890
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	176,000
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	13,000,000
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	**30,169,416**

APPENDIX 2			
Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation			
			2026 **€**
Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)			23,025,711
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget			
	Housing & Building		
	Road Transport & Safety		
			0
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget			0
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget			
	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget			0
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)			**0**

** This amount includes an equalisation contribution of €11,878,677 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2028

01. HOUSING AND BUILDING	EXPENDITURE				FUNDED BY			
	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL	GRANTS	LOAN	OTHER	TOTAL
LOCAL AUTHORITY ACQUISITIONS	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	**10,500,000**	10,500,000			**10,500,000**
NEW BUILD HOUSES	49,242,205	44,210,639	58,952,254	**152,405,098**	152,405,098			**152,405,098**
APPROVED HOUSING BODIES	9,106,373	9,900,194	3,296,736	**22,303,303**	22,303,303			**22,303,303**
DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCK SCHEME	25,000,000	25,000,000	20,000,000	**70,000,000**	70,000,000			**70,000,000**
STOCK IMPROVEMENT	2,030,000	2,030,000	2,030,000	**6,090,000**	2,413,710		3,676,290	**6,090,000**
OTHER HOUSING	4,306,000	2,625,000	1,127,000	**8,058,000**	7,908,000		150,000	**8,058,000**
SUB-TOTAL	93,184,578	87,265,833	88,905,990	269,356,401	265,530,111	0	3,826,290	269,356,401

02. ROADS TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL	GRANTS	LOAN	OTHER	TOTAL
N5 WESTPORT TO TURLOUGH ROAD PROJECT	4,343,000	282,291	50,000	**4,675,291**	4,675,291			**4,675,291**
N17 LISDUFF	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
N26 REALIGNMENT AT CLOONGULLANE BRIDGE	10,000			**10,000**	10,000			**10,000**
N26 SWINFORD BYPASS SAFETY SCHEME	600,000	800,000	1,500,000	**2,900,000**	2,900,000			**2,900,000**
N26 BALLINA BYPASS PHASE 1	175,000	1,600,000	3,500,000	**5,275,000**	5,275,000			**5,275,000**
N26 MOUNT FALCON TO FOXFORD	926,100	785,900	1,500,000	**3,212,000**	3,212,000			**3,212,000**
N58 FOXFORD TRANSPORT PROJECT	550,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	**3,050,000**	3,050,000			**3,050,000**
N59 WESTPORT TO MULRANNY ROAD PROJECT	15,150,000	15,150,000	3,000,000	**33,300,000**	33,300,000			**33,300,000**
N60 HEATHLAWN	624,000			**624,000**	624,000			**624,000**
N60 MANULLA	250,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	**2,750,000**	2,750,000			**2,750,000**
N60 HEATHLAWN TO BALLA ACTIVE TRAVEL - (TII)	150,000	500,000	500,000	**1,150,000**	1,150,000			**1,150,000**
N60 BREAFFY ACTIVE TRAVEL & SAFETY MEASURES (TII)	3,500,000	2,500,000	10,000	**6,010,000**	6,010,000			**6,010,000**
ACTIVE TRAVEL (NTA)	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	**10,500,000**	10,500,000			**10,500,000**
N60 BEKAN (RAILWAY BRIDGE)	250,000	3,300,000	750,000	**4,300,000**	4,300,000			**4,300,000**
ROAD DESIGN TII PAVEMENT OVERLAY PROJECTS	3,000,000	6,500,000	6,500,000	**16,000,000**	16,000,000			**16,000,000**
PUBLIC LIGHTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME (MAYO)	1,621,427	1,113,585	1,033,730	**3,768,742**	518,742	3,250,000		**3,768,742**
KILLALA INNER RELIEF ROAD PHASE 2	200,000	1,000,000	1,800,000	**3,000,000**	3,000,000			**3,000,000**
MAYO NATIONAL SECONDARIES BYPASS (BALLINROBE)	50,000	500,000	1,000,000	**1,550,000**	1,550,000			**1,550,000**
R322 KILMAINE TO FOXHALL	2,200,000	1,500,000	800,000	**4,500,000**	4,500,000			**4,500,000**
R312 GLENISLAND	300,000	500,000	1,000,000	**1,800,000**	1,800,000			**1,800,000**
R315 LAHARDANE TO CROSSMOLINA	200,000	800,000	1,400,000	**2,400,000**	2,400,000			**2,400,000**
R313 GLENCASTLE	450,000			**450,000**	450,000			**450,000**
CONG VILLAGE RELIEF ROAD	250,000	5,000,000	3,500,000	**8,750,000**	8,750,000			**8,750,000**
R375 KILKELLY RELIEF ROAD	150,000	150,000	2,500,000	**2,800,000**	2,800,000			**2,800,000**
ROAD SAFETY/OTHER WORKS HD-28 Schemes	600,000	600,000	600,000	**1,800,000**	1,800,000			**1,800,000**
NW BRIDGE REHABILLITATION MAYO CONTRACT	1,000,000	1,000,000	100,000	**2,100,000**	2,100,000			**2,100,000**
FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS	2,246,416	7,612,625	12,910,414	**22,769,455**	22,763,900		5,555	**22,769,455**
OTHER	50,000	100,000	100,000	**250,000**			250,000	**250,000**
SUB-TOTAL	42,395,943	56,794,401	50,554,144	149,744,488	146,238,933	3,250,000	255,555	149,744,488

	EXPENDITURE				FUNDED BY			
03. WATER SERVICES	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**TOTAL**	**GRANTS**	**LOAN**	**OTHER**	**TOTAL**
RURAL WATER CAPITAL PROGRAMME	29,743,294	6,751,420	3,752,840	**40,247,554**	40,247,554			**40,247,554**
SUB-TOTAL	**29,743,294**	**6,751,420**	**3,752,840**	**40,247,554**	**40,247,554**	**0**	**0**	**40,247,554**
04. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT								
TOURISM								
KEEM DISCOVERY POINT	183,091			**183,091**	137,318		45,773	**183,091**
OTHER DEVELOPMENT								
TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL PROGRAMME (LPT ALLOCATION)	105,000	1,828,158	1,500,000	**3,433,158**	3,147,500		285,658	**3,433,158**
CLAR PROGRAMME (LPT ALLOCATION)	1,140,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	**3,740,000**	2,842,775		897,225	**3,740,000**
REDEVELOPMENT OF BALLINA TOWN CENTRE	250,000	750,000		**1,000,000**	750,000	250,000		**1,000,000**
KILLALA TOWN RENEWAL/TOWN CENTRE FIRST (VISION FOR KILLALA)	100,000	200,000	800,000	**1,100,000**	990,000		110,000	**1,100,000**
BALLLINA QUAY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME	300,000	500,000	500,000	**1,300,000**	975,000	325,000		**1,300,000**
URBAN REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT FUND								
CASTLEBAR MILITARY BARRACKS	1,055,233	2,000,000	160,000	**3,215,233**	2,411,425	803,808		**3,215,233**
BALLINA INNOVATION QUARTER (MILITARY BARRACKS)	35,000	35,000		**70,000**			70,000	**70,000**
CASTLEBAR HISTORIC CORE	3,959,650	4,225,000	1,310,000	**9,494,650**	7,120,988	2,373,662		**9,494,650**
RURAL REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT FUND								
BALLINTUBBER ABBEY	2,177,545	3,809,670	338,720	**6,325,935**	5,377,045	189,778	759,112	**6,325,935**
OLD CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOL, BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY HUB	3,565,619	1,749,006	367,675	**5,682,300**	5,114,070	568,230		**5,682,300**
BELMULLET TOWN CENTRE REJUVENATION	491,180	163,727	0	**654,907**	589,416		65,491	**654,907**
NEWPORT PUBLIC REALM AND ENTERPRISE CENTRE	4,164,957	3,178,151	306,376	**7,649,484**	6,119,587	1,529,897	0	**7,649,484**
SWINFORD URBAN REALM	724,869	241,623	500,000	**1,466,492**	1,319,843		146,649	**1,466,492**
SUB-TOTAL	**18,252,144**	**19,980,335**	**7,082,771**	**45,315,250**	**36,894,967**	**6,040,375**	**2,379,908**	**45,315,250**
05. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES								
LANDFILL								
LECHATE TREATMENT AT DERRINUMERA		25,000	250,000	**275,000**	275,000			**275,000**
CLAREMORRIS HISTORIC LANDFILL SITE REMEDIATION	2,738,711			**2,738,711**	2,738,711			**2,738,711**
BURIAL GROUNDS								
LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT	1,593,585	1,126,557	100,000	**2,820,142**		2,820,142		**2,820,142**
FIRE SERVICES								
FIRE STATIONS & CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	2,530,000	2,700,000	2,400,000	**7,630,000**	7,630,000			**7,630,000**
OTHER								
LOUGH CARRA LIFE PROJECT	1,400,000	1,477,077		**2,877,077**	1,726,247		1,150,830	**2,877,077**
SUB-TOTAL	**8,262,296**	**5,328,634**	**2,750,000**	**16,340,930**	**12,369,958**	**2,820,142**	**1,150,830**	**16,340,930**

06. RECREATION AND AMENITY	EXPENDITURE				FUNDED BY			
	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL	GRANTS	LOAN	OTHER	TOTAL
GREENWAYS/RECREATIONAL TRAILS/ADVENTURE								
CLEWBAY GREENWAY (Greenway Network/Murrisk Village) (RRDF)	2,196,000			**2,196,000**	1,647,000	549,000		**2,196,000**
GREAT WESTERN GREENWAY NEWPORT TOWN (TII)	300,000	950,000	1,200,000	**2,450,000**	2,450,000			**2,450,000**
BALLINA CASTLEBAR WESTPORT INTERURBAN GREENWAY (TII)		25,000	100,000	**125,000**	125,000			**125,000**
CLEWBAY GREENWAY BELCLARE TO MURRISK (TII)	100,000	100,000	500,000	**700,000**	700,000			**700,000**
GWG WESTPORT (ATTIRISH LINK)	250,000			**250,000**	250,000			**250,000**
BLACKSOD BAY GREENWAY (TII)	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	**4,500,000**	4,500,000			**4,500,000**
CLEWBAY GREENWAY CASHEL BUNACURRY (TII)	856,539	2,244,486	400,000	**3,501,025**	3,501,025			**3,501,025**
ORIS M1-M3 APPLICATIONS (2023)	673,304			**673,304**	603,684		69,620	**673,304**
ORIS M1-M3 APPLICATIONS (2024)	1,361,242	300,000		**1,661,242**	1,490,000		171,242	**1,661,242**
ORIS M1-M3 APPLICATIONS (2025)		1,111,242	550,000	**1,661,242**	1,490,000		171,242	**1,661,242**
CEIDE COASTAL PATH DOWNPATRICK (FAILTE IRELAND FUTURE)		500,000	2,500,000	**3,000,000**	2,250,000	750,000		**3,000,000**
KEEL CARAVAN PARK	50,000			**50,000**			50,000	**50,000**
KEEL CARAVAN PARK & SURF CHANGING AREA (FAILTE IRELAND)	828,000	60,000		**888,000**	888,000			**888,000**
CARROWMORE BEACH AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS (FAILTE IRELAND)	803,000	60,000		**863,000**	863,000			**863,000**
GENERAL AMENITIES								
THE NATIONAL OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE, CASTLEBAR	930,000	50,000		**980,000**	323,400		656,600	**980,000**
LARGE SCALE SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE KNOCKAPHUNTA	2,000,000	9,490,000	600,000	**12,090,000**	7,495,800	4,594,200		**12,090,000**
COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND	1,823,732			**1,823,732**	1,691,312		132,420	**1,823,732**
LIBRARIES								
BALLINROBE LIBRARY & GROUNDS CONSERVATION (RRDF)	64,311			**64,311**	48,233		16,078	**64,311**
WESTPORT LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS (RRDF)	7,248,840	7,248,840	1,232,927	**15,730,607**	11,981,587	3,494,455	254,565	**15,730,607**
MARY ROBINSON CENTRE FIT OUT	1,500,000			**1,500,000**	250,000		1,250,000	**1,500,000**
OTHER								
HERITACT	83,370			**83,370**	83,370			**83,370**
HERITAGE AND HISTORIC STRUCTURES	337,500	437,500	437,500	**1,212,500**	1,212,500			**1,212,500**
CONSERVATION WORKS	275,000	305,000	335,000	**915,000**	915,000			**915,000**
PERCENT FOR ART WORKS	81,000	147,897	126,902	**355,799**	355,799			**355,799**
RE-IMAGINING BALLINROBE - MARKET HOUSE (RRDF)	98,025	430,000	40,000	**568,025**	426,018		142,007	**568,025**
SUB-TOTAL	23,359,863	24,959,965	9,522,329	57,842,157	45,540,728	9,387,655	2,913,774	57,842,157

07. AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	EXPENDITURE 2026	2027	2028	TOTAL	FUNDED BY GRANTS	LOAN	OTHER	TOTAL
PIERS HARBOURS AND COASTAL PROTECTION								
HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**	2,250,000		750,000	**3,000,000**
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - ISLANDS	1,225,000			**1,225,000**	1,102,500		122,500	**1,225,000**
ROONAGH PIER DEVELOPMENT	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	**2,000,000**	2,000,000			**2,000,000**
SUB-TOTAL	3,225,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	6,225,000	5,352,500	0	872,500	6,225,000
08. MISCELLANEOUS								
CIVIC OFFICES & OTHER BUILDINGS								
WESTPORT CIVIC CENTRE	3,050,000	3,050,000	408,400	**6,508,400**		6,443,316	65,084	**6,508,400**
ENERGY EFFICIENCY DELIVERY - PATHFINDER	5,816,395	2,238,825		**8,055,220**	3,991,109	4,064,111		**8,055,220**
INDUSTRIAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT	750,000	2,000,000	750,000	**3,500,000**			3,500,000	**3,500,000**
SUB-TOTAL	9,616,395	7,288,825	1,158,400	18,063,620	3,991,109	10,507,427	3,565,084	18,063,620
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMMES	**228,039,513**	**209,869,413**	**165,226,474**	**603,135,400**	**556,165,860**	**32,005,599**	**14,963,941**	**603,135,400**