

Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Tuarascáil Mhíosúil Bhainistíochta an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh
Meaitheamh 2026

Kildare County Council
Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – June 2026















News Items

Northwest Quadrant Naas Framework Masterplan published

Proposed Variation No. 5 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029 was published to incorporate the Northwest Quadrant Naas Framework Masterplan into the statutory planning framework (see page 8).

More Irish Language Opportunities For Families And Communities

Kildare County Council is supporting Irish language and bilingual family events, including family fun days in Naas and Maynooth (see pages 13-15).

Creative Ireland Kildare - Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

On 06 June 2026, County Kildare celebrated the ninth annual Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's National Day of Creativity for Children and Young People. More than 45 free events took place across the county, including activities in 13 libraries, offering creative opportunities for children and young people aged 0–18 (see pages 17).

Shackleton Experience Wins National Award

The Shackleton Experience received the Public Building Award at the Irish Construction Excellence Awards (see page 26).

Kildare Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

Kildare LCSP convened its third meeting on 07 May 2026. The meeting included a facilitated workshop, with a primary focus on advancing the development of the Local Community Safety Plan. A subcommittee of LCSP members will be established to oversee this work (see page 55).

North Kildare Swimming Pool Feasibility Progressing

A preferred site has been identified, and the project is moving towards tendering a feasibility study (see pages 56-57).



Naas named Ireland's Best Kept Town

Naas won the Best Kept Large Urban Centre category and was also named overall winner of Ireland's Best Kept Town competition (see page 64).

Transport and Active Travel Projects progressing

Updates include progress on the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road, Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor, M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Scheme, and several active travel schemes across the county (see pages 67-69).

Into Kildare

Into Kildare promoted the county at Bord Bia Bloom, launched Taste of Kildare 2026, and is developing a new digital audio guide on Kildare's horse racing heritage (see pages 81-84).

Local Enterprise Office Financial Supports Issued

LEO Kildare approved 32 financial supports worth approximately €244,238 by 11 June 2026, including grants for digital, energy efficiency and business expansion projects (see pages 84-85).



Diary/Calendar

Picnic in the Park for 2026

Picnic in the Park', will take place at Harbour Field, Maynooth on Sunday, 21 June from 2:00pm -5:00pm (see page 8).

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Full Council will take place at 15:00 on Friday, 26 June 2026. The June monthly meeting of Full Council will take place on Monday, 29 June 2026 (see page 8).

Expressions of Interest for Culture Night 2026

The Arts Service sought Expressions of Interest from Kildare-based artists, performers, organisations or community groups for this year's Culture Night, taking place on Friday, 18 September 2026 (see page 9).

SPPR - CLÁR Scheme

Seven Expressions of Interest have been received and have been approved by Senior Management Team to progress to the application stage. The application deadline is 03 July 2026 (see pages 26-27)

LCDC meeting

The next LCDC meeting is scheduled to take place on 01 July 2026 (see page 56).

Local Enterprise Office – Tourism

EU JTF grantee Zipit Forest Adventures will officially open to the public on 03 July. The Tourism Activator is working with Failte Ireland on a date for a press launch with Minister Burke, Kildare County Council, Failte Ireland, EMRA and Coillte (see page 87).



July Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Jun 15:00 Full Council Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar	30	**1 Jul**	2 14:30 LCSP; Council Chamber	3 10:00 Clane-Maynooth MD Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar
6	7	8	9 10:00 Community Culture and Integration SPC ; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar	10
13	14 15:30 Naas MD Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar	15 10:00 Kildare-Newbridge MD Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar	16 15:30 Coiste Gaeilge ; Council Chamber; Members Calendar	17 10:00 Celbridge-Leixlip MD Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar
20 10:00 Athy MD Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar 14:30 CPG July 2026 Meeting; Boardroom; Members Calendar	21	22	23	24
27 15:00 Full Council Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; Council Chamber; Members Calendar	28	29	30	31



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Communications

Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Framework Masterplan Published



The Council published Proposed Variation No.5 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. This proposed variation will incorporate the Framework Masterplan for the Northwest Quadrant (Naas) into the statutory planning framework.

Return of the Summer Stars Reading Programme



Kildare County Council's Library Service joined public libraries nationwide, to invite children of all ages to dive into the joy of reading with the Summer Stars Reading Programme, which has officially launched for 2026. Summer Stars is a free national programme that encourages children to read for fun during the school holidays.

Picnic in the Park for 2026



Kildare County Council and Maynooth Community Council announced the return of 'Picnic in the Park', which will take place at Harbour Field, Maynooth on Sunday, 21 June from 2:00pm - 5:00pm.



Strategic Employment Locations Study



Kildare County Council published its Strategic Employment Locations Study (SELS), a comprehensive, evidence-based report prepared in line national and regional planning policy. The study identifies suitable locations for strategic employment growth, ensuring County Kildare can sustainably accommodate economic investment which supports projected population growth in the years ahead

Expressions of Interest for Culture Night 2026



The Arts Service sought Expressions of Interest from Kildare-based artists, performers, organisations or community groups for this year's Culture Night, taking place on Friday, 18 September 2026. Proposals should reflect the cultural richness of Kildare and the diversity of all communities living across the county.

Kildare's Young Voices and Talents Shine at Cruinniú na nÓg 2026



Kildare County Council, in partnership with Creative Ireland Kildare, will once again bring Cruinniú na nÓg to communities across the county. Taking place on Saturday, 06 June 2026, the event will see County Kildare's young people take centre stage for Ireland's national day of free creativity, showcasing their voices and talents through a wide-ranging programme of activities.



Safety Awareness on Amber Thursday



The Council supported Amber Thursday ahead of the June bank holiday weekend. This national initiative brings together Fire, Road and Water Safety Officers from across Ireland to promote safety awareness and highlight the risks associated with fire, road and water-based activities over the summer season.

Kildare Libraries Partner with Vodafone Foundation to Provide Digital Skills to Older People

Public libraries across Kildare launch tablet loan scheme to support digital skills training for older people through Hi Digital partnership -Following World Telecommunication and Information Society Day on Sunday, 17 May, the Vodafone Foundation, through its Hi Digital programme, partnered with Kildare County Council's Library Service to make digital skills training more accessible for older people by introducing a tablet loan scheme.

Kildare Local Community Safety Partnership Initiates Consultation Process for Three-Year Community Safety Plan

The Kildare Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) held its third meeting in MERITS, Naas. The meeting, which took the form of a facilitated workshop, marked the commencement of the consultation process for Kildare's three-year Local Community Safety Plan.

Three Public Art Commissions Across County Kildare - 21 May 2026:



Kildare Arts Service is pleased announced progress on three public art commissions across County Kildare. The first of these projects, marking Naas's achievement as overall winner of the Irish Business Against Litter; 'Ireland's Best Kept Town' award for three consecutive



years, is currently progressing in Naas town centre. Applications are now open for two further commissions in Newbridge town centre and the M7 Naas-Sallins Bypass.

Funding for Creative Places Athy

Kildare County Council secured €150,000 funding from the Arts Council for the further development of the Creative Places Athy (CPA) programme. This funding will prioritise creative projects co-designed with the community and also support artists and arts groups to build on and develop their skills.

Twenty Schools Across Kildare Awarded Green Flags for 2026



Kildare County Council is delighted to extend congratulations to the twenty schools across County Kildare that were awarded Green Flags in 2026 under the An Taisce Green-Schools Programme. The awards, which took place in the Helix Theatre in Dublin, recognise the exceptional commitment, creativity, and leadership demonstrated by students and teachers in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

Kildare Biodiversity Week 2026



Kildare Biodiversity Week, took place from Friday, 15 May to Sunday, 24 May 2026. The week-long programme celebrated the rich variety of wildlife and habitats across County Kildare and offers an open invitation to everyone to explore, learn about and take action for local biodiversity.

Applications Open for Irish Language Writer in Residence 2026-2027



Maynooth University
National University of Ireland Maynooth
Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council

Kildare County Council, in partnership with Maynooth University, invited applications from Irish language writers who have a range of high-quality published work, in poetry and/or creative prose, for the role of Writer in Residence. The residency, which will run from September 2026 to August 2027, is based at Maynooth University and marks the third such collaboration between Maynooth University, Creative Communities Kildare, and Kildare County Council's Library and Arts Services.

Feasibility study to be commissioned for a Swimming Pool for North Kildare

The Council are commissioning a detailed site feasibility study in relation to a possible swimming pool on lands in its ownership in the Leixlip Demesne townland, close to both Leixlip and Celbridge.

First Recipients of Fáinní Gaeilge



Kildare County Council, supported by Cill Dara le Gaeilge and Conradh na Gaeilge, were delighted to presented Fáinní to Gaeilge to the sixth-class pupils in Caragh National School, as part of Scéim na bhFáinní 2026.

Local Food Producers Encouraged to Enter Blas na hÉireann 2026 and showcase Kildare on a National Stage



Kildare County Council is encouraging food and drink producers across the county to enter Blas na hEíreann 2026, the Irish Food Awards, and take the opportunity to showcase the very best of Kildare produce on a national stage.



Now in its ninteenth year, Blas na hÉireann has become the leading competition for quality Irish food and drink, recognizing excellence, innovation and craftmanship from producers across Ireland.

Gaeilge, Teangacha Oifigiúla/ Irish Language, Official Languages





Níos mó Deiseanna Úsáidte Gaeilge do Theaghlaigh agus Pobail i gContae Chill Dara

Táimid dírithe ar an bpleanáil teanga straitéiseach chomhoibritheach agus sheasmhach i gCill Dara chun níos mó deiseanna úsáidte teanga a chur ar fáil dár dteaghlaigh agus dár bpobail, agus tá torthaí na hoibre sin le feiceáil go soiléir sna himeachtaí ilghnéitheacha Gaeilge agus dátheangacha atá ar fáil ar fud an chontae.

Bhí an Ghaeilge i lár an aonaigh ag Cruinniú na nÓg Chill Dara agus cuireann Coiste Gaeilge na Seirbhíse Leabharlainne go leor imeachtaí Gaeilge agus dátheangacha ar fáil ó cheann ceann na bliana.
Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Chill Dara le heagraíochtaí agus grúpaí a chuireann laethanta spraoi teaghlaigh agus ócáidí sóisialta Gaeilge agus dátheangacha ar fáil ina gceantar féin. An Lá Spraoi Teaghlaigh sa Nás ar an Satharn 20 Meitheamh, arna eagrú ag Cill Dara le Gaeilge agus An Lá Spraoi Teaghlaigh ar an Domhnach 23 Lúnasa i Maigh Nuad, arna eagrú ag Gaeilge Nuada, an dá phríomhlá teaghlaigh Gaeilge a bheidh ar siúl sa chontae i rith an tsamhraidh. Faoi



láthair, tá Coiste Gaeilge na Comhairle i mbun idirphlé le grúpaí agus páirititheleasmhara eile agus é mar aidhm ag an gCoiste tacú le himeachtaí, laethanta spraoi, campaí agus féilte le Gaeilge ar fud an chontae.

Tá Coiste Gaeilge na Comhairle lándírithe ar ranganna snámha a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, go háirithe dár nGaelscoileanna. Chun na críche sin, tá ár nOifigeach Gaeilge, Muireann Ní Bheaglaoich, ár nGníomhaí Snámha, Louise Mc Namee agus Coiste Gaeilge na Comhairle i mbun comhpháirtíochta ar an tionscnamh pleanála ‘Sona Sásta ag Snámh’.
Trí mheán imeachtaí sa phobal agus inár leabharlanna, na laethanta spraoi teaghlaigh, na ranganna snámha agus deiseanna úsáidte teanga eile a chruthaítear, forbraítear an Ghaeilge mar theanga bheo teaghlaigh agus pobail de réir phríomhchuspóir na Straitéise 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge 2010-30

More Opportunities for Families and Communities in County Kildare to use the Irish Language

Through focusing on strategic collaborative and consistent language planning in Kildare to provide more language use opportunities for our families and communities, a diverse programme of Irish-language and bilingual events is available across the county.

Irish was front and centre at Cruinniú na nÓg Chill Dara and the Library Service's dedicated Irish Language Committee offers many Irish language and bilingual events throughout the year.

Kildare County Council supports organisations and groups who provide family fun days and Irish language and bilingual social events in their area. The Irish language Family Fun Day in Naas on Saturday, 20 June, organised by Cill Dara le Gaeilge and the Family Fun Day with Irish language on Sunday, 23 August in Maynooth, organised by Gaeilge Nuada, are the two main Irish language family days taking place in the county during the summer. The Council's Coiste Gaeilge Irish Language Committee is currently liaising with other interested groups and parties with the aim of supporting Irish language events, fun days,



camps and festivals throughout the county.

Coiste Gaeilge is fully focused on providing swimming classes through the medium of Irish, especially for our Gaelscoileanna. To this end, our Irish Language Officer, Muireann Ní Bheaglaoich, our Swimming Activator, Louise Mc Namee and Coiste Gaeilge are partnering on the language planning initiative 'Sona Sása ag Snámh'.

Through a range of events in the community and in our libraries, family fun days, swimming classes and other opportunities to use Irish, the language is developed as a living family and community language in line with the main objective of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-30 Straitéise 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge 2010-30 .

Library and Arts Service

News and Highlights

On the necessity of libraries: Anne Herbert remarked that libraries are more valuable than money in hard times.

Africa Day



Councillor David Trost with members of the DoToBa team.

Africa Day (25 May) was recently celebrated in Kildare Libraries. In Celbridge Library, over 80 children and adults attended events to tie in with an African Art Exhibition. Inspired by the Art, Children explored African-inspired motifs through painting and simple mark-making, guided by one of the exhibiting artists, followed by an interactive storytelling experience. The exhibition and workshops were hosted by DoToBa, a charity which supports people from migrant and diverse backgrounds to start, grow and sustain businesses through Training,



Business, Support, Community and Culture.

Leixlip Library

Leixlip Library celebrated Bike Week with a film screening in the library and a visit to Scoil Bhríde with Leixlip's Community Garda. Niamh Ennis facilitated a bike themed Storytime and brought along Bike Week Hi-Vis jackets for all the students.
James Durney hosted a workshop called "Who do you think your ancestors were? A workshop on the 1926 Census.

A TTT Webinar on Assistive Technology for Adults with Alzheimer's and their Carers which was presented by Enable Ireland.



Bike Week photo

Kildare's Young Readers Festival

Kildare Libraries celebrated children's authors and illustrators from 11 May to the 30 May in the annual 'Beyond the Book' – Kildare Young Readers Festival which explored themes of folklore, Irish language and nature with 23 involving 641 children.

Bealtaine

Athy Library celebrated older people's creativity over the month of May. Events included and viola recital by renowned musician Aoise O'Dwyer, Intergenerational events, Once Upon a Tune and a resin workshop where attendees designed their own resin bookmark.





Bealtaine Festival – images above



Creative Ireland Kildare - Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 – Kildare County Report

On 06 June 2026, County Kildare celebrated the ninth annual Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's National Day of Creativity for Children and Young People. More than 45 free events took place across the county, including activities in 13 libraries, offering creative opportunities for children and young people aged 0–18.

Over 1,300 participants engaged in workshops, performances, screenings, and hands on creative experiences, supported by extensive preparation and collaboration among local partners.

Programme Highlights

Spréóga Toddler Takeover – Naas Library

Over 100 babies and young children enjoyed forest themed crafting, LEGO adventures play, messy art, music games, and sensory activities.

KTA Traveller Pride Workshops:

Creative sessions supported a Traveller Pride poster competition and the Traveller Got Talent showcase.

Youth Theatre of Island Hub:

Riverbank Arts Centre welcomed youth theatre groups from across Ireland as one of five national Shared Island hubs.

Loinnir Music Generation Kildare Showcase:

Young musicians delivered an impressive open-air performance at Naas Library, featuring jazz, bluegrass, and rock ensembles.

Hazel Hotel Monasterevin Participation:

Young residents of the accommodation centre joined the celebrations with support from Garda Community Transport.
Additional activities across all five Municipal Districts included youth film screenings, forest school sessions, multicultural creative events, and a wide range of arts workshops.

Partnerships and Support

Cruinniú na nÓg in Kildare was delivered through strong



collaboration with local venues, youth organisations, community development groups, arts facilitators, and creative programmes. The initiative was supported by Creative Ireland and Kildare County Council.





Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

Kildare County Archives and Local Studies

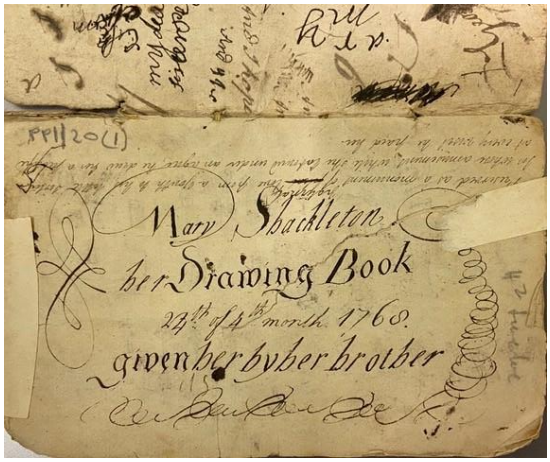
Archives

Preparations are underway for the launch of The Story of Us, the 1926 census exhibition, on 04 July in Naas Library and Cultural Centre, in partnership with the National Archives. This includes research into individuals living in County Kildare in 1926 for a collaboration with the Moat Players.

The Ballitore Papers

A selection of letters, notebooks, diaries, and personal memorabilia of the Quaker families of Shackleton, Leadbeater and Barrington families (circa 1,000 pages) have been digitised by the archivist and made available online at https://kildarecoco.ie/library/KildareCountyArchivesandLocalStudies/Archives/OnlineArchives/PrivatePapers/TheBallitorePapers/#d.en.169208
Included is correspondence between Mary Leadbeater (née Shackleton) (1758-1826) and Arabella Forbes; The Ballitore Magazine 1809 (PP1/23) which contains a variety of articles, poetry and local news items; a notebook belonging to Margaret Davis née Barrington (1823-1912) (PP1/29) relating to the early years of her mother, Sarah Barrington née Leadbeater's life, and also contains details of the last days of Mary Shackleton Leadbeater. Further items will be added in the coming months.





Commemorations

An exhibition of facsimiles of material relating to John Devoy from the National Library will be displayed from 04 July in the Gallery, Naas Library. From the Plains: The story of John Devoy with Eoghan Burke will be performed in the Moat Theatre on 04 July.

Kildare Arts Service

Kildare County Council Arts Service announced progress on three public art commissions currently underway across County Kildare, reflecting the Council's continued commitment to supporting artists and enhancing the public realm through high quality, place responsive artwork. 'Perpetual Motion' Per Cent for Art Commission by Remco de Fouw and Rachael Joynt reaches its thirty-year anniversary later this year.



'Perpetual Motion' Per Cent for Art Commission by Remco de Fouw and Rachael Joynt is 30 years old this year.

Riverbank Arts Centre

Riverbank Arts Centre hosted Youth Theatre Ireland in Newbridge Riverbank Arts Centre hosted Youth Theatre Ireland's shared island programme as part of Cruinniú na nÓg, welcoming eighty young theatre makers from four youth theatres (Belfast, Kilkenny, Leixlip and Wexford) to take part in workshops and perform on their stage.

Departures by Kildare Art Collective in the McKenna Gallery

The County Arts Centre opened Departures, an exhibition by Kildare Art Collective in the McKenna Gallery,



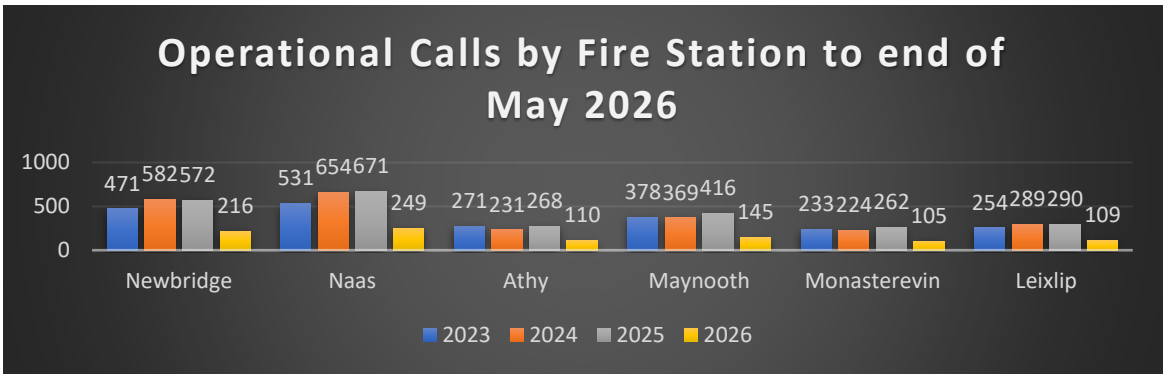
featuring the work of fifteen Kildare-based professional artists exploring change and reflecting on what we have outgrown.

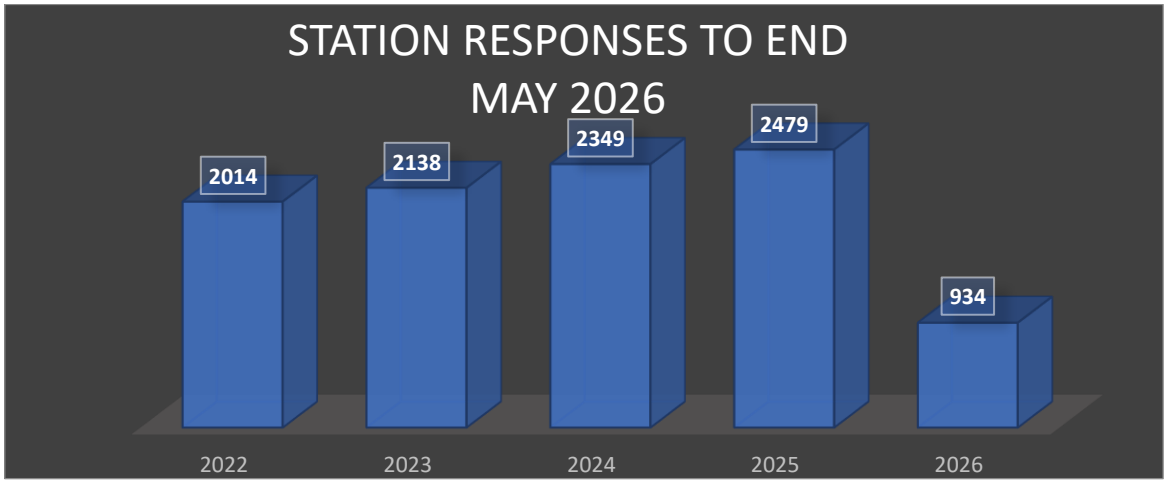
Kildare artist Martina O'Brien shares her 'Antarctic Journey' at the Shackleton Experience in Athy

The Riverbank Arts Centre presented Antarctic Journey as part of their school's programme in collaboration with the Shackleton Experience in Athy. The programme was devised and presented by artist Martina McDonald and based on her own trip to Antarctica, this immersive visual art programme encompassed a bespoke tour of Shackleton Experience and in-school printmaking workshops over a two-month period. Two hundred original prints created by young people as part of this programme will be exhibited later this year.

Fire Service Operations:

2026 Summary: (Note: Figures for previous years indicate full year statistics)







Fire Safety Certificates

Applications received to the end of May 2026 compared with the totals received in previous years.



Finance, Digital Services and Innovation and Governance

Finance

Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2025 has been prepared and presented to Council in March 2026 and submitted to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 31 March 2026 in accordance with statutory requirements. The Annual Financial Statement was also presented too and discussed at the Kildare County Council audit committee meeting on 05 May. The Annual Financial Statement for 2025 is now subject to audit by the Local Government Auditor.

Cashflow / Overdraft

Kildare County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 01 January to 31 May 2026.

Risk Management

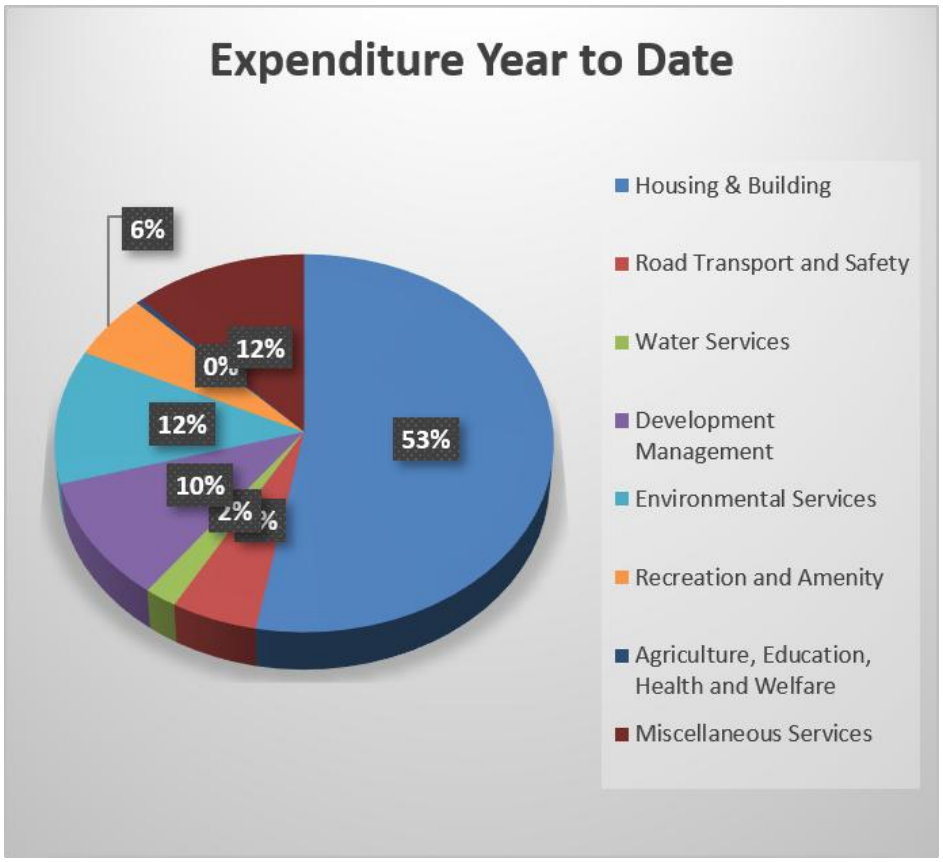
The first quarterly review of the Corporate Risk Register took place in mid-March. The Head of Internal Audit, Risk and Governance is working with the Sections to complete and document the actions from the review. The second quarterly review of the Corporate Risk Register is scheduled for the end of June.



Revenue Account

Kildare County Council
Revenue Account Summary by Service Division to period to 31 May 2026

Division	Expenditure	Budget	% Budget Spend	Budget remaining
	€,000	€,000		€,000
Housing & Building	49,898	115,475	43%	65,577
Road Transport and Safety	4,994	51,384	10%	46,390
Water Services	1,880	9,008	21%	7,128
Development Management	9,799	34,286	29%	24,487
Environmental Services	10,839	29,923	36%	19,084
Recreation and Amenity	5,227	21,437	24%	16,210
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	392	1,475	27%	1,083
Miscellaneous Services	11,252	22,676	50%	11,424
Local Property Tax Allocation				-
Rates				
	94,282	285,664	33%	191,382





Kildare County Council
Revenue Account Summary by Service Division to period to 31 May 2026

Division	Income	Budget	% Budget collected	Budget to be collected
	Income			
	€,000	€,000		€,000
Housing & Building	56,779	103,764	55%	46,985
Road Transport and Safety	2,932	25,965	11%	23,033
Water Services	1,921	7,993	24%	6,072
Development Management	4,119	12,365	33%	8,246
Environmental Services	2,486	10,375	24%	7,889
Recreation and Amenity	1,083	2,720	40%	1,637
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	209	321	65%	112
Miscellaneous Services	1,396	17,255	8%	15,859
Local Property Tax Allocation	9,097	27,291	33%	18,194
Rates	20,675	77,615	27%	56,940
	100,697	285,664	35%	- 184,967

Commercial Rates, Rents and Loans Collections

Kildare County Council

Summary of Major Collections to 31 May 2026

	Arrears 01/01/2026	Accrued	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Outstanding 31/05/2026
Commercial Rates	5,558,393	78,365,332	112,067	-	83,811,658	51,725,996	32,085,662
Rents & Annuities	1,828,501	10,683,589	- 7,406	-	12,519,496	10,810,407	1,709,089
Housing Loans	1,016,693	1,653,476	- 351	-	2,670,520	1,621,756	1,048,764

Digital Services

The 'AI for Good' Seminar, organised by Maria Barry, Digital Programme Officer Kildare County Council in collaboration with Maynooth University, was held over three consecutive Fridays at Naas Library. The event attracted an average of 30 participants per session, and the feedback received was highly positive.

Innovation

National Recognition – Full Circle Furnishings

- The Full Circle Furnishings project, led by Housing with



cross-organisational support, has been selected by the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation as a Local Authority good practice example in the forthcoming national public sector design guidelines.

- The project focuses on the reuse of furniture to support households in need, diverting items from landfill, and contributing to climate and circular economy objectives.

Building Skills and Awareness

- The Innovation Spotlight Poster Series provides a visible showcase of innovative projects happening across the organisation. The initiative supports awareness, knowledge-sharing and recognition of this work. June's poster features the Files App, an in-house solution developed by IT, County Archives and Corporate Services to address the challenge of managing physical records. Each month a different project is featured and is displayed outside the canteen on Level 6 and the Innovation Office on Level 0.
- The Microsoft Copilot trial, which ran over a three-month period, supported staff in exploring practical uses of AI in their day-to-day work. Participants tested how Copilot could assist with tasks such as drafting content, summarising information, and improving productivity. The trial helped to build understanding of the opportunities and considerations associated with AI-enabled tools to inform future AI use cases.

Housing, Regeneration and People

Housing

Social Housing Delivery

The development at Barrack Close, Woodstock Street, Athy was officially opened on Friday, 08 May 2026 by Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Vera Louise Behan.





This development of five newly built homes, comprises two one-bed single-story properties, two one-bed apartments and one two-bed two-storey home. It also included the refurbishment of Glandore House, upgrading it from four-bedroom to a five-bedroom house alongside upgrades to the pedestrian access route, enhancing connectivity between Woodstock Street and the Castle Park Housing Estate.



On Friday, 05 June, Kildare County Council has signed a contract appointing Bretland Construction Ltd. as the Main Contractor and Project Supervisor Construction Stage (PSCS), for the Pausdeen Place housing project located at Ardclough Road, Newtown, Celbridge, Co Kildare.

The project involves the construction of thirty-nine new social housing units, enabling infrastructure works at Pausdeen Bridge and a new pedestrian crossing on the Ardclough Road and is scheduled for completion in 2027.

Homelessness

A therapeutic play programme is currently being delivered to families residing in one of the Emergency Accommodation facilities in Celbridge, in partnership with First Fortnight a charity who provide trauma-informed creative arts therapies, including music- and drama-based interventions. This initiative is supported through Healthy Ireland and CYPSC funding streams and initial feedback indicates that the programme is operating well, with strong engagement from participating families.

In response to interest expressed by families, options are being explored to expand activity provision over the Summer period and engagement has



commenced with the Sports Partnership, which is proposing to assess the venue with a view to delivering on-site taster sessions. Further data is currently being sought in relation to the number of families in situ and the age profile of children in accommodation, in order to inform potential programme expansion and replication across other accommodation settings, where appropriate.

Regeneration

Compulsary Purchase Orders

CPO targets for 2026, set by DHLGH, have been met with nine CPOs commenced so far in 2026.

Strategic Projects and Public Realm (SPPR)

Shackleton Experience

The Shackleton Experience has received the Public Building Award at the Irish Construction Excellence Awards, recognising strong collaboration between Kildare County Council and the wider project team.

Key Project Updates

Newbridge Town Renewal Plan

The plan is progressing to public consultation in September following a presentation to elected members. Final design updates are underway to support the next phase.

Wonderful Barn Project

Advancing towards delivery of current element of the project, with tender documentation nearing completion. Site works are scheduled to commence in August 2026.

Clane Library Project



Now moving into the construction phase following contractor appointment, with delivery expected over an 18-month programme. The

project will provide a modern, accessible facility to support community use and services.

CLÁR Scheme

Seven Expressions of Interest have been received and have been approved by Senior Management



Team to progress to the application stage. The application deadline is 03 July 2026.

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Updated Status
Approval - Stage 4		
St. Patrick's Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phases 2 & 3)	Demolition of 15 units, refurb of 25 units, construction of 7 units.	Works progressing on site.
Approval – Stage 3		
Ardclough Road, Celbridge	39 units	Contract signing took place on 05.06.2026.
Dispensary Site Carbury	5 units	Contractor tender assessments complete. Stage 4 application approval submitted to DHLGH on 17.04.2026.
Ardrew, Athy	73 units + community building	Stage 3 approval received from DHLGH on 18.11.2025. Design & Build tender advertised in December 2025 and currently at Pre-Qual Assessment Stage. Subject to completion of procurement procedures, a contract award is targeted for Q3 2026.
Approval - Stage 2		
Craddockstown, Naas	28 units	Design & Build construction tender complete. Stage 4 approval received from DHLGH on 02.06.2026.
Clane Road, Sallins	4 units	Site previously allocated to The Peter McVerry Trust will now be developed by KCC. Ongoing liaison with previous design team to investigate novation design of services.
Ardrew Halting Site, Athy	8 units (5 new units, 1 caretaker unit, refurbishment and	Tender for construction works is being prepared and scheduled to be launched in Q2 2026.



	amalgamation of 4 units into 2)	
Station Road, Kildare.	29 units	Part 8 was considered and amended at the Kildare-Newbridge MD meeting in May 2025. Site clearance and knotweed disposal to be included in main tender. Investigation & Clearance Works at tender stage. Final Design/Tender documents being prepared.
St Evin's Park, Monasterevin	13 units	Design & Build construction tenders assessed. Stage 4 approval application submitted to DHLGH 05.05.2026.
Oldtown Mill, Celbridge	60 units	Part 8 approved. Confirmation received from DHLGH that the PPP model is not proceeding. Delivery to be progressed via Design and Build.
Coolaghknock Glebe, Kildare	99 social units/ 32 affordable	Part 8 approved. Confirmation received from DHLGH that the PPP model is not proceeding. Delivery to be progressed via Design and Build.
Approval - Stage 1		
Caragh Road, Naas	80 units	Development of 80 units [to include 15 no. affordable units]. Design team preparing design options for the site. Being progressed to Part 8.
Sarto Road, Naas. BIM Pilot	7 units	Single stage application approved by the DHLGH. Site investigation works complete. Design finalised.
Single Stage Approval		
Shamrock Stores, Athy	6 apartments.	New Single Stage Application is being prepared. Refurbishment of existing dwelling is not feasible. Revised proposal finalised and issued to internal departments for comment.
Ballitore Garda Station	6 (2 x refurb + 4 new)	Design team appointed. Part 8 launched 03.06.2026 .
Maddenstown Terrace	1	Part 8 accepted at the February 2025 meeting of Kildare -Newbridge MD. Due to significant increase in cost, alternative approach to works to be explored. 3 options drafted: preferred option to be identified and issued to consultants for comment.



Kilcock Courthouse	5 units	Revised single stage funding application approved by DHLGH. Tenders for consultants underway to proceed to Part 8.
Pre-Approval		
Liffey Lodge	TBC	Preliminary design options being progressed.
Tanyard, Ballitore	4 units	Pre-funding application submitted to DHLGH.
Inniscarra, Athy	5 units	Feasibility report progressing. Preparation of Stage 1 application to the DHLGH is ongoing.
Canalside, Athy	5 units	Single stage funding application being prepared for submission to DHLGH.
Millfield Manor, Newbridge	2 units	Consultants appointed: tender to be prepared. Tender to be issued Q2 2026.
Blacklion HS, Maynooth	2-day houses	Single Stage Application proposal submitted to DHLGH and comments received. Consultants appointed. Revised single stage application to be submitted Q2 2026.
Bothar Bui, Athy	8 units	Feasibility underway. Site investigations are being procured. DHLGH reviewing sketch feasibility. Single stage application being prepared.
Basin Street, Naas	TBC	Tender for conservation report and structural survey complete. Survey drawings complete. Feasibility report issued to the Planning Section for comment.
Former Fire Station Site, Maynooth	TBC	Feasibility and design ongoing. Consultation with SPPR and Community Section commenced.
Blacklion, Maynooth	80 TBC	Feasibility underway.
Rickardstown, Newbridge	96 social/ 40 affordable units	Confirmation received from DHLGH that the PPP model is not proceeding. Delivery to be progressed via Design and Build.
Rathasker Road, Naas	104 units	Confirmation received from DHLGH that the PPP model is not proceeding. Delivery to be progressed via Design and Build.



Infill Schemes

Location	No. of Units	Updated Status
Newtown House, Leixlip	4 units	Construction to commence by end June 2026.
Glandore, Athy	5 units + 1 refurb	Official opening took place on Friday 8th May.
Skenagun, Castledermot	1 major refurb & extension & 1 new build	Stage 3 approval received. Tender being prepared.

Type	Approved Housing Body	Location	No. of Units	Updated Status
CAS	Cluid	ESB site, Leixlip	36	Part 8 approved December 2025. Cluid to proceed with amendments to proposal required under conditions of Part 8 approval.
CAS	Sofia Housing	St. John's Convent, Rathangan	24	Stage 4 approval submitted to DHLGH November 2025. Contractor appointment by AHB to follow. Stage 4 approval received April 2026. Contractor expected on site June 2026.
CAS	Cluid	Dominican Lands Athy	34	Stage 4 approval received. Work ongoing to transfer the site to Cluid. Development License agreement being put in place to progress works.
CAS	Nas Na Riogh	Beaufort, (adj McAuley Place), Naas	44	Part 8 application launched 13.05.2026. Scheduled for the September Naas MD meeting.
CAS	Tintean Housing Assoc.	McCauley Court, Athy	Refurb 10 units & communal building	Terms of Heads of Agreement have been signed. Legal process for transfer of units to KCC has commenced. Deed of Assurance and pre-Contracts have been received and reviewed. AHB to



				submit an updated CAS funding application under the new Single Stage Process, due to increased cost estimates.
CAS	Homeless Care	Jigginstown Phase 2, Naas	10	Stage 2 approval application to be submitted to DHLGH.

Families in PEA including Supported Temporary Accommodations and Family Hubs as of 31 May 2026

Duration	No. of Households with Dependents	Adults	Dependents
0 - 6 Months	38	54	80
6 - 12 Months	15	21	28
12 - 18 Months	15	23	36
18 - 24 Months	2	3	2
24 - 30 Months	5	8	8
30 – 36 Months	0	0	0
36 Months +	1	3	2
Total	76	112	156

Families in Own Front Door Accommodation as of 31 May 2026

Duration	No. of Households with Dependents	Adults	Dependents
0 - 6 Months	3	5	12
6 - 12 Months	3	4	10
12 - 18 Months	0	0	0
18 - 24 Months	4	9	11
24 - 30 Months	2	3	4
30 – 36 Months	0	0	0
+ 36 Months	3	8	6
Total	**15**	**29**	**43**



Notices of Termination as at 30 May 2026

Notices of Termination on hand	Number Overholding	Number expiring 2026	Number Expiring 2027
107	37	70	0

Acquisitions

	2025	2026
Housing Acquisitions	23	3
Housing Turnkeys	22	5
Part V Acquisitions	158	28
Total	**203**	**36**

Acquisitions and Leasing by Municipal District	Athy	Celbridge - Leixlip	Clane-Maynooth	Kildare-Newbridge	Naas
Acquisitions in 2025	41	21	63	50	28
Acquisitions in 2026	8	0	15	13	0
MTR Delivery 2026 (via CALF and leasing)	0	0	2	0	0
CALF delivery 2026	0	0	0	6	0

Town Regeneration

Year	CPOs Commenced	CPOs Awaiting Confirmation	CPOs Confirmed	CPOs Withdrawn/ On Hold	Acquired by Agreement
2025	11	5	3	2	0
2026	9	9	1	3	2

Year	Vacant Property Grant Applications Received	Vacant Property Grant Approved	Vacant Property Grant Paid
2025	117	94	100
2026	63	45	28



Year	Vacant Property Inspections	Properties Requiring Further Investigation	Property Owners Engaged With	Pre-CPO Notices Erected
2025	164	113	146	29
2026	40	37	26	1

Year	Derelict Site Inspections	Section 8 (2) Notices Issued	Sites Added to the Register
2025	46	31	10
2026	13	9	4

URDF

URDF Call 3	• 6 URDF Call 3 approved properties have been acquired by CPO. • 2 properties have been acquired by agreement. • CPO has commenced on 2 properties. • De-risking/enabling works are complete on 3 properties and they will be marketed for forward sale in the coming weeks subject to approval from the elected members.

Town Centre First

Funding	Project Description
Town and Village Renewal Scheme	TVRS funded projects for Clane and Kilcullen, as follows: **Clane:** Remedial and upgrade works to the town centre playground recreational space. Desktop analysis and survey are completed. Town Regeneration liaising with Parks Department on progressing this project. **Kilcullen:** Project comprising a number of elements including research, design and mapping of amenity, heritage and cultural walking and wheeling trails linking and identifying assets and opportunities. Design drawings completed in-house were reviewed with the Town Team and awaiting further feedback.



Public Realm

Capital Works – Strategic Priorities

Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
Countywide	Barrow Blueway	€11,683,034	RRDF €9,007,827	Stage (iv) Construction	Rathangan Bridge: Works are substantially complete. A snag list has been prepared. Hydroseeding of embankments was completed in late April.
	Barrow Blueway Trail Head	€80,000	€80,000 Community Recognition Fund	Stage (iib) Planning Preparation	Part 8 consultation closed on 28 April 2026; 8 external and 1 internal submission received. Submissions report issued to the Planning Department to develop and finalise the Chief Executive Report.
	Greenway – Phase 2	€25,621,000	DoT/TII and Carbon Tax Fund	Part 8 Planning	Sallins Link: Procurement



Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
	Sallins to Clonkeen			Process, DAV & Fure	process has concluded. Next Towpath Package: Preparatory work is underway to advance the next package to tender. The proposed scope includes works at Ticknevin Junction; westwards to Lock 20; eastwards to the end of the Sheebridge Boardwalk; Bonynge Pedestrian Bridge to Lock 18; and a potential footbridge at the 18th Lock. Progression of the footbridge at the 18th lock remains subject to confirmation



Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
					at a forthcoming meeting of the North South Ministerial Council.
Kildare-Newbridge	Newbridge Library and County Archives		KCC/ Dept of Housing/ DRCD	Detailed Design	Stage 4 approval has been confirmed by the DRCD. Standstill period and appointment of contractor to follow.
	Rathangan Town Renewal Plan		LPT	Town Renewal Plan	Work is progressing well, with the final stages underway.
	Newbridge Town Renewal Plan		LPT	Town Renewal Plan	A presentation to elected members took place and, with their agreement, public consultation will take place in September. The Town Hall in Newbridge



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					has been secured for the consultation, and the design team is progressing final updates.
	Monasterevin Masterplan – sub project Market Square Monasterevin		€34,335.00 (grand aid awarded under T&V (TCF Measure 3)	Preliminary Design	The funding agreement has been finalised with the Department, confirming a project programme from March 2026 to September 2027, with total funding of €163,900 (including 20% match funding). Preparatory work is underway to commence the tender process for the appointment of a consultant design team to



Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
					deliver the feasibility study.
	Riverbank	TBC	TBC	Pre-Part 8	Preparation of Part 8 is underway. Subject to continued progress, Part 8 will come before December meeting of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District
Athy	Athy Sports Hub Ardrew			Preliminary Design	A project commencement meeting between SPPR and the Design Team is scheduled for 10 June, with wider stakeholder engagement to follow.
Celbridge-Leixlip	Wonderful Barn	€23.8m (most recent cost for		Planning Preparation	Design team is finalising tender documentation, with submission



Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
		entire project)			expected shortly. Works are aimed to commence on site in August 2026, subject to successful tender process.
Clane-Maynooth	Maynooth Town Centre Master Plan	€3,438,500	€2,574,375 URDF €858,125 KCC/LPT €1,908,750 URDF approved	Town Centre Masterplan	Draft Masterplan being finalised.
	Clane Library	€3,760,000	TBC with Library Department	Stage (iv) Construction	Construction contract has been awarded and a sod-turning event with Minister J. Buttimer has taken place. The contractor, ML Quinn, has indicated an 18-month programme. Site access has been handed over and



Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
					hoarding and strip out works are scheduled to have commenced.
Naas	Naas Town Centre Masterplan	€4,662,000	€3,500,000 URDF €1,165,000 LPT/KCC	Town Centre Masterplan	Draft Masterplan being finalised.
	Sallins Town Renewal Masterplan	€70,000	€70,000 LPT	Masterplan	Publication of the Plan will be predicated on the completion of the Sallins Settlement Plan. It is important that both projects are aligned in terms of boundaries, zonings etc.
	Naas Canal Quarter Masterplan	€320,000	URDF	Pre-draft Masterplan	A Traffic and Infrastructure Assessment is being prepared as part of the overall Masterplan for the Canal



Municipal District	Project Name	Estimated Value	Funding Awarded	Project Stage	Notes
					Quarter. This work is ongoing.

Integration and Strategic Property Management

LAIT
Foireann Údaráis Áitiúil um Imeascadh
Local Authority Integration Team

Integration

General

International Protection Bill and Operation of the Citywest reception Centre

The EU Pact on Migration and Asylum came into effect in Ireland as of 12 June. The Pact, enacted through the new International Protection Act 2026, brings significant changes for international protection. Key changes:

- Screening: Upon arrival, or, presentation to seek international protection, applicants will be directed to Citywest Reception Centre where they will be accommodated for an initial screening process. This process will take a maximum of seven days, during which a variety of background, vulnerability, health and application checks will be completed by a multi-disciplinary team, with key information provided to applicants at various stages.
- Vulnerability Assessment: As part of the screening procedure, all applicants are offered a vulnerability assessment done on behalf of IPAS to assess special reception needs and special procedural needs. Where a vulnerability is identified, the person is signposted to relevant services and the information on vulnerabilities and special reception needs.
- Procedural Pathways: Once screening is complete, applicants will be assigned to an asylum procedure



pathway, each of which will carry different processing timelines and considerations. These pathways are designed to accelerate applications in line with available information and expected decision outcomes. People in the Border Procedure pathway will be accommodated in Citywest Reception Centre until they receive a decision on their application.

- Restrictions of Freedom of Movement: This will automatically apply to those in the Border Procedure but may also apply to others on a case-by-case basis. Residents will be informed by the International Protection Office when a Restriction of Freedom of Movement is applied and what this entails. In practice, this means that a resident will have to report daily to the accommodation centre.
- Access to services: Services for all international protection applicants, including healthcare and education are mainstreamed and accessed through the same referral pathways as Irish residents or citizens.
- New and Legacy Cohorts: While all applicants who start their international protection application from 12 June will fall under Pact procedures and timelines, applicants who started their application before that date will continue to fall under the old procedures. Changes to legislation in relation to reception conditions are applicable to all applicants.
- IPAS has updated its House Rules.
- Applicants can request a voluntary return at any stage of the asylum process or after a negative decision issues. After a negative decision issues, applicants have an obligation to cooperate with the returns process.

Information on the operation of the Citywest Reception Centre was circulated to Members on 15 June.

Numbers of New Arrivals

The numbers of new arrivals seeking Temporary Protection remains low. The number in the Punchestown Designated Accommodation Centre (DAC), the only remaining 30-day DAC in Kildare, currently stands at nine (16 June 2026).There are no further arrivals due from City West so the centre will be vacant by the 20 June The Dept have yet to confirm if the facility will continue to be used but have stated that it can only be used for Ukraine accommodation purposes.



Changes to State Provided Accommodation for Persons with Temporary Protection

Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Jim O'Callaghan and Minister of State for Migration Colm Brophy got Government approval for new measures in relation to Ukrainian citizens with Temporary Protection status. Following Cabinet approval these changes were posted on-line on 03 June 2026. The main changes are:

- Phased withdrawal of State-contracted commercial accommodation by March 2027.
- The Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) will reduce form €600/month to €400/month at the end of September 2026.
- A Temporary Protection Transition Scheme will introduce an alternative permission for those with Temporary Protection.
- People currently on Temporary Protection who are assessed as being vulnerable will be provided State accommodation.
- Subject to development at EU level support will be given to the development of a voluntary return and reintegration programme for those who wish to return to Ukraine.

Further details can be found at https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-justice-home-affairs-and-migration/campaigns/ukraine-updates-en/

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) supports persons who have applied for international protection, persons with status, temporary protection, and programme refugees living in county Kildare. The LAIT connect them with local services and helping them to navigate new civic systems to them. The LAIT supports those in State-contracted accommodation through information clinics.

From the beginning of the year until the 16 June 2026, the LAIT:

- Delivered 76 one-to-one clinics and 22 group clinics, supporting 649 people in State-contracted accommodation centres.
- Resolved 699 queries.



- Supported 613 people through integration and psychosocial activities.

Activities organised or supported by the LAIT in June 2026:

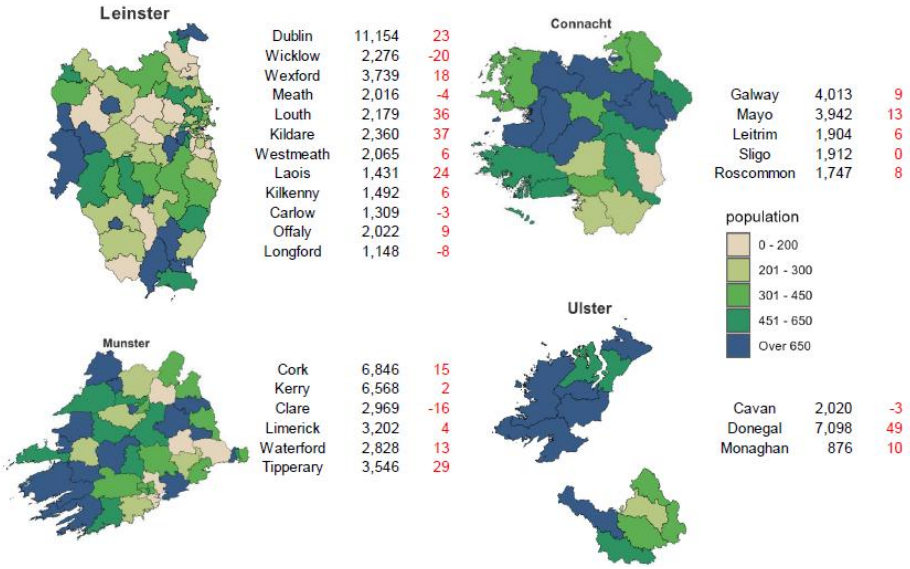
- Swap and Play event at Athy Library facilitated by Toy Library Ireland. Part of Cruinniú na nÓg. Community event engaging families with the concept of circular play. 150 registrations with 78 people attending on the day; 144 toys recirculated and given a second life. Beyond the numbers, it was fantastic to see families connecting, children discovering new-to-them toys, and the community embracing more sustainable ways to play and share resources. Supported by the LAIT, Library Services, Environment and Climate Change departments.
- Men's Group - Wellbeing Programme in the Gables. Men attended June Fest events on 02 June. LAIT arranged 'meet and greet' visit to Newbridge Men's Shed and Newbridge Family Resource Centre on the 08 June.
- Healthy Living in Ireland eight weeks programme in Monasterevin finished on 04 June. Delivered in partnership with the HSE.
- Women Swim Programme final session with De Burgh Manor residents. Run by Swim Ireland in collaboration with KSP and funded by LAIT.
- Kayaking Programme for Adults run by Sanctuary Paddlers in collaboration with KSP and LAIT. The LAIT supported six persons with temporary protection and international protection applicants living in Athy to participate.
- Dance workshop for children under five as part of Power of Play programme funded by the LAIT continue in De Burgh Manor and Hazel IPAS centres.
- Water Safety Talk organised in De Burgh Manor on the 15 June. Supported by KSP and delivered by Swim Ireland.
- Coffee Mornings supporting person with temporary protection living in the community are organised by the LAIT every Tuesday in the Family Resource Centre. Supported by CKLP.

According to the Data source Department of Justice, Homeland Affairs and Migration (15 June 2026) there are currently a total of 189 persons with Temporary Protection (Ukraine)142 adults/ 47 children in the five State-contracted accommodation centres in County Kildare.

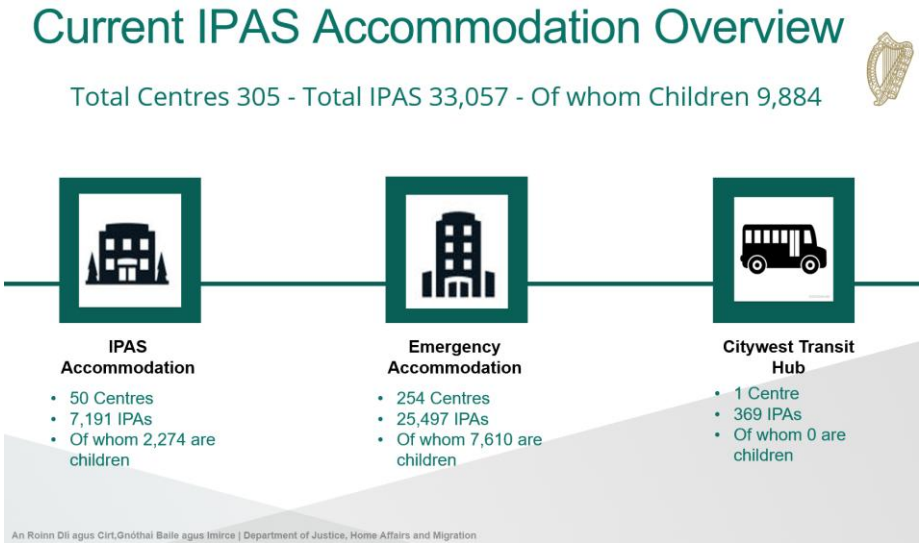


Summary - Location of Ukrainian Arrivals by County

The following data gives the number of arrivals from Ukraine with recent activity in administrative data at a county level based off the data provided on 25 May 2026, where 98% of individuals could be mapped to an ARP home address or Post Office. Also included is a comparison with data previously provided on the 20 April 2026. The associated map is at an LEA level.



According to the Department of Justice, Homeland Affairs and Migration (15 June 2026) there are 459 persons who have applied for international protection, 352 adults/ 107 children in the five State-contracted accommodation centres in County Kildare.



Kildare Refugee Resettlement Programme

The Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP) is a national programme established by the Government on 10 September 2015 as part of Ireland's humanitarian response to the migration crisis in



Europe. Its purpose is to provide safe and legal pathways for refugees (primarily those identified by the UNHCR) to resettle in Ireland.

The IRPP is working with Local Authorities engaged in resettling refugees, following the County and City Management Association's (CCMA) model for distribution for IRPP II, CCMA HBLU IRPP II Model for Distribution. Through this model, Kildare County Council was allocated a quota of 66 refugees for 2024-26. Kildare County Council was involved in this programme as far back as 2010.

62 refugees have been resettled to date in 14 properties and five locations. The remaining family has received the keys to the property and is due to resettle on the 25 June 2026. The integration supports provided by CKLP are in place until the 14 July 2026, subsequently the LAIT will support these families in the same way other targeted groups are supported. Meet and Greet sessions with the LAIT have been arranged in June 2026.

The programme is supported by an Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) chaired by the LAIT Coordinator, and at national level by the LGMA through a Working Group with all the local authorities participating in the IRPP. Further information is available at: gov.ie - Irish Refugee Protection Programme

Ukraine Services and Accommodation Team Offer a Home Scheme

The Ukraine Services and Accommodation Team manage the Offer a Home Scheme in county Kildare in conjunction with the Irish Red Cross (IRC) and International Organisation for Migration (IOM). The supply of offers for OAH and Pledged accommodation continues to decline. Fortunately, the majority of persons with temporary protection arriving under the new 30-day accommodation protocol have managed to source their own accommodation with very few returning to Citywest to date. Only two people returned to Citywest from Kildare Dac's since the start of 2026.

- Offered to date: 108 (59 apartments + 49 houses).
- Occupied: 64
- In Progress: 3
- Withdrawn: 41



The Ukraine Services and accommodation team is currently matching properties in rural locations offered by other Local Authority's. The Minister has extended the ARP payment until March 2027, however ,the payment will reduce to €400 in October.

Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC's)

Designated Accommodation Centres were established to accommodate persons with temporary protection arriving in the State after 14 March 2024. The Ukraine Services and Accommodation Team continue to deliver Day-14 clinics on a roughly two week basis to assist residents with the sourcing and matching of accommodation. The last clinic was held in the Punchestown DAC on 05 June. There were no issues arising from that clinic.

Kill has ceased to be a 30-day DAC and has returned to a Full Board DAC accommodating persons with temporary protection who arrived before March 2024. Newhall 30-day DAC has closed and will be returned to its original use as farmland. The capacity at the Punchestown DAC has been reduced to 285, current occupancy nine (DOJ 16 June).There will be no further arrivals to Punchestown and the last remaining residents will leave by 20 June. The Dept has yet to decide on the future of the centre but have confirmed it can only be used to accommodate Ukraine purposes.

The Community Integration Forum

The role of the Community Integration Forum is to enhance information sharing, collaboration and coordination among service providers to maximise integration supports outcomes. Membership includes Kildare County Council (LAIT, Accommodation Team, Community Services/Sport Kildare Partnership, Library Services/Creative Communities); Citizens Information Centre; An Garda Siochana; County Kildare Leader Partnership; Irish Red Cross; Kildare County Childcare Committee; Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC); In Sync; Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB); the Regional Education and Learning Team Coordinator (REALT – KWETB); INTREO/Department of Social Welfare; Tusla Prevention,



Partnership and Family Support (PPFS); the HSE Social Inclusion Team; and TFI Local Link.

The role of the Community Integration Forum is reflected in the LCDC (Action 1.7.7 KCC-LAIT). The migrant integration strategy is much broader and implemented through local community strategies.

The Community Integration Forum (CIF) meets every two months. The last meeting was held on 09 June.

Health and Safety

1. Update of Accident/Incident Database
2. DSE (Display Screen Ergonomic) assessments including blended working assessments:
    - Naas Library (1)
3. Site Inspections completed in the following areas:
    - Roads Crew Clane
    - Roads Crew Maynooth
    - Rathangan Roads Depot
    - Clogherinkoe Library
    - Environment Team Suncroft
    - Environment Team Nurney
4. Induction with outdoor crews
5. RAMS (Risk Assessment and Method Statement) completed and approved:
6. Reviewed and updated of eight procedures and associated forms
7. Health and Safety Roadshows completed in Naas Municipal District/Machinery Yard combined (40 attendees) and Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District (36 attendees) which included:
    - Presentation by Coaching Team on new coaching initiative
    - Presentation by Jackie Sweeney on Wellbeing
    - Presentation by Health and Safety Team on Safety Statement and general Health and Safety.
8. Control of contractors /consultants document flowchart prepared with Parks Department
9. Review of fire marshals/assembly point and prompt sent to all staff- Aras based only
10. New Proworks checklist prepared for environment related site visits now active on system.



11. Health and Safety and Governance Committee Meeting – Uisce Eireann.
12. Meeting with Environment/Planning directors on recent incidents and discussion re next steps.

Accessibility:

1. Attended Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) Open Day Clane
2. Preparations for Kildare Inclusivity Festival:
    - New Flyer for CKAN
    - Presentation developed for briefing volunteers
    - Interview with KFM
    - Invites sent to all schools in Kildare, Councillors, Disability Federation of Ireland and LGMA.
    - Delivery of promotional materials:
        i. Signs
        ii. Banners
        iii. Site Maps
        iv. Volunteer T-shirts
        v. Zone Supervisor Jackets
        vi. Exhibition Stand
        vii. Flyers
3. Kildare Inclusivity Festival held on Sunday 10 May c. 12,000 attendees.
4. Clean up and removal of all materials from site and put in storage
5. Progressing payments for the festival and collecting feedback.

Climate, Community, Environment and Water

Climate

Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

CARO Eastern & Midlands Climate Action Regional Office

The Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) works to support local authorities to drive climate action in their jurisdictions and coordinate activities to promote effective climate action across the local government sector. For more information on the work of the CARO, see website at www.caro.ie

Kildare County Council is the host local authority for the Eastern and Midlands (EM) CARO, one of four CAROs working as a shared service



within local government climate. There are 17 local authorities within the EM CARO region.



The CAROs are funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) and work through the four lead local authorities by way of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to mid 2029.

Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme

LOCAL AUTHORITY Climate Action Training Programme

01 June 2024 marked the start of second phase climate training for the sector. 2026 training programme has planned training under six training pillars with a target of 9,450 over the year. Focus for the year ahead includes:

Online training on climate science, policy and responses to all staff.

- Green Public Procurement
- Nature–based solutions
- Fire services training
- Other training targeting specific groups will be planned for delivery also.

Permanency of Staff Business Case

continues to advance with a specially convened project board convened. The business case is seeking to address the permanency of dedicated resources on climate action within the sector i.e. 17 resources within the CAROs, and three resources within each of the 31 LA (Climate Action Coordinator, Climate Action Officer and Community Climate Action Officer). The proposal as a minimum is seeking to regularise 110 staff positions.

Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LA CAP)

All 31 local authorities have adopted their climate action plans. A review of all LACAPs is complete and findings report is available on CARO website Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LA CAPs) - CARO.





Sub-Regional Energy Projects

The EM CARO is working with local authorities in each of the four sub-regions to develop regional energy units to avail of funding for projects that support the decarbonisation of local authority buildings. The energy units comprise:

- Mid-east (Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, and Louth), delivering projects and accessing Pathfinder support from SEAI.
- Midlands (Laois, Offaly, Westmeath, Longford, Roscommon), have developed their project pipeline and sourced funding to match Pathfinder support and are progressing with projects.
- Border (Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim) are working with project manager assistance from SEAI and design team to progress projects.
- South-east (Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wexford, Waterford City and County) continue to progress through design stage towards delivery.

Reimagining Local Authority Fleet

The EM CARO supports the reconfigured working group established to explore support and options for local authorities on fleet decarbonisation and is now working to finalise recommendations for the CCMA on support for fleet decarbonisation into the future.

Development of Local Authority Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on Climate Action



The Climate Action KPI working group continue to work to develop the report for 2025 aiming to publish in August. The report explores a range of data to highlight the sectoral performance of the network of local authorities on climate action. 2024 Report now available at: Climate Action Key Performance Indicators

GAA / CCMA Green Clubs Programme:





GAA Green Club Programme

The EM CARO continues to work with the GAA and expert partners to advance the Green Club Programme. Phase three of the Programme sees c.400 clubs working their way through a range of sustainability and climate action related projects as provided for by Green Club Toolkits covering the five themes of Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity and Travel.
Renewed MOU between the CCMA and the GAA signed in February to continue and strengthen the partnership.

Kildare County Council Climate Action

The CARO office provides support to the Climate Action Office (CAO). In turn the CAO assists the functional and operational areas of the council to decarbonise their roles and work through the members of the Climate Action Team and Energy Management Team together with the Senior Management Team.

Community Based Projects:

Community Climate Action Program Fund Round 2:
The Community Climate Action Fund Round 2 of funding 26 projects awarded, the total award fund €991,941.63

Climate Book Club:

Strong community engagement delivered through the Climate Book Club expansion. Maynooth and Kildare are taking a break for the summer. Athy is still running over the summer.

+55 Climate Workshop:

Jacinta Barrins. Workshop facilitator is looking at the potential for greater outreach. Propose talking with Galway County Council Climate Action Office as they helped set the workshop up originally.

Climate Action SPC:

The May SPC meeting on the13 May with a visit to Tallaght District Heating scheme. The next meeting is scheduled for 16 September.

JTF START:



JTF 8 applications under Infrastructure submitted by deadline with two feasibility projects to be submitted by the end of the month.

Maynooth DZ:

Picnic in the Park and Climate Champions:

The DZ Climate Champions Awards for 2026. Awards taking place at Picnic in the Park at Harbour Field Maynooth on 21 June (2:00pm-5:00pm).

Community Garden:

Received funding from Community Climate Action Fund for a section of the land and have an application to LEADER which is in final stages of preparation.

Energy Updates:

Energy Performance Contract

The Energy Performance Contract was signed with Lawler Sustainability on Monday 15 June.
Progress will begin immediately on the Building Surveys and the Detailed Design phase.

Energy Audits / Decarbonisation Projects:

Energy projects advancing across libraries and community facilities, supported by Pathfinder funding.
Leixlip Library: decarbonising works have commenced. Due to be completed in June 2026.
Athy Library: A trial borehole for ground source heat pump for decarbonisation is completed, and a feasibility study has been completed. We will be issuing a tender in the next few weeks.

We have also applied for START Just Transition Funding and successful projects will be notified in Q3.

Athy Municipal District offices: An Energy Audit has been carried out. Funding will be required to progress this project.
Newbridge Library: trying to secure Pathfinder funding for the Energy Efficiency works to the Protected Structure element of the larger capital project.

Clane Library: Pathfinder funding of 50% of the 75% funding has been received from SEAI for the energy efficiency works – i.e. Heat Pump and PV.



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Community Facilities: IES Ltd. has completed an initial draft Energy Audit for Newbridge and Kilcullen Community Youth Facilities and Monread Community Centre. They are currently completing the Old Fire Station in Maynooth. These reports will inform Energy related works.
SEAI Monitoring and Reporting:
SEAI Monitoring and Reporting complete; ISO 50001 surveillance audit scheduled for 22 and 23 June 2026.

District Heating (DH)

Strategic projects progressing, including Maynooth District Heating and DISCO project.
EV Charging for KCC Fleet:
CNG powered grab truck delivered to Machinery yard for six month trial courtesy of GNI. 'Renewable Gas in Transport' CARO Webinar on 19 June to show the practical progress being made

ISO 50001 Energy Management:

Surveillance Audit scheduled for 22 and 23 June 2026.

Critical Success Factors Assessment for 2026

Completed by Alex Hamilton, PSM, on behalf of SEAI. Results show if we can complete the planned projects in Public Lighting, building and fleet decarbonisation we are on Target to meet 2030 Target. However, the UMR for Public Lighting must be updated to reflect savings and the 2050 Net Zero Targets need to be considered in LACAP.

Community

Kildare Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

Kildare LCSP convened its third meeting on 07 May 2026. The meeting included a facilitated workshop, with a primary focus on advancing the development of the Local Community Safety Plan. A subcommittee of LCSP members will be established to oversee this work. The next step will involve initiating a procurement process to appoint a consultant to support plan development.
The National Community Safety Fund closed on 18 May 2026. Two funding applications were submitted by Kildare LCSP. Additionally, letters of support



were provided for four applications from partner agencies. Outcomes of the funding process are expected in October 2026.
The National Community Safety Strategy remains pending, with no confirmed publication date.

Kildare Sports Partnership (KSP)

KSP Bike Week Initiatives

KSP reached up to 1,700 participants across nine targeted events for Bike Week. Over 1,400 of these attended the Inclusive Bike Enclosure at the Curragh Racecourse as part of the 2026 Kildare Inclusivity Festival. An example of another KSP event was the cycle for St. Pauls Secondary School in Monasterevin who had 115 pupils out on bikes on the Blueway.

Kildare Village Ecco Walk

Kildare Sports Partnership partnered with Ecco Store in Kildare Village to deliver a community walk around Kildare Town on Saturday, 23 May. Over fifty participants were in attendance with all those who registered entered into a raffle where the ten winners received shoes from the store.

Local Sports Partnership Sports Inclusion Research Piece

KSP have agreed to assist with a funded research project being undertaken by its counterparts in Carlow, Active Carlow, to evaluate sport and physical activity opportunities for people with a disability delivered through Local Sports Partnerships.
The project will use a combination of methods to understand the impact of the programme on engagement and health, the experiences of participants and parents, and explore the delivery challenges and successes. The findings will support future decision making to ensure effective opportunities are supported and delivered, ensuring a person's disability doesn't present an obstacle to being physically active.

Creative Ireland Fund

KSP have partnered with Kildare County Council Arts and Creative Communities on a new initiative titled 'How We Move' which has successfully been awarded Creative Ireland Funding to the value of €140,000 for two years.



KSP will assist and deliver on physical activity components of this initiative under the stewardship of the project manager and Arts team.

KSP Hosted Sport Ireland Coordinators Meeting

KSP hosted the Sport Ireland LSP Coordinator meeting over two days in Athy on the 19 and 20 May. Coordinators were presented to on the development of the KSP Sports Hubs in Athy, Monasterevin, and Naas.

Wellbeing Walk in DeBurgh Woodlands

Collaborating with the Kildare County Council Wellbeing Team, KSP delivered a Wellbeing Walk in DeBurgh Woodlands on Wednesday, 29 April. It was an extremely positive event with over forty in attendance.

North Kildare Swimming Pool

Following extensive site research, the location for the North Kildare Swimming Pool has now been formally identified and announced. With a preferred site established, the project is progressing to the next phase, with work advancing towards tendering a comprehensive feasibility study.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The last meeting of the LCDC took place on 27 May with the next meeting scheduled 01 for July, 2026.

SICAP Programme:

The SICAP programme continues to progress in its work with disadvantaged community groups and individuals across the county. The LCDC report noted that 57 community groups have been worked with through agreed actions to date in 2025. The annual target is 75, The report also highlighted that 468 individuals were worked with through a range of agreed actions from a target of 898.
The formal mid-year review will be considered at the next meeting of the LCDC. This will be submitted by CKLP on 16 June. The SICAP subgroup is scheduled for 22 June to prepare for the upcoming LCDC meeting.
For further information contact: Linda Walsh, Manager, County Kildare LEADER Partnership
linda@countykildarelp.ie

LEADER:



Work continues to promote and support applications for LEADER funding.

Kildare presented very successfully on the recently completed James O Dwyer Glamping project at a national CAP Network meeting in Tullamore on 21 May.

Four additional projects were approved for LEADER funding at the May LCDC/LAG meeting:

Promoter Name	Project Description	LEADER Grant Amount Approved
Athy Town AFC	3G Synthetic Football Pitch System	€200,000.00
Chris Delahunt	Kildare eBike Hire	€31,973.25
Johnstown Amenity Projects Company CLG	Development of Community Amenity	€65,761.96
Claire Noons	Pottery Equipment	€5,052.44

A targeted call for projects from social, community and co-operative enterprises will be announced shortly. A budget of €175,000 is available and expressions of interest will be sought for eligible projects from €5,000 to €87,500.

A celebration event took place on 16 June for communities involved in the SMART Villages initiative to highlight the work achieved to date in Rathangan, Carbury-Derrinturn, and Johnstownbridge-Tirmoghan and to launch the SMART Community Strategies for those three localities. A second aim of the event is to advertise that the second phase of the training will commence in Prosperous, Coill Dubh-Robertstown, Castledermot-Levitstown, and Suncroft-Nurney in late August.
For further information contact:
Contact Sabrina Whelan,
RDP Team Leader, County Kildare LEADER Partnership
Sabrina@countykildarelp.ie

Empowering Communities Programme

Work continues through this programme targeting specific areas in



Athy, based in the community house Townspark. Tony Shaw recently commenced work, replacing Jason Leigh. A mid-year report will be submitted in July. The Department has confirmed funding for 2027.
For further information contact: Linda Walsh, Manager, County Kildare LEADER Partnership
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Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)

The Department of Rural and Community Development were made aware of the approval of the LEP made by Kildare LCDC at their meeting on 20 April. Local applicants cannot be informed of the decision until DRCDG releases the information nationally. The Department's decision in this is still awaited.

Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)

An update was given to the LCDC on the work of Kildare CYPSC. This included the Trauma Informed Conference and the Strengthening Families Programme. This programme is now open for referrals. This is a fourteen week Programme taking place in Newbridge in September 2026.

Further details about the programme are available:
Ciara Fennelly, Kildare SFP Coordinator ciara.fennelly@foroige.ie

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Works at Castlepark Playground have been completed, representing a significant enhancement to local community infrastructure, while delivery of Trauma-Informed Practice training has been scheduled for September 2026.

Planning for SEED Funding 2026 is advancing through active collaboration with key partners, including Mental Health Ireland, Local Link, HSE and Kildare LEADER Partnership, to develop priority projects that respond to local transport, mental health and wellbeing needs. Consideration is also being given to supporting Phase 2 of the Age Friendly Mile, alongside undertaking a Place Standard Assessment focused on targeted areas within the town centre.
Sláintecare continues to lead the Athy Youth Network, supporting a



coordinated approach to youth engagement and the promotion of positive, pro-social community participation locally. A programme of targeted summer activities is currently underway, alongside plans for two family-focused community events in the Woodstock area, the first of which will take place in Castlepark on 26 June 2026.

In addition, the “Get to Know Your Community” Fair, hosted by Athy Community Network on 28 May 2026, was highly successful, with over 40 local groups participating and strong public attendance reflecting positive community engagement.

Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland Kildare continues to advance a wide range of collaborative initiatives across the county. Funding has been secured to deliver Trauma-Informed Care Training in North Kildare in October 2026, further strengthening the county’s commitment to embedding trauma-informed practice.

Healthy Ireland will also continue its support for Kildare Traveller Action, including programmes for young people focused on Equine Education, alongside the ongoing provision of the Traveller-specific counselling service. Healthy Ireland and Kildare Sports Partnership continue to collaborate around the walking recovery group in Cuan Mhuire Athy. Each week there has been a different theme, which has included a positive mental health talk from Mental Health Ireland and next week a talk from the Homeless Team in Kildare County Council on housing.

LECP

Communications have issued to stakeholders requesting action updates by 31 July to support the close-out of the current LECP Implementation Plan actions (2024–2026), one-to-one meetings will be scheduled in June to assist action owners in completing these returns. In parallel, an action template has been shared with the stakeholders to inform new actions in the next LECP Implementation Plan (2027–2029).

Community Development

Africa Day was celebrated in several Municipal Districts in Kildare and supported by the community Workers.



An Africa Day conference also took place Celebrating the Achievements of Africans in Ireland over the last twenty years organised by DotoBa in collaboration with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Maynooth University

Age Friendly

The Kildare Age Friendly Programme and the Older Persons council (OPC) attended both the Older Person council National convention in Athlone and participated in regional communications training with Wicklow, Waterford, Kilkenny, Carlow and Wexford OPC's

Does your community facility need a minor or major refurbishment:

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht have launched the Community Centre Investment Fund 2026, which aims to support the enhancement and development of community center facilities across the country.

This capital fund of €25 million is providing funding for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres in both urban and rural areas.

Funding is being made available under two Categories, with grants of between €10,000 and €100,000. The categories of the fund are as follows:
Category 1: Small scale projects and improvements to facilities - €10,000 to €25,000
Category 2: Larger scale projects - €25,001 to €100,000.
The Portal for online application is open from 29 May, 2026, and will close on 13 July, 2026.
Applications are invited from not-for-profit community and voluntary groups operating such community centres, subject to eligibility criteria, more information on this along with guidelines, FAQs and Case Studies is here: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-rural-and-community-development-and-the-gaeltacht/services/community-centres-investment-fund/

Further help - Online information clinics:
In addition, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht is facilitating online information clinics



Community Centres Investment Fund 2026: Weekly check-in-Clinic 27 May 2026
Check-in clinic (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – 10:00am – 11:00am.

Environment

Rural Water

The Rural Water Programme, through Exchequer funding, delivers improvements to private domestic water and waste water services in areas of rural Ireland where there are no public (Uisce Éireann) water/waste water services. The Rural Water Section administers operational and capital funding and grants under the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP), to ensure the delivery of national objectives for drinking water services in rural areas not served by Uisce Éireann.

The Rural Water Section also continues with the compliance monitoring of GWS (Group Water Scheme) and SPS (Small Private Supplies) under the GWS & SPS Monitoring Programme in conjunction with the HSE to ensure that private water supplies meet safe drinking water standards, as required by the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations.

County Rural Water Monitoring Committee

The County Rural Water Monitoring Committee monitors and advises on the implementation of policy regarding the Rural Water Programme. The first biannual County Rural Water Monitoring Committee meeting for 2026 was held on 25 March 2026.The second Rural Water Monitoring Committee meeting for 2026 will be held in September 2026. The County Rural Water Monitoring Committee is comprised of local authority officials, elected members from each Municipal District and representatives from the private group water scheme sector, the National Federation of Group Water Schemes, rural organizations, HSE.

Water Action Plan 2024 (River Basin Management Plan 2022 – 2027)

The Water Action Plan is Ireland’s third River Basin Management Plan and it outlines the measures the Government and other sectors – local authorities, public sector agencies, public and private sector companies, environmental organisations, farm



organisations, etc - are taking to improve water quality in Ireland's groundwater, rivers, estuaries and coastal waters.

Draft Local Authority Water Action Work Plans (now referred to as Local Authority Water Action Tracker Work Plans), which are a requirement under the Water Action Plan 2024, have been produced and feedback and comments have been sent back to the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO). Final Local Authority Water Action Tracker Work Plans will be county-level, public facing work plans/trackers which will set out the actions taken by a local authority to protect and improve natural water quality. Currently all local authorities are in the process of preparing a county specific Local Authority Water Action Tracker Work Plans and it is expected that these will need to be completed within Q3.

National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)

NAIP farm inspections which commenced in January continue and details of the Q2 2026 NAIP farm inspections will be submitted to the EPA before the Q2 reporting deadline which is the end of July 2026.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment System National Inspection Plan (DWWTS NIP)

DWWTS Inspections have been taking place in accordance with the EPA's DWWTS National Inspection Plan (NIP) (2022-2026). The next DWWTS NIP for the period 2027-2031 is expected to be published in Q3/Q4 2026. The EPA published the 2025 Domestic Waste Water Treatment System Inspections Annual Report in mid-May. The DWWTS failure rate in County Kildare is 41% while the national failure rate is 59%. 89% of failed DWWTS's in County Kildare have been fixed (the national average is 84%). Kildare County Council had 10 historic open Advisory Notices out of a total of 442 nationally.

National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy

The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030 sets out a framework for the prevention and management of waste in Ireland for the period up to 2030.



The Plan has reviewed the current waste management situation in Ireland and used key drivers and policy proposals to project future trends to identify a range of challenges to be managed over the lifetime of the Plan. The Plan now sets out policy responses and actions to address the current and future challenges identified and provides a delivery roadmap to help navigate the Plan period

Waste Enforcement

Activities for Focus in 2026 under the National Waste Enforcement Priorities are agreed. The following high-level priorities for 2026-2027 are: · Tackling Illegal Waste Activities and Multi-Agency Sites/Operators of Concern · Construction and Demolition Material · Household Waste · Commercial Waste · Plastics & Producer Responsibility Initiatives (PRIs)

Tidy Towns

Kildare's tidy towns groups performed extremely well in the 2025 National Tidy Towns Competition with 11 towns winning a gold medal and Broadford winning a silver medal. Naas was once again the county winner. While Johnstownbridge was recognised with an endeavour award.

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition 2025

Ireland's Best Kept Town is an all-island competition in which some of the best towns in the national Tidy Towns competition compete against their counterparts in Northern Ireland's Best Kept competition.
Naas won the award in the Best Kept Large Urban Centre category and was also crowned the overall winner of Ireland's Best Kept Town competition.

Recycling WEEE events

Free collection events, hosted by WEEE Ireland in partnership with Kildare County Council, take place during June in Kilcock, Maynooth and Celbridge.

Saturday 13 June 2026	10am - 4pm	Kilcock	Kilcock GAA Club	Branganstown, Kilcock, Co. Kildare
Saturday 20 June 2026	10am - 4pm	Maynooth	Tesco Extra	Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Saturday 27 June 2026	10am - 4pm	Celbridge	Tesco Superstore	Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare



CCTV

The CCTV camera scheme at the recycling banks at Edmund Rice Square in Athy has proven successful in identifying and fining polluters. Six tenders have been received in response to a notice published for the provision of CCTV for tackling waste and litter in the county.

Recycling Facilities

A new Bring Bank Centre is up and running in Allenwood. It's located in the ACDAL Centre on Station Road**.**

Pickers Pals

The Picker Pals programme which is supported by Kildare County Council has been in operation in the region since 2020. In the 2024-25 school year over 67 classrooms were engaged by the programme. To date, the programme has been delivered to 90% of all schools in County Kildare. Funding for the programme has been confirmed by Minister Darragh O'Brien for 2026.

Domestic/Commercial Refuse Collections

Details of approved operators are available via the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) website: www.nwcpo.ie

Flood Risk Management Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS)

A steering group with the Office of Public Works (OPW) has been established to progress the consultant's brief for schemes within Kildare. The municipal districts will be briefed as schemes from the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Management (CFRAM's) Programme commence**.**

Morell Flood Management Scheme

Construction of this scheme is continuing.



Details of the scheme can be found at: https://www.morellfms.ie/



Athy Flood Relief Scheme

RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed as the design consultants for the Athy FRS.

Naas Flood Relief Scheme

Detailed hydraulic modelling work continues for the Naas FRS. Details of the scheme can be found at: https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/naas/home/

Leixlip Flood Relief Scheme

The Council, in partnership with the OPW has begun drafting requirements for the procurement of consultancy services to design a flood relief scheme for Leixlip.

Cemetery Capital Programme

This programme, which includes cemetery extensions, capital type internal improvements and proposals for columbarium walls is currently being reviewed in line with funding availability.

Columbarium Walls

Columbarium walls have been completed in Athy, Leixlip Confey, and St. Conleth's Newbridge cemeteries.

Two new walls have been completed at Monasterevin and Donaghcumper cemeteries.

Grant funding

Applications for grant funding under the Tidy Towns and Cemetery Maintenance grants closed on 30 March. Approximately only 50% of Tidy Towns groups have applied for funding.

Veterinary Services

A new service provider, Midland Animal Care Ltd., has taken on the operation of the dog warden service on behalf of Kildare County Council from 1st January.

A new social media page to assist with the rehoming page has been set up on Facebook and has been advertised.

The Dog Wardens have been proactive in issuing fines to Dog Owners who do not have a dog licence.

Legislation XL Bully Type dogs

The closing date for receipt of applications for exemption certificates was 31 January, 2025. It is now illegal



to own an XL Bully dog without a certificate of exemption.

Dog Breeding Establishments

Inspections, carried out by Department of Agriculture Vets, assisted by the Dog Wardens have commenced. Any resulting enforcement action will be carried out by the Council

Pilot Schools Composting Programme

Kildare County Council rolled out a pilot school composting programme during the 2025/2026 term in conjunction with Composting Ireland. In total, four schools took part and over five workshops the participants learned about waste prevention and how to improve recycling. This included the use of brown bins to recycle biodegradable materials. The pilot will run again in 2026/2027 term with six schools participating.

Green Schools

The Green School awards took place in the Helix Theatre on the 19 May in Dublin. In total, twenty schools were awarded flags in Co. Kildare. The Green-Schools Programme, which is operated by An Taisce encourages long-term, whole-school action for the environment. Schools that receive a Green Flag have successfully completed a process of auditing, planning, and implementing environmental improvements, all led by student participation. The awards, recognise the exceptional commitment, creativity, and leadership demonstrated by students and teachers in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices. From waste reduction and recycling initiatives to biodiversity enhancement and water and energy conservation, Kildare's schools continue to set a powerful example of the importance of protecting the environment.

Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces

Transport

Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR)

The contractor is progressing well now that weather conditions are more favourable.

The following activities will take place over the coming month:



- Embankment and road construction.
- Drainage works.
- Installation of foul sewer and watermain.
- Reinforced concrete noise barriers.
- Stone cladding to noise barriers.
- Installation of ducting.
- Completion of track monitoring.
- Bridge construction.
- Offline diversion works for electricity and foul watermain services.

Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor

A decision is due from An Comisiún Pleanála by the 02 July 2026 on the planning consent (Case Reference: JP09.323851) and Compulsory Purchase Order (Case Ref: FAO9.232853).

Newbridge Southern Ring Road

Draft tender documents are currently being reviewed by the Department of Transport and will be issued once finalised.

Celbridge Area Based Transport Assessment

The preparation of the baseline report is ongoing and initial stakeholder consultation has kicked off via the PPN Network. Further engagement will take place with the wider community later in 2026.

Confey Barnhill Road

A kick off meeting is due to be scheduled shortly to begin work on this project.

Captains Hill Part 8

The Part 8 statutory process is due to commence this month.

R448 National Cycle Network Pilot

Works identified in the Road Safety Audit are currently underway and are due to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Junction Programme

Tenders are live for the upgrade works to both Allenwood and Blackwell Cross. An update on when works are due to take place will follow once the preferred contractor is identified.



National Roads Office

M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Scheme

The construction phase of the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot Scheme is being completed by the MMaRC contractor appointed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The first section to be delivered is between Junction 6 and 5 (Celbridge to Leixlip).

The Required legislation changes for the operation of the Bus Priority Measures have now been signed by the Department of Transport.
Now that the legislation is in place, TII will apply for the speed limit order and will also complete the remaining items such as noise barriers and necessary line marking for Buses. Once these tasks are completed, TII intend to open the M4 Eastbound Bus Priority Measures Pilot between Celbridge and Leixlip (Junction 6 to Junction 5 Eastbound) in September 2026

M9 Park and Share sites:

Works progresses on the M9 Park and Share sites at Junctions 3,4 and 5. Junctions 3 and 4 are in Kildare and the NRO are preparing the feasibility and options report and are currently identifying possible locations where land can be acquired by agreement.

N7 Bus Priority Measure (Feasibility Study)

TII have been requested by the NTA to undertake a feasibility study on the suitability of a Bus Priority Measure Scheme for the N7. TII have engaged the MMaRC to undertake this study looking at the extents from Jn 7 to Jn 2 – inbound only.

Road Safety

Speed Limit Review

Pre-statutory briefings given to all municipal district meetings and engagement carried out with An Garda Siochána, TII and adjoining local authorities.

A comprehensive public consultation process is expected to occur during Q3 2026.

Bike Week 2026

From Saturday, 09 May to Sunday, 17 May, communities across Kildare were invited to enjoy a wide variety of free cycling activities, including community cycles, fun bike festivals, bike safety



workshops, and inclusive family events.



Over 28 events were delivered across Kildare in collaboration with key partners including Kildare Sports Partnership, An Garda Síochána and the National Transport Authority. Bike Week 2026 highlighted the benefits of active travel, supported community engagement and reinforced the importance of safe and accessible cycling across the county.



Launch of Amber Thursday



Kildare County Council was proud to support Amber Thursday ahead of the June bank holiday weekend.

This initiative brings together Fire, Road and Water Safety Officers from across Ireland to promote safety awareness and highlight the risks associated with fire, road and water-based activities over the summer season.

With more people using waterways and partaking in garden and other outdoor activities along with the higher volume of traffic on the roads, the June bank holiday weekend can be a busy time for emergency and rescue services.

Ahead of the weekend Safety Officers urged members of the public to be mindful of the risks and dangers associated with fire, road and water-based activities such as barbeques,



swimming or driving and to take steps to stay safe.



Operations

Department of Transport allocations announced in February. Kildare County Council received a total of €20,014,300 for 2026.
Municipal District engineers have prepared their schedule of works for Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance programmes for 2026. The total RI allocation is €11,334,000 and RM is €2,678,500, which is in line with the allocation for 2025.

The Municipal District offices are currently working through the design and tendering of the numerous road resurfacing projects for 2026. A number of the schemes are completed or currently onsite after going through the tendering process.

General Maintenance

Kildare County Council maintains in excess of 3,300 kilometres of National Secondary, Regional and Local roads throughout the county. Included in this work are road surface repairs, footpath repairs, drainage maintenance, sign maintenance, road marking renewals and the delivery of the Road Opening Licence system (ROL).

Public Lighting

Kilaree Lighting Services are the public lighting maintenance contractor. Public lighting faults should be logged on the following website:
www.deadsureapp.com

Surface Dressing

The surface dressing season started on Monday, 25 May in the Clane Maynooth Municipal District. The weather was exceptionally hot for this time of year for the first week and mainly wet for the second week. The programme of surface dressing is expected to take six to seven weeks to complete across the county subject to weather conditions. This work is all carried out by direct labour. This year a new chipping spreader was purchased and can be seen below.





Winter Maintenance

The winter maintenance season for 2026 is now completed. A review of the season will be carried out in the coming months, ahead of the next season which will commence in October.

Regional Salt Barn:

The yearly review of the service level agreement (SLA) between the Department of Transport (DoT) and Kildare County Council (KICC) is currently under way. Upon completion of the review a new SLA will be agreed between KCC and the DoT ahead of the new winter maintenance season. There is currently just over 10,000 tonnes of salt in the salt barn.

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) and Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

Applications have been assessed for the above schemes for the improvement of non-public roads (LIS) and public roads (CIS). The LIS schemes progressing in 2026 have been advised and are listed below

- Allenwood South, Jacobs Well Road – Clane Maynooth Municipal District
- Parkies Lane, Roseberry, Newbridge – Kildare Newbridge Municipal District
- Plunketstown Lower - Athy Municipal District
- Alliganstown, Ballymore Eustace – Kildare Newbridge Municipal District
- Grangehiggin - Kildare Newbridge Municipal District

The Community Involvement Scheme 2026-2027 was advertised in May and applications are now being assessed. This scheme supports the improvement of local roads and cul-de-sacs through community co-funding, particularly where works are not included in the main roadworks programme.

Sustainable Transport

Royal Canal Greenway Scheme

2026 Allocation: €440,000

The work on the greenway is substantially complete and the contract is in the defects period, final snagging



is taking place, and retention will be released subject to this being completed. Final Account agreed with contractor.

Louisa Bridge Leixlip - Royal Canal Greenway Scheme

2026 Allocation: €160,000
Works on Louisa Bridge at Railway Station to be completed in 2026. Tenders out for consultants for detail design.

Green Lane, Leixlip Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €870,000
Tender for construction delayed due to complex drainage requirements to provide a scheme consistent with Sustainable Drainage System. A decision on the timescale for tendering of the project will be made and communicated.

Naas to Sallins Greenway (Section 2 Naas Harbour – Sallins Village)

2026 Allocation: €50,000
Meeting to be held with Waterways Ireland to discuss the scope of works and requirements between Osberstown Bridge and Sallins Village.

Sallins Village Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €100,000
Completion of the draft preliminary design delayed due to requirement to include new active travel bridge to the west of the existing traffic bridge in Sallins Village. A decision to proceed with the scheme in phases will be made and communicated.

Celbridge Road, Maynooth Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €1,000,000
The intention is to commence a Part 8 Public Consultation process in Q2 2026.

A number of internal stakeholder engagement events took place in April, and feedback has been incorporated into the Part 8 drawings.

A further briefing session with elected members was held on Friday, 08 May, in advance of the public consultation process.

Kilcullen Road, Naas Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €800,000
The designers of the scheme have been appointed to examine the



independent post opening safety review of the scheme. Initial meeting with the designer has taken place and are currently reviewing the independent report. A briefing with elected members is planned following this initial review.

Celbridge Active Travel Bridge

2026 Allocation: €50,000

Land transfer discussions to continue for land required to build the bridge.

Monread Road, Naas Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €25,000

Approaches to Sallins Road Roundabout to be examined to prepare an alternative to the zebra crossing across the two-lane width approaches.

Dublin Road, Naas Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €1,000,000

Construction documents are being prepared and tender documents are being finalised. We are currently in discussion with Uisce Eireann as there are works required to water mains in this location.

Monasterevin Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €50,000

Preparations to commence a Part 8 Public Consultation process are underway and a briefing was held with elected members on this project. Engagement with the NTA ongoing.

Newbridge Main Street

2026 Allocation: €200,000

Site meeting held with elected members on this project potential options drawing is being progressed ahead of discussions with the National Transport Authority.

SRTS Round 2 - Patrician Primary/St. Conleth's, Newbridge

2026 Allocation: €150,000

Scheme due to be implemented in 2026.

SRTS Round 2 - Scoil Bhríde/Scoil Phádraig, Clane

2026 Allocation: €150,000

Scheme due to be implemented in 2026.

Mill Street, Maynooth Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €1,700,000



Substantial completion certificate issued and the contractor is completing snags in the twelve month defects period. Final Account being discussed with contractor.

SRTS (R3) - Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Prosperous

2026 Allocation: €350,000

Scheme due to be implemented in Summer 2026.

Naas to Kill Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €525,000

Appointment of consultants to proceed with the detailed design of the scheme has been completed.

Dublin Road (Naas) Connector Active Travel Scheme

2026 Allocation: €400,000

Progress on this scheme is tied to resource availability.

SRTS (R4) Ardscoil Rath Iomghain, Rathangan

2026 Allocation: €20,000

SRTS Delivery Plan to be completed by An Taisce Green Schools.

SRTS (R4) Maynooth Educate Together NS

2026 Allocation: €20,000

SRTS Delivery Plan completed by An Taisce Green Schools and initial discussion completed with the school.

SRTS (R4) Scoil Eoin Phoil, Green Lane, Leixlip

2026 Allocation: €20,000

SRTS Delivery Plan to be completed by An Taisce Green Schools.

SRTS (R4) Scoil Íde Naofa, Kilmead, Athy

2026 Allocation: €20,000

SRTS Delivery Plan to be completed by An Taisce Green Schools.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Work has commenced on the provision of bus stop infrastructure at Local Link Routes across the county.

The Council is expecting delivery of new bus shelters from the National Transport Authority during 2026. Installation to commence in the county shortly.



Open Spaces

Outdoor Recreation Plan

The Outdoor Recreation Plan was approved by the Transportation SPC. It is now being assessed for screening for Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Cherry Avenue Park

Tenders are closing the 19 June for a phase 1 of works.

Sallins Amenity Land

The Preliminary Business Plan has accepted by the LSSIF Section, and they are now seeking approval for Gateway 1.

Bawnogues Sensory Garden

Work has commenced on the sensory garden beside the playground in Kilcock.

Caragh Court Roundabout

Work on the landscaping of the roundabout is due to start week beginning 15 June.

Ballymore Eustace Looped Walk

Additional life size wood carvings figures of a badger, fox, rabbit and an owl have been added to the fairy trail area. A butterfly and bee have also been added to the trail.

Planning, Enterprise and Economic Development

Planning

Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029:

Variations currently underway;

- Variation No. 3 – Approved by the Members at their Special Meeting on 27 April 2026. The OPR confirmed that they would not be recommending a Ministerial Direction for any amendments.
- Variation No. 4 – Landscape Character Assessment
  The Members approved Variation No. 4 at their Special Meeting on 27 April 2026.

- Variation No. 5 – Northwest Quadrant (Naas) The Public Consultation commenced on the 05 June 2026 and is on public display at the Council offices and on the Council's Consult Portal until the 03 July



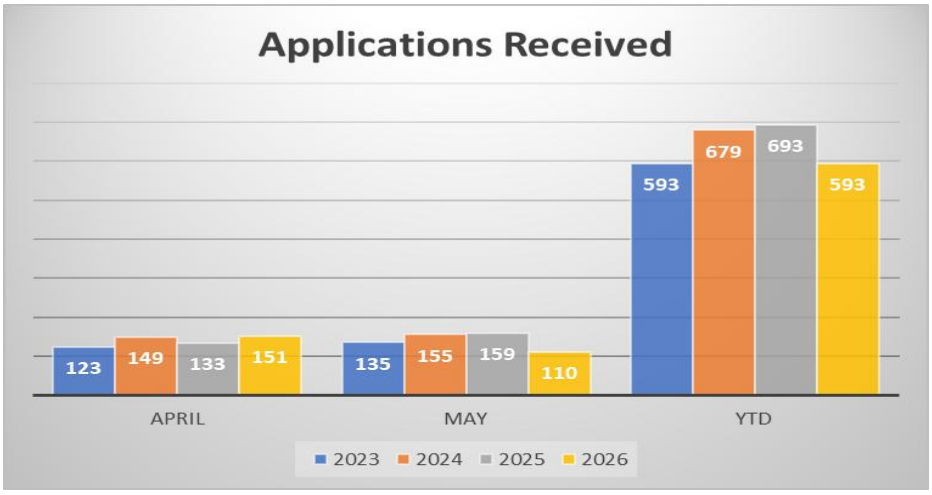
at midday. Submissions are invited up to the 03 July at midday.

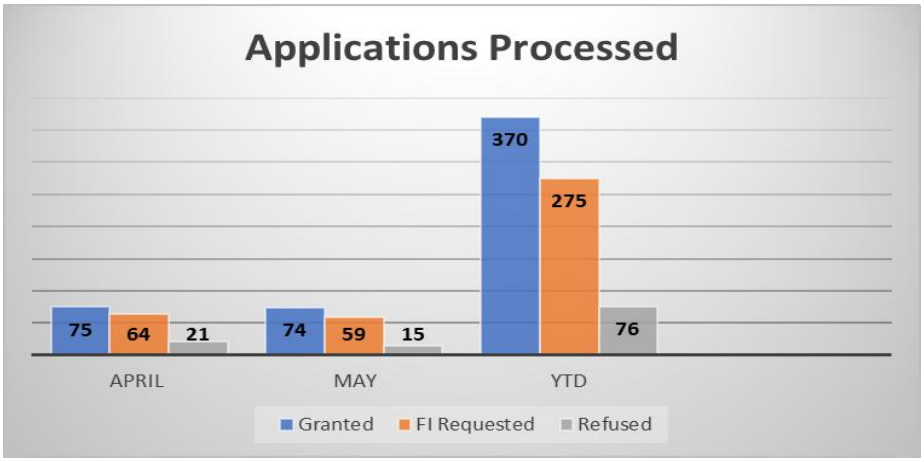
- Variation No. 6 – Sallins Settlement Plan
  The Chief Executive's Report on Submissions received during the Public Consultation is being prepared and due to be issued 16 June 2026.
- Variation No. 7 – Monasterevin Settlement Plan
  Preparation of Draft Variation and supporting documents underway and due for publication Q3 2026
- Variation No. 8 – Kilcock Settlement Plan
  Preparation of Draft Variation and supporting documents underway and due for publication Q3 2026
- Variation No. 9 – Celbridge Settlement Plan
  Preparation of Draft Variation and supporting documents underway and due for publication Q4 2026

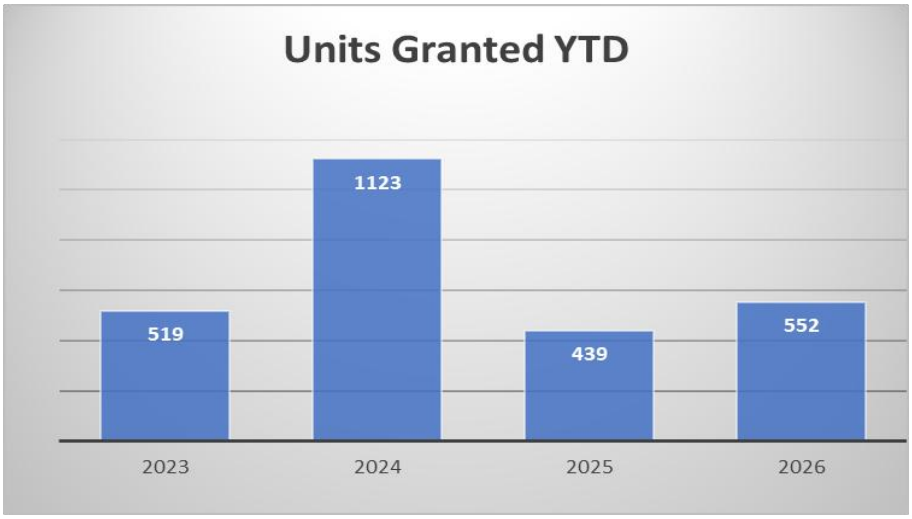
Development Management

ePlanning

In 2025, 89% of all applications received were via the online planning portal, and has been maintained year to date, with 98% of submissions/observations also continuing to be submitted via online ePlanning.







Pre-Planning

26 new Pre-Planning requests were submitted in May, 123 applications received year to date.

Section 5s

15 new Section 5 Declarations requests received in May, 50 applications received year to date.



Large-scale Residential Development (LRD)

LRD Applications					
Ref No.	**Date Received**	**Applicant**	**Development Address**	**Proposed**	**Decision**
2561119	02/10/25	Cozone Ventures Ltd	Railpark, Maynooth	581 Residential Units & Neighbourhood Centre	Granted 07/05/2026 - Appealed
2561468	19/12/25	Maynooth Montane Ltd	Railpark West, Maynooth	139 Residential Units & Creche	Decision Due 19/07/2026
2660381	09/04/26	Andrews Construction	Tea Lane/Church Road, Celbridge	115 Residential Units & Creche	FI Requested 29/05/2026
2660469	29/04/26	Ballymore Development Ltd	Lands west of Naas Racecourse	234 Residential Units & Creche	Decision Due 23/06/2026

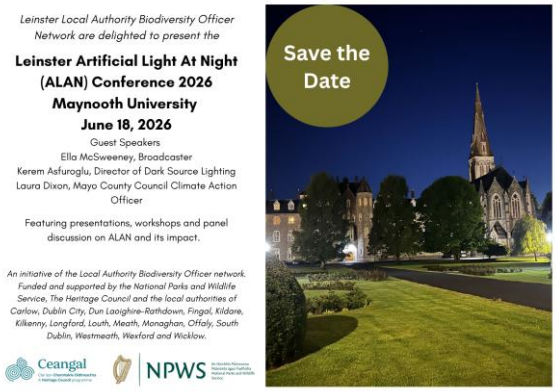
Strategic Housing Development Applications to An Coimisiún Pleanála (SHD)

2 Strategic Housing Development Applications, lodged between June 2022 – January 2023, remain outstanding with An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Heritage and Nature

A. Biodiversity / Ecology

- Biodiversity Week completed on 24 May - 20 events throughout the county.
- Ongoing ecological support for planning referrals, Part 8's, Settlement Plans
- Final preparations by the Biodiversity Officer for the ALAN Conference.



B. Heritage and Conservation

- Procurement process for Multi Party Framework No. 1 for smaller scale Architectural and Engineering Conservation Services completed. Letters of notification issued.



- Ongoing review of the Record of Protected Structures by ACO and Heritage Intern in preparation of the next County Development Plan.
- Ongoing Heritage Officer and Architectural Conservation Officer support for planning referrals, Settlement Plans, Part 8's.
- Monitoring and progress reporting of CMF, BHIS, CHG funded projects.
- Preparations for Heritage Week in August are underway.

Kildare Land Activation Office (KLAO)

Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIFF) - Call 1

All applications are currently being assessed for eligibility, and all eligible applications will be assessed based on the criteria set out in the Scheme Outline. Correspondence will issue to all successful and unsuccessful applicants when this process has been completed (estimated April / May 2026).

Masterplans:

Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Framework Masterplan

The Framework Masterplan has been finalised and is programmed for integration into the statutory planning framework via Variation No.*5* of the County Development Plan. The Delivery Strategy will then be progressed.

Variation No. 5, Northwest Quadrant (Naas), was published on 05 June 2026, and the public consultation runs to midday on Friday, 03 July 2026.

Naas Canal Quarter Masterplan

The Masterplan, Infrastructure Assessment and Programme Business Case will be finalised over the next few months in collaboration with SPPR.

Town And City Investment Fund:

KLAO applied on behalf of Kildare County Council to the funding call on 01 May 2026 for a Project Development stream grant to support the Council in preparing a Masterplan for the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site. A masterplan would provide a mechanism to advance the regeneration of this key



town centre site with potential to deliver housing at scale.

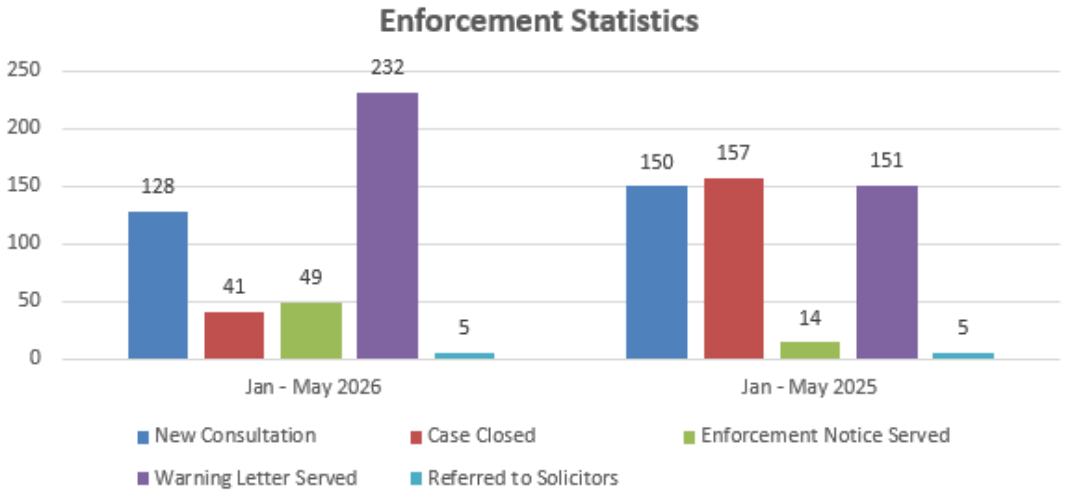
KLAO Steering Committee:

The third KLAO steering committee meeting met in April 2026.The KLAO unit will concentrate on accelerating the activation of the large urban extensions at Northwest Quadrant (Naas), Confey (Leixlip), Maynooth (West), Celbridge (south), and the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site. The Steering Committee is to meet again in circa 8 weeks' time to discuss the units' work programme and the outcome of the HIIF application process.

Planning Enforcement

Summary for May 2026

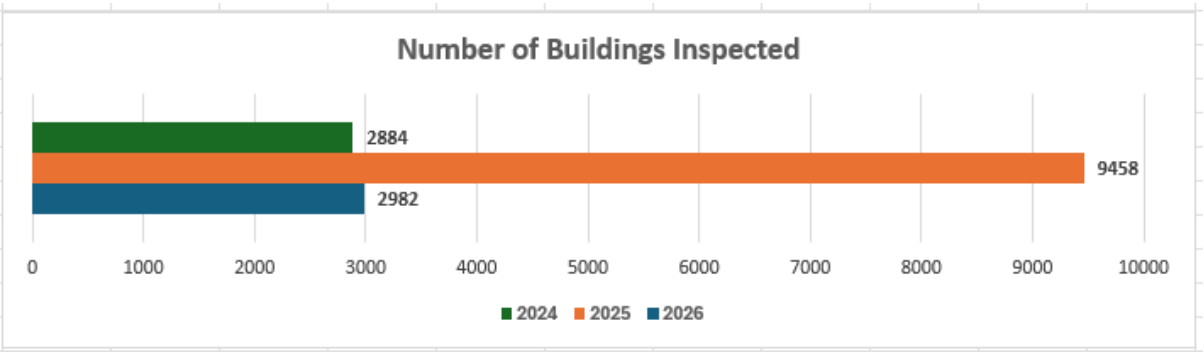
37	New Consultations
8	Cases Closed
2	Enforcement Notices Served
11	Warning Letters Served
3	Cases referred to Solicitors

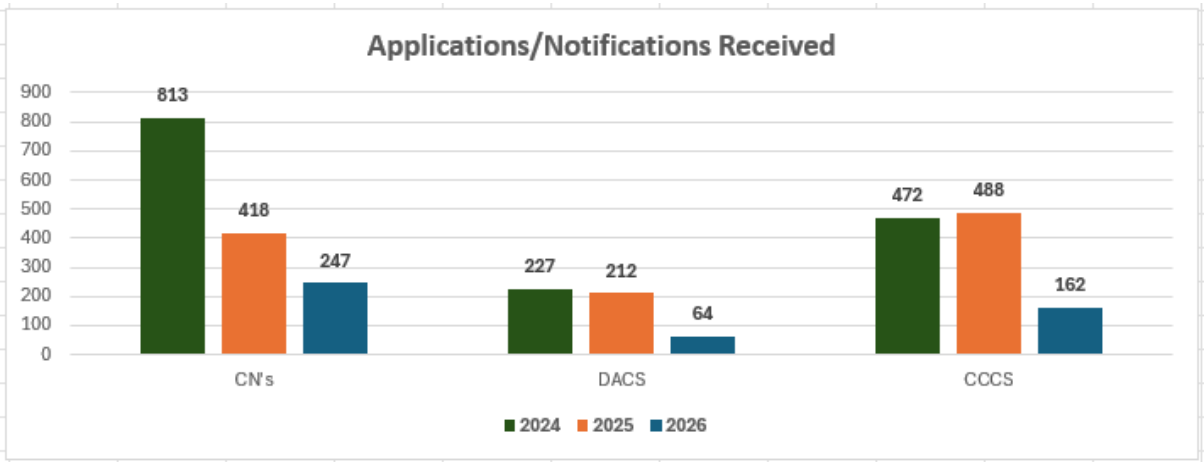




Building and Development Control

The following figures are cumulative up to end of May 2026 set against full year figures for 2024 and 2025.





Kildare Fáilte – Into Kildare

Into Kildare's marketing activity throughout June focused on promoting County Kildare through its presence at Bord Bia Bloom, the launch of Taste of Kildare, and the promotion of key upcoming events across the county, including the Kildare Derby Festival and the Dubai Duty Free Summer Festival at the Curragh.



A key milestone during the month was the successful launch of Taste of Kildare 2026 at Naas Racecourse, generating significant awareness for the festival and highlighting the support of its sponsors and partners. Marketing activity also continued to showcase Kildare's tourism, hospitality and visitor experiences, encouraging both day trips and overnight stays over the summer months.



Key marketing priorities for the coming months include the promotion of Taste of Kildare, seasonal summer experiences across the county, and staycation campaigns designed to drive visitor numbers and support local tourism and hospitality businesses.

Into Kildare represented County Kildare at Bord Bia Bloom for the fourth consecutive year, showcasing the county's tourism, hospitality and food offering at Ireland's largest gardening and lifestyle festival. Held over the June Bank Holiday weekend in Phoenix Park, the event attracted more than 100,000 visitors.

More than 10 Kildare tourism and hospitality businesses were represented on the Into Kildare stand, with support from the Into Kildare team throughout the festival. Participating businesses also generously contributed prizes for a visitor competition, helping to drive engagement and increase awareness of the county's visitor experiences. The event provided a valuable platform to promote Taste of Kildare 2026, as well as Kildare's hotels, attractions and visitor experiences. Particular focus was given to showcasing the county's diverse tourism offering, including Shackleton Experience, ahead of its first full summer season open to the public.



Into Kildare successfully completed the EU Just Transition Tourism Learning Network Programme and was pleased to receive certification at the programme's graduation event. Chloe Kimmins accepted the certification on behalf of Into Kildare from Fiona Knox, Head of Division, Enterprise Development and Inclusion at Fáilte Ireland.

Participation in the programme provided valuable learning opportunities in sustainable tourism development and destination management, while also facilitating knowledge-sharing and collaboration



with tourism organisations from across Ireland.





Into Kildare officially launched Taste of Kildare 2026 festival programme on 12 June at Naas Racecourse, bringing together key stakeholders from food, tourism and hospitality sectors for an exclusive preview of this year's event.

Hosted by TV chef and broadcaster Aisling Larkin, the launch event featured a panel discussion entitled Beyond the Plate: How Food Has Become About Experiences, Stories and Destination, which explored the growing role of food in tourism, hospitality, place-making and community development.

Panel participants included Jacqui McNabb, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development at Local Enterprise Office Kildare; travel writer and broadcaster Eoghan Corry; Paul Leneghan, co-owner of the Hartes Group; and chef, author and television personality Gina Daly. The discussion highlighted the importance of food-led experiences in strengthening destination appeal and supporting local economic growth.



Into Kildare commissioned a new digital heritage project in partnership with Failte Ireland. Working with InHand Guides and Jim Kavanagh of The Racing Legends Museum, Kildare Town. The project will develop an interactive audio guide exploring the rich history and heritage of horse racing in County Kildare.
The guide will be available in English, Irish and German, broadening accessibility for both domestic and international visitors. It will incorporate QR code scanning technology,



allowing users to easily access content on their mobile devices and engage with Kildare's racing heritage.



This new audio guide will be promoted in a similar format to Into Kildare St. Brigid's Trail Audio Guide, providing an accessible and engaging way for visitors to explore Kildare's heritage.

Enterprise and Economic Development

2026 Financial Supports

Total LEO Financial Supports At 11.06.2026	No. Businesses	Amount Approved (€)
Grow Digital Voucher	13	€28,036
Business Expansion Grant	3	€82,922
Priming Grant	1	€33022
Feasibility Study Grant	0	€0
Market Explorer Grant	5	€25,345
Gradstart	0	€0
IP Start Grant	2	€4,320
Energy Efficiency Grant	8	€70,593
TOTAL	**32**	**€244,238**

Priming Grants Approved in May:

Advanced Switchgear Limited of Clane / Maynooth Municipal District was approved €33,022 to support the employment of two full-time positions



and capital expenditure. The business designs and manufactures switchgear systems for a range of sectors including healthcare, pharmaceutical and industrial.

Business Expansion Grants Approved in May:

Aislings Taste of Home Limited of Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District was approved €11,250 to support the employment of a new full-time position. Business is a food producer of artisan style brown bread products for the Irish retail market.

Fused by Fiona Uyema Limited of Naas Municipal District was approved €39,112 to support the employment of two new full-time positions, consultancy and capital expenditure. Business produces a range of Asian food products.

Ingrida Golmaniene of Naas Municipal District was approved €33,560 to support the employment of two new full-time positions and capital expenditure. Business manufactures Roman Blinds.

Entrepreneurship Support Focus on Competitiveness

There are multiple supports available to businesses aimed at increasing productivity and competitiveness:

- Green for Business – to support businesses on their sustainability journey. https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Financial-Supports/Green-for-Business/
- Lean for Business – to support businesses in becoming more efficient. https://www.localenterprise.ie/kildare/financial-supports/lean%20for%20business/
- Digital for Business – to support businesses on digital transformation projects. https://www.localenterprise.ie/portal/digital/the-digital-for-business-support.html

Supports to Clients as of 11.06.2026	Target	Applications Approved
Lean for Business	18	20



Green for Business	32	16
Digital for Business	32	40

Focus On Tech

The Tech Pre-Accelerator Programme concluded in June, following a successful ten-week programme involving fifteen early-stage start-ups. Participants completed the programme by presenting their final pitches to an independent judging panel, showcasing the progress made across a range of innovative business ideas.



Congratulations to John O'Brien, founder of Cadora OS, who was named the overall winner of the 2026 Tech Pre-Accelerator Programme.



During May, the fifth Tech Cluster event of 2026 was held, Lessons from Funded Founders. The event was very well attended and received excellent feedback, with founders gaining practical insights into fundraising, business growth and scaling from experienced entrepreneurs. Thanks to guest speakers Nick Allen, Raymond Valentine, Chris Burge and Aaron Shortt for sharing their expertise and experiences.

Focus On Craft

Four Kildare craft businesses were chosen to represent the county at the LEO Showcase in the RDS in January:

- Izubee – Mandy Connolly
- Eileen Tan Ltd
- A little Bit of Scents – Susan Kelly
- Buff Barrier – Robert McNamee



Economic Development

Retail Supports

The provision of grant aid and promotional activity to drive business into our towns and villages across the Shopfront, Retail Window and Age-Friendly grants is represented as follows:

MD	Nr. Approved	€ Value Approved
ATHY	7	€23,356.83
CBLX	4	€8,950.00
CLMN	8	€35,605.76
KDNB	8	€18,665.40
NAAS	8	€20,697.90
	35	**€107,275.89**

Tourism

EU JTF grantee Zipit Forest Adventures will officially open to the public on 03 July. The Tourism Activator is working with Failte Ireland on a date for a press launch with Minister Burke, Kildare County Council, Failte Ireland, EMRA and Coillte.

EU JTF grantee Lullymore received their new electric train funded through the programme.



European Funded Project

Repower Regions (Erasmus+)

Kildare County Council continues to lead delivery of the Erasmus+ Repower Regions project, in partnership with eleven European organisations, supporting regional skills development in the heating and cooling sector in line with the Council's economic development and climate action objectives.

The project has reached its mid-point (M18) and remains on track, with effective governance and oversight in place through regular Management Committee engagement. Structured monitoring arrangements continue to



support delivery, risk management and compliance across the consortium. Good progress is being achieved in the development of EQF-aligned training curricula at Levels four–six. This work is now being delivered through a structured, unit-based sprint approach, improving quality assurance, reducing delivery risk and ensuring outputs remain responsive to employer needs.

Advancement has also been made in establishing Regional Industry Alliances, which will provide a direct mechanism for engagement with employers and stakeholders. Partners are currently preparing for the first round of regional alliance meetings, scheduled for delivery by end-July 2026, creating a structured forum to validate skills needs and strengthen regional collaboration.

Key Priorities (Next Period):

- Completion and submission of the M18 Periodic Report to the European Commission
- Continued rollout of curriculum development through sprint delivery
- Delivery of initial Regional Industry Alliance meetings across partner regions
- Ongoing preparation for the next Transnational Partner Meeting in Krakow (November 2026)

Overall, the project continues to demonstrate strong, well-governed delivery of EU funding, with clear benefits for enterprise, workforce skills development and the low-carbon transition, while reinforcing the Council's leadership role in European collaboration.

Further information is available at www.repowerregions.eu.

Circular Economy Hub, Athy

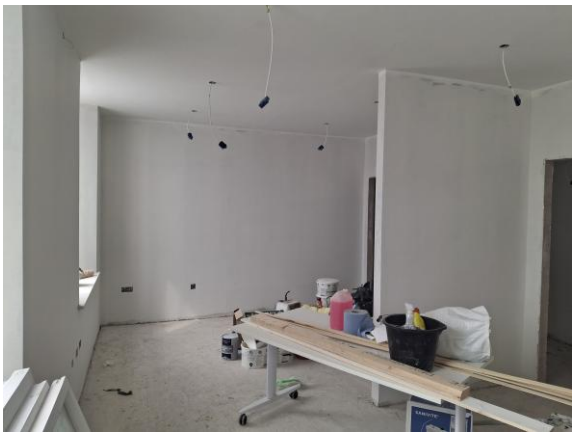
Application was submitted for Phases 2 and 3 of the Circular Economy Hub under the SMART Pobal Fund on 02 June. Structural Construction Tender awarded and works have commenced and 65% complete. All structural door heads with intumescent paint fire protection installed on internal openings. New screed flooring poured and undergoing curing process. New fire exits construction works (front and rear of site) commenced with



demolitions and alterations 100% completed. Excavation of external local drainage works at new fire exist and new entrance has commenced. Full strip out of redundant heating system and miscellaneous electrical removal works 100% completed. The site is fully secure with 24-hour security surveillance with all prohibited access points removed.

Fashion, Textiles and Design Hub, Monasterevin

81% of construction contract completed. All demolition and Alterations, and substructures 100% completed. Lift installation completed. Ground floor internal works 76% completed consisting of structural steel encasements, ducting conduits installations and electrical first fixing. First floor internal works 94% completed including partition walls, electrical first fixings (100% completed) and silent floor system. Restoration of windows commenced and 80% completed. Installation of steel staircase 80% completed. All critical path milestones on schedule. ESB application reference number for MIC upgrade works received, however delays regarding ESB arrival on site due to current workloads.





Sonya Kavanagh

Chief Executive