

Meath County Council

Annual Budget 2027

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Statutory Budget Meeting

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Chief Executive's Report

Introduction

I am pleased to present Meath County Council's Budget for 2027, which sets out our approach to delivering high-quality public services, investing in infrastructure and supporting the continued growth and wellbeing of our communities. As Chief Executive, I recognise the responsibility we hold to manage public funds with integrity, transparency and prudence. This budget seeks to balance the evolving needs of County Meath with the resources available, guided by the strategic objectives of our Corporate Plan and a clear focus on value for money.

Delivery of these objectives must be managed in an environment of rising service costs, growing demand and uncertainty over future economic conditions and funding. Alongside continued expenditure restraint, rigorous financial oversight and the pursuit of efficiencies, the Council must consider opportunities to strengthen its income base. Adequate and sustainable funding will be essential to protect existing services and ensure that investment in Meath's infrastructure and amenities keeps pace with the county's needs. Resources will be allocated with due regard to statutory obligations, strategic priorities and value for money.

Within this financial framework, the Council remains committed to advancing the objectives of its Corporate Plan and its vision to make Meath Even Better. Investment in infrastructure, continuous improvement in public services and meaningful community engagement will remain central to supporting sustainable development and enhancing quality of life throughout the county.

Implementation of Budget 2027 will be supported by the continued collaboration of elected members, staff, communities and partner organisations. Prudent financial management and a sustained focus on agreed priorities will underpin the Council's work to meet the needs of a growing county, safeguard its heritage and support its future development.

Evolution of Budget Expenditure 2022 to 2027

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
€162,310,332	€186,349,110	€208,717,215	€232,057,479	€258,758,464	**€265,848,912**

Budget 2027 provides for expenditure of €265,848,912, an increase of over €100 million since 2022. This growth has supported new services, enhanced service levels and additional staffing in critical and emerging areas, while also meeting rising costs and growing service demands. The completed Workforce Plan sets out the strategic alignment of staffing up to 2029, providing a framework for future staffing priorities. With the buoyancy that supported recent budget growth unlikely to continue at the same pace, maintaining existing services and meeting these commitments will require careful prioritisation, prudent financial planning and a sustainable income base.

Ireland continues to experience inflationary pressures, following the significant rise in consumer prices in recent years. According to the Central Statistics Office's Consumer Price Index (CPI) release for September 2026, published on 8 October 2026, consumer prices increased by 4.1% in the 12 months to September 2026, up from 3.7% in August. This sustained rise in the cost of goods and services has placed pressure on the council's budgets.

Budget 2027 has been prepared against a backdrop of economic and geopolitical uncertainty, requiring the Council to make informed assumptions about costs and the resources available to deliver services and progress capital projects. Changes in the geopolitical environment, potential disruption to global supply chains and constraints on labour availability present risks to inflation, construction costs and project delivery. The Council's financial planning takes account of these risks, while recognising that their scale and impact may change during the year. We will continue to monitor developments, review budget assumptions and engage with stakeholders, adapting our response as necessary to sustain services and meet our commitments to the people of County Meath.

Cost pressures extend across service delivery and the central supports on which it depends. Higher costs for wages, energy, goods and services reduce the resources available for service improvements, while investment in technology and cybersecurity remains necessary to support reliable and secure services. Additional expenditure is therefore required to maintain existing provision as well as respond to new demands.

These pressures are reflected in the provision for centrally provided services and mandatory payments to other organisations, which have risen by a significant 98% since 2022 to €2,577,242 in Budget 2027. This includes payments to the LGMA, Voter.ie, RMO and Supply Gov, together with contributions to AILG and LAMA.

The commercial rates increase approved last year has helped strengthen the Council's budget position and support investment in local roads, traffic safety and regeneration. Budget 2027 seeks to sustain these priorities while maintaining essential services and recognising the contribution of local businesses to the county's economy. Rising costs mean that continued attention to both expenditure and income will be necessary to protect this investment and respond to the needs of a growing population.

Within the statutory requirement to produce a balanced budget, Budget 2027 prioritises housing and homelessness services, local roads and road safety, climate action, amenities and social infrastructure, and economic development. These priorities sit alongside the Council's ongoing commitment to reliable public service delivery. The detailed objectives are set out later in this report.

Careful prioritisation, prudent financial management and a focus on value for money will remain central to implementing the budget in the year ahead.

Budget Preparation

Budget 2027 has been prepared in the statutory format, in consultation with the Corporate Policy Group, for consideration by the Elected Members. The process of compiling the budget involves a number of key stages which include:

- A series of meetings with the Corporate Policy Group to consider Budget Strategy and the Local Property Tax variation.
- A public consultation process from June 30, 2026 to August 4, 2026 in relation to the variation of the Local Property Tax rate.
- The meeting of the Council on September 7, 2026 to consider and decide on the variation of the Local Property Tax rate.
- The submission of a preliminary estimate of current and capital income and expenditure to the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage by 16th September 2026, to comply with national budget and EU reporting requirements.
- Notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Department by October 15, 2026 of the decision of the Council in relation to the Local Property Tax rate.

- Agree overall General Municipal Allocations – the discretionary funding available at Municipal District (MD) level (six MD meetings in mid November 2026).
- Detailed reviews of all aspects of the budget with Directors and Budget Holders, to develop the draft local authority budget.

The final stage in the budget process is consideration of the budget, as presented, by the Elected Members at the Annual Budget Meeting on November 23, 2026.

The Elected Members have a number of reserved functions in relation to the overall budget process as follows:

Local Property Tax - Members have the power to vary the baseline Local Property Tax rate through the Local Adjustment Factor, reducing it by up to 15% or increasing it by up to 25%.

Adoption of Budget - Members may adopt the Budget with or without amendment and must approve the sums provided for transfer to the Capital account.

Determination of Rate - A separate motion in relation to the determination of the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) must be considered by the Members at the Budget Meeting.

Rates on Vacant Premises - In accordance with Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, Members have the power to determine the proportion of rates refunds applicable on vacant commercial premises.

In preparing the budget each year, the Council assesses service needs, identifies investment priorities and considers the effect of economic conditions on costs and income. The significant majority of expenditure is fixed and non-discretionary, limiting the scope to absorb further cost increases without affecting services or planned investment. Financial planning must therefore address both the efficient use of resources and the adequacy and sustainability of income, while retaining the flexibility to respond to changing conditions.

Context – Economic Outlook

According to the Central Bank of Ireland, Ireland's domestic economy is expected to continue to grow steadily in 2027, supported by household spending and business investment, while employment levels are forecast to remain broadly strong. The Department of Finance also expects continued growth in domestic activity. However, the national outlook remains subject to significant uncertainty arising from geopolitical tensions, global trade fragmentation, energy prices and Ireland's exposure to a concentrated corporation tax base.

The Central Bank of Ireland has warned that inflationary pressures are likely to remain a material concern in 2027, particularly in relation to energy costs. CSO data also shows that Ireland had the second-highest consumer price level in the European Union in 2025, at 36.2% above the EU average. This high-cost environment, together with increased costs in construction, wages and other operating inputs, will directly affect the cost of delivering local authority services and capital projects. The Council must therefore plan prudently, recognising that available resources will not keep pace with every service demand or cost increase. Greater emphasis will be required on prioritisation, value for money, cost control and the efficient use of existing resources.

County Meath remains well positioned to benefit from its strategic location within the Greater Dublin Area, its growing population, strong labour force and proximity to Dublin Airport and the national transport network. These advantages continue to support indigenous enterprise, inward investment and the development of the food, knowledge, creative and green economies. The Council, working with the Local Enterprise Office, Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland and other partners, will continue to

support enterprise development, innovation, digitalisation and sustainable employment across the county.

According to the CSO, Ireland's population reached approximately 5.5 million in 2026, representing an increase of 16.6% since 2016. Continued population growth, including in County Meath, is contributing to increased demand for housing, infrastructure and public services. In Meath, this growth will continue to place pressure on transport, water, energy, community amenities and other public infrastructure. Careful sequencing of projects, alignment with confirmed funding and close coordination with national agencies will be essential to ensure that investment is directed to the areas of greatest need and economic impact.

Overall, the economic outlook for Meath in 2027 remains positive but more constrained and subject to significant uncertainty. The Council will continue to support sustainable growth and maintain essential services through disciplined expenditure management and careful prioritisation. These measures must be accompanied by consideration of opportunities to strengthen income, so that rising costs do not erode service capacity or delay priority investment. Clear choices, realistic service expectations and regular review of financial assumptions will be necessary to deliver the best possible outcomes from the resources available.

Sources of Funding

Budget 2027 provides for expenditure of €265,848,912 to fund Council services, compared with €258,758,464 in Budget 2026, representing an increase of 2.74%.

According to the 2025 NOAC Performance Indicator Report, Meath County Council has the third-lowest revenue expenditure per capita among local authorities. Achieving the national average expenditure per capita would require a revenue budget of €333.2m, representing an additional €67.4m. This highlights the importance of securing adequate and sustainable income, particularly as the costs of providing services and maintaining infrastructure continue to increase. Future budget preparations should consider opportunities to strengthen locally generated income, alongside continued efforts to secure national funding and achieve efficiencies. This will be essential to sustain services and investment and reduce the risk of Meath falling behind other local authorities in its capacity to meet the needs of a growing county.

The main sources of income available to fund this expenditure are set out here:

Income	2027	2026	2027 v 2026	% of Income
	€	€	€	%
Grants & Subsidies	105,920,081	100,888,152	5,031,929	40%
Commercial Rates	65,075,703	62,628,747	2,446,956	24%
Goods & Services	73,908,437	74,296,874	-388,437	28%
Local Property Tax	20,944,691	20,944,691	0	8%
	265,848,912	**258,758,464**	**7,090,448**	**100%**

Grants and Subsidies

The Council has consistently highlighted the legacy of low government grant funding to Meath and welcomes the additional supports received in recent years. Grant funding supports increased activity in areas such as housing and roads, but increases linked to specified programmes must be considered alongside the associated delivery costs and do not necessarily provide additional resources for wider Council pressures. The expected Housing Grant in 2027 will be €54,281,017, which is a significant increase of €3,317,897 on the previous year.

The Council will continue to maximise drawdown from national competitive grant funding streams, while assessing the associated own-resource contributions, ongoing operating costs and capacity to deliver projects within available funding.

Goods and Services

The Council has consistently demonstrated excellent debt collection rates for its housing services, showcasing strong financial management and effective engagement with tenants. In 2025, the Council successfully collected 95% of housing loans and 91% of housing rents, ranking it among the top-performing local authorities in the Country.

Future budget preparations should consider opportunities to strengthen income from goods and services, with due regard to the applicable charging arrangements, service obligations and the impact on service users.

Local Property Tax

The Members resolved at their meeting on September 7, 2026 not to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax. This followed consideration of a statutory report covering:

- the financial position of Meath County Council.
- an estimate of the income the Council will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect.
- the financial effect of a varied rate.
- feedback from the public consultation held.

This decision has had an impact on the preparation of the 2027 Budget. As Meath County Council has not varied the basic rate of Local Property Tax for 2027, the budget has been prepared on the basis of €20,944,691 of Local Property Tax in the revenue account.

Meath County Council is one of only two local authorities that have not availed of the opportunity to generate additional income through an adjustment to the Local Property Tax rate. This potential source of funding will require detailed consideration in 2027 as part of the preparation of Budget 2028, recognising the risk that the Council's capacity to invest in services and infrastructure may fall behind that of other local authorities. Rising project costs are requiring an increased contribution from the Council's own resources to supplement grant funding, placing further pressure on available funds.

Commercial Rates

Commercial rates are a vital source of income for Meath County Council, supporting public services and infrastructure that benefit residents, businesses and communities. A sustainable rates base is essential to maintain this provision and support the county's long-term development, while recognising the contribution of the business community to Meath's economy.

Maintaining a comprehensive and accurate rates base is important both to the Council's financial sustainability and to the equitable treatment of ratepayers. A key objective is to ensure that all rateable commercial properties in the county are included in the rates records and properly rated, so that the responsibility for contributing to local services is shared fairly among businesses.

Notwithstanding the increase in commercial rates in Budget 2026, Meath County Council has the second-lowest Annual Rate on Valuation in the country. The potential to generate additional income from commercial rates should be considered as part of future budget preparations, in light of rising service costs and the need to sustain investment, with due regard to the impact on local businesses.

The following table provides an overview of the Rates calculation for 2027 as set out in the statutory budget tables:

Calculation of Rates 2027	
Effective Valuation 2025	305,233,128
Annual Rate on Valuation	0.2132
Total Rates for 2027	**65,075,703**

Meath County Council is one of the top four local authorities in the country for the collection of rates, with a 98% collection level, up from 85% in 2015. This compares with an average across the 31 local authorities of a 92% collection rate. The Council will continue to support our rate payers through the Business Support Scheme. This grant was first introduced in 2015 and approximately 90% of our rate payers will have the opportunity to avail of the scheme next year. The Council will continue to liaise with rate payers and improve collection rates, where possible.

As considered by the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC in 2025, I am recommending that the rate rebate policy on vacant commercial properties remain unchanged as follows:

- Rate demands less than €100,000 — 100% vacancy refund
- Rate demands between €100,000 and €250,000 — 10% vacancy refund
- Rate demands greater than €250,000 — 0% vacancy refund

The purpose of this approach is to encourage business owners to take advantage of the numerous vacant building grants currently available. This will help mitigate the decline of our towns and villages and assist us in delivering our objectives to reduce vacancy and dereliction, which will further support economic growth.

Budget Objectives 2027

Budget 2027 reflects the prioritisation of statutory obligations, essential services and agreed investment needs within constrained resources. The Council's comparatively low expenditure base, outlined above, reinforces the importance of securing adequate income alongside continued efficiencies and value for money.

Available resources cannot meet every demand for additional or enhanced services. Allocations must first support existing commitments and address the effects of rising costs, with additional provision directed towards the areas of greatest need. The pace of service improvements and infrastructure delivery will depend on sustainable funding and the Council's capacity to meet both immediate and ongoing costs.

The overall objectives of Budget 2027 are:

- Advancing the delivery of social and affordable housing through Meath County Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan, while strengthening measures to prevent and address homelessness.
- Continuing to prioritise the maintenance and improvement of local county roads, with a particular focus on enhanced road safety measures.
- Prioritising the delivery of amenities and social infrastructure across the county to meet the needs of local communities.
- Advancing the regeneration of towns and villages, supporting rural renewal and strengthening the economic and social vitality of town centres.
- Strengthening Meath's position as a leader in job creation and economic development.
- Advancing climate action across Meath's nine Decarbonising Zones through locally focused measures under the Climate Action Plan, with particular emphasis on implementing Navan's Integrated Action Plan developed through the URBACT In4Green project.
- Maintaining and enhancing Council services to ensure consistent, reliable and continuous delivery.

Additional financial provision is targeted in order to respond to growing demands and identified need.

Housing

Meath County Council remains committed to delivering the objectives of the Government's Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness, while continuing to exceed the targets in the Meath County Housing Strategy and Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) for 2022–2026.

The Council's original target was to provide 1,525 additional social housing units over this five-year period through construction, acquisition, leasing and partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs).

By September 2026, Meath County Council had delivered 2,132 new social housing units, having exceeded its five-year target more than two years ahead of schedule. Delivery represents

152% of the Council's new-build target for 2022 to 2026, with 2,091 homes provided against a target of 1372. Overall delivery reached 2,159 units in October 2026, with a further 227 units expected by year-end, further exceeding the target. These homes range from one- to four-bedroom units and address a broad range of housing needs, including homelessness prevention, Age Friendly housing, accommodation for people with disabilities and supports for the Traveller community.

Acquiring a substantial land bank remains a priority to support future housing delivery.

The Council has acquired a number of sites, including derelict properties, and maintains active engagement with developers and landowners. Opportunities for partnerships with third-party providers are also being explored to maximise social and affordable housing provision throughout the County.

An additional €827,696 has been committed to administering the homeless service, bringing the total budget to €10,462,153. This allocation will strengthen the resources and support available to people experiencing homelessness and support the effective management and delivery of essential services.

With approximately 5,000 social housing units, the Council must maintain its housing assets to the highest standard while carrying out upgrades and refurbishment works that improve energy efficiency across the stock. The Housing Authority has begun a stock condition survey to support its strategic objective of effective housing asset management. The survey will provide valuable information on the condition of existing homes, supporting a shift towards a more proactive and planned approach to maintenance. Over 2,604 surveys have been completed to date.

As of November 2026, 71 energy retrofit works have been completed, with 34 underway on Council-occupied properties. A further 34 void properties have been returned to use, while works on another 63 are ongoing. Works on void units are restricted to improvements to bring these units up to minimum rental standards and minimise vacancy periods. The transition from void refurbishment to a planned maintenance programme is expected to continue in 2027. Further progress with stock condition surveys will support more structured management of all housing assets, including vacant properties, improving turnaround times and reducing waiting periods.

The Council has strengthened the delivery of a range of housing services and progressed key strategic priorities across homeless services, Traveller accommodation, adaptation grants, vacant homes and rental inspections. In total, €85,513,798 has been allocated to Housing and Building (Service Division A) in Budget 2027.

Amenities and Social Infrastructure

Meath County Council is developing a pipeline of well-designed, shovel-ready projects aligned with county development plans and rural development objectives, enabling the Council to respond quickly when national funding opportunities arise. There are currently over 40 projects of varying scales at different stages of development by the Council's Rural Regeneration Department.

A key focus of this regeneration strategy includes leveraging funding from various sources, including the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund, Town and Village, Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, and the new Towns and Cities Funds. Some of the recent projects that secured funding for delivery are the Laytown Community Centre and amenity space, as well as the Ratoath Community building. In addition to these larger regeneration projects, the Council is delivering smaller projects such as the Kells sensory garden, Fr. Ryan Park upgrade works and Summerhill playground. The Council is also working with various community groups to deliver upgrade to their community halls at Rathkenny, Rathcairn, Kilcloon and Dunderry.

As well as projects currently at construction, the Council is currently undertaking feasibility and design work to other projects, creating a pipeline of shovel ready projects. Some of these projects include a house and 8 acres in Slane, which will become a community hub and amenity space; a community hall and car parking at Kenlis Place, Kells; as well as Oldcastle public realm works and the upgrade of Dunshaughlin courthouse for use as a community building.

Rural Roads

Rural communities need well-maintained roads to improve access to essential services and enhance safety for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Over several years, the Council has made significant investments in county roads, supplementing funding received from the Department of Transport. This investment is guided by engineering data, and the strategy is clearly effective. The most recent NOAC annual statistical returns confirm the excellent standard of the majority of the roads in County Meath as set out in the table below.

% of total Regional Road with lowest quality rating	6.81%
% of total Local Primary Road with the lowest quality rating	5.0%
% of total Local Secondary Road with the lowest quality rating	5.3%

In addition, the percentage of our local tertiary roads with a low rating has decreased from 26.8% in 2020 to 9.85% in 2025.

Investment in rural roads remains a priority in Budget 2027, supporting sustainable development and enhancing the quality of life of rural communities. Building on the increased funding provided last year, a total allocation of €14,699,245 has been provided for local roads in Budget 2027.

In 2027, we are continuing to provide €100,000 per Municipal District for targeted road safety measures aimed at reducing accidents and improving pedestrian and cyclist safety. This funding will support traffic calming measures, including enhanced signage and road markings, pedestrian crossings, roadside planting or bollards, and junction upgrades in high-risk areas identified through local consultation and traffic data analysis. Works will be prioritised in accordance with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

Meath – 'The place and space to thrive'

Meath County Council remains committed to realising the county's economic potential and strengthening its position as an attractive location in which to live, work, invest and do business. In 2027, the Council will continue to advance its Economic Development Strategic Action Plan, informed by Census 2022 and previous Economic Development Strategies, with a focus on supporting enterprise, attracting investment and creating sustainable employment across the county.

The Economic Development and Tourism Department will continue to implement its strategies in partnership with state agencies, businesses and other stakeholders to support business growth, investment and employment opportunities. Priorities for 2027 include strengthening enterprise supports, promoting Meath's distinctive investment proposition and further developing the county's festivals and events offering to enhance the visitor experience and support the local economy.

The Thrive Centre of Business Excellence will continue to serve as a central hub for business support, innovation and collaboration, bringing together Economic Development, the Local Enterprise Office, Tourism, Food Business Development, Broadband Provision and Climate Action under one roof. It provides entrepreneurs, SMEs and larger enterprises with access to mentoring, funding advice, training and sector-specific supports, while supporting the Council's work to attract foreign direct investment. Three sectoral business networks have been established, covering Professional Services, IT and Financial Services; Agriculture, Food and Beverage; and Engineering and Manufacturing. Meeting quarterly at Thrive, these networks provide a forum for businesses to share best practice, address common challenges and identify opportunities for collaboration. In 2027, the Council will build on these networks by broadening participation and exploring opportunities for further expansion in response to business needs.

The sum of €4,680,341 has been provided in Budget 2027 for Economic Development. The Council will continue to capitalise on other Government-supported schemes and EU funding initiatives.

Delivering the Climate Action Plan

Budget 2027 will support delivery of Meath County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024–2029, working across Council services and with communities, businesses and partners to reduce emissions and strengthen climate resilience. Priorities will be aligned with available resources and funding, with progress reported annually to elected members.

Environmental awareness and participation will be supported through Green Schools, Rubbish Film Festivals, the Green KM Scheme, waste prevention and recycling initiatives, and public awareness campaigns. The Council will continue implementing the Litter Management Plan 2025–2027 and supporting community-led projects through the Community Climate Action Programme.

Environmental services will prioritise waste and litter management, water quality, flood and coastal protection, and burial grounds. Working with LAWPRO, the OPW and other partners, the Council will protect water bodies and address flood and coastal erosion risks. Enforcement across waste, water, air and noise will protect public health and the environment, with climate resilience integrated into service delivery.

A key priority for 2027 is advancing practical climate action across Meath's nine Decarbonising Zones, supported by the DZ Action Development Plan. Working with residents, businesses and community organisations, the Council will progress locally tailored measures for emissions reduction, climate adaptation and biodiversity, prioritised by impact, delivery readiness and available funding.

The Navan URBACT In4Green project will be a particular focus, progressing the Integrated Action Plan launched in 2026 with local businesses, community representatives and other stakeholders. Its nine actions cover energy efficiency and renewables, sustainable transport, biodiversity and green infrastructure, and the circular economy, linking climate action with innovation, business competitiveness and quality of life.

Building on In4Green's partnerships and European learning, delivery will be phased according to project readiness, partner participation and available resources, with funding opportunities pursued. Progress and learning from Navan will inform action across the county's wider network of Decarbonising Zones.

Other Service Priorities

In 2027, the Council will continue to support the Cathaoirleach and elected members in fulfilling their reserved roles and facilitate statutory and other meetings throughout the year. Training provided by the AILG will be enhanced by the Council's local annual training programme for elected members. The Council will support the implementation of recommendations arising from the Local Government Task Force, in line with national decisions and guidance. Working with elected members and relevant stakeholders, the Council will seek to build on these reforms to strengthen local governance, enhance how the Council operates and support effective local representation.

Municipal Districts play a pivotal role in delivering citizen-focused services and advancing the priorities of towns and their surrounding hinterlands. The draft provides for an increase of €40,000 in the Members' Discretionary Fund to €720,000 and a total general municipal allocation of €2,901,000. These resources support local community initiatives and investment in identified needs. The Council will also seek to maximise funding secured through national programmes, while prioritising commitments within the resources available.

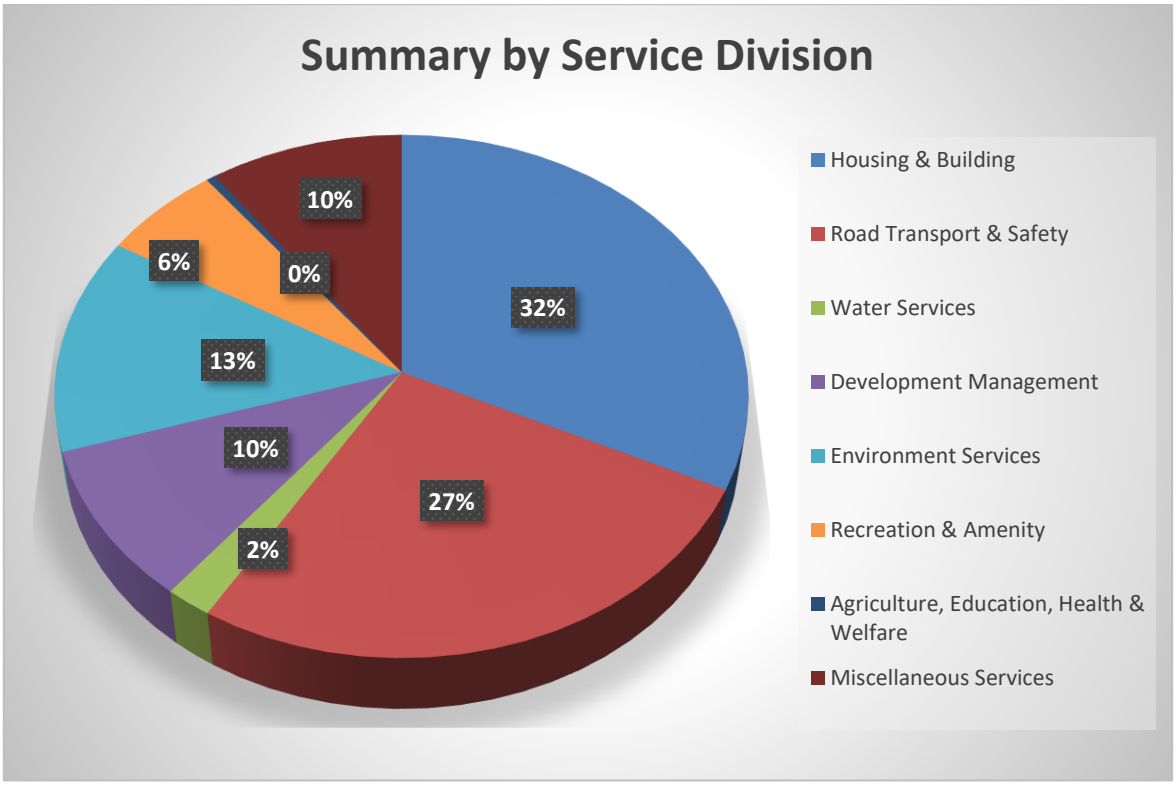
Our ability as an organisation to provide the services our citizens require, and also the way in which our citizens interact with us, is increasingly reliant on technology. The introduction of the new Sugar Serve CRM is not only a customer service tool, but also streamlines processes throughout departments and provides valuable information in a timely manner. Through the Elected Members CRM Portal, members can interact with customer service teams and departments and receive timely updates on representations made to the Council. The Council is committed to continuously seeking opportunities to improve the CRM system and the Elected Members CRM Portal, strengthening customer service, streamlining workflows and enhancing the accessibility and timeliness of information.

The increasing risk of cybercrime, together with the Council's reliance on cloud-based systems, reinforces the need for robust cybersecurity measures. The Council remains committed to mitigating these risks and protecting its information and digital services. In 2027, the focus will be on continuing to strengthen security controls, promoting staff awareness and supporting the secure use of digital systems. Cybersecurity requirements will remain an important consideration in the development and procurement of digital services.

The Libraries Service and its branch network are a vital community resource, providing access to information, reading and learning materials and supporting literacy, lifelong learning and digital inclusion. Libraries offer welcoming, accessible spaces that foster cultural engagement, community participation and social connection. Continued support for library services is central to the Council's commitment to widening access to knowledge and opportunity and strengthening the communities they serve. Building on the increased funding provided in 2026, Budget 2027 provides a further increase of €496,897 for library services and archival operations, bringing the total allocation to €7,544,075.

In 2027, the Council will continue to implement its Communications Strategy, supporting its public service obligation to inform and engage with elected members, customers, staff and other stakeholders. Effective internal and external communications will remain central to this work, promoting public engagement and awareness of the Council's services and activities.

The table below sets out the summary expenditure by service division.



Budget 2027 seeks to maintain essential services and advance agreed priorities within the resources available. Rising costs, growing service demands and uncertainty over future funding will require continued financial discipline and careful prioritisation. Alongside these measures, opportunities to strengthen the Council's income base must be considered to sustain service delivery and reduce the risk of Meath falling behind other local authorities in its capacity to invest in infrastructure and community amenities.

Acknowledgements

In presenting Budget 2027, I acknowledge with appreciation the contribution and support of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Sarah Reilly, her predecessor, Cllr. Wayne Harding, and all elected members of Meath County Council throughout the past financial year. Continued partnership with elected members will be central to translating the priorities of this budget into high-quality public services that meet the needs of the people of Meath.

I also extend my sincere thanks to staff across the organisation for their dedication and commitment to serving communities throughout the county. Their contribution is essential to delivering our shared priorities, and I look forward to building on this collective effort in 2027 as we work together to Make Meath Even Better.

The preparation of the Budget is a difficult and demanding task. It is co- ordinated by the Finance Team and involves all Departments. In this regard, I would like to thank all staff involved in the Budget process but in particular the Management Team for their on-going cooperation, with a special acknowledgement of Ms. Sheila Harkin, A/Director of Finance, Ms. Michelle Rankin, Financial Management Accountant and their colleagues in the Finance Section for their tremendous work in relation to the detailed preparation of this Budget.

Finally, I formally recommend Budget 2027, as presented, to the Council for adoption.



Kieran Kehoe, Chief Executive

2027 Budget
€265.8m

Housing
€85.5m

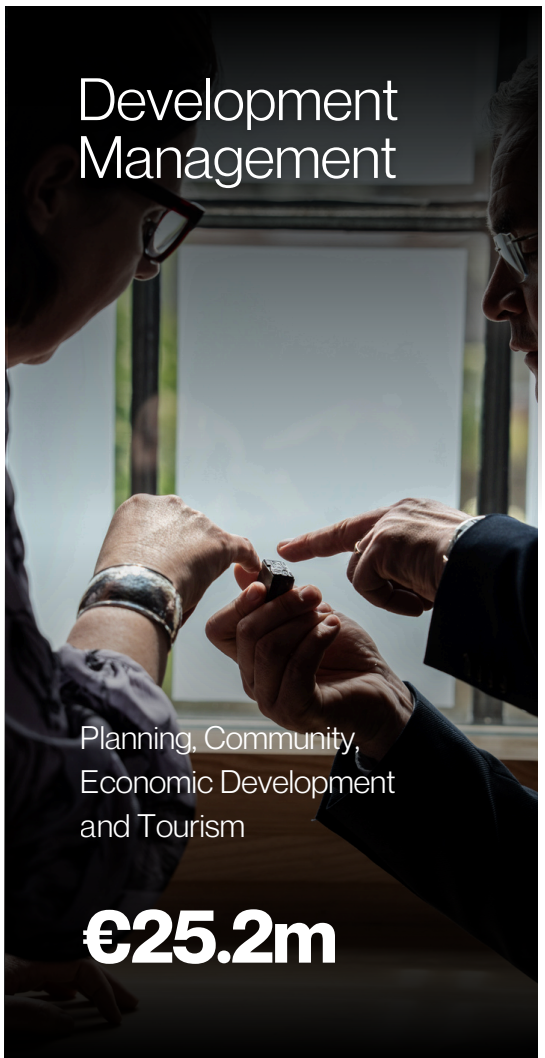
Maintenance and Improvements of Local Authority housing units, RAS and Leasing, Housing Loans and Housing Grants



Transportation

Road Maintenance, Public Lighting, Car Parking and Road Safety

€70.4m



Development Management

Planning, Community, Economic Development and Tourism

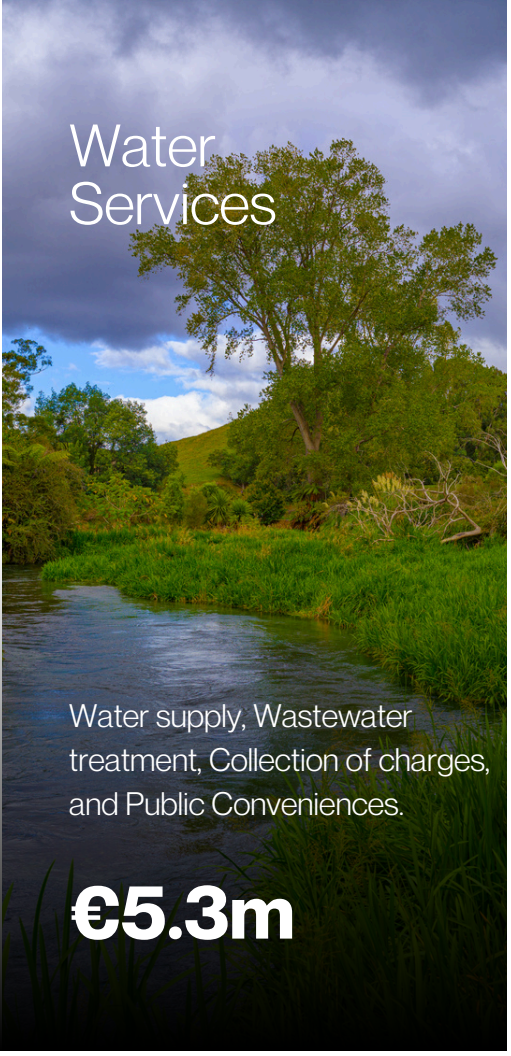
€25.2m



Environmental Services

Landfill Operations, Litter Management, Street Cleaning, Water Quality, Air and Noise and Climate Change

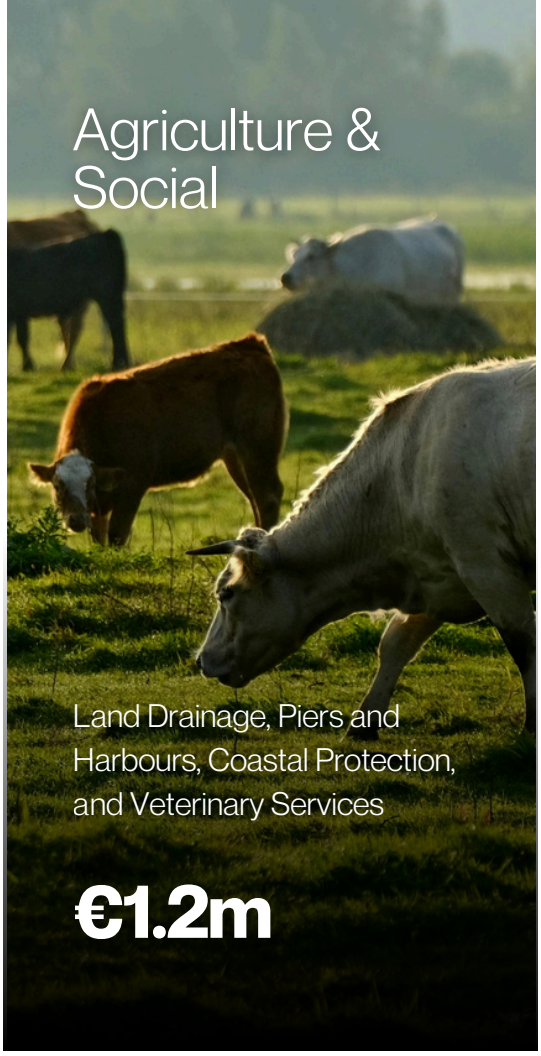
€35.5m



Water Services

Water supply, Wastewater treatment, Collection of charges, and Public Conveniences.

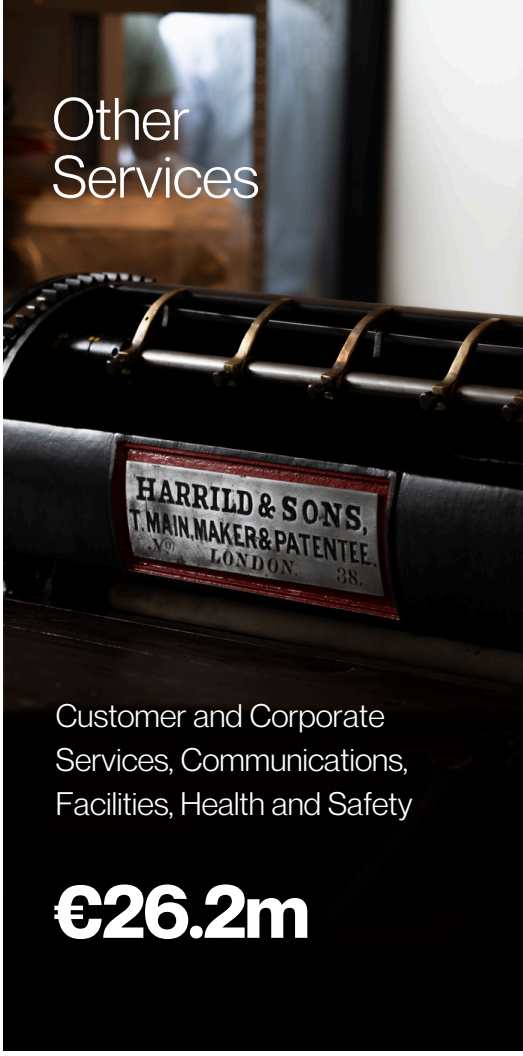
€5.3m



Agriculture & Social

Land Drainage, Piers and Harbours, Coastal Protection, and Veterinary Services

€1.2m



Other Services

Customer and Corporate Services, Communications, Facilities, Health and Safety

€26.2m



Recreations & Amenities

€16.2m

Leisure Facilities Operations, Library and Archival Services, Community Sports, Arts Programmes

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR							
Summary by Service Division		**Expenditure €**	**Income €**	**Budget Net Expenditure 2027 €**	**%**	**Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2026 €**	**%**
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income							
A Housing and Building		85,513,798	88,659,034	(3,145,236)	(3.7%)	(2,590,948)	(3.1%)
B Road Transport & Safety		70,433,953	33,598,774	36,835,179	42.8%	36,122,455	43.2%
C Water Services		5,322,641	2,335,934	2,986,707	3.5%	2,174,042	2.6%
D Development Management		25,266,593	7,833,214	17,433,379	20.3%	15,021,609	18.0%
E Environmental Services		35,582,132	16,473,890	19,108,242	22.2%	17,921,394	21.4%
F Recreation and Amenity		16,220,733	883,253	15,337,480	17.8%	14,392,738	17.2%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,269,607	528,750	740,857	0.9%	712,651	0.9%
H Miscellaneous/Shared Services		26,239,455	29,515,669	(3,276,214)	(3.8%)	(180,503)	(0.2%)
		265,848,912	**179,828,518**	**86,020,394**	100.0%	**83,573,438**	100.0%
Provision for Debit Balance		-		-			
ADJUSTED GROSS EXPENDITURE AND INCOME	**(A)**	**265,848,912**	**179,828,518**	**86,020,394**		**83,573,438**	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances							
Provision for Credit Balance			-	-			
Local Property Tax			20,944,691	20,944,691			
SUB-TOTAL	**(B)**			**20,944,691**			
AMOUNT OF RATES TO BE LEVIED	**C=(A-B)**			**65,075,703**			
Net Effective Valuation	**(E)**			305,233,128			
GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION	**(C/E)**			**0.2132**			

Service Division A
Housing & Building
Key priorities 2027

€85.5m

Maintenance and Improvements of Local Authority housing units, RAS and Leasing, Housing Loans and Housing Grants

Supporting future housing delivery: Acquiring a substantial land bank will remain a priority to support future social and affordable housing delivery.



€10.5m

in funding for **homeless services.** This funding will strengthen the resources and support available to people experiencing homelessness and **support the effective management and delivery of essential services.**



The Council oversees around **5,000 social housing units** and has undertaken **energy retrofit projects** to **improve efficiency**



Service Division A – Housing & Building



Introduction

Meath County Council's housing programme focuses on increasing housing supply, addressing homelessness and maintaining and improving its existing homes. The Council remains committed to the Government's Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness and the objectives of the Meath County Housing Strategy and Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) 2022–2026. The original five-year target was to provide 1,525 additional social housing units through construction, acquisition, leasing and partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs).

By September 2026, the Council had delivered 2,132 new social housing units, having exceeded its five-year target more than two years ahead of schedule. New-build delivery stood at 2,091 homes against a target of 1,372, representing 152% of the 2022–2026 new-build target. Overall delivery reached 2,159 units in October 2026, with a further 227 expected by year-end. These one- to four-bedroom homes meet a broad range of needs, including homelessness prevention, Age Friendly housing, accommodation for people with disabilities and supports for the Traveller community.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- **Supporting future housing delivery:** Acquiring a substantial land bank will remain a priority to support future social and affordable housing delivery. The Council has acquired a number of sites, including derelict properties, and will continue to engage with developers and landowners. Partnerships with third-party providers are also being explored to maximise housing provision throughout the county.
- **Strengthening homeless services:** An additional €0.8m has been committed to administering the homeless service, bringing the total budget to €10,587,695. This funding will strengthen the resources and support available to people experiencing homelessness and support the effective management and delivery of essential services.
- **Maintaining and improving Council homes:** With approximately 5,000 social housing units, the Council must maintain its housing assets to the highest standard while carrying out upgrades and refurbishment works that improve energy efficiency across the stock. The Council's stock condition survey will inform a more proactive, planned approach to

maintenance and effective housing asset management. Over 2,604 surveys have been completed to date, providing valuable information on the condition of existing homes.
The 2027 budget for the maintenance and improvement of local authority housing is €11,364,765, an increase of €454,143 on 2026. This allocation supports the effective management and ongoing improvement of the Council's housing stock.

- **Improving energy efficiency and returning vacant homes to use:** During 2026 to date, energy retrofit works have been completed on 71 Council homes, with works on a further 34 underway. Energy retrofit works can only be carried out on occupied properties. A further 34 vacant properties have been returned to use, with works on another 63 ongoing. Works on vacant units are restricted to bringing them up to minimum rental standards to minimise vacancy periods. The transition from vacant property refurbishment to a planned maintenance programme is expected to continue in 2027. Further progress with stock condition surveys will support more structured management of all housing assets, including vacant homes, helping to improve turnaround times and reduce waiting periods.
- **Delivering housing supports and services**: The Council has strengthened the delivery of a range of housing services and progressed key strategic priorities across homeless services, Traveller accommodation, adaptation grants, vacant homes and rental inspections. Building on this progress will remain a priority in 2027. In total, an additional €4,709,636 has been allocated to Housing and Building (Service Division A) in Budget 2027.

Looking ahead to 2027, the Council will build on its housing delivery record while strengthening support for people experiencing homelessness and improving the management of its existing homes. Securing land for future development, progressing planned maintenance and returning vacant properties to use will remain central to meeting housing needs across Meath.

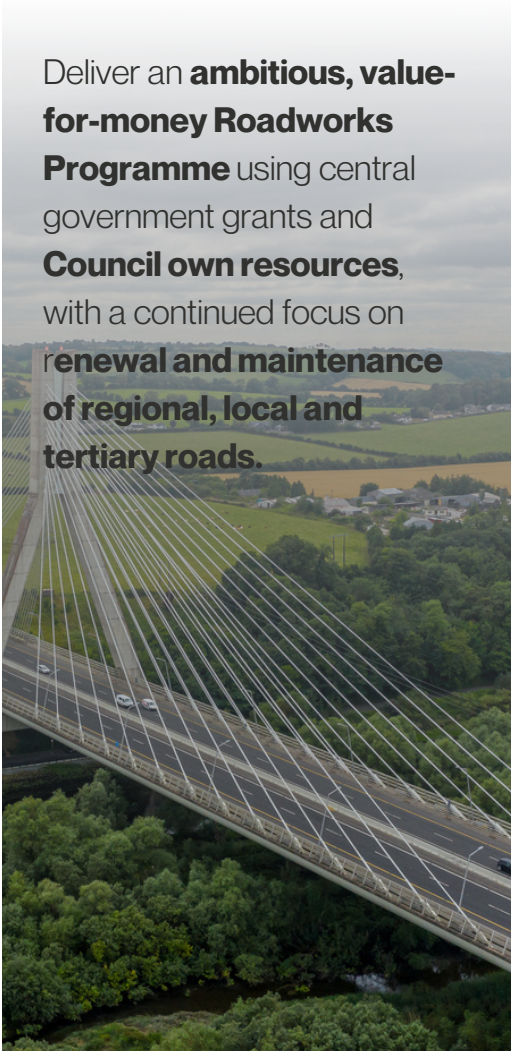
TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A Housing and Building								
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	11,364,765	11,364,765	3,670,393	3,670,393	10,910,622	10,910,622	3,722,075	3,722,075
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	81,438	81,438	-	-	81,357	81,357	-	-
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,632,451	1,632,451	21,865,719	21,865,719	1,509,049	1,509,049	19,882,855	19,882,855
A04 Housing Community Development Support	459,946	459,946	11,342	11,342	439,642	439,642	10,984	10,984
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	10,587,695	10,587,695	9,172,583	9,172,583	9,751,080	9,751,080	8,421,946	8,421,946
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.	6,419,027	6,419,027	1,848,263	1,848,263	5,922,538	5,922,538	1,804,455	1,804,455
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme	42,686,904	42,686,904	42,756,829	42,756,829	41,249,925	41,249,925	41,443,085	41,443,085
A08 Housing Loans	3,400,527	3,400,527	1,792,543	1,792,543	3,399,533	3,399,533	1,898,971	1,898,971
A09 Housing Grants	8,530,598	8,530,598	7,383,109	7,383,109	7,198,844	8,529,201	6,252,301	7,383,104
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,372	1,372	-	-	1,270	1,270	-	-
A12 HAP Programme	349,075	349,075	158,253	158,253	340,302	340,302	157,992	157,992
A13 Cost Rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Division A Total	**85,513,798**	**85,513,798**	**88,659,034**	**88,659,034**	**80,804,162**	**82,134,519**	**83,594,664**	**84,725,467**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
A0101 Maintenance of LA Housing Units	9,011,306	9,011,306	8,733,852	8,733,852
A0102 Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	461,086	461,086	404,171	404,171
A0103 Traveller Accommodation Management	69,500	69,500	71,700	71,700
A0104 Estate Maintenance	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
A0199 Service Support Costs	1,772,873	1,772,873	1,650,899	1,650,899
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	**11,364,765**	**11,364,765**	**10,910,622**	**10,910,622**
A0201 Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	80,850	80,850	80,813	80,813
A0299 Service Support Costs	588	588	544	544
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	**81,438**	**81,438**	**81,357**	**81,357**
A0301 Debt Management & Rent Assessment	1,259,241	1,259,241	1,196,674	1,196,674
A0399 Service Support Costs	373,210	373,210	312,375	312,375
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	**1,632,451**	**1,632,451**	**1,509,049**	**1,509,049**
A0401 Housing Estate Management	-	-	-	-
A0402 Tenancy Management	320,662	320,662	309,965	309,965
A0403 Social and Community Housing Service	-	-	-	-
A0499 Service Support Costs	139,284	139,284	129,677	129,677
A04 Housing Community Development Support	**459,946**	**459,946**	**439,642**	**439,642**
A0501 Homeless Grants Other Bodies	-	-	-	-
A0502 Homeless Service	10,462,153	10,462,153	9,634,457	9,634,457
A0599 Service Support Costs	125,542	125,542	116,623	116,623
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	**10,587,695**	**10,587,695**	**9,751,080**	**9,751,080**
A0601 Technical and Administrative Support	5,211,051	5,211,051	4,761,168	4,761,168
A0602 Loan Charges	165,290	165,290	189,284	189,284
A0699 Service Support Costs	1,042,686	1,042,686	972,086	972,086
A06 Support to Housing Capital Prog.	**6,419,027**	**6,419,027**	**5,922,538**	**5,922,538**
A0701 RAS Operations	3,023,101	3,023,101	3,436,721	3,436,721
A0702 Long Term Leasing	8,939,671	8,939,671	8,783,459	8,783,459
A0703 Payment & Availability	30,705,607	30,705,607	29,012,605	29,012,605
A0704 Affordable Leases	-	-	-	-
A0799 Service Support Costs	18,525	18,525	17,140	17,140
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme	**42,686,904**	**42,686,904**	**41,249,925**	**41,249,925**
A0801 Loan Interest and Other Charges	2,530,281	2,530,281	2,599,987	2,599,987
A0802 Debt Management Housing Loans	163,371	163,371	159,336	159,336
A0899 Service Support Costs	706,875	706,875	640,210	640,210
A08 Housing Loans	**3,400,527**	**3,400,527**	**3,399,533**	**3,399,533**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
A0901 Housing Adaptation Scheme Grant	-	-	-	-
A0902 Loan Charges DPG/ERG	-	-	-	-
A0903 Essential Repair Grants	-	-	-	-
A0904 Other Housing Grant Payments	2,779,133	2,779,133	2,778,295	2,778,295
A0905 Mobility Aids Housing Grants	5,744,071	5,744,071	4,413,714	5,744,071
A0999 Service Support Costs	7,394	7,394	6,835	6,835
A09 Housing Grants	**8,530,598**	**8,530,598**	**7,198,844**	**8,529,201**
A1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
A1199 Service Support Costs	1,372	1,372	1,270	1,270
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	**1,372**	**1,372**	**1,270**	**1,270**
A1201 HAP	278,374	278,374	274,689	274,689
A1202 HAP Agency Services	-	-	-	-
A1299 HAP Service Support Costs	70,701	70,701	65,613	65,613
A12 HAP Programme	**349,075**	**349,075**	**340,302**	**340,302**
A1301 Cost Rental Operations	-	-	-	-
A1399 Service Support Costs for Cost Rental	-	-	-	-
A13 Cost Rental	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Division A Total	**85,513,798**	**85,513,798**	**80,804,162**	**82,134,519**

Table F - Income				
Division A - Housing and Building				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	54,281,017	54,281,017	50,963,120	52,093,923
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**54,281,017**	**54,281,017**	**50,963,120**	**52,093,923**
Goods & Services				
Rents from Houses	22,718,430	22,718,430	20,854,624	20,854,624
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	1,916,800	1,916,800	2,024,092	2,024,092
Superannuation	235,387	235,387	227,943	227,943
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	7,172,500	7,172,500	7,173,300	7,173,300
Other income	2,334,900	2,334,900	2,351,585	2,351,585
Total Goods & Services	**34,378,017**	**34,378,017**	**32,631,544**	**32,631,544**
Division A Total	**88,659,034**	**88,659,034**	**83,594,664**	**84,725,467**

Deliver an **ambitious, value-for-money Roadworks Programme** using central government grants and **Council own resources**, with a continued focus on **renewal and maintenance of regional, local and tertiary roads.**



Maintain essential front-line services across the six MDs including **road and footpath maintenance, drainage, winter maintenance, street cleansing and public realm support**

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Continue the **Community Involvement Scheme** and Local Improvement Scheme programmes, subject to funding, to **support rural communities** and improve roads that would not otherwise be prioritised under standard maintenance programmes.



Service Division B
Transportation
Key priorities 2027

Road Maintenance, Public Lighting, Car Parking and Road Safety

€70.4m



Service Division B – Transportation



Introduction

Meath County Council's Transportation Department plans, develops, improves, manages and maintains the regional and local road network across County Meath. The Department also supports the county's continued growth through the planning and delivery of strategic transport infrastructure, road safety measures, public transport facilities, walking and cycling infrastructure, greenways, public realm works and climate-resilient transport assets.

The Department works in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the National Transport Authority, the Department of Transport, the Department of Rural and Community Development and other agencies. Government grants are supplemented by the Council's own resources to maintain essential services, deliver the annual Roadworks Programme and respond to local priorities across the six Municipal Districts.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Deliver an ambitious, value-for-money Roadworks Programme using central government grants and Council own resources, with a continued focus on renewal and maintenance of regional, local and tertiary roads.
- Maintain essential front-line services across the six Municipal Districts, including road and footpath maintenance, drainage, winter maintenance, street cleansing, public realm support and the upkeep of housing-estate roads and community infrastructure.
- Continue the Community Involvement Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme programmes, subject to funding, to support rural communities and improve roads that would not otherwise be prioritised under standard maintenance programmes.
- Progress strategic national-road schemes, including the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme, N52 Grange to Clontail, N2 Rath to Kilmoon and N52 Balrath Cross, in accordance with statutory, funding and approval requirements.

- Advance Strategic Regional and Local Road and Specific Improvement schemes, including R132 Julianstown Traffic Relief Scheme, R156/R125 Mullagh Cross, R155 Curragha, L6210 Newtownmoyaghy and the R108/L16111 Bey More Junction scheme.
- Continue delivery of active travel, public transport and public realm infrastructure, including Navan cycle and pedestrian schemes, Dunboyne and Clonee links, Castle Street Ashbourne, Johnstown Village, Eastham Road, bus-stop upgrades and Safe Routes to School projects.
- Progress infrastructure that enables housing and compact growth, including the Dunboyne Eastern Distributor Road, Dunboyne Business Park link to the R157, Ratoath Outer Relief Road Phase 2, Kells Frontlands and LDR1A Navan.
- Implement the National Speed Limit Review requirements, with the current programme due for completion in June 2027, and continue targeted traffic-calming, pedestrian-crossing and vulnerable-road-user measures.
- Increase the resilience of the transport network through bridge inspections and rehabilitation, drainage and flood-alleviation works, asset management and implementation of the Climate Adaptation Strategy for Regional and Local Roads.
- Continue to support improved public transport connectivity, including bus infrastructure and the development of the Navan Rail Line, while maintaining a strong focus on road safety education and sustainable travel behaviour.

Budget 2027 will support the continued maintenance, improvement and strategic development of Meath's transport network. The Department's focus will be on safe and reliable roads, stronger links between communities, sustainable travel choices, climate-resilient assets and infrastructure that supports housing, economic activity and quality of life. The programme will be delivered in partnership with funding agencies, elected members, communities and other stakeholders, with a continued emphasis on safety, value for money and effective use of public resources.

Major Programmes and Schemes

Road Network, Safety and Asset Management

The core priority for 2027 will remain the safe and efficient maintenance of the county's extensive road network. Resources will be directed to restoration improvement, surface dressing, structural overlay, local tertiary roads, drainage, road markings, traffic signals, public lighting, winter maintenance and emergency response. The Council will continue to use condition information, safety assessments and programme readiness to prioritise works and maximise the value achieved from available funding.

Road safety investment will include engineering measures at identified locations, pedestrian crossings, footpath rehabilitation, safety improvements near schools and continued support for education and awareness initiatives. Bridge and culvert inspections will inform a targeted rehabilitation programme, while minor bridge repairs will continue across the county.

Strategic Infrastructure and Housing-Enabling Roads

Progression of major capital schemes will continue to be a central priority. The Department will advance schemes through the relevant planning, design, land acquisition, procurement and construction stages, subject to statutory approvals and external funding. Particular emphasis will be placed on projects serving growth areas, including Navan, Drogheda, Dunboyne and Ratoath, and on road infrastructure required to support planned housing and economic development.

Active Travel, Public Transport and Public Realm

The Council will continue to deliver walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure in partnership with the National Transport Authority and other stakeholders. The 2027 programme will build on the active travel schemes progressed in 2026, including the R147 Martha's Bridge to Circular Road scheme, Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout, Flowerhill, Trimgate Street, the Trim Road corridor, Dunboyne and Clonee, Castle Street Ashbourne, Johnstown Village and Eastham Road. Bus-stop accessibility works and Safe Routes to School schemes will continue, subject to allocation and project readiness.

Climate Adaptation and Sustainable Delivery

Climate resilience will be embedded in the management of roads, bridges, drainage systems and other transport assets. The Department will continue to identify vulnerable locations, progress flood-alleviation and drainage schemes, protect critical infrastructure routes and seek funding for adaptation measures. Sustainable procurement, lower-carbon materials, recycling and reuse of road materials will be considered where technically and economically appropriate.

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B Road Transport & Safety								
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,319,282	1,319,282	542,296	542,296	1,303,466	1,303,466	503,372	503,372
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	499,477	499,477	317,703	317,703	487,333	487,333	272,019	272,019
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	14,113,901	14,113,901	7,898,672	7,898,672	13,870,389	13,870,389	7,722,962	7,722,962
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	38,236,695	38,236,695	18,729,818	18,729,818	37,816,069	37,816,069	18,678,341	18,678,341
B05 Public Lighting	4,621,789	4,621,789	24	24	4,587,897	4,587,897	23	23
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	717,846	717,846	3,703	3,703	715,519	715,519	3,585	3,585
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	981,574	981,574	478,306	478,306	937,855	937,855	478,043	478,043
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education	512,013	512,013	13,343	13,343	492,929	492,929	12,921	12,921
B09 Car Parking	1,632,500	1,632,500	1,712,000	1,712,000	1,556,031	1,586,031	1,632,000	1,622,000
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog	3,250,535	3,250,535	322,010	322,010	2,957,279	2,957,279	229,089	229,089
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	4,548,341	4,548,341	3,580,899	3,580,899	4,305,429	4,305,429	3,415,386	3,415,386
Division B Total	**70,433,953**	**70,433,953**	**33,598,774**	**33,598,774**	**69,030,196**	**69,060,196**	**32,947,741**	**32,937,741**

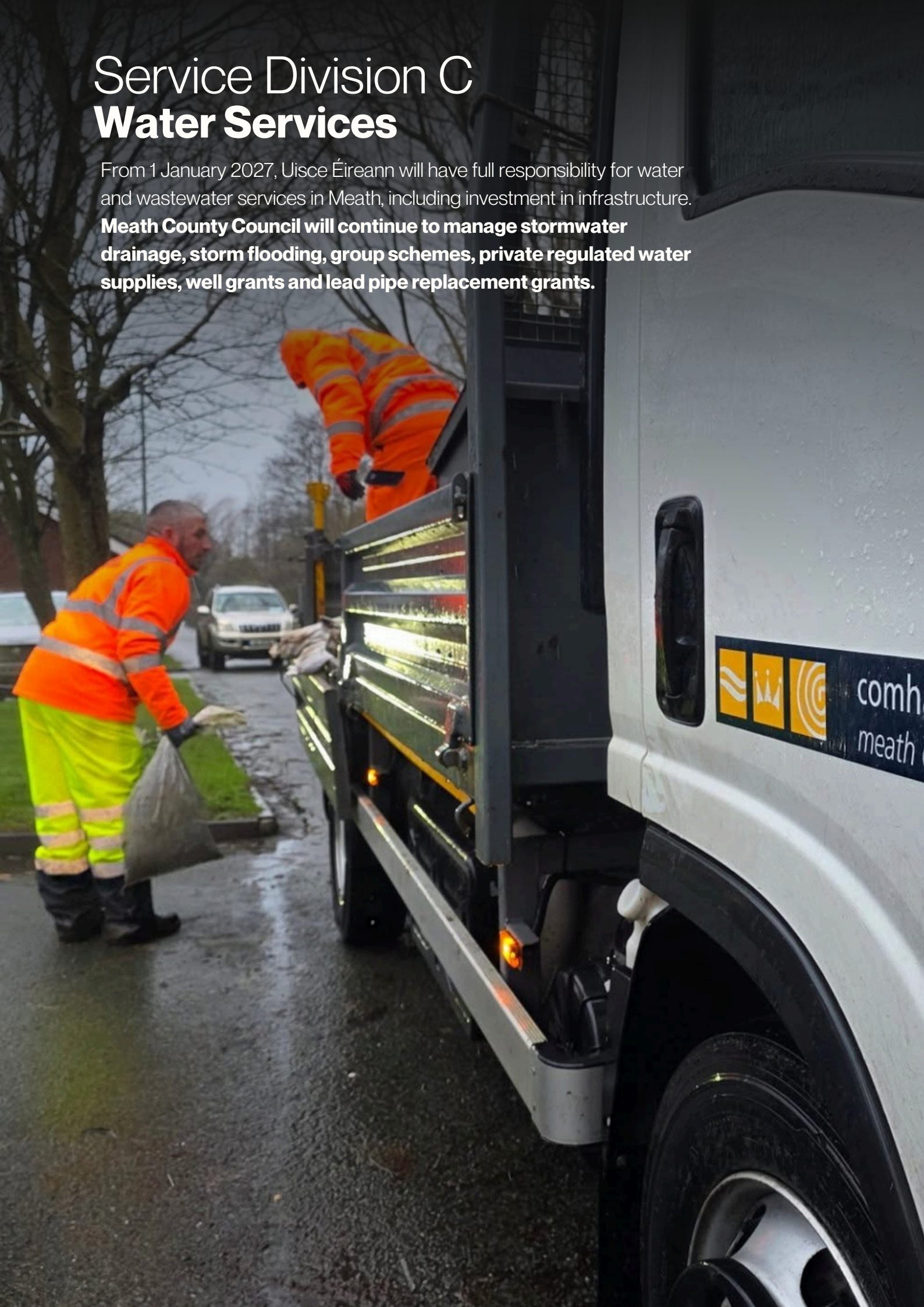
Table F - Expenditure					
Division B - Road Transport & Safety					
		2027		2026	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	-	-	-	-
B0102	NP - Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	-	-	-	-
B0103	NP - Winter Maintenance	106,107	106,107	106,039	106,039
B0104	NP - Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	-	-	-	-
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	175,397	175,397	175,397	175,397
B0106	NP - General Improvements Works	295,979	295,979	294,482	294,482
B0199	Service Support Costs	741,799	741,799	727,548	727,548
B01	**NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement**	**1,319,282**	**1,319,282**	**1,303,466**	**1,303,466**
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	-	-	-	-
B0202	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	-	-	-	-
B0203	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	-	-	-	-
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance	125,484	125,484	125,375	125,375
B0205	NS - Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	-	-	-	-
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	247,888	247,888	247,164	247,164
B0207	NS - General Improvement Works	-	-	-	-
B0299	Service Support Costs	126,105	126,105	114,794	114,794
B02	**NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement**	**499,477**	**499,477**	**487,333**	**487,333**
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	536,000	536,000	489,734	489,734
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	3,050,000	3,050,000	3,025,000	3,025,000
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	497,006	497,006	497,209	497,209
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	5,278,627	5,278,627	5,232,610	5,232,610
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	-	-	-	-
B0399	Service Support Costs	4,752,268	4,752,268	4,625,836	4,625,836
B03	**Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement**	**14,113,901**	**14,113,901**	**13,870,389**	**13,870,389**
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	3,258,369	3,258,369	3,220,669	3,220,669
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	13,266,200	13,266,200	13,262,050	13,262,050
B0403	Local Roads Winter Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	1,042,250	1,042,250	1,042,250	1,042,250
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	14,669,245	14,669,245	14,546,237	14,546,237
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
B0499	Service Support Costs	5,250,631	5,250,631	4,994,863	4,994,863
B04	**Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement**	**38,236,695**	**38,236,695**	**37,816,069**	**37,816,069**
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	4,213,332	4,213,332	4,188,332	4,188,332
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	-	-	-	-
B0599	Service Support Costs	408,457	408,457	399,565	399,565
B05	**Public Lighting**	**4,621,789**	**4,621,789**	**4,587,897**	**4,587,897**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
B0601 Traffic Management	-	-	-	-
B0602 Traffic Maintenance	-	-	-	-
B0603 Traffic Improvement Measures	682,001	682,001	682,001	682,001
B0699 Service Support Costs	35,845	35,845	33,518	33,518
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	**717,846**	**717,846**	**715,519**	**715,519**
B0701 Low Cost Remedial Measures	878,657	878,657	845,115	845,115
B0702 Other Engineering Improvements	-	-	-	-
B0799 Service Support Costs	102,917	102,917	92,740	92,740
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	**981,574**	**981,574**	**937,855**	**937,855**
B0801 School Wardens	224,903	224,903	224,326	224,326
B0802 Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	92,869	92,869	91,778	91,778
B0899 Service Support Costs	194,241	194,241	176,825	176,825
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education	**512,013**	**512,013**	**492,929**	**492,929**
B0901 Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	-	-	-	-
B0902 Operation of Street Parking	1,234,000	1,234,000	1,234,000	1,234,000
B0903 Parking Enforcement	115,000	115,000	85,000	115,000
B0999 Service Support Costs	283,500	283,500	237,031	237,031
B09 Car Parking	**1,632,500**	**1,632,500**	**1,556,031**	**1,586,031**
B1001 Administration of Roads Capital Programme	85,438	85,438	-	-
B1099 Service Support Costs	3,165,097	3,165,097	2,957,279	2,957,279
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog	**3,250,535**	**3,250,535**	**2,957,279**	**2,957,279**
B1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	4,439,224	4,439,224	4,205,032	4,205,032
B1199 Service Support Costs	109,117	109,117	100,397	100,397
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	**4,548,341**	**4,548,341**	**4,305,429**	**4,305,429**
Division B Total	**70,433,953**	**70,433,953**	**69,030,196**	**69,060,196**

Table F - Income				
Division B - Road Transport & Safety				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	-	-	-	-
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	27,405,132	27,405,132	27,022,301	27,022,301
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
National Transport Authority	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**27,405,132**	**27,405,132**	**27,022,301**	**27,022,301**
Goods & Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	1,707,000	1,707,000	1,627,000	1,617,000
Superannuation	729,186	729,186	706,120	706,120
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	400,000	400,000	300,000	300,000
Other income	3,357,456	3,357,456	3,292,320	3,292,320
Total Goods & Services	**6,193,642**	**6,193,642**	**5,925,440**	**5,915,440**
Division B Total	**33,598,774**	**33,598,774**	**32,947,741**	**32,937,741**

Service Division C
Water Services

From 1 January 2027, Uisce Éireann will have full responsibility for water and wastewater services in Meath, including investment in infrastructure. **Meath County Council will continue to manage stormwater drainage, storm flooding, group schemes, private regulated water supplies, well grants and lead pipe replacement grants.**



Service Division C – Water Services



Introduction

On 31 December 2026, Meath County Council's long involvement in the provision of Water Services ended. The 13-year transition period that began in January 2014, during which Uisce Éireann has gradually taken over responsibility for Water Services from local authorities across the country, including Meath, has now concluded.

Uisce Éireann now has full and direct responsibility for the provision of Water Services including capital investment in water and wastewater infrastructure, throughout county Meath.

As of 1 January 2027, no Council employees are involved in the provision of Water Services. All former Meath County Council Water Services employees have now either, transferred to become employees of Uisce Éireann or have been reassigned to other roles within the Council.

Uisce Éireann now budgets directly for the payroll, goods and services and all other costs necessary to provide Water Services and hence, Meath County Council's 2027 budget does not provide for same.

It is important to note that, Uisce Éireann does not have responsibility for stormwater drainage, storm flooding, group schemes, private regulated water supplies, well grants, or lead piping replacement grants. The Environment Department of Meath County Council will continue to manage these matters and has made provisions for them in the 2027 Budget.

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
C Water Services								
C01 Water Supply	2,820,885	2,820,885	350,919	350,919	4,308,006	4,308,006	339,819	339,819
C02 Waste Water Treatment	1,289,649	1,289,649	191,796	191,796	2,910,520	2,910,520	185,730	185,730
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	86,286	86,286	7,302	7,302	80,346	80,346	7,071	7,071
C04 Public Conveniences	63,455	63,455	23,012	23,012	62,381	62,381	22,917	22,917
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	615,796	615,796	369,222	369,222	487,638	487,638	313,930	313,930
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	427,445	427,445	140	140	806,420	806,420	136	136
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	13,638	13,638	543	543	12,596	12,596	3,871,447	3,871,447
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	5,487	5,487	1,393,000	1,393,000	122,985	122,985	1,875,800	1,875,800
Division C Total	**5,322,641**	**5,322,641**	**2,335,934**	**2,335,934**	**8,790,892**	**8,790,892**	**6,616,850**	**6,616,850**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division C - Water Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
C0101 Water Plants & Networks	-	-	1,701,952	1,701,952
C0199 Service Support Costs	2,820,885	2,820,885	2,606,054	2,606,054
C01 Water Supply	**2,820,885**	**2,820,885**	**4,308,006**	**4,308,006**
C0201 Waste Plants and Networks	-	-	1,616,318	1,616,318
C0299 Service Support Costs	1,289,649	1,289,649	1,294,202	1,294,202
C02 Waste Water Treatment	**1,289,649**	**1,289,649**	**2,910,520**	**2,910,520**
C0301 Debt Management Water and Waste Water	-	-	-	-
C0399 Service Support Costs	86,286	86,286	80,346	80,346
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	**86,286**	**86,286**	**80,346**	**80,346**
C0401 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	50,683	50,683	50,683	50,683
C0499 Service Support Costs	12,772	12,772	11,698	11,698
C04 Public Conveniences	**63,455**	**63,455**	**62,381**	**62,381**
C0501 Grants for Individual Installations	129,883	129,883	55,000	55,000
C0502 Grants for Water Group Schemes	300,000	300,000	250,000	250,000
C0503 Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	-	-	-	-
C0504 Group Water Scheme Subsidies	57,086	57,086	61,945	61,945
C0599 Service Support Costs	128,827	128,827	120,693	120,693
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	**615,796**	**615,796**	**487,638**	**487,638**
C0601 Technical Design and Supervision	-	-	-	-
C0699 Service Support Costs	427,445	427,445	806,420	806,420
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	**427,445**	**427,445**	**806,420**	**806,420**
C0701 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
C0799 Service Support Costs	13,638	13,638	12,596	12,596
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	**13,638**	**13,638**	**12,596**	**12,596**
C0801 Local Authority Water Services	5,487	5,487	122,985	122,985
C0802 Local Authority Sanitary Services	-	-	-	-
C0899 Local Authority Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	**5,487**	**5,487**	**122,985**	**122,985**
Division C Total	**5,322,641**	**5,322,641**	**8,790,892**	**8,790,892**

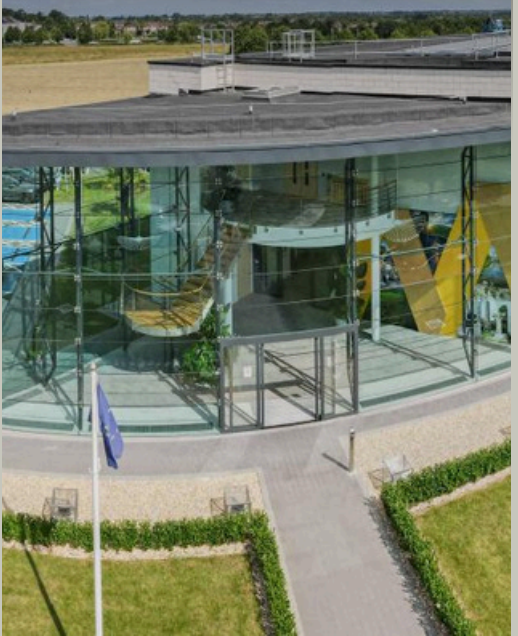
Table F - Income				
Division C - Water Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	1,753,000	1,753,000	2,180,800	2,180,800
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**1,753,000**	**1,753,000**	**2,180,800**	**2,180,800**
Goods & Services				
Uisce Éireann	-	-	3,870,921	3,870,921
Superannuation	562,934	562,934	545,129	545,129
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Goods & Services	**582,934**	**582,934**	**4,436,050**	**4,436,050**
Division C Total	**2,335,934**	**2,335,934**	**6,616,850**	**6,616,850**

Service Division D
Development Management
Key priorities 2027

€25.2m

Planning, Community, Economic Development and Tourism

Promote Meath nationally and internationally as a location for enterprise, investment and visitors using the Meath's FDI Guide as "Europe's Business Ready Region" and the MCC TV show "Writer's Way".



Support the growth and development of key tourism festivals, including Navan Midsummer Festival (Year 2), Féile Siamsa Glas (Year 4), and Home of Halloween (Year 3 of the Fáilte Ireland pilot programme).



Implement and support **Town Centre First initiatives** in Towns and Village throughout the County.



Service Division D – Development Management



Planning and Development

Introduction

Planning plays a vital role in shaping the future of our county and supporting the delivery of services throughout the Local Authority. Meath County Council ensures that development occurs in the right locations, at the right times, and in ways that benefit our communities and economy while also safeguarding our environment and heritage.

Planning is essential for achieving a low-carbon future. This includes adapting to and mitigating flood risks, supporting both local and international businesses, accommodating sustainable levels of housing and commercial development, promoting renewable energy, encouraging sustainable transport options, and prioritising the redevelopment of brownfield sites over greenfield land.

Additionally, planning underpins the provision of community infrastructure, such as sports and recreational facilities, cultural amenities, and public spaces. These components are crucial for creating vibrant, healthy communities and ensuring that growth is accompanied by the necessary services and facilities that people need.

Our planning services are organised under the following areas: Forward Planning, Building Control and Enforcement, Development Management, Strategic Projects, and Regeneration, Heritage, Conservation, and Biodiversity.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Ensure the County Development Plan is extended by way of Variation as a result of the Planning and Development amendment Act 2026.
- Complete the variation work to ensure the Development plan is extended to Feb 2030.
- Implement the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2024 and associated amendments as they are introduced.
- Enhance the digitisation of historical maps to aid with online planning searches.
- Work collaboratively with our elected members and officials of Louth County Council to bring forward a Joint Settlement Plan for Drogheda.
- Deliver the actions outlined in the County Meath Heritage Strategy for 2024–2030 and the Meath Biodiversity Action Plan for 2025–2030.
- Advance work on Masterplans and Public Realm Plans, advance strategic plans and projects, and support the work of the Town Centre First team.
- Ensure that community infrastructure—including sports, recreation, and cultural facilities—is integrated into planning policies and development proposals.
- Promote sustainable rural development by supporting balanced growth in smaller towns and villages while maintaining rural character, improving access to services, employment, and amenities in line with the introduction of new Rural Housing Guidelines.
    - Develop a plan under conservation programme for mapping historical labourers and farmers cottages.
    - Advance the mapping of historical and holy wells.
    - Revise the Development Contribution Scheme to reflect the changes in the development plan and objectives.

Meath County Council is committed to delivering an exceptional customer experience by handling all planning and building control applications in a professional, fair, and transparent manner. We prioritise delivering robust forward planning policies and guidance—both statutory and non-statutory—ensuring clarity and certainty to support future investment in County Meath.

A key objective of the Council is to promote sustainable and balanced development in both urban and rural areas. We aim to create a high-quality living and working environment that meets the needs of all residents. This includes providing rural communities with opportunities for sustainable growth, supported by appropriate infrastructure and services.

To ensure compliance and safety, we maintain an effective building control inspection and market surveillance regime that upholds standards and protects communities. We also prioritise prompt and consistent responses to planning enforcement issues and complaints.

Ultimately, we are dedicated to preserving and conserving our heritage and biodiversity. We strive to promote understanding, conservation, and enjoyment of these vital aspects of our environment, ensuring they are preserved for future generations.

Rural Regeneration

Introduction

Meath County Council aims to support the creation of Towns and Villages that are viable, vibrant and attractive locations, for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social,

cultural and recreational hub for the local communities. These aims will be delivered through the following areas of work;

- Rural Regeneration (ORIS, TVRS, CLAR, CCIF etc., etc.)
- Town Centre First (TCF)
- Urban Regeneration (Call 3)
- Vacancy Homes (including Croí Cónaithe)
- Derelict Sites

Our rural regeneration priorities will focus on:

- The sustainable growth of towns and villages can support these goals through the reuse/repurposing of vacant and derelict buildings and provides opportunities to support local skills and encourage community led initiatives and engagement.
- The sustainable and adaptive reuse of existing assets and increasing the energy efficiency of individual buildings.
- Acquire vacant and derelict properties, so they can be re-established for their original intended purpose (residential) and / or re-purposed to meet modern day needs/uses etc.

The policies/ objectives of the various Government Departments, align seamlessly with Meath County Council's rural regeneration goals / objectives, as listed above.



Key Priorities for 2027:

- Improve access to existing and increase provision of new outdoor recreational activities/facilities.
- Implement and support TCF initiatives in Towns and Village through the County.
- Reduce Vacancy and Dereliction in the County.
- Maximise the use of available funding streams.

Through the various policies and appropriate funding support available, Meath County Council will endeavour to make "Meath Better" for everyone, in terms of tackling vacancy and dereliction within our settlements, whilst also improving and increasing the quantity, quality and availability of

recreational amenities and facilities for our communities, through both Local Authority and Community driven/ led projects.

Economic Development, Tourism & Food

Introduction



The Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Department is committed to supporting sustainable economic growth, enterprise development, investment attraction and tourism across County Meath. In 2027, the focus will be on delivering the objectives of the Meath Economic Development Strategic Action Plan and the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy through measurable economic and tourism outcomes, as well as marketing Meath nationally and internationally, as the prime location for businesses.

The Thrive Centre of Business Excellence will continue to be the county's hub for enterprise support, providing programmes, events, innovation supports and networking opportunities that help businesses start, scale and succeed. Through collaboration with state agencies, educational institutions and industry partners, Thrive continues to strengthen the local enterprise ecosystem, support job creation and encourage investment. The team have worked with the Age Friendly and the Local Enterprise Office Meath to develop a 55+ Start Your Own Business pathway which is being piloted here in Meath, with a view to rolling it out through other LEOs nationwide. The programme has been designed for people who are either approaching retirement, returning to work, exploring a new direction, or simply ready for a fresh challenge, and aims to help the attendees explore the next steps with confidence.

Meath's strategic location, skilled workforce, growing population and quality of life make it an attractive destination for business growth and investment. The department will work with regional, national and European partners to maximise opportunities for funding, innovation and collaborative projects that support sustainable growth.

Through the continued implementation of the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy, the department will support the development of visitor experiences, festivals and tourism infrastructure that increase visitor numbers, overnight stays and visitor spend. Key initiatives in 2027 include supporting events such as the Year of the Normans programme, progressing opportunities associated with the Brú na Bóinne National Park project, and leveraging the new AI itinerary planner to encourage longer stays, increased visitor spend and greater exploration of the county.

Continued implementation of the Boyne Valley Food Development Strategy will further enhance the region's reputation as a premier food destination. The Boyne Valley Flavours network is constantly building on supports for local producers, driving food innovation, promoting food tourism, and contributing to investment, employment creation and sustainable economic development across County Meath.

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland (COFCI) continues to establish itself successfully as the national centre for food and drink culture, originated in the Boyne Valley, which facilitates education, discussion, enterprise and advocacy by connecting people to their food, soil and sea. The key stakeholder engagement programme has been established, along with the advisory panel of experts with a wealth of knowledge in this field and the Producers Directory continues to grow along with the positive reputation of the COFCI.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Promote Meath businesses across all sectors, to ensure consideration is given to choosing local, supporting indigenous enterprise growth and job creation,
- Promote Meath nationally and internationally as a location for enterprise, investment and visitors using the Meath's FDI Guide as "Europe's Business Ready Region" and the MCC TV show "Writer's Way".
- Pursue opportunities for EU funding and international partnerships that support economic development, innovation, tourism and sustainability objectives.
- Support the development of a new Mid-East Regional Enterprise Plan through engagement with DETE and the relevant stakeholders.
- Continue implementation of the Boyne Valley Food Development Strategy and support the growth of the food and beverage sector as well as the Boyne Valley Flavours network.
- Support the delivery of the Year of the Normans programme across the county in 2027.
- Continue working with the key stakeholders on progressing the Brú na Bóinne National Park project and related tourism and economic opportunities.
- Continue to promote the Boyne Valley at key consumer and tourism events, including Holiday World Show, Bloom, Milwaukee Irish Fest, the National Ploughing Championships and Púca Festival.
- Support the growth and development of key tourism festivals, including Navan Midsummer Festival (Year 2), Féile Siamsa Glas (Year 4), and Home of Halloween (Year 3 of the Fáilte Ireland pilot programme).
- Drive tourism innovation projects, including the development of an AI-powered itinerary planner and an automated What's On platform to enhance the visitor experience and strengthen destination marketing.
- Support the development and promotion of the Boyne Valley's outdoor tourism offering, including walking trails, Greenways, Blueways and other outdoor recreation experiences, to encourage dispersal and increase visitor dwell time.
- The Centre of Food Culture Ireland will focus on the scaling of existing programmes: nationwide events, the Food Producers Directory, regional food group network and Samhain Festival of Food & Culture. It will also prioritise the progression of the Digital Heritage Library

project, Summer/Winter School style offerings, Study Trip offerings, and Physical Location development work, as well as establishment of sustainable, diverse income streams.

In 2027, the Economic Development and Tourism Department will focus on delivering tangible outcomes through the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence, the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy and the Boyne Valley Food Development Strategy.

Through enterprise support, investment attraction, tourism development, food innovation and strategic collaboration, we will create employment opportunities, strengthen business competitiveness, increase visitor activity and maximise opportunities for external funding and investment. A key focus for the department is attracting high value employment opportunities for the citizens of Meath to allow them to stop the outward commute and enjoy a better quality of life in the county.

These actions will support sustainable economic growth and further enhance Meath's reputation as a leading location to live, work, invest and discover.

Local Enterprise Office

Introduction

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Meath is part of a network of thirty-one offices across Ireland and plays a key role in supporting entrepreneurship, business growth and local economic development across County Meath.

Operating from the THRIVE Centre of Business Excellence, LEO Meath works closely with Economic Development, Tourism, Climate Action and Food Development teams to deliver integrated supports for businesses at all stages of development.

During 2026, LEO Meath welcomed a new Head of Enterprise and continued to expand its range of business supports and programmes. Key initiatives included the launch of a new Succession Planning Series, with the equine sector selected as the inaugural focus in recognition of its strategic importance to the county. LEO Meath also progressed it’s its innovative Entrepreneurship Programme for People with Disabilities and played a leading role in supporting female entrepreneurship through the successful delivery of National Women's Enterprise Day, which Meath hosted as a standalone county event for the first time.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Supporting entrepreneurship and new business start-ups.
- Enhancing competitiveness through digitalisation, innovation and productivity improvement.
- Driving decarbonisation and supporting businesses to exploit emerging opportunities.
- Expanding succession planning and management development supports.
- Continuing the rollout of the Entrepreneurship Programme for People with Disabilities.
- Supporting female entrepreneurship and enterprise leadership.
- Promoting growth in key indigenous and locally traded sectors.

As the first stop-shop for enterprise support, LEO Meath provides financial assistance, mentoring, training, management development programmes and business advice, helping entrepreneurs and SMEs to start, grow and scale their businesses while contributing to employment creation and economic development across the county.

Community Development

Introduction

The Community Department supports sustainable community development, social inclusion, civic participation and community wellbeing across County Meath. Working in partnership with community and voluntary organisations, statutory agencies and local stakeholders, the Department delivers programmes and supports in areas including community development, integration, healthy communities, community safety, sports and recreation, outdoor recreation, age friendly initiatives, youth participation and disability inclusion. These services contribute to the objectives of the Corporate Plan and Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and support inclusive, resilient and connected communities.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- To support local community and voluntary organisations through the provision of community grant schemes, capacity-building initiatives and the continued development of the online grants administration system.
- To support the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in the implementation and monitoring of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and in the governance and oversight of key national and local programmes including LEADER 2023-2027, SICAP, the Local Enhancement Programme, the Community Development Programme and the Healthy County Programme.
- To promote social inclusion through the development and delivery of targeted programmes that address disadvantage, support equality of opportunity and respond to emerging community needs.
- To coordinate the implementation of key actions arising from the:
    - County Sports Plan;
    - County Outdoor Recreation Plan;
    - Migration and Integration Strategy;
    - Inclusion and Disability Strategy; and
    - County Age Friendly Strategy.
- To support the work of the Meath Local Community Safety Partnership and coordinate implementation of the Local Community Safety Plan.
- To strengthen community resilience through the continued development of the Meath Community Preparedness Alliance, Community Support Hubs and associated local response structures.
- To support effective community engagement and participation through the Meath Public Participation Network (PPN), Comhairle na nÓg and other stakeholder engagement structures.
- To ensure effective governance, monitoring and evaluation of community programmes and funding streams, demonstrating value for money and measurable community outcomes.

The overarching ambition of the Community Department for 2027 is to work collaboratively with communities, voluntary organisations, elected members and statutory agencies to build inclusive, resilient, healthy and sustainable communities across County Meath.

The Department will seek to ensure that public investment in community development delivers measurable outcomes, strengthens local capacity and supports communities to address current and emerging challenges.

This will include:

- Building resilient communities that are prepared to respond to social, economic and environmental challenges.
- Promoting social inclusion, equality and active participation for all members of the community.
- Supporting healthier lifestyles and improved wellbeing through community-based initiatives.
- Enhancing community safety, accessibility and quality of life.
- Supporting positive community relations and successful integration within diverse communities.
- Strengthening community capacity, volunteerism and participation in local decision-making.

Age Friendly Ireland Shared Service

Introduction

Age Friendly Ireland (AFI) is a national office hosted by Meath County Council. It operates as a shared service for all 31 local authorities across Ireland. AFI is funded and supported by a cross-departmental National Advisory Group, which includes representatives from six government departments, An Garda Síochána, the Health Service Executive, Chambers Ireland, and the local authority sector.

The role of the shared service is to implement national policy objectives for ageing, aligned to the World Health Organization's framework for developing Age Friendly Communities. Through this shared service, all local authorities in Ireland are affiliated with the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

AFI delivers the following programmes and services to support ageing communities:

- The **National Core Programme** supports the implementation of a local Age Friendly Strategy and programme in every local authority. Under this strand of work, Older People's Councils are established at local and national level to reflect the voice of older people into consultation and research processes.
- The **National Technical Programme** accelerates the development of Age Friendly housing, transport, and public realm projects.
- The **Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme** is a support coordination service designed that enables older people remain in their homes by helping them to access a wide range of services and supports including Housing Adaptation Grants.
- The **National Communications Programme** promotes a positive understanding of ageing and addresses ageism, helps to scale up good practice initiatives, and raises awareness about ageing communities, older people's issues and their contribution and role in society. Flagship

events such as the National Older People's Council Convention, the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards, and National Age Friendly Ambassadors Day, support the communication of key messages.

- AFI's **Research Unit** operates through a partnership with Maynooth University, providing an evidence base for evaluation and service planning and generating new research on ageing.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Challenge ageism and promote positive ageing by harnessing the voice and lived experience of older citizens and through the network of Age Friendly Ambassadors.
- Bring older people's views into local and national policy and service improvement processes across multiple policy domains.
- Continue to strengthen local Age Friendly Programmes by providing technical resources, training, guidance, and regional support.
- Expand the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme with additional staff to meet the high level of demand.
- Fulfil commitments outlined in the collaborative plan with the World Health Organisation, particularly with regard to supporting the development of programmes in other countries.
- Launch an Age Friendly Workplace recognition programme and toolkit, which will be the first of its kind in Ireland.
- Under the National Technical Programme, expand Age Friendly housing and outdoor space/buildings projects including Age Friendly recognition for train stations, stadiums, hospitals, shopping centres and other facilities.
- Strengthen data systems for the shared service in partnership with Maynooth University.
- Raise awareness of best practice through the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards.
- Deliver thematic programmes of work for Age Friendly Sports Days, Age Friendly Tourism, Age Friendly Business Recognition, Age Friendly Libraries, Age Friendly Garda Stations, and support national policy objectives for road safety for older people.
- Complete the work of the Commission on Care and support implementation of recommendations.

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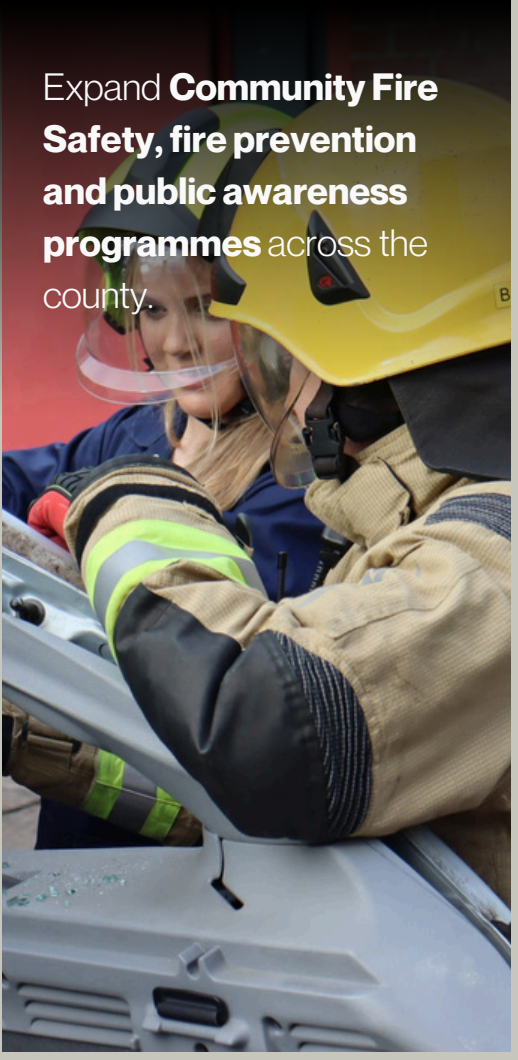
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
D Development Management								
D01 Forward Planning	2,078,810	2,078,810	563,472	563,472	1,762,857	1,762,857	1,063,457	563,457
D02 Development Management	7,216,003	7,216,003	1,992,948	1,992,948	6,902,541	6,902,541	1,918,566	1,918,566
D03 Enforcement	723,880	723,880	-	-	712,167	712,167	-	-
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities	765,973	765,973	66,157	66,157	747,244	747,244	98,026	98,026
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	773,504	773,504	104,515	104,515	722,288	722,288	104,372	104,372
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	4,260,892	4,260,892	2,379,715	2,379,715	11,666,741	11,666,741	11,378,196	11,378,196
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	330,869	330,869	150,000	150,000	329,778	329,778	150,000	150,000
D08 Building Control	293,797	293,797	60,000	60,000	277,719	277,719	60,000	60,000
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	7,180,341	7,180,341	1,809,562	1,809,562	7,298,509	7,298,509	1,945,612	1,945,612
D10 Property Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,538,783	1,538,783	694,307	694,307	1,485,159	1,485,159	749,239	749,239
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	103,741	103,741	12,538	12,538	96,215	96,215	12,141	12,141
Division D Total	**25,266,593**	**25,266,593**	**7,833,214**	**7,833,214**	**32,001,218**	**32,001,218**	**17,479,609**	**16,979,609**

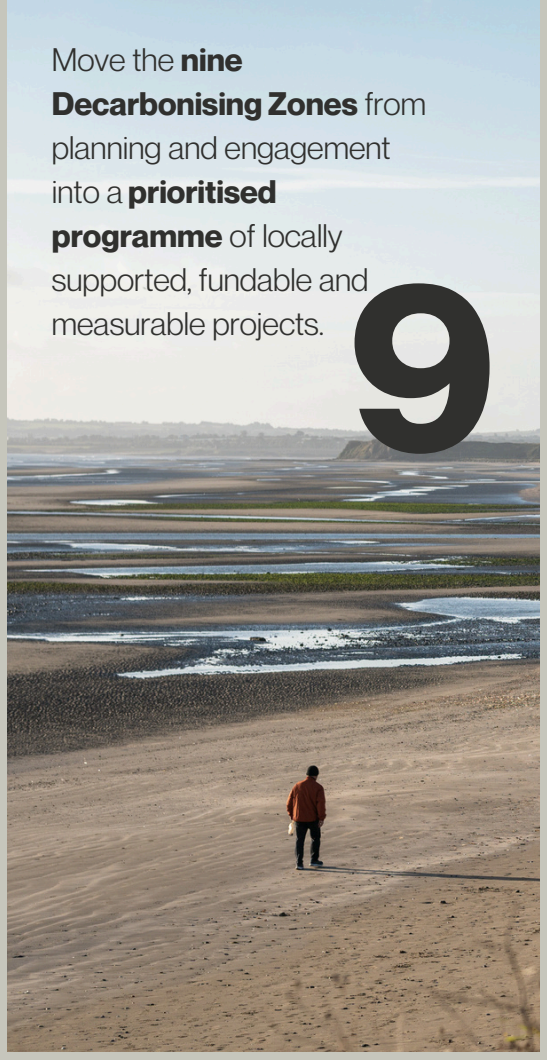
Table F - Expenditure				
Division D - Development Management				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
D0101 Statutory Plans and Policy	2,073,646	2,073,646	1,758,098	1,758,098
D0199 Service Support Costs	5,164	5,164	4,759	4,759
D01 Forward Planning	**2,078,810**	**2,078,810**	**1,762,857**	**1,762,857**
D0201 Planning Control	3,972,971	3,972,971	3,919,177	3,919,177
D0299 Service Support Costs	3,243,032	3,243,032	2,983,364	2,983,364
D02 Development Management	**7,216,003**	**7,216,003**	**6,902,541**	**6,902,541**
D0301 Enforcement Costs	723,880	723,880	712,167	712,167
D0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D03 Enforcement	**723,880**	**723,880**	**712,167**	**712,167**
D0401 Industrial Sites Operations	-	-	-	-
D0403 Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	-	-	-	-
D0404 General Development Promotion Work	688,272	688,272	674,791	674,791
D0499 Service Support Costs	77,701	77,701	72,453	72,453
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities	**765,973**	**765,973**	**747,244**	**747,244**
D0501 Tourism Promotion	726,567	726,567	678,676	678,676
D0502 Tourist Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
D0599 Service Support Costs	46,937	46,937	43,612	43,612
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	**773,504**	**773,504**	**722,288**	**722,288**
D0601 General Community & Enterprise Expenses	2,793,246	2,793,246	10,450,156	10,450,156
D0602 RAPID Costs	-	-	-	-
D0603 Social Inclusion	662,209	662,209	455,349	455,349
D0699 Service Support Costs	805,437	805,437	761,236	761,236
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	**4,260,892**	**4,260,892**	**11,666,741**	**11,666,741**
D0701 Unfinished Housing Estates	330,869	330,869	329,778	329,778
D0799 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	**330,869**	**330,869**	**329,778**	**329,778**
D0801 Building Control Inspection Costs	-	-	-	-
D0802 Building Control Enforcement Costs	-	-	-	-
D0899 Service Support Costs	293,797	293,797	277,719	277,719
D08 Building Control	**293,797**	**293,797**	**277,719**	**277,719**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division D - Development Management				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
D0901 Urban and Village Renewal	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
D0902 EU Projects	-	-	-	-
D0903 Town Twinning	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
D0904 European Office	-	-	-	-
D0905 Economic Development & Promotion	2,949,989	2,949,989	3,071,409	3,071,409
D0906 Local Enterprise Office	1,631,446	1,631,446	1,631,344	1,631,344
D0999 Service Support Costs	63,906	63,906	60,756	60,756
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	**7,180,341**	**7,180,341**	**7,298,509**	**7,298,509**
D1001 Property Management Costs	-	-	-	-
D1099 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
D10 Property Management	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
D1101 Heritage Services	1,037,981	1,037,981	994,642	994,642
D1102 Conservation Services	370,199	370,199	368,908	368,908
D1103 Conservation Grants	-	-	-	-
D1199 Service Support Costs	130,603	130,603	121,609	121,609
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	**1,538,783**	**1,538,783**	**1,485,159**	**1,485,159**
D1201 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
D1299 Service Support Costs	103,741	103,741	96,215	96,215
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	**103,741**	**103,741**	**96,215**	**96,215**
Division D Total	**25,266,593**	**25,266,593**	**32,001,218**	**32,001,218**

Table F - Income				
Division D - Development Management				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	2,442,131	2,442,131	2,816,286	2,316,286
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment	1,289,446	1,289,446	1,280,566	1,280,566
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	245,498	245,498	-	-
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-	-	-
Other	412,000	412,000	412,000	412,000
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**4,389,075**	**4,389,075**	**4,508,852**	**4,008,852**
Goods & Services				
Planning Fees	1,631,000	1,631,000	1,627,000	1,627,000
Superannuation	271,192	271,192	262,613	262,613
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	387,447	387,447	9,868,710	9,868,710
Other income	1,154,500	1,154,500	1,212,434	1,212,434
Total Goods & Services	**3,444,139**	**3,444,139**	**12,970,757**	**12,970,757**
Division D Total	**7,833,214**	**7,833,214**	**17,479,609**	**16,979,609**



Expand **Community Fire Safety, fire prevention and public awareness programmes** across the county.



Move the **nine Decarbonising Zones** from planning and engagement into a **prioritised programme** of locally supported, fundable and measurable projects.

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Implement **national waste enforcement priorities** through risk-based inspections and targeted enforcement actions.



Service Division E
Environment, Fire & Emergency Service Services Key priorities 2027

Landfill Operations, Litter Management, Street Cleaning, Water Quality, Air and Noise Climate Change and Emergency Services

€35.5m

Service Division E – Environment, Fire & Emergency Service



Introduction

The protection of the environment and the improvement of both the natural and built environments are extremely important to the residents and visitors of County Meath. Clean air and water, a litter-free countryside, pristine beaches, and sustainable waste management systems are essential for a high-quality and sustainable environment. These factors play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for our citizens.

Environmental Services

Meath County Council protects public health, communities and the natural environment through the delivery of waste and litter management, water-quality protection, flood and coastal-risk management, burial-ground services and national environmental enforcement priorities.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- To implement the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) for waste, water, air, and noise, as identified by the EPA and the Department of the Environment, Climate, and Communications.
- To implement Waste and Litter Management.
- Implement national waste enforcement priorities through risk-based inspections and targeted enforcement actions.
- Strengthen regulation of construction and demolition waste activities, including Article 27 soil and stone recovery operations and levy compliance.
- Progress the assessment and management of historic landfill sites and associated environmental risks.
- Continue implementation of the Air Pollution Act, Solid Fuel Regulations and the to protect and improve air quality across the county.

- To ensure that waste and litter generated by households, businesses, and the general public are managed safely and sustainably, in accordance with National and European legislation, including the National Waste Plan for a Circular Economy.
- Improve compliance with household and commercial waste segregation requirements and support circular economy initiatives.
- Burial Grounds (including new cemetery for Stamullen).
- To establish improved arrangements for the provision, management, regulation, and control of burial grounds under the Council's jurisdiction.
- Water Quality (rivers, lakes, groundwater and coastal waters).
- Flooding and Coastal Protection.
- To collaborate with the River Basin Management Service and other stakeholders in implementing the provisions of the Water Action Plan 2024 to help ensure our water bodies are protected and restored to good status.
- To work alongside the OPW and other stakeholders to advance projects that help protect coastal and inland areas vulnerable to erosion and flooding threats.

The Council's ambition for 2027 is to provide effective, compliant and responsive environmental services that protect water, land and communities, strengthen resilience to flooding and coastal risks, improve the management of burial grounds and target enforcement activity towards the areas of greatest environmental risk. Delivery will be supported through collaboration with the EPA, the River Basin Management Service, the OPW, relevant Government Departments and local stakeholders.

This work aims to deliver a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable environment for the people of County Meath through proportionate, effective and intelligence-led regulation. Enforcement efforts will focus on areas presenting the greatest environmental risk while supporting compliance, environmental protection and sustainable economic development.

Supporting the transition to a circular economy will remain a priority, alongside promoting best waste management practices, reducing environmental pollution, protecting air quality and advancing the remediation and management of legacy environmental risks. Collaboration with national agencies, businesses and communities will help maintain high environmental standards and protect public health throughout the county. The Council will also continue to identify breaches of environmental and waste management legislation and, where warranted, prosecute those responsible for damaging our environment.

Environmental Education and Awareness Activities



Meath County Council delivers countywide programmes that support climate action, waste prevention, circular-economy development and environmental education. Working with schools, community groups, residents' associations and national partners, the Council promotes sustainable behaviours, provides practical waste-reduction supports and strengthens community participation in environmental initiatives across County Meath.

School-based activities reach students throughout their educational journey, with a range of projects designed to build environmental awareness through hands-on, experiential learning and active participation.

Alongside this work, community-focused activities encourage residents to take part in litter and waste prevention efforts, both in their local communities and at home.

In 2026, Meath County Council delivered environmental awareness and community programmes across the county. The Rubbish Film Festival engaged hundreds of Transition Year students locally and 1,900 nationally, with Coláiste na hInse winning Best Film in Meath and finishing runner-up nationally. Four food-waste prevention demonstrations were delivered with Catherine Fulvio, while schools benefited from expanded composting, recycling and biodiversity education, with 19 achieving Green Flags. Picker Pals engaged 500 children across 20 classrooms, removing 3,250 kg of litter.

Reuse and recycling activities included 22 couch, 24 garden/nursery equipment and 13 bulky-waste drop-off days, plus four collections that diverted over 800 mattresses. A hazardous-waste collection in Kells and free paint collection in Ashbourne supported safe disposal and paint reuse through the Rediscovery Centre. The Council also provided 54 leaf-mould cages across 18 locations and distributed 3,000 bare-root saplings to schools and community groups. Bettystown Beach retained its Blue Flag, while Bettystown and Mornington retained their Green Coast Awards.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Expand environmental education programmes in schools, including composting, recycling, circular economy learning and climate action initiatives.
- Deliver community-based waste reduction projects such as leaf mould schemes, bulky-waste diversion, hazardous-waste collection and litter-prevention programmes.
- Increase public engagement through targeted campaigns on food waste, recycling, responsible disposal and biodiversity protection.
- Strengthening circular economy partnerships to maximise reuse, recovery and community benefit.
- Support coastal and biodiversity protection through Blue Flag, Green Coast and Green Schools collaboration.
- Ongoing Environmental Awareness Campaign utilising radio, press, and social media to highlight key issues such as dog fouling, litter and waste management, dashboard dining, and food waste prevention during the Christmas period.

Climate Action and Sustainable Goals (SDGs)



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Wayne Harding pictured with Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Barry Lynch and members of the Climate Action Team.

Introduction

Meath County Council delivers climate action through its Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 and the integrated Lead–Enable–Inspire framework. This includes coordinating implementation, monitoring and reporting across Council services, while supporting communities, businesses and partner organisations to reduce emissions, strengthen climate resilience, protect biodiversity and advance the circular economy and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

During 2026, the Council continued to embed climate mitigation and adaptation across its operations and service delivery through implementation of the Climate Action Plan. Monitoring and governance were strengthened through ongoing improvements to the online monitoring system, annual, monthly and statutory reporting, and engagement with action owners across all Council service areas. The Council submitted the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Phase 3 reporting checklist and case studies in September 2026. Delivery also progressed across Meath's nine Decarbonising Zones through the development of governance structures, taskforces, implementation planning and community engagement, building on the Navan URBACT In4Green Integrated Action Plan.

Under the Community Climate Action Programme, Phase 1 was completed and closed out, including final reporting requirements. Work also progressed on Phase 2 assessment, approvals, memoranda of understanding, drawdowns and project oversight for the 2026–2027 delivery period. The Council maintained its ISO 50001 Energy Management System and continued energy monitoring and the delivery of decarbonisation measures. Work progressed on solar PV, building retrofits, fleet transition and Energy Performance Contract projects, alongside preparations for further public-sector energy projects.

Climate action engagement continued with communities, schools, businesses, Council staff and partner organisations. Initiatives promoted energy awareness, sustainable living, resource efficiency,

reuse, repair, biodiversity and mobility, with awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals integrated across programmes and communications.

Priorities for 2027

- Accelerate implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024–2029, with stronger evidence, outcome-based indicators and consistent reporting across all action owners.
- Move the nine Decarbonising Zones from planning and engagement into a prioritised programme of locally supported, fundable and measurable projects.
- Deliver Community Climate Action Programme Phase 2 projects, maintain robust governance and drawdown controls, and communicate the benefits achieved by funded communities.
- Advance the Council's 2030 emissions and energy-efficiency pathway through ISO 50001, public-building retrofit, Energy Performance Contracts, renewable energy, fleet transition and completion of key energy projects.
- Mainstream climate resilience, biodiversity, nature-based solutions, circular economy principles, green public procurement and the SDGs across Council plans, projects, funding programmes and service delivery.

The Council's ambition for 2027 is to convert established governance, plans and partnerships into visible delivery and measurable outcomes. Priority will be given to projects that reduce operational emissions, improve energy performance, strengthen resilience to severe weather and climate risk, protect natural assets, and demonstrate value for money. Delivery will depend on sustained cross-departmental ownership, reliable data, statutory approvals and the timely availability of national, EU and Council funding. Investment will be prioritised towards projects that demonstrate measurable climate, energy, resilience and community benefits, while leveraging available national and EU funding wherever possible.

The Council will continue to lead through its own assets and services, enable action by communities and businesses, and inspire wider participation through practical guidance, targeted communications and inclusive engagement. This coordinated approach will support Meath's objective of becoming a climate-resilient, biodiverse, environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral economy that supports healthy lifestyles, resilient communities and sustainable job growth.

Fire Service

Introduction

Meath County Council Fire & Rescue Service provides firefighting, rescue, fire prevention, fire safety enforcement, community fire safety and major emergency management services across County Meath. The Service plays a critical role in protecting life, property, infrastructure and the environment while contributing to the Council's objectives of sustainable communities, climate resilience, community wellbeing and organisational excellence.

Key Priorities for 2027

- Maintain safe, effective and resilient emergency response capability across all station areas.

- Move to the National Mobilisation and Communications System (NMACS) shared service model and ensure continued effective mobilisation to, and management of emergency calls.
- Progress Fire Services Capital Programme projects, including Navan Fire Station Headquarters, Oldcastle Fire Station and associated fleet investment.
- Strengthen Major Emergency Management, severe weather planning and climate resilience arrangements.
- Expand Community Fire Safety, fire prevention and public awareness programmes across the county.
- Enhance fire prevention, fire protection and regulatory services, including preparedness for emerging risks and technologies.
- Support workforce sustainability through firefighter recruitment, retention, learning and development and positive workplace culture.
- Advance digital systems, risk information management and operational planning capability.
- Implement an effective, robust Environmental Management System to support Meath County Council carbon reduction requirements and raise staff awareness of environmental protection.

Meath County Council Fire & Rescue Service will continue to respond to increasing operational demand arising from population growth, housing development and evolving community risks. Building on significant achievements in 2026, including the announcement of €15.8 million in funding under the Fire Services Capital Programme 2026-2030, the Service will focus on operational excellence, community safety, organisational resilience and continuous improvement. Ongoing engagement with schools, community groups, businesses and vulnerable persons will promote prevention, preparedness and community safety, while supporting the objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan. Health and safety will remain a priority, with the Service maintaining its ISO 45001-accredited system and achieving ISO 14001 accreditation for its Environmental Management System in 2027.

The Service will deliver on its strategic objectives by maintaining excellent and efficient fire operations and prevention services and further strengthening Major Emergency Management arrangements for County Meath. Competent, professional staff are central to this work, and the budget will include significant investment in staff learning and development and recruitment. The Service will also continue to modernise and digitise service delivery, adapting to increased demand and changing needs across the county while managing risk effectively.

Civil Defence

Introduction

Meath Civil Defence is a volunteer-based emergency support organisation that assists the Principal Response Agencies during emergencies, severe weather events, major incidents and community emergencies while supporting community events and resilience initiatives throughout County Meath. Through supporting emergency preparedness, community resilience and public safety initiatives, Civil Defence contributes to the delivery of the Council's objectives for safe, sustainable and resilient communities.

Key Priorities for 2027

- Support Major Emergency Management arrangements and strengthen county emergency preparedness.
- Enhance resilience to severe weather, flooding and climate-related emergencies through planning, training and operational preparedness.
- Consolidate organisational recovery following the reopening of Civil Defence Headquarters.
- Invest in fleet, equipment, communications systems and operational infrastructure to support future service delivery.
- Increase volunteer recruitment, retention and sustainability of Units through strong support of volunteers and a diverse level of training and duties.
- Continue supporting community engagement, public events and inter-agency collaboration across the county.

Following the successful reopening of Civil Defence Headquarters in 2026, Meath Civil Defence will continue to strengthen its operational capability, volunteer capacity and resilience. The considerable efforts of volunteers following the fire on 21 December 2025 are greatly appreciated, as is the ongoing support of Meath County Council and the Civil Defence Branch of the Department of Defence. Civil Defence will maintain a strong focus on emergency preparedness, community engagement and inter-agency cooperation, while continuing to support communities in need and events across the county.

In line with the Council's Corporate Plan and the national Civil Defence modernisation agenda (Towards 2030), continued investment in people, equipment, specialist skills and partnerships will ensure that Meath Civil Defence remains a valuable contributor to public safety, emergency response and county resilience. Building on approximately 180 duties completed in 2026 and an extensive training and development programme, volunteers will continue to represent Meath County Council through their professionalism and commitment.



Joining Cathaoirleach Cllr Sarah Reilly at the official reopening of Meath Civil Defence Headquarters are (L–R): Mayor of Navan Cllr Francis Deane; Cep Carty, Department of Defence; Meath County Council Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe; Minister for Defence Helen McEntee TD; Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence Thomas Byrne TD; Civil Defence Officer Shane Quinn; Aisling Dempsey TD; Gillian Toole TD; and Meath County Council Director of Services for Emergency Planning Des Foley.

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
E Environmental Services								
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare	884,428	884,428	7,828	7,828	880,224	880,224	7,580	7,580
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	836,319	836,319	29,759	29,759	833,713	833,713	29,608	29,608
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	275,897	275,897	3,780	3,780	272,098	272,098	3,661	3,661
E05 Litter Management	672,341	672,341	34,693	34,693	663,835	663,835	34,418	34,418
E06 Street Cleaning	2,671,528	2,671,528	40,378	40,378	2,611,745	2,611,745	39,101	39,101
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	15,709,533	15,709,533	12,303,615	12,303,615	15,326,062	15,326,062	12,211,531	12,211,531
E08 Waste Management Planning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	723,506	723,506	130,088	130,088	713,917	713,917	129,927	129,927
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,150,414	1,150,414	189,377	189,377	1,116,484	1,116,484	239,985	239,985
E11 Operation of Fire Service	8,851,641	8,851,641	2,416,804	2,416,804	8,237,212	8,237,212	2,406,006	2,406,006
E12 Fire Prevention	1,167,925	1,167,925	802,982	802,982	1,015,233	1,015,233	634,809	634,809
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	1,188,190	1,188,190	305,184	305,184	1,045,741	1,045,741	296,281	296,281
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	412	412	-	-	381	381	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,449,998	1,449,998	209,402	209,402	1,444,936	1,444,936	207,280	207,280
Division E Total	**35,582,132**	**35,582,132**	**16,473,890**	**16,473,890**	**34,161,581**	**34,161,581**	**16,240,187**	**16,240,187**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
E0101 Landfill Operations	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
E0102 Contribution to other LAs - Landfill Facilities	-	-	-	-
E0103 Landfill Aftercare Costs.	711,000	711,000	711,000	711,000
E0199 Service Support Costs	48,428	48,428	44,224	44,224
E01 Landfill Operation and Aftercare	**884,428**	**884,428**	**880,224**	**880,224**
E0201 Recycling Facilities Operations	734,026	734,026	734,026	734,026
E0202 Bring Centres Operations	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
E0204 Other Recycling Services	-	-	-	-
E0299 Service Support Costs	32,293	32,293	29,687	29,687
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	**836,319**	**836,319**	**833,713**	**833,713**
E0301 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
E0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
E0401 Recycling Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0402 Organic Waste Collection Services	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
E0403 Residual Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0404 Commercial Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0406 Contribution to Waste Collection Services	-	-	-	-
E0407 Other Costs Waste Collection	220,596	220,596	220,575	220,575
E0499 Service Support Costs	41,301	41,301	37,523	37,523
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	**275,897**	**275,897**	**272,098**	**272,098**
E0501 Litter Warden Service	185,245	185,245	183,426	183,426
E0502 Litter Control Initiatives	367,500	367,500	367,500	367,500
E0503 Environmental Awareness Services	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
E0599 Service Support Costs	89,596	89,596	82,909	82,909
E05 Litter Management	**672,341**	**672,341**	**663,835**	**663,835**
E0601 Operation of Street Cleaning Service	2,370,395	2,370,395	2,336,809	2,336,809
E0602 Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	-	-	-	-
E0699 Service Support Costs	301,133	301,133	274,936	274,936
E06 Street Cleaning	**2,671,528**	**2,671,528**	**2,611,745**	**2,611,745**
E0701 Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	11,827,640	11,827,640	11,817,640	11,817,640
E0702 Enforcement of Waste Regulations	484,485	484,485	452,192	452,192
E0799 Service Support Costs	3,397,408	3,397,408	3,056,230	3,056,230
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	**15,709,533**	**15,709,533**	**15,326,062**	**15,326,062**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division E - Environmental Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
E0801 Waste Management Plan	-	-	-	-
E0802 Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	-	-	-	-
E0899 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
E08 Waste Management Planning	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
E0901 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	598,136	598,136	597,760	597,760
E0999 Service Support Costs	125,370	125,370	116,157	116,157
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	**723,506**	**723,506**	**713,917**	**713,917**
E1001 Operation Costs Civil Defence	398,414	398,414	387,073	387,073
E1002 Dangerous Buildings	-	-	-	-
E1003 Emergency Planning	-	-	-	-
E1004 Derelict Sites	326,263	326,263	325,461	325,461
E1005 Water Safety Operation	245,140	245,140	234,118	234,118
E1099 Service Support Costs	180,597	180,597	169,832	169,832
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	**1,150,414**	**1,150,414**	**1,116,484**	**1,116,484**
E1101 Operation of Fire Brigade Service	8,534,655	8,534,655	7,942,029	7,942,029
E1103 Fire Services Training	-	-	-	-
E1104 Operation of Ambulance Service	-	-	-	-
E1199 Service Support Costs	316,986	316,986	295,183	295,183
E11 Operation of Fire Service	**8,851,641**	**8,851,641**	**8,237,212**	**8,237,212**
E1201 Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	-	-	-	-
E1202 Fire Prevention and Education	1,009,222	1,009,222	863,865	863,865
E1203 Inspection & Monitoring of Commercial Facilities	-	-	-	-
E1299 Service Support Costs	158,703	158,703	151,368	151,368
E12 Fire Prevention	**1,167,925**	**1,167,925**	**1,015,233**	**1,015,233**
E1301 Water Quality Management	73,557	73,557	40,000	40,000
E1302 Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	-	-	-	-
E1399 Service Support Costs	1,114,633	1,114,633	1,005,741	1,005,741
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	**1,188,190**	**1,188,190**	**1,045,741**	**1,045,741**
E1401 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
E1499 Service Support Costs	412	412	381	381
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	**412**	**412**	**381**	**381**
E1501 Climate Change and Flooding	1,409,621	1,409,621	1,406,832	1,406,832
E1599 Service Support Costs	40,377	40,377	38,104	38,104
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	**1,449,998**	**1,449,998**	**1,444,936**	**1,444,936**
Division E Total	**35,582,132**	**35,582,132**	**34,161,581**	**34,161,581**

Table F - Income				
Division E - Environmental Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	2,632,054	2,632,054	2,385,255	2,385,255
Social Protection	-	-	-	-
Defence	146,000	146,000	132,000	132,000
Climate, Environment, & Energy	472,516	472,516	464,900	464,900
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**3,250,570**	**3,250,570**	**2,982,155**	**2,982,155**
Goods & Services				
Domestic Refuse Charges	-	-	-	-
Commercial Refuse Charges	-	-	-	-
Landfill Charges	-	-	-	-
Fire Charges	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000
Superannuation	261,970	261,970	253,682	253,682
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	10,000	10,000	-	-
Other income	12,611,350	12,611,350	12,664,350	12,664,350
Total Goods & Services	**13,223,320**	**13,223,320**	**13,258,032**	**13,258,032**
Division E Total	**16,473,890**	**16,473,890**	**16,240,187**	**16,240,187**

Service Division F

Recreations & Amenities

Key priorities 2027

Leisure Facilities Operations, Library and Archival Services, Community Sports, Arts Programmes

€16.2m



Deliver services in line with the objectives of **The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration 2023–2027.**



Deliver a **wide range of actions aligned with the four strategic priorities** of the County Arts Development Plan.

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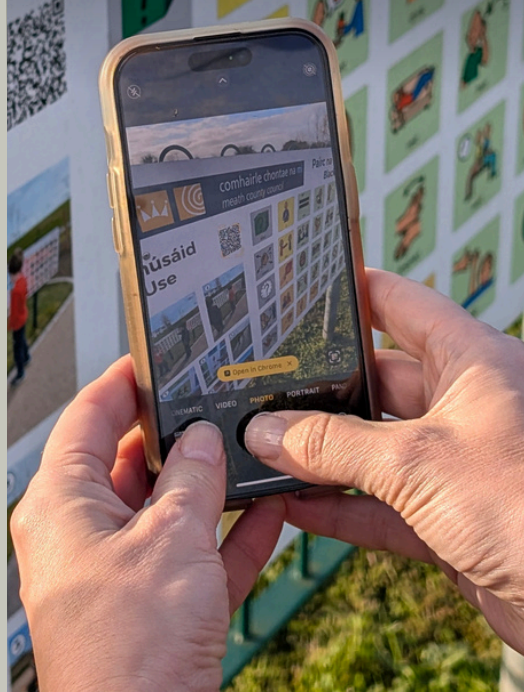
Continue to develop our facilities in public spaces and to be a **national leader** in **inclusive programmes** across the county.



Service Division F – Recreation and Amenity



Library Services

Introduction

Meath Library Service continues to play a central role in supporting learning, literacy, wellbeing, creativity and community connection across the county. Guided by the national public library strategy, *The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration 2023–2027*, libraries have evolved as accessible, welcoming and inclusive spaces that support people at every stage of life.

Through our branch network, outreach services and growing range of digital and self-service facilities, libraries provide opportunities for reading, learning, cultural participation, social interaction and lifelong development. The service also delivers key national programmes including Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read and Skills for Life, while supporting the objectives of Meath County Council's Culture and Creativity Strategy and wider community development goals.

The Library Service continues to experience strong demand for services, programmes and public spaces. Investment in library infrastructure, technology, collections and staffing will ensure that libraries remain vibrant community hubs, capable of meeting current needs while responding to future opportunities.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Deliver services in line with the objectives of The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration 2023–2027.
- Continue to develop and expand programmes under Healthy Ireland, Right to Read and Skills for Life, supporting literacy, wellbeing, digital inclusion and lifelong learning.

- Promote and further enhance the My Open Library services at Enfield, Slane, Kells, Nobber, Trim and Ashbourne libraries, and launch the service in Bettystown library at the East Meath Civic Centre.
- Progress the development of the new Meath County Archive service and associated facilities.
- Deliver an ambitious programme of cultural, creative and community events in partnership with Creative Ireland, community groups and national stakeholders.
- Advance social inclusion and accessibility initiatives, including Age Friendly, Autism Friendly, Library of Sanctuary and outreach activity with diverse communities across the county.
- Complete the extension and refurbishment of Duleek Library, creating additional public space, a meeting room for community use, programmes and events, a sensory space, and improved facilities for customers and staff.
- Support the successful reopening and relaunch of Dunshaughlin Library following refurbishment and reconfiguration works, scheduled to reopen in December 2026.
- Advance planning and design proposals for the future redevelopment and expansion of Navan Library to incorporate additional public-facing services and community space.
- Continue investment in library collections (both physical and digital), technology, digital services and public access infrastructure to meet growing demand.



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Sarah Reilly at the launch of The Story of Us: Census 1926 Exhibition with County Archivist Corinne Herward. June 2026

Throughout 2027, library staff will continue to provide a comprehensive range of services across the county's branch network, including lending services, information and reference services, public IT access, study facilities, local studies, archives, school services and community outreach.

A varied programme of events and initiatives will be delivered under the Healthy Ireland, Right to Read and Skills for Life programmes, together with locally developed activities that promote literacy, creativity, inclusion and community engagement.

The Library Service will continue to work closely with the Culture and Creativity Team, educational partners, community organisations and national agencies to deliver festivals, workshops, exhibitions and learning opportunities throughout the county. This will include participation in key national initiatives such as Cruinniú na nÓg, Children's Book Festival, Science Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, and other countywide cultural and educational programmes.

Through continued investment in people, spaces and services, Meath Library Service will strengthen its role as a welcoming, inclusive and innovative resource for all communities across the county.

Arts Office

Introduction

The Meath County Council Arts mission statement as per the County Arts Development Plan is:

To work closely with artists, individuals and communities to increase access to, awareness of and participation in the arts across all disciplines and sectors of society. To act as a facilitator for arts organisations and play a major role in the development of good practice for the county. To provide opportunities across disciplines intended to support the Local Authority policy of supporting quality artistic endeavour, provision of employment opportunities for artists and long-term sustainability and durability for the arts in the county.

In line with the key aims and objectives outlined in the County Arts Development Plan 2019-2027, the Arts Office maintains a proactive approach to developing the annual arts programme. This includes engaging with creative partners, artists, groups, organisations, and the wider creative community. The Arts Office is also supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media, the Arts Council, and Creative Ireland, particularly in implementing actions related to the Arts Council Meath Partnership Framework Agreement and the Creative Ireland Meath Culture & Creativity Strategy (2023-2027).

Key Priorities for 2027

- Deliver a wide range of actions aligned with the four strategic priorities of the County Arts Development Plan:
    1. Nurture and Support Artists and Creators (SP1)
    2. Enhance Local Cultural and Creative Infrastructure (SP2)
    3. Provide Children and Young People Access to High-Quality Participatory Arts Experiences (SP3)
    4. Promote Inclusivity and Diversity through the Arts (SP4)
- Execute actions according to the Arts Council/Meath Partnership Framework Agreement and the Creative Ireland Meath Culture & Creativity Strategy for 2023–2027.
- Continue the development of the Kells Creative Placemaking Project. Collaborate with the Heritage Officer to implement the operations plan for the new Kells Printing Works. As an integral part of the Kells Creative Placemaking's "The Bigger Picture" project, which aims to stimulate growth through arts, heritage, and culture-led regeneration, our ambition is to introduce an initial three-tiered pilot programme: 1) education, 2) commercial activity and professional development, and 3) cultural tourism through Printworks tours and demonstrations. Additionally, we will continue to animate the Courthouse Cultural Hub –

Upstairs @ the Courthouse 80-seater venue and production space; Artists Hot Desk/Hub & Toradh Gallery 2 and develop a program of events with a focus on schools, children and young people, active age groups, and diversity and inclusivity. Support the county's main arts festivals, including Hinterland, Type Trail, and Samhain Festivals.

- Provide a variety of MCC Arts Grants, Awards, and Bursary Schemes.
- Work with key stakeholders and partners to devise and deliver a year-round program of activities, events, and festivals throughout the county. These include the Hinterland Festival, Meath Film Festival, Kells Type Trail, Meath Beo, Samhain Food Festival, Another Love Story, Navan Folk Club, Droichead Arts Centre, SOFFT Productions, Music Generation, Music in Health Ireland, Julianstown Youth Orchestra and Act Out Youth Theatre.

Meath County Council has long recognised the crucial role that the arts play in society and believes in their importance to individuals and communities. As a fundamental element of a vibrant and sustainable community, Meath County Council is committed to nurturing a creative working environment for professional artists and creators at all stages of their careers. To connect with our creative and artistic communities, we have developed and will continue to implement a series of initiatives that support, enable, highlight, and celebrate creativity in Meath. In 2027, with the support of the Arts Council, Creative Ireland, and colleagues from various departments within Meath County Council, our goals include:

- expanding the MAMU and FÉACH artists' support initiatives
- launching small to medium commissions and production programs
- continuing the Tea Chats & Tunes music in a Residential Healthcare setting training and concert programme

Additionally, having been successful in our application to the department under the LA Artists Workspace Scheme we aim to establish the county's first publicly funded, fully facilitated artists' studios at the Old School in Nobber. The proposed conversion will address the gap in studio provision for artists, while also ensuring the site is actively used for cultural endeavours, thereby revitalising an otherwise dormant space. This conversion will create 3 to 4 studio workspaces accommodating up to 12 artists.

Solstice Arts Centre and Swift Cultural Centre

Introduction

Solstice Arts Centre and Swift Cultural Centre continue to provide opportunities for people across Meath and the wider region to experience and participate in the arts. Across both venues, approximately 165,000 visitors engaged with programmes and facilities through almost 700 events in 2026, reflecting their importance to the artistic, social and economic life of the county.

Solstice's 20th anniversary programme brought together local, national and international artists through events including "Voices of Meath", the Solstice Gala with Irish National Opera, "Atlantic Breath", Meath County Council's cultural programme marking Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and Picnic in the Park at Dowth National Park. Swift Cultural Centre also expanded its programme, launching a new film programme on Culture Night following the installation of cinema equipment in September 2026. Both centres continued to support artists, schools, community groups and local festivals through exhibitions, performances and opportunities for creative participation.

Key Priorities for 2027:

- Deliver a varied artistic programme across both centres, bringing together local, national and international work and providing opportunities for audiences to engage with performances, exhibitions, film and creative activities.
- Continue to develop Swift Cultural Centre's programme, building on the launch of its film programme and supporting local groups, festivals and community organisations.
- Support artistic excellence and artist development through commissions, mentoring, presentation opportunities and creative development initiatives, including Swift's Associate Artist programme.
- Develop the visual arts programme at both venues, supporting emerging and established artists from Meath and beyond. This includes new commissions and exhibitions at Solstice and two locally focused exhibitions each year at Swift, during the summer and Púca Festival.
- Expand opportunities for learning and community participation, working with local schools, community groups and wellbeing partners, and building on participatory projects such as "The Studio" with residents of Beaufort House.
- Continue to engage audiences with climate and sustainability themes, building on the creative and participatory approach demonstrated through Picnic in the Park at Dowth National Park.

Through their artistic programmes, community partnerships and support for artists, Solstice Arts Centre and Swift Cultural Centre will continue to strengthen Meath's cultural life. In 2027, the focus will remain on widening participation, supporting creative development and providing welcoming spaces where people can experience the arts and connect with their communities.

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
F Recreation and Amenity								
F01 Leisure Facilities Operations	2,039,319	2,039,319	508,774	508,774	1,973,709	1,973,709	652,231	652,231
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	7,544,075	7,544,075	151,549	151,549	7,047,178	7,047,178	147,493	147,493
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,526,414	2,526,414	6,169	6,169	2,496,467	2,496,467	6,069	6,069
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	2,042,905	2,042,905	50,429	50,429	2,000,811	2,000,811	49,941	49,941
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	2,062,978	2,062,978	164,975	164,975	1,902,570	1,902,570	175,560	175,560
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	5,042	5,042	1,357	1,357	4,611	4,611	1,314	1,314
Division F Total	**16,220,733**	**16,220,733**	**883,253**	**883,253**	**15,425,346**	**15,425,346**	**1,032,608**	**1,032,608**

Table F - Expenditure					
Division F - Recreation and Amenity					
		2027		**2026**	
	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	1,238,981	1,238,981	1,214,852	1,214,852
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	374,000	374,000	374,000	374,000
F0199	Service Support Costs	426,338	426,338	384,857	384,857
F01	**Leisure Facilities Operations**	**2,039,319**	**2,039,319**	**1,973,709**	**1,973,709**
F0201	Library Service Operations	4,924,402	4,924,402	4,569,355	4,569,355
F0202	Archive Service	-	-	-	-
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	525,000	525,000	525,000	525,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	-	-	-	-
F0299	Service Support Costs	2,094,673	2,094,673	1,952,823	1,952,823
F02	**Operation of Library and Archival Service**	**7,544,075**	**7,544,075**	**7,047,178**	**7,047,178**
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	2,282,522	2,282,522	2,254,113	2,254,113
F0302	Playgrounds	-	-	-	-
F0303	Beaches	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
F0399	Service Support Costs	18,892	18,892	17,354	17,354
F03	**Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations**	**2,526,414**	**2,526,414**	**2,496,467**	**2,496,467**
F0401	Community Grants	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	-	-	-	-
F0403	Community Facilities	1,069,384	1,069,384	1,043,900	1,043,900
F0404	Recreational Development	475,000	475,000	475,000	475,000
F0499	Service Support Costs	243,521	243,521	226,911	226,911
F04	**Community Sport and Recreational Development**	**2,042,905**	**2,042,905**	**2,000,811**	**2,000,811**
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	505,287	505,287	498,896	498,896
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	1,141,662	1,141,662	1,114,388	1,114,388
F0503	Museums Operations	239,950	239,950	125,000	125,000
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	-	-	-	-
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	-	-	-	-
F0599	Service Support Costs	176,079	176,079	164,286	164,286
F05	**Operation of Arts Programme**	**2,062,978**	**2,062,978**	**1,902,570**	**1,902,570**
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
F0699	Service Support Costs	5,042	5,042	4,611	4,611
F06	**Agency & Recoupable Services**	**5,042**	**5,042**	**4,611**	**4,611**
Division F Total		**16,220,733**	**16,220,733**	**15,425,346**	**15,425,346**

Table F - Income				
Division F - Recreation and Amenity				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	-	-	-	-
Education & Youth	-	-	-	-
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
Social Protection	-	-	-	-
Library Council	-	-	-	-
Arts Council	145,000	145,000	155,900	155,900
Transport	-	-	-	-
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**185,000**	**185,000**	**195,900**	**195,900**
Goods & Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	430,000	430,000	575,000	575,000
Superannuation	206,953	206,953	200,408	200,408
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	61,300	61,300	61,300	61,300
Total Goods & Services	**698,253**	**698,253**	**836,708**	**836,708**
Division F Total	**883,253**	**883,253**	**1,032,608**	**1,032,608**

Service Division G
Agriculture, Health Education & Welfare Key priorities 2027

During 2027, the **Council will continue to strengthen the Dog Warden service, supporting effective enforcement and responding to dog control and welfare issues across the county.** The National Dog Licence System continues to support improved compliance with licensing requirements and the collection of licence fees.



Service Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare



Meath County Council continues to play an important role in the delivery and enforcement of services under the Control of Dogs and Control of Horses legislation. The Council remains committed to promoting responsible animal ownership and maintaining high standards of animal welfare.

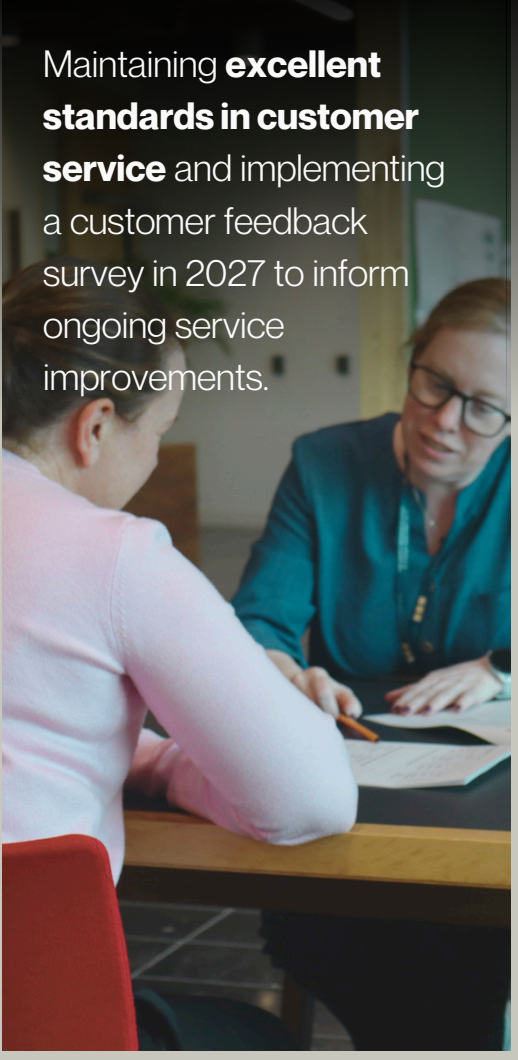
During 2027, the Council will continue to strengthen the Dog Warden service, supporting effective enforcement and responding to dog control and welfare issues across the county. The National Dog Licence System continues to support improved compliance with licensing requirements and the collection of licence fees.

The Council will also continue to operate its Dog Shelter at Riggins, Dunshaughlin, providing appropriate care and accommodation for stray, surrendered and abandoned dogs.

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G01 Land Drainage Costs	438,991	438,991	363,300	363,300	280,328	280,328	205,422	205,422
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	661,449	661,449	159,950	159,950	645,394	645,394	159,490	159,490
G05 Educational Support Services	165,048	165,048	5,500	5,500	153,530	153,530	5,500	5,500
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	4,119	4,119	-	-	3,811	3,811	-	-
Division G Total	**1,269,607**	**1,269,607**	**528,750**	**528,750**	**1,083,063**	**1,083,063**	**370,412**	**370,412**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
G0101 Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	438,169	438,169	279,575	279,575
G0102 Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	-	-	-	-
G0103 Payment of Agricultural Pensions	-	-	-	-
G0199 Service Support Costs	822	822	753	753
G01 Land Drainage Costs	**438,991**	**438,991**	**280,328**	**280,328**
G0201 Operation of Piers	-	-	-	-
G0203 Operation of Harbours	-	-	-	-
G0299 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
G0301 General Maintenance - Costal Regions	-	-	-	-
G0302 Planned Protection of Coastal Regions	-	-	-	-
G0399 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
G03 Coastal Protection	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
G0401 Provision of Veterinary Service	-	-	2,006	2,006
G0402 Inspection of Abattoirs etc	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
G0403 Food Safety	-	-	-	-
G0404 Operation of Dog Warden Service	417,498	417,498	414,900	414,900
G0405 Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	-	-	-	-
G0499 Service Support Costs	221,451	221,451	205,988	205,988
G04 Veterinary Service	**661,449**	**661,449**	**645,394**	**645,394**
G0501 Payment of Higher Education Grants	-	-	-	-
G0502 Administration Higher Education Grants	-	-	-	-
G0503 Payment of VEC Pensions	-	-	-	-
G0504 Administration VEC Pension	-	-	-	-
G0505 Contribution to Education & Training Board	-	-	-	-
G0506 Other Educational Services	-	-	-	-
G0507 School Meals	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
G0599 Service Support Costs	154,048	154,048	142,530	142,530
G05 Educational Support Services	**165,048**	**165,048**	**153,530**	**153,530**
G0601 Agency & Recoupable Service	-	-	-	-
G0699 Service Support Costs	4,119	4,119	3,811	3,811
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	**4,119**	**4,119**	**3,811**	**3,811**
Division G Total	**1,269,607**	**1,269,607**	**1,083,063**	**1,083,063**

Table F - Income				
Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	165,872	165,872	8,000	8,000
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-	-	-
Education & Youth	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-	-	-
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	-	-	-	-
Other	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**171,372**	**171,372**	**13,500**	**13,500**
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	14,730	14,730	14,264	14,264
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
Other income	342,648	342,648	342,648	342,648
Total Goods & Services	**357,378**	**357,378**	**356,912**	**356,912**
Division G Total	**528,750**	**528,750**	**370,412**	**370,412**



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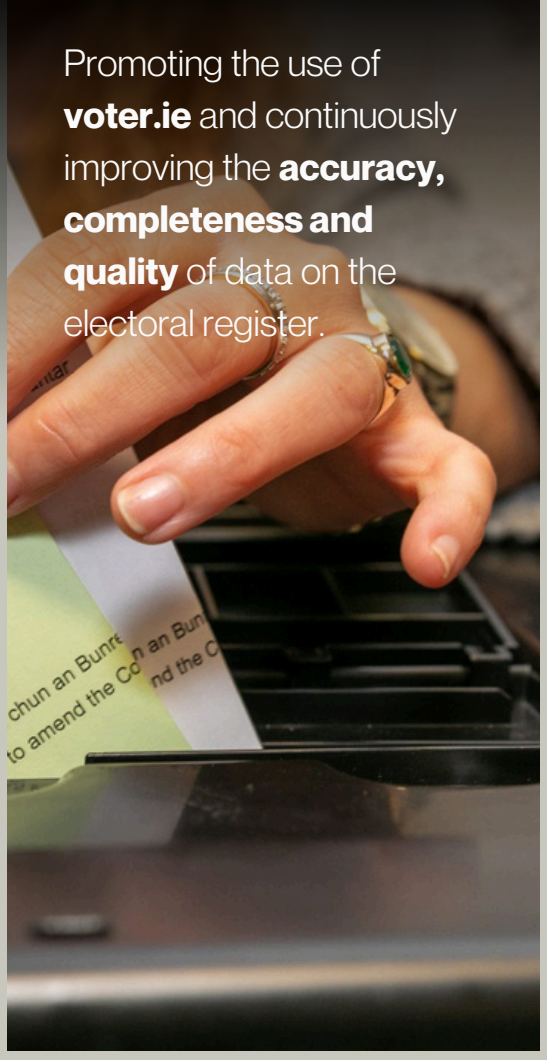

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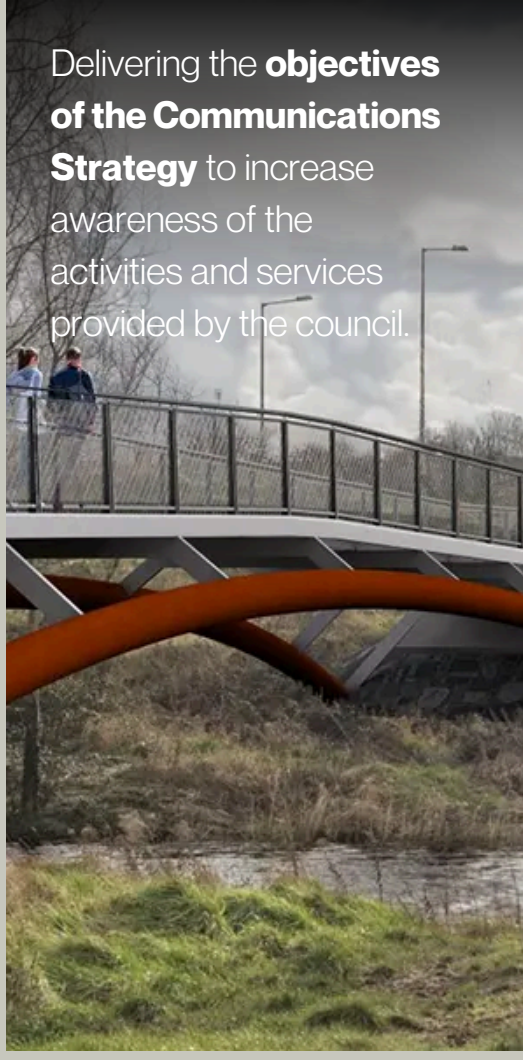

Delivering the **objectives of the Communications Strategy** to increase awareness of the activities and services provided by the council.

Service Division H
Miscellaneous Services
Key priorities 2027

Customer and Corporate Services, Communications, Facilities, Health and Safety

€26.2m

Service Division H – Miscellaneous



Introduction

Corporate Services supports the Council's democratic processes through meetings administration and the provision of services to elected members. It coordinates communications and media relations, manages corporate events and relationships with relevant bodies, and supports compliance with ethics requirements. Through its customer services team, it facilitates access to Council services and information, supporting effective engagement with the public.

Priorities for 2027:

- Delivering the objectives of the Communications Strategy to increase awareness of the activities and services provided by the council.
- Maintaining excellent standards in customer service and implementing a customer feedback survey in 2027 to inform ongoing service improvements.
- Promoting the use of voter.ie and continuously improving the accuracy, completeness and quality of data on the electoral register.

Corporate Services will continue to support the Cathaoirleach and elected members in carrying out their civic and representative roles, providing administrative support and facilitating access to relevant information. The Section will also coordinate statutory meetings throughout the year, supporting the effective conduct of Council business.

Corporate Governance

Good governance underpins Meath County Council's delivery of services by ensuring accountability, transparency, effective risk management, and the prudent stewardship of public funds, supporting positive outcomes for the communities of County Meath.

During 2027, the Council will continue to strengthen its governance framework in line with the *Code of Corporate Governance for Local Authorities*, supporting informed decision-making, compliance, and

organisational resilience. Ongoing support will be provided to the Audit Committee, while collaboration with the Data Protection Officer will ensure compliance with GDPR, FOI, and other statutory obligations. Continued investment in governance, compliance, and cybersecurity will further strengthen the Council's control environment.

Internal Audit plays a key role in enhancing operational effectiveness, financial stewardship, risk management, and public confidence. Through the implementation of audit recommendations, the Council will continue to strengthen internal controls, improve service delivery, and support a culture of accountability and continuous improvement.

The Council remains committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for employees, elected members, contractors, and the public. During 2027, efforts will focus on maintaining ISO 45001 accreditation, strengthening the Council's safety culture, and continuing to enhance health and safety performance through the ongoing development of the Flex Safety Management System and proactive risk management practices.

TABLE B: Expenditure and Income for 2027 and Estimated Outturn for 2026								
	2027				2026			
	Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
Division & Services	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
H Miscellaneous/Shared Services								
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit & Loss Stores Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	7,695,255	7,695,255	844,932	844,932	9,067,041	8,327,488	1,032,508	1,032,508
H04 Franchise Costs	577,190	577,190	135,794	135,794	440,574	440,574	143,372	143,372
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	330,333	330,333	1,534	1,534	329,632	329,631	1,486	1,486
H06 Weighbridges	2,124	2,124	-	-	1,988	1,988	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	-	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	4,540,560	4,540,560	65,241	65,241	4,335,589	4,335,589	76,468	76,468
H10 Motor Taxation	2,375,827	2,375,827	123,595	123,595	2,249,238	2,249,238	121,425	121,425
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,228,177	1,228,177	17,119,940	17,119,940	1,037,944	1,037,944	15,523,696	15,523,696
H12 Shared Services	9,489,989	9,489,989	11,220,633	11,220,633	-	-	-	-
Division H Total	**26,239,455**	**26,239,455**	**29,515,669**	**29,515,669**	**17,462,006**	**16,722,452**	**16,902,955**	**16,902,955**
OVERALL TOTAL	**265,848,912**	**265,848,912**	**179,828,518**	**179,828,518**	**258,758,464**	**259,379,267**	**175,185,026**	**175,805,829**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division H - Miscellaneous/Shared Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
H0101 Maintenance of Machinery Service	-	-	-	-
H0102 Plant and Machinery Operations	-	-	-	-
H0199 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H01 Profit & Loss Machinery Account	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
H0201 Purchase of Materials, Stores	-	-	-	-
H0202 Administrative Costs Stores	-	-	-	-
H0203 Upkeep of Buildings, stores	-	-	-	-
H0299 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit & Loss Stores Account	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
H0301 Administration of Rates Office	891,747	891,747	2,028,657	2,028,657
H0302 Debt Management Service Rates	779,527	779,527	682,707	682,707
H0303 Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	5,841,072	5,841,072	6,183,499	5,443,946
H0399 Service Support Costs	182,909	182,909	172,178	172,178
H03 Adminstration of Rates	**7,695,255**	**7,695,255**	**9,067,041**	**8,327,488**
H0401 Register of Elector Costs	269,667	269,667	167,233	167,233
H0402 Local Election Costs	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
H0499 Service Support Costs	207,523	207,523	173,341	173,341
H04 Franchise Costs	**577,190**	**577,190**	**440,574**	**440,574**
H0501 Coroner Fees and Expenses	321,774	321,774	321,774	321,773
H0502 Operation of Morgue	-	-	-	-
H0599 Service Support Costs	8,559	8,559	7,858	7,858
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	**330,333**	**330,333**	**329,632**	**329,631**
H0601 Weighbridge Operations	300	300	300	300
H0699 Service Support Costs	1,824	1,824	1,688	1,688
H06 Weighbridges	**2,124**	**2,124**	**1,988**	**1,988**
H0701 Operation of Markets	-	-	-	-
H0702 Casual Trading Areas	-	-	-	-
H0799 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
H0801 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-
H0899 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H08 Malicious Damage	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Table F - Expenditure				
Division H - Miscellaneous/Shared Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
H0901 Representational Payments	1,311,374	1,311,374	1,299,114	1,299,114
H0902 Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	78,000	78,000	78,000	78,000
H0903 Annual Allowances LA Members	410,000	410,000	410,000	410,000
H0904 Expenses LA Members	159,034	159,034	111,137	111,137
H0905 Other Expenses	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
H0906 Conferences Abroad	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
H0907 Retirement Gratuities	256,470	256,470	237,216	237,216
H0908 Contribution to Members Associations	33,000	33,000	29,500	29,500
H0909 General Municipal Allocation	720,000	720,000	680,000	680,000
H0999 Service Support Costs	1,499,682	1,499,682	1,417,622	1,417,622
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	**4,540,560**	**4,540,560**	**4,335,589**	**4,335,589**
H1001 Motor Taxation Operation	815,680	815,680	777,796	777,796
H1099 Service Support Costs	1,560,147	1,560,147	1,471,442	1,471,442
H10 Motor Taxation	**2,375,827**	**2,375,827**	**2,249,238**	**2,249,238**
H1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	176,396	176,396	53,600	53,600
H1102 NPPR	-	-	-	-
H1199 Service Support Costs	1,051,781	1,051,781	984,344	984,344
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	**1,228,177**	**1,228,177**	**1,037,944**	**1,037,944**
H1201 Housing and Building	-	-	-	-
H1202 Roads, Transportation & Safety	-	-	-	-
H1203 Water Services	-	-	-	-
H1204 Development Management	-	-	-	-
H1205 Environmental Services	-	-	-	-
H1206 Recreation and Amenity	-	-	-	-
H1207 Agriculture, Food and the Marine	-	-	-	-
H1208 Miscellaneous/ Shared Services	9,489,989	9,489,989	-	-
H1299 Service Support Costs	-	-	-	-
H12 Shared Services	**9,489,989**	**9,489,989**	**-**	**-**
Division H Total	**26,239,455**	**26,239,455**	**17,462,006**	**16,722,452**
OVERALL TOTAL	**265,848,912**	**265,848,912**	**258,758,464**	**259,379,267**

Table F - Income				
Division H - Miscellaneous/Shared Services				
	2027		**2026**	
Income by Source	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated by Chief Executive €**	**Adopted by Council €**	**Estimated Outturn €**
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	14,460,155	14,460,155	12,996,764	12,996,764
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	-	-	-	-
Social Protection	-	-	-	-
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-	-	-
Other	24,760	24,760	24,760	24,760
Total Government Grants & Subsidies	**14,484,915**	**14,484,915**	**13,021,524**	**13,021,524**
Goods & Services				
Superannuation	197,900	197,900	191,641	191,641
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	-	-	-	-
NPPR	-	-	-	-
Other income	14,832,854	14,832,854	3,689,790	3,689,790
Total Goods & Services	**15,030,754**	**15,030,754**	**3,881,431**	**3,881,431**
Division H Total	**29,515,669**	**29,515,669**	**16,902,955**	**16,902,955**
OVERALL TOTAL	**179,828,518**	**179,828,518**	**175,185,026**	**175,805,829**

Service Division J
Finance
Key priorities 2027

Procurement, Payment Processing, Income Collection, Banking, Housing Loans, Recruitment



Continued modernisation of devices, operating systems, processes and software.



Develop and implement a **new online recruitment and onboarding** platform.



Undertake a mid-term review of the Strategic Workforce Plan; while continuing **recruiting, selecting**, and r**etaining** staff.



Service Division J – Finance



Finance

Introduction

The Finance Department oversees and manages the Council's finances, monitoring income and expenditure and maintaining effective financial controls. Its responsibilities span procurement, payment processing, income collection, banking and treasury management, housing loans, insurance administration, budgeting, financial reporting and tax compliance. Through expenditure control and debt collection, the department supports the Council in operating within its allocated budget. Value for money, efficient service delivery, optimising revenue streams and compliance with taxation requirements remain central to its work.

Key Priorities for 2026

- Accounts Payable will maintain a focus on timely and efficient supplier payments, supported by regular monitoring and reporting to ensure compliance with Prompt Payment legislation. System developments and enhancements will continue throughout 2027 to support compliance with all taxation legislation.
- Procurement will continue to provide guidance and support across the Council on all aspects of procurement. This includes managing central contracts and providing administrative support for SupplyGov, e-Tenders and the LVPC Lighthouse card management system. As an integral part of the purchase-to-pay cycle, Procurement provides management oversight and governance for procurement-related acquisitions.
- Financial reporting and budget preparation will follow the annual programme, with the 2026 Annual Financial Statements prepared in the first quarter of 2027, followed by the half-year accounts in July and the Three-Year Capital Investment Programme. Local Property Tax reports will be presented at the September Council meeting for consideration by the elected

members. The 2028 Annual Budget will be prepared and presented to the members for adoption in November 2027.

- Business process reviews will continue during 2027, with business and information management solutions introduced where appropriate to improve service delivery.

Maintaining collection rates across rents, rates and housing loans will remain a priority in 2027. Budgetary control will also be a continued focus, supporting the effective management of the County's resources and the achievement of efficiencies and value for money in delivering the Council's wide range of services.

Human Resources

Introduction

The work of the HR Department will continue to be guided by the Council's multi-annual Strategic Workforce Plan (SWP) and the sector's People Strategy, which was approved in 2026.

The objective of the SWP is to support the development of a well-structured workforce to meet the changing needs of the Council in an efficient and effective manner. In doing so, it provides a framework for the:

- Recruitment, selection and retention of staff and a focus on promoting Meath County Council as an employer of choice;
- Commitment to staff learning and development, with access to the right skills and experience and the promotion of a culture of Continuous Professional Development;
- Continued focus on staff wellbeing and engagement.

Priorities for 2027:

The priorities for the Department in 2027 will be:

- Undertake a mid-term review of the Strategic Workforce Plan;
- Develop a local People Strategy, based on the sector's strategy.
- Develop and implement a new online recruitment and onboarding platform;
- Maintain good industrial relations and managing relations with the Trade Unions;
- Efficient application of national pay agreements for all Council staff and pensioners.

Information Systems

Meath County Council's Information Systems department support the delivery of Council services to the public, businesses and elected representatives, whilst equipping staff with reliable, secure and modern digital services. This work spans IT support, information security, digital transformation, business process improvement, broadband, geographical information systems (GIS), data analytics and online services.

Progress during 2026 included infrastructure upgrades, stronger cyber security measures and the development of digital services across the Council. This work received national and sectoral recognition, including the eGovernment Local Government Award for our Pre-Planning Consultation Portal, two shortlist nominations at the Public Sector Digital Transformation Awards and two TECHConnect awards.

Priorities for 2027:

- IT Networks and Operations
    - Continued modernisation of devices, operating systems, processes and software.
    - Support of the ICT requirements of the Council Chamber.
- IT Security
    - The completion of ISO/IEC 27001 certification activities and engagement with accredited certification body for certification audits.
    - Continued assessment and enhancement to the Councils digital infrastructure.
    - Continued rollout of security and compliance components.
- Business Apps and Enterprise Systems
    - Continue work with Finance on the Financial Management System (Agresso) modernisation.
    - Begin work on a web-based collaboration and document management platform.
    - Continue to engage with the National initiatives including MyCoCo.
- BPI And Digital Transformation
    - Progress our BPI and Digital Transformation programme.
- Geographical Information Systems
    - Develop and implement a corporate GIS Browser and GIS Data Hub.
    - Develop a GIS Strategy, GIS Data Strategy and GIS Best Practice Guidelines.
    - Continued focus on our Open Data Portal.
- Broadband and Digital
    - Community Digital Skills development including STEAM Team Phase 3, engagement with vulnerable groups on AI, digital transformation and copper switch off.
    - Artificial Intelligence Governance, Training and Development including Agent Adoption.
    - Support of IFN 2 and other telecom network upgrade programmes.

Together, these priorities will support the continued modernisation of Council services through secure and reliable digital systems, improved business processes and support for staff and communities to use new technologies. The focus will be on making services easier to access and more efficient to deliver.

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TABLE C - SERVICE DIVISION EXPENDITURE, INCOME & TRANSFERS 2027						
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Budget Excluding Transfers 2027 €	Budget Transfers 2027 €	Total Budget 2027 €	Budget Excluding Transfers 2027 €	Budget Transfers 2027 €	Total Budget 2027 €
Housing and Building	84,106,168	1,407,630	85,513,798	87,199,034	1,460,000	88,659,034
Road Transport & Safety	67,937,942	2,496,011	70,433,953	33,598,774	-	33,598,774
Water Services	5,236,047	86,594	5,322,641	2,335,934	-	2,335,934
Development Management	21,326,041	3,940,552	25,266,593	7,277,214	556,000	7,833,214
Environmental Services	34,587,020	995,112	35,582,132	16,433,890	40,000	16,473,890
Recreation and Amenity	15,119,241	1,101,492	16,220,733	883,253	-	883,253
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,242,692	26,915	1,269,607	323,502	205,248	528,750
Miscellaneous/Shared Services	24,611,374	1,628,081	26,239,455	27,770,008	1,745,661	29,515,669
Total Divisions	**254,166,525**	**11,682,387**	**265,848,912**	**175,821,609**	**4,006,909**	**179,828,518**

Table D		
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2027 FROM GOODS AND SERVICES		
Source of Income	**2027** **€**	**2026** **€**
Rents from Houses	22,718,430	20,854,624
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	1,916,800	2,024,092
Parking Fines & Charges	1,707,000	1,627,000
Uisce Éireann	-	3,870,921
Planning Fees	1,631,000	1,627,000
Domestic Refuse Charges	-	-
Commercial Refuse Charges	-	-
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	340,000	340,000
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	430,000	575,000
Agency Services & Repayable Works	-	-
Local Authority Contributions	7,969,947	17,342,010
Superannuation	2,480,252	2,401,800
NPPR	-	-
Other income	34,715,008	23,634,427
Total Goods & Services	**73,908,437**	**74,296,874**

Table E		
ANALYSIS OFBUDGET INCOME 2027 FROM GRANTS & SUBSIDIES		
	2027	**2026**
	€	**€**
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Housing and Building	54,281,017	50,963,120
Road Transport & Safety	-	-
Water Services	1,753,000	2,180,800
Development Management	2,442,131	2,816,286
Environmental Services	2,632,054	2,385,255
Recreation and Amenity	-	-
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	165,872	8,000
Miscellaneous/Shared Services	14,460,155	12,996,764
Sub-total	**75,734,229**	**71,350,225**
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	27,405,132	27,022,301
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-
National Transport Authority	-	-
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	146,000	132,000
Education & Youth	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	145,000	155,900
Transport	-	-
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	-	-
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment	1,289,446	1,280,566
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	255,498	10,000
Climate, Environment, & Energy	472,516	464,900
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-
Other	472,260	472,260
Sub-total	**30,185,852**	**29,537,927**
Total Grants & Subsidies	**105,920,081**	**100,888,152**

APPENDIX 1		
SUMMARY OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR YEAR 2027		
Description	**2027** **€**	**2026** **€**
Corporate Affairs Overhead	4,113,725	3,984,356
Corporate Buildings Overhead	5,073,771	4,920,554
Finance Function Overhead	1,770,069	1,630,931
Human Resource Function Overhead	3,884,972	3,417,711
IT Services	6,396,715	5,810,775
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	498,000	498,000
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	10,088,931	9,223,139
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	**31,826,183**	**29,485,466**

APPENDIX 2		
SUMMARY OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2027		
Description	**2027** **€**	**2027** **€**
Discretionary		
** Discretionary Local Property Tax (Table A)	20,944,691	
		20,944,691
Self Funding - Revenue Budget		
Housing & Building	-	
Roads, Transport & Safety	-	
		-
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget		**20,944,691**
Self Funding - Capital Budget		
Housing & Building	2,192,913	
Roads, Transport & Safety	-	
		2,192,913
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget		**2,192,913**
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)		**23,137,604**

**This amount includes an equalisation contribution of €0 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of Meath County Council held this 23rd day of November 2026 the Council by Resolution adopted for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 2027 the budget set out in Tables (A -F) and by Resolution determined in accordance with the said budget the Rates set out in Table A to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in those Tables.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Countersigned _____
Chief Executive

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2026

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