



# Sligo.

## **Monthly Management Report**

**February 2025**



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SHLIGIGH  
SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**



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**To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Sligo County Council**

**Re: Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for February 2025**

Dear Councillor,

I set out hereunder Monthly Management Report for February 2025, in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

**Martin Lydon**  
**Chief Executive**

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## 1. RECOURSE TO OVERDRAFT FACILITY (NUMBER OF DAYS PER MONTH AND INTEREST INCURRED):

The overdraft interest and fees applied for the period from 19<sup>th</sup> February– to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024 was €245,422.88.

## 2. EMERGENCY CAPITAL WORKS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET (INCLUDING ESTIMATED FINANCIAL LIABILITY):

The expenditure incurred by the Council as a result of Storm Éowyn will be included in the Management Report when all costs are collated.

## 3. OPERATION/PROGRESS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

### 2024-2025 Local Enhancement Programme<sup>4</sup>

The Department of Rural and Community Development's Local Enhancement Programme 2025, administered by Sligo LCDC, with a total allocation of €144,393 for County Sligo was launched by Sligo County Council in February. Closing date for receipt of applications was 4pm on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

### Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2023 - 2027

As at 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Monthly Returns in the amount of **€150,863.73** for the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme have been received.

As at 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025, **19** no. LEADER Projects have been approved for the amount of **€964,859.84**.



### Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028

The overall 2025 programme budget is €968,491. The 2025 general SICAP budget is €759,192 and the allocation for New Arrivals is €209,299.

Annual KPI targets for 2025 have been agreed with Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG as follows: KPI 1 - Annual Target - 50 and KPI 2 - Annual Target – 431. 2025 annual targets to remain as per 2024 annual targets.



The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020

## PEACEPLUS

Preparatory work to support the activation of projects included in the Sligo PEACEPLUS Action Plan is underway with the first projects under the theme Thriving and Peaceful Communities expected to be tendered in the coming weeks.

The first meeting of the Sligo PEACEPLUS Partnership for 2025 took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> February focusing on the launch of the Programme and completion of programme conditions required prior to commencement including the establishment of a Project Steering Committee to monitor the implementation of partner projects.



*The Programme is a funding partnership between the European Union, the governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive and will be administered by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).*

## Sligo Age Friendly Programme

Activities to promote the Sligo Age Friendly Programme continue in collaboration with Age Friendly Ireland. Development of the Age Friendly Health and Wellbeing Festival, due to take place in ATU Sligo on 28<sup>th</sup> March is ongoing.

Programmes for older people in the area of physical activity are being delivered in the county through programmes such as Health Sligo such as Stronger for Longer, Activator Poles and the Healthy Ireland Nutritional Programme.

**Age Friendly IRELAND**  
Healthy Age Friendly Homes  
in partnership with Atlantic Technological University Sligo

**FREE EVENT**  
Find out about the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme  
Connect with Community Services  
Meet the Experts  
Learn something new  
Have Fun Too!!

Save the Date

**Age Friendly Health & Wellbeing Festival 2025**

at  
Atlantic Technological University Sligo, F91 YW50

**Friday 28th March 11am - 3pm**  
Master of Ceremonies  
**Mr John Lynch**

Refreshments and Entertainment provided  
Transport available on request

Contact:  
046 924 8821  
healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie

## Healthy Sligo

The Activator Poles Programme saw the participation of 80 plus people on a weekly basis partaking in this activity which aims to encourage social interaction and physical health.

This Programme has been rolled out in Doorly Park and Sligo Regional Sports Centre with a plan to roll out another in Ballymote in collaboration with Ballymote Community Library and Ballymote Family Resource Centre.



The overall activity budget for the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) Round 4 2023-2025 programme is €238,229.96.

## Sligo PPN

- On 7<sup>th</sup> February, Sligo PPN hosted SPC reps from across the whole Northwest region for a training and induction workshop on the Strategic Policy Schemes. The event was facilitated by Brian Harvey, with approximately 60 community representatives from across the region in attendance.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> February, Sligo PPN hosted their first plenary meeting of 2025. The event was held in partnership with Sligo Global Kitchen. Over 500 people were in attendance.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> February Sligo PPN Secretariat presented to the full council on opportunities for collaboration to help fulfil commitments under Sligo 2030.
- The pilot Access and Inclusion training, developed in partnership between Sligo DPO and Sligo PPN, was delivered to HSE staff and healthcare students.
- The promotional and networking event for Power to Change took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Clayton Hotel with over 200 participants in attendance.



## Tourism

A Digital Marketing Training course that was curated specifically for businesses and individuals involved in tourism in Sligo was held in February. It was funded and supported by Sligo LEO.



## Festivals and Events

On 17<sup>th</sup> February, the Festival and Events Oversight committee met, considered and adopted the draft Festival & Event Strategy for County Sligo. The draft Festival & Event Strategy has also been considered and adopted by SPC and is included on the Agenda for the March Plenary meeting.



Other items considered by the Committee included the Regional Festival and Event Fund grant application scheme and the operation of Queen Maeve Square.

Applications for the Regional Festival & Event Fund opened on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, with a closing date of 4pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## 4. PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICES BASED ON REPORTS TO ENTERPRISE IRELAND:

### Financial Supports

**Grow Digital** – offers small and medium businesses up to €5,000 in financial support to embrace digital technology. 1 grant was approved in the month.

### Training & Events

61 people participated on various training programmes as follows:

- Introduction to E-tenders for suppliers
- A Practical Guide to Income Tax for the Creative Sector
- Start Your Own Business
- Food Starter 2025

Sligo Women in Business – Networking and Time Management event took place on 25<sup>th</sup> February in Strand Campus. 40 female entrepreneurs were in attendance.

### Mentoring

24 mentoring assignments were made in February through one-to-one clinics, 3 hourly mentoring session and assignments of up to 15 hours.

### Consultancy

Digital for Business – 2 assignments were made.

### Economic Development

**Night-time Economy** – A grant was launched for projects that can support the enhancement, enrichment, and diversification of our nighttime economy. Local Enterprise Office and Sligo BID reps met with consultants carrying out a Departmental review of the NTE initiative.

**AIM Centre** – in partnership with AbbVie and Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo, successfully hosted the inaugural VEX Robotics Northwest Regional Finals. The competition, held at ATU Sligo, saw teams from communities across Sligo, Leitrim, North Mayo, and South Donegal showcase their creativity, engineering skills, and problem-solving abilities.



**VEX Robotics Sooeey**  
- Winners of Judges' Award

**Littus Programme US** – Sligo County Council and Sligo Chamber of Commerce took part in an economic development visit to Mentor, OH and Philadelphia. Meetings included Northeast Ohio Port Authority, Mentor Chamber of Commerce, Healthcare and Life science providers, several digital enterprises and MAGNET- a digital manufacturing centre. A delegation from Mentor will be visiting Sligo in April.

**Sligo Food & Drinks Strategy** – As part of the development of the strategy a Food Sustainability Workshop was delivered on 6<sup>th</sup> February for relevant County Council Staff.

**Sligo Food Hub** – A Tender for the development of a Food Hub Feasibility & Strategy has been published. This project is funded under Town Centre First - Project Development Measure.

## 5. PROGRESS IN PREPARING REPORTS/MATERIAL REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL.

Chief Executive's Diary attached.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

- 9.00 am Meeting of CPG  
10.00 am Sligo County Council March Ordinary Meeting

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- 10.30am Northern & Western Regional Assembly Meeting  
12.00pm Cathaoirleach attending photocall to launch Sligo Green Business Hub

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

- 9.30am Procedures Committee Meeting  
2.30pm Cathaoirleach attending Student Enterprise Programme, Sligo Final

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

- 6.30pm Sligo Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Excellence Awards

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

- 9.30am Meeting of Sligo Drumcliff MD  
11.00am Twinning Committee Meeting

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

- 9.00am Meeting of SPC 1 Housing & Governance  
11.00am Lá Mór na Gaeilge, Council Chamber, County Hall

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

- 10.00am Tionól Contae Shligigh, Council Chamber, City

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

- 1.30pm 1.30pm

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

- 11.00am Meeting of SPC 4 – Placemaking

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

- 10.00am Meeting of Borough District of Sligo MD





## LATEST NEWS

### SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL WINS TWO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AT THE LAMA AWARDS 2025



Sligo County Council has been honoured with two national awards at the 2025 LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards, recognising its outstanding contributions to enterprise development and tourism.

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### ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS SLIGO TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL AND COMMUNITY TIES



His Excellency Lautențiu Ștefan, the Romanian Ambassador to Ireland, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Georgeta Bratu, Minister Counsellor, were warmly welcomed to City Hall, Sligo on Saturday last by Mayor Cllr. Tom MacSharry and Deputy Chief Executive Marie Whelan.

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### NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY AND BUS ÉIREANN ANNOUNCE ENHANCED SLIGO TOWN BUS SERVICES



The National Transport Authority (NTA), in partnership with Bus Éireann, has launched the new S3 route as part of the Sligo Town Bus Service expansion.

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## ÓCÁIDÍ SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE 2025



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Seachtain  
na Gaeilge  
le enÉrgia

*Ócáidí Seachtain na Gaeilge  
2025*

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## NEW SPEED LIMIT FOR ALL RURAL LOCAL ROADS



Sligo County Council advises that a new default speed limit of 60 km per hour for all rural local roads in the Republic of Ireland will come into effect on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

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## SCOLÁIREACHTAÍ CHUIG AN GHAELTACHT - COMORTÁIS DO DHALTAÍ MEÁNSCOILE SHLIGIGH

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**SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE 2025**  
**Scoláireachtaí chuig an Ghaeltacht**  
**Comortáis do Dhaltai Meánscoile Shligigh**

**Comórtas 1 - Aiste**  
Scriobh aiste faoi "An fáth gur mhaith liom freastal a dhéanamh ar Choláiste Samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht". *Uasmhéid 500 focal*

**Comórtas 2 – Ealaín**  
Cruthaigh píosa ealaíona ag léiriú "An Ghaeltacht"

**Duaisianna**  
5 x Scoláireacht de €300 le cur le costas cúrsa Gaeltachta 2025. Beidh cruthanaís le tabhairt ag daltaí rathúla go bhfuil siad cláraithe i gcúrsa samhraidh 2025 sular n-íocfar an duais leo.

Tá an comórtas oscailte do mhic léinn a bhfuil ag déanamh freastal ar mheánscoil i gContae Shligigh nó a bhfuil cónaí orthu i gContae Shligigh.

Seol bhur n-iarrachtaí chuig [emamhlaidh@sligococo.ie](mailto:emamhlaidh@sligococo.ie) nó trí phost chuig Edel Mhic Amhlaidh, Oifigeach Gaeilge, Comhairle Chontae Shligigh, Áras an Chontae, Cois Abhann, Sligeach F91 Y763 roimh **An Luan 3ú Márta 5in**.

Is féidir saothair ealaíne a fhágáil ag Oifigi an Chomhairle Chontae F91 Y763 d'aírd an t-Oifigeach Gaeilge, más gá.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil ainm an dalta, bliain agus scoil san áireamh ar gach iontráil chomh maith le eolas faoin gcúrsa Gaeltachta a bhfuil siad cláraithe le freastal air.

Bronnfar na scoláireachtaí ar na buaiteoirí ag ócáid in oifigi an Chomhairle Chontae ar an 12ú Márta 11m ina mbeidh fáilte roimh muinteoir ón scoil agus a dtuismitheoirí a bheith in éineacht leo.

Beidh na saothair ealaíne agus na haistí go léir ar taispeáint sa Chomhairle le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025.

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# RECRUITMENT

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**ASSISTANT ENGINEER**

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

**ROLLING COMPETITION**

APPLICATIONS:  
[www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/](http://www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/)

VIA EMAIL ONLY: [jobs@sligococo.ie](mailto:jobs@sligococo.ie)

APPLY NOW

## Assistant Engineer and Executive Engineer

Completed application forms for the above positions must be returned to the Human Resources Section via email only to

[jobs@sligococo.ie](mailto:jobs@sligococo.ie)

Please note there is no closing date for these competitions and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

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**TEMPORARY BEACH LIFEGUARD & TEMPORARY BEACH WARDEN**

Applications:  
[www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/](http://www.sligococo.ie/jobvacancies/)

Via Email Only: [jobs@sligococo.ie](mailto:jobs@sligococo.ie)

Closing Date: 4.30 pm Thursday 6th March 2025

APPLY NOW

## Temporary Beach Lifeguard and Temporary Beach Warden

Completed application forms must be returned to the Human Resources Department **via email only** to [jobs@sligococo.ie](mailto:jobs@sligococo.ie) not later than **4.30 p.m. on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

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**SCHOOL WARDEN (PART-TIME)**

**ROLLING COMPETITION**

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VIA EMAIL ONLY: [jobs@sligococo.ie](mailto:jobs@sligococo.ie)

APPLY NOW

## School Warden (Part-Time)

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