



Comhairle Contae
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Roscommon
County Council



MANAGEMENT REPORT

October 2024

Roscommon County Council
Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
Management Accounts Summary to 31st October 2024

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		NET
	Expenditure Incurred up to 31/10/2024	Adopted Full Year Budget	Income Receivable up to 31/10/2024	Adopted Full year Budget	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	7,912,977	9,258,906	9,538,552	9,531,863	1,625,575
Road Transport & Safety	24,381,298	30,288,360	14,105,234	23,103,509	(10,276,064)
Water Services	5,059,131	6,235,843	3,963,524	6,115,112	(1,095,607)
Development Management	10,341,752	9,938,335	6,465,110	3,010,228	(3,876,642)
Environmental Services	5,992,429	8,105,044	1,097,565	2,097,373	(4,894,864)
Recreation & Amenity	4,612,534	5,228,935	1,028,629	663,076	(3,583,905)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	707,467	774,889	245,361	278,967	(462,106)
Miscellaneous Services	5,291,678	5,600,805	4,379,262	5,373,288	(912,417)
Central Management Charges	1,007,132	0	97,014	0	(910,119)
Local Government Fund/General Purpose Grant	0	0	12,569,502	12,534,000	12,569,502
Pension Levy	0	0	0	0	0
Rates	0	0	10,379,665	12,723,700	10,379,665
	65,306,399	75,431,117	63,869,416	75,431,117	(1,436,983)

Note 1;
The Central Management Charge is allocated one month in arrears. The costs included in the Central Management Charge are distributed among Divisions A-H and include costs from Area Offices, Corporate Affairs, Corporate buildings, Finance, Human Resources, IT Print & Post Room Services, Pension & Lump Sums.

Summary of Major Collections as at 31st October 2024

Debt Type	Opening Balance	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off/Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Balance	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection	% Collection Previous Year
Commercial Rates	1,466,294	12,455,497	997,313	156,132	12,768,346	10,788,693	1,979,653	22,861	85%	79%
Rents & Annuities	647,010	5,378,630	-	(6,718)	6,032,357	5,299,823	732,534	-	88%	88%
Housing Loans	131,912	374,672	-	-	506,583	435,185	71,398	-	86%	73%

Recourse to Overdraft;

There has been no recourse to overdraft during the month of October 2024

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Forward Planning

Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2022-2028

Following the conclusion of the public consultation period on the notice of the Draft Ministerial Direction on the Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2022-2028, work commenced on the preparation of the Chief Executive's report in response to eight submissions received. A Chief Executive's Report was prepared and issued to the Elected Members and prescribed bodies.

With the exception of the two parcels of land, which are the subject of the Draft Direction, the Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2024-2028 came into effect on September 5th 2024. The Plan (including the associated Environmental Reports) is available to view online on the Roscommon Town LAP section of the dedicated County Development Plan website (www.rosdevplan.ie).

Draft Carrick-On-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031

Following engagement with representatives of Leitrim County Council, planning reports have been prepared in relation to five submissions received pertaining Cortober on the Draft Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031. These reports will be incorporated into the Joint Chief Executive's Report currently being prepared by Leitrim County Council, as the lead authority on the Joint Local Area Plan.

Boyle Local Area Plan 2025-2031

An invitation to tender for the preparation of a Local Transport Plan (LTP), to inform the forthcoming Boyle Local Area Plan (LAP) 2025 – 2031 has been prepared and advertised on E-Tenders.

Athlone Joint Urban Area Plan

A second Tender Assessment Board meeting regarding the procurement of consultants to prepare the Athlone Joint Urban Area Plan (JUAP) was held on 1st October at Westmeath County Council Headquarters. The Tender Assessment Board agreed that it would be prudent to convene a pre-award meeting with the successful tenderer to clarify that they are fully aware of the Clients expectations in relation to responsibilities at all stages of the plan making process. As of 8th November 2024, Westmeath County Council have not had an opportunity to convene this meeting.

Development Management and Planning Enforcement Activity

The table below summarises Development Management activity in October. New application rates were up on preceding months, with this reflecting annual trends associated with increased activity following the traditional summer holiday period. Decisions issued on 49 planning applications, of which 47 (96%) were grants of permission. A total of 30 preplanning meetings were convened during October.

Development Management Statistics

Period	Activity	Roscommon North	Roscommon South	Totals
October 2024	Valid applications	22	27	49
	Invalid applications	7	7	14
	Extension of Duration	1	2	3
	DED	7	8	15
	Pre-planning meeting	13	17	30

Enforcement Activity

Period	Activity	Countywide Totals
October 2024	New enforcement case	4
	General letter	25
	Warning letter	3
	Enforcement notice	0
	Closed case	6
	New referrals on Legal proceedings	0*
	Ongoing Legal Proceedings	10

*Awaiting appointment of new County Solicitor

Unfinished Housing Developments (UHD)

Contractors engaged by Roscommon County Council continued site resolution activity in Monksfield Park, Monksland, Tarmon Harbour, Tarmonbarry, and The Fairgreen, Frenchpark, during October. Developers continued to progress site resolution works at two developments, in Monksland and Boyle.

A tender was advertised in respect of one contract for minor site resolution works at a development Orchard Grove & Hillside, Boyle. A separate tender evaluation process was undertaken in respect of one contract for minor site resolution works at a development at Foxwood Manor, Boyle.

ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION

Local Enterprise Office:

- **Trading On Line Vouchers (TOVs):** 15 TOVS have been approved in total for January to October 2024. Remote Trading Online Voucher Information Seminars are held regularly, with bookings accepted via the LEO website. Seminars took place on January 25th, March 7th, May 9th & September 19th. The next Remote Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar has been set for November 14th 2024. THE TOV Scheme is scheduled to end on 12th December 2024.
- **Evaluation & Approvals Meeting:** An Evaluation Committee Meeting took place on 2nd October 2024 and two Feasibility Study Grants were approved.
- **Green for Business Scheme:** The Green for Business helps small businesses become more environmentally friendly and sustainable by providing advice and technical support covering topics such as resource efficiency, understanding carbon footprint and implementing an environmental management system. Clients that have completed the Green for Business can now apply for the new Energy Efficiency Grant. 21 Green for Business applications have been approved from January to October 2024.
- **Digital for Business Scheme:** Digital for Business is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business. To date, LEO has processed 5 applications for the Digital for Business in 2024.
- **Technical Assistance for MicroExporters:** helps small businesses expand into export markets by assisting with the costs of exhibiting at international trade shows. To date, LEO Roscommon has processed 6 applications.
- **Microfinance:** 9 applications have been received and sent to MFI this year. 6 approved, 2 applications were declined and 1 application is up for decision. Work continues on the promotion of this source of finance on social Media and via mentoring clinics.
- **Training:** The first tranche of training to support the business community is underway and places are in demand and training is well attended. A total of 869 participants have been facilitated in total from January to the end of October 2024.
- **Local Enterprise Week:** Took place between 4th and 8th of March 2024. A schedule of 11 local events & 1 Regional took place, included training, mentoring and networking events in County Roscommon as well as 2 National Spotlight events at national level. There were a total of 287 attendees across 14 events.
- **Remote Mentoring:** 17 Business Advice Clinics have been held so far this year from January to October 2024. All bookings were taken via the LEO website online booking system. 212 clients in total are being facilitated through One to One Mentoring sessions in 2024.
- **Enquiries:** Appropriate support provided on an ongoing basis. 360 enquires were logged from January to September 2024.

- **Student Enterprise Programme:** The programme for 2024/25 academic year recommenced in September with all 9 secondary schools registering to take part in the programme once again. In school workshops are ongoing and these are being delivered by Whizzkids Training.
- **National Enterprise Awards:** This programme has concluded and will recommence in 2025.
- **Promotion:** All LEO supports were promoted on the LEO website and on various social media platforms.
- **EI:** LW continues to work with Meabh Conaghan, the new West Region Manager and Majella Maher.
- **IDA:** LW is keeping the line of communication open between IDA, CE & Senior Management of RCC in the hope of encouraging FDI to Roscommon.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT

LEADER PROGRAMME 2023-2027

Monthly returns:

- April, May and June reviewed and submitted to Department for review and payment (€120,415)

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and LECP

- Last LCDC meeting took place on 23rd October. It was agreed at this meeting that all LCDC meetings for 2025 would continue to be hybrid but would also take place at 3.00pm as opposed to alternate between 3pm and 5pm. All meetings for 2025 have been scheduled and booked in as 'Save the Date'. Next LCDC Meeting is scheduled for 11th December.
- Consultation presentation to the LCDC on the Corporate Plan took place on 23.10.24.
- LCDC induction took place for the two newest members prior to the last LCDC meeting.
- Monitoring and update of LECP actions is underway. All 6 goals have been rolled out and the groups have been updating this with ease. All members and contributing parties to the LECP are able to access. Email link has been provided to all members and QR code has been created for each goal.
- LCDC Networking Event took place in the Athlone Springs Hotel on 09.10.24. The event was organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Attendees were welcomed by Shane Tiernan.
- Annual Report 2023 presented to the full council by Chief Officer Cathriona MacCarthy on 21st October 2024.
- Minister Joe O'Brien officially launched Training Needs Assessment Reports for the Community and Voluntary Sector
- Embracing Ireland's Outdoors – Minister Humphreys announced over €1 Million investments in 517 walking trails – Roscommon €65,167.
- Clár funded projects announced on 7th October.

Healthy Ireland

- Additional €35,000 funding secured from Department of Health for 2025 Healthy Ireland Fund for each County
- Healthy Roscommon Plan in final draft with Action Plan to be delivered under 4 key themes. Plan to be agreed and launched in Early 2025
- Planning underway for Men's Health Event in November
- Work has commenced on a cross county Farmer Wellbeing project in conjunction with Farm Bodies, HSE and HI coordinators in Galway and Mayo
- Engagement with Lough Funshinagh community has been ongoing with identification of a community member who will liaise with Healthy County Coordinator to share needs of the community
- Fit Farmer programme in Elphin has commenced, second programme being funded in the area due to huge numbers expressing interest.

SICAP

- SICAP team member in conjunction with our Implementing Partner attended the SICAP Regional 2025 Training event was hosted by Pobal in Castlebar 1st Oct.
- Notified of LGAS SICAP 2023 Audit - scheduled for end of November.
- SICAP VAT for Jan-May 24, €3,836.80 paid on 15/10/24.

JPC/Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

- The 6th Annual Roscommon/Longford Garda Youth Awards took place on October 24th. The ceremony was hosted by Roscommon County Council and the awards sponsored by the Council. 2 of the local winners Cormac Petrie (Special Recognition Award winner) and 'Go Yellow' (Group Award winner) went on to become National Award Winners. The presentation of these awards will take place in the Midlands Park Hotel in Portlaoise on Saturday, 16th November 2024.
- The property marking machine continues to be hired out to various Community Groups.
23.11.24 – Garda John O'Connor – Property Marking event in Cloontuskert, Co. Roscommon.
02.11.24 – Garda Tanya Duffy – Ballinameen Community Group

Comhairle Na nÓg

- 2nd instalment to Midland Regional Youth Service was paid €12,500.00 on 02/10/24 for facilitating Comhairle na nÓg in 2024.
- Annual Youth Conference in Castlerea Enterprise Hub on 15/10/24.

Community Recognition Fund 2023 (CRF)

- All remaining projects are complete with the exception of one. The Department has allowed an extension of time for same. Recoupment of monies from the Department is ongoing.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 (CRF)

- Projects approved under window 1 of CRF funding are ongoing.
- A call for Expressions of Interest under window 3 of CRF funding will be made in December of this year.

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

- 88 Projects have been paid with a further 27 projects on track to be completed by the end of the year.

Age Friendly

- The Collaboration with Roscommon University Hospital is progressing with a view to attain Age Friendly Hospital Status.
- Walkability Audit took place at Carrick on Shannon Train Station on 10/10/24.
- Collaborating with Healthy Ireland Coordinator on 'Farmer's Health Initiatives'.

Social Inclusion Unit

- Payment made to Western Region Drugs Task Force of €3,150.00 re our Planet Youth contribution 2024.
- Payment made to Volunteering Ireland €2,000.00 re their Community Volunteer Programme 2024. They previously received €6,000.00 in April 2024.
- Social Inclusion Week grants announced end of Oct. Groups have until 20th Nov to make submissions.
- Social Inclusion team members attended
 - 'Traveller Road to Hope Campaign' 7th Oct hosted by Roscommon Traveller Health Project
 - ESF+ EIST Programme 2021-2027: Communicating European Support Information Session hosted by Dept of Education 14th Oct

Community

- Nominations for the Roscommon Outdoor Recreation Committee (RORC) are being sought with the committee to be finalised during November.
- Submissions were made on behalf of 3 projects under the DAF LGBTQI+ Funding. Decision to be announced early November.

PPN

- PPN Staff attended and participated in National PPN Conference in Limerick.
- Continued engagement with RCC IT Staff on pilot testing of revised grants portal.
- Commenced the nomination process for recruitment of PPN representatives for various SPC seats.
- Procured and appointed consultant to develop a new RPPN Strategic Plan for the period 2025-2030.
- PPN staff attended and participated in national rural policy forum in Athlone
- Continued dissemination of various funding and capacity building opportunities to PPN members via monthly newsletter, emails and online posts.
- Continued delivery of PPN Autumn/Winter training schedule.
- PPN is now supporting 410 Groups in County Roscommon.

HERITAGE

Biodiversity:

Local Biodiversity Action Fund: Six applications were awarded from the DHLG&H totalling €88,161 with 15% match funding from RCC. All projects have been completed.

Invasive Species Treatment (IAS) by MD offices: Meeting held with area staff to review treatment programme for 2024 with records of sites treated being returned to the National Biodiversity Data Centre. In all over 60 individual sites were treated in the county over the year. The treatment of IAS was funded through the LBAF.

CARO - Decarbonised Zone and Natural Environment LA event: RCC climate action team with the aid of biodiversity officer facilitated the hosting of the event organised by the Eastern Midlands Climate Action Regional Office. As part of the event there was a site visit to Loughnaneane Park to

discuss natural environment activities and opportunities. The event was attended by biodiversity officers and climate action team from other LA around the country.

LAWPRO – Community Water Fund: The Local Authority Water Programme Office announced new Community Water fund for 2025 with application to be submitted by mid-November. RCC with community water officers put forward and facilitated two community groups with the potential to progress application under the fund. The fund is primarily for the completion of capital works and is up to sum of €50,000.

Karst Landscape/The Rocks, Taughmaconnell: The Ui Maine Kingdom Group launched their latest report on ecological surveys and biodiversity recording completed on an area known as “The Rocks”. This area is recorded in the publication produced by the NPWS and National Biodiversity Data Centre called “The Grasslands Trail – showcasing some Great Irish Grasslands”

New e-mail address and newsletter have been created to allow for the dissemination of news, events and surveys relating to biodiversity using the existing contacts list held by the Heritage Office. biodiversity@roscommoncoco.ie.

Cultural and Built Heritage:

Royal Sites of Ireland UNESCO Bid: Steering Group met on 11/10/2024. Items for discussion were the MOU, Royal Sites Coordinator update, Update from Department, Meeting dates for 2025 & A.O.B.

County Roscommon Heritage Forum: N/A

County Roscommon Heritage Strategy 2025-2030: Ongoing.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme: Of the 18 projects offered funding, 14 are completed or nearing completion and 4 did not proceed and their funding will be re-allocated. Total value of BHIS grants is €104,169

Historic Structures Fund: 4 x projects were accepted into this scheme. All 4 will be completed. Total Value of HSF grants is €88,235.

County Heritage Plan Fund: 2x projects have been awarded €57,000 from The Heritage Council.

- **Community Archaeology Funding Stream:** Rathcroghan Royal Roots programme ‘go-along farm walks’ with former Farming Rathcroghan EIP project farmers underway. Very successful kids camp on 05/10/2024. Archaeology publication under preparation. Associated social media posts.
- **County Heritage Plan Engagement Programme:** work ongoing on delivery of the programme:
 - **Roscommon Holy Wells** – project delivered. Exhibition available to travel.
 - **National Heritage Week** – delivered.
 - **Review of Co. Roscommon Folklore & Oral History Collection** – ongoing
 - **Roscommon Field Names** – actions delivered for 2024 under review for 2025
 - **Graveyards Seminar** – delivered
 - **Know your Locality** – delivered
 - **100 Roscommon Graveyards** - The objective is: 1. Record and publish all historic graveyards under Council care, to include locational maps, cemetery maps, short

histories and images of all headstones and 2. To ensure security of all records into the future and to provide for ongoing public access 100 Roscommon Graveyards – scoping and feasibility study complete.

- **Graveyard Recording** – scheduled for 7&8 November.
- **Consultancy** for Heritage Strategy - ongoing

Community Monuments Fund: 4 x projects, total allocation €260,000:

- Cloonshanville Abbey Conservation Project Phase 1 €100,000: Scaffolding up. Site very precarious – internal scaffolding required so that the contractors can start work.
- Kilronan Abbey Conservation Management Plan €30,000: Underway
- Kiltullagh Church Conservation Management Plan €30,000: Underway.
- Ballintober Castle Phase 2 conservation Works – €100,000. Works completed. This is a Ballintubber Development Association project.

Farming Rathcroghan Operational Group: NA

Roscommon County Council Civic Memorials Policy: Online application in preparation.

GRETB Mens Programme: Heritage Officer 'Roscommon's Holy Wells' presentation to the men in Lisnamult course 08/10/24

Heritage Office News: 87 emails circulated so far in 2024.

Social Media Posts: 45 posts so far in 2024

Cultural and Built Heritage Scheme	2024 Budget	
BHIS – DHLG&H	€104,169	Confirmed
HSF – DHLG&H	€104,937	Confirmed
Community Archaeology – The Heritage Council	€20,000	Confirmed
County Heritage Plan – The Heritage Council	€37,500	Confirmed
CMF – NMS/DHLG&H	€260,000	Confirmed
RSOI UNESCO Bid	€30,000	RCC Budget
Heritage Plan implementation	€39,000	RCC Budget
Conservation Projects	€40,000	RCC Budget
Cultural & Built Heritage Budget	€635,606	

TOURISM

Regional

- Destination Athlone meetings attended
- Tourism Officers National Network meeting attended
- Military Tourism initiative – Concept Document Meeting attended
- Milwaukee Irish festival regional showcase development meetings attended
- Beara Breifne Way Working Group ongoing

County

- Visit Roscommon & Outdoor Recreation Marketing and Promotion ongoing
- Roscommon Christmas Festival & Enchanted Christmas Trail Event planning & organising
- Roscommon Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 – development ongoing
- Destination Boyle Project complete
- Just Transition Fund Project State Partnership Meetings
- Launch of Irish Hot Air Ballooning Championships held at Lough Key Forest Park
- Co-ordinated Arizona Colleen visit
- Confirmed support for Night and Day Festival 2025

Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator

- The EU JTF Activator is responsible for the promotion of The Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs. It is the role of the Activator to work with Community and Private SME's to explain the scheme and assist with the submission of EOIs and eligible applications. This particular scheme looks to work with the communities in the region affected by the move to a zero carbon future and develop economic activity through tourism.

EOI closing date was 2nd July and the funding has now moved to application phase with the closing date for applications set as 13th January 2025.

Engagement levels:

1. No of Community Groups engaged: 11
2. No. of Private Businesses engaged: 72
3. Overall Attendance at information evenings: 70
4. Number of face to face meetings conducted: 65

Statistics:

- 33 Expressions of Interest currently deemed Eligible by Fáilte Ireland, which is step one in the funding process. This means that the project type fits the criteria laid down by the scheme and allows the project to proceed to the application stage in the process.
- 13 Digital Transformation Projects have been deemed eligible and are being brought forward through this process by Fáilte Ireland.
- 2 applications for Micro Funding- under €10,000 have been submitted for Evaluation by Fáilte Ireland
- 12 applications in excess of €10,000 submitted for Evaluation to Fáilte Ireland

- 13 Expressions of interest submitted currently awaiting evaluation after further information requests.
- Currently working on the development of a Tourism Network that will assist applicants and those unsuccessful in building their capacity to operate a tourism project. This will focus on building a self-sustaining network that will surpass the lifetime of the EUJTF Fund- focus will be on building the capacity of the group and assisting with accessing necessary supports and building links with supporting agencies.

ARTS OFFICE

Arts Participation Programme - ongoing including CARE Programme and Artist in Schools.

Roscommon County Youth Theatre - Term 1 at Roscommon Arts Centre.

Creative Places Ballaghaderreen – drawing to a close – working with Artist Researchers and Ballaghaderreen Steering Group & Communities to evaluate and consider application to the Arts Council of Ireland for a new programme.

Public Art Programme - in collaboration with Regeneration – Currently: ORIS Mote Park, URDF Roscommon Town Square Sculpture & Living Laneways ongoing. New call out for **Living Laneways** commission on **Alleé De Chartrettes**.

Creative Ireland Programme

Ongoing development and delivery of the **Creative Ireland** Programme, liaising with artists, creatives, communities and coordinating the work of the internal **Culture Team** comprising Arts, Heritage, Tourism, Library, Community, LEO, Social Inclusion, Climate. Working with the national Creative Ireland Office in the Department of Tourism Culture Arts Gaeltacht Sports & Media. Guided by Roscommon County Council Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

- **Commemorations Programme** ongoing.
- **Orla Clogher / Rathcroghan Visitor Centre Halloween Morrigan Parade & Event** in conjunction with Roscommon Arts Centre
- **Mayo Roscommon: Care & Creativity in Context** – artists in MR Hospice, Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Private homes. Working with Irish Hospice Foundation.
- **Cultural Companions** – programme of day-time arts events for older people county-wide.

ROSCOMMON ARTS CENTRE

Performance Programme

15 events were hosted in the auditorium including the inaugural Roscommon International Film Festival, Deirdre O’Kane, Cathy Jordan, and a selection of events for children as part of the Lollipops Children’s Festival.

The Centre also hosted a celebration event to mark the 5 year anniversary of Roscommon Youth Service, as well as the screening of a film for the Brothers of Charity.

Other events included Kieran Quinn with two local musicians taking part in the performance, and a screening of The Forest Midwife, a beautiful short cinematic documentary about the wisdom of trees and the power of a human. The story by the director Beta Bajgart followed writer and social entrepreneur Catherine Cleary as she transforms a neglected farm in Corry, Co. Roscommon into a nature reserve.

Visual Art Programme

Timelines, Growth and Catastrophe continued its run until the end of the month. Curated by Frances Crowe and featuring the work of eight Irish tapestry weavers and a large collaborative tapestry.

Workshop Space

The workshop space hosted a series of events as part of the Lollipops Children's Festival including Brici Spraoi, Puppets Attack! and Language Explorers. The space continues to host regular events including Songbirds, Elderberries, RCYT and Cor Comain.

Residencies & Artists Supports

Shane Hynan continued to use Studio 1 to further develop his photography project which documents the changing landscape of midland bogs.

Tatiana Dos Santos continued to develop song processes and experiment with movements in the old workshop space.

KING HOUSE/DOUGLAS HYDE CENTRE

- Ongoing tours, group bookings, events including the Cultural Companions Series of daytime concerts, meetings.
- Final RRDF Energy Upgrades & Works

AN RÍOGA

- **New Art Gallery** in Ground Floor Exhibition Space

LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM

The LAIT continued to run clinics with IPAS accommodation centres and with the BOTP cohort in October;

- 7 Clinics held with 38 people engaged
- Individual follow up completed for each of the 38 people, ranging from 1 to numerous advocacy and interventions per person.
- New IPAS opened in Castlerea with capacity for 25 residents across 9 apartments. Currently there is one family of 8 people living there. The LAIT have been supporting them and centre management on a weekly basis.

The main issues raised in clinics were in relation to:

- Employment
- Childcare
- Social activities
- Accommodation queries

- LAIT completed 3 days training over the month on Global Citizens Education.
- LAIT in conjunction with Healthy Ireland and the GAA delivered a successful midterm activity camp for children in the Castlerea area, 30 children from the LAIT cohort engaged. This was a tool of engagement to link the children to GAA clubs.
- LAIT Integration Workers Network have commenced collaborative work, a women's group and a youth group have recently engaged LAIT cohort – this network is a subcommittee of the CIF.
- LAIT completed the first round of official reporting to the DCEDIY.
- LAIT are currently working with Comhlamh to draft a training course for integration workers across the county which will be delivered in 2025.

LAIT continue to participate on relevant committees and refer LAIT cohort to community services and organisations.

There are currently 6 IPAS Centres with 212 residents and 1 centre for Programme Refugees settings across Co Roscommon. In addition to the clinics LAIT engage with centre management weekly and support them with queries.

Offer a Home

The Offer a Home programme was launched on 24th November 2022. Offers of accommodation can be made via Offer a Home website and this will be followed up with an inspection to determine the suitability of the property. The Offer a Home Programme has now been extended to March 2025 and in agreement with the owners of the properties and the occupants, we are renewing all the contracts to this date.

To-date

- 333 properties have been offered in Co. Roscommon.
- 234 properties have been allocated to Ukrainian families. (716persons)

There are approximately 1702 Ukrainians in the County. There are 585 in Serviced accommodation, 678 accommodated under the Offer a Home programme and 91 in accommodation provided by other organisations such as the Irish Red Cross and Helping Irish Hosts. Therefore, there appears to be a cohort of individuals living in accommodation that have not come to our attention. There are 12 accommodation Service Providers in the County.

Emergency Refurbishment Ukraine Project (ERUP)

There were two remaining properties under this program one property at Cootehall which comprises of 31 beds and one property in Croghan which comprises of 15 beds.

This programme is no closed.