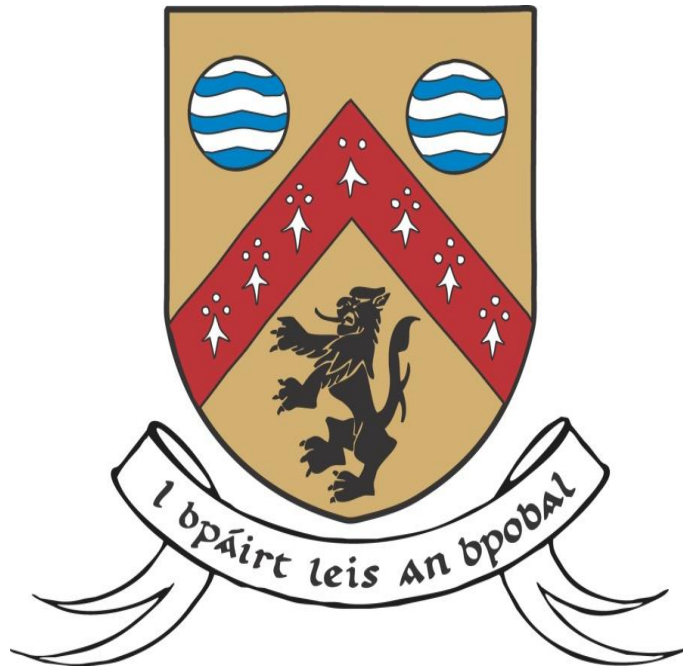


LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE



MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT
DECEMBER 2023
TUARASCÁIL BHAINISTÍOCHTA
NOLLAIG 2023

To: Each Member of Laois County Council
Do: Gach Ball Comhairle Chontae Laoise

Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act, 2011 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, requires the Chief Executive to prepare monthly management report. The report for December 2023 is as follows:

FINANCE & ALLOCATIONS NOTIFIED

Expenditure and income to the 30/11/2023 is summarised below:

Service Division	Budget Allocation	Expenditure to 30/11/2023
Housing and Building	€21,247,400	€18,587,849
Road Transportation and Safety	€26,291,600	€29,805,842
Water Services	€3,404,500	€3,177,456
Development Management	€9,586,000	€9,025,959
Environmental Services	€8,677,500	€7,172,662
Recreation and Amenity	€4,990,000	€4,380,297
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	€900,000	€802,420
Miscellaneous Services	€9,498,700	€7,346,539
Central Management Charge	€11,213,300	€8,689,413
Total	€95,809,000	€88,988,437

Service Division	Budget Allocation	Income to 30/11/2023
Housing and Building	€22,725,300	€21,426,681
Road Transportation and Safety	€21,583,000	€18,095,860
Water Services	€4,502,000	€4,402,616
Development Management	€6,495,500	€5,656,241
Environmental Services	€2,231,000	€1,808,616
Recreation and Amenity	€1,049,000	€825,911
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	€436,000	€298,007
Miscellaneous Services	€11,954,262	€6,642,438
Superannuation	€720,000	€655,191
Local Property Tax	€9,033,703	€9,033,703
Rates	€14,578,963	€14,475,707
Capital transfer	€500,272	
Total	€95,809,000	€83,320,971

The Miscellaneous Services Expenditure is broken down as follows:

Service Division	Budget Allocation	Expenditure to 30/11/2023
Machinery Account	€220,000	€157,248
Administration of Rates	€2,211,000	€866,556
Franchise Costs	€104,000	€126,479
Op of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	€130,000	
Op of Markets and Casual Trading	€3,000	€1,617
Local Representation/Civic Leadership	€987,000	€749,579
Motor Taxation	€226,000	€173,532
Agency & Recoupable Services	€5,617,700	€5,288,377
Total	€9,498,700	€7,363,388

The Central Management Charge Expenditure is broken down as follows:

Service Division	Budget Allocation	Expenditure to 30/11/2023
Corporate Building Costs	€2,038,300	€627,605
General Corporate Services	€1,281,000	€1,099,016
Information and Communications Tech	€1,738,000	€1,659,323
Human Resources Function	€1,083,000	€924,224
Finance Function	€761,000	€634,182
Pensions and Lump Sum Costs	€4,312,000	€3,745,064
Total	€11,213,300	€8,689,414

Allocations Notified

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht & Sport – Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund – Portarlinton Leisure Centre	€162,952
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HOUSING

SOCIAL HOUSING DELIVERY

Annual Social Housing Delivery Targets under Housing for All

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Units	200	79	80	87	88	534

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Social Housing completions to date	229	272	-	-	-	501

Social Housing Schemes completed in 2023

Location	Total No. of Houses	House Types	Constructed by	Comment
Market Square, Portarlinton (Vignoles Gardens)	18	15 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey 2 No. 2 Bed Apts 1 No. 3 Bed Apt	LCC (Turnkey)	Tenanted.
Ballymorris Green, Portarlinton (Ph 1)	34	34 no. 3 bed 2 storey houses	Cluid Housing	Phase 2 (12 units) to be completed in early 2024
South Dublin Road, Kilminchy (Dunamais View)	36	13 no. 2 bed houses 23 no 3 bed houses	Cooperative Housing	Tenanted
Ashwood Walk, Portlaoise	4	4 no. 3 bed houses	LA Part V	Tenanted
Goldencroft, Portlaoise (Old CBS lands - Ph 1 and 2)	24	24 no. 3 bed houses	Cluid Housing	Tenancing commenced w/b 9 th October
Harpur's Crescent, Portlaoise	44	20 no. 2 bed houses 16 no. 3 bed houses 4 no. 1 bed apt 4 no. 2 bed apt	Respond	Tenancing commenced w/b 9 th October
Church Avenue, Stradbally (Phase 1)	20	20 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Turnkey)	Completed - Tenant to commence w/b 27 th November
Sruth na Gleanna, Killeslin	4	1 no. 4bed house 3 no 3bed houses	LA Part V	Complete - Tenancing to commence November 2023.
Mount Stewart, Summerhill, Portlaoise	4	1 no. 4bed house 3 no 3bed houses	LA Part V	Complete - Tenancing to commence in November 2023.
Harbour Court, Mountmellick	6	6 No. 2 Bed bungalows	LCC (Construction)	Complete - Tenancing commenced.
The Meadows (old Midland Dairies site), Portlaoise	48	19 no. 3 bed houses 9 no. 4 bed houses 20 no. 2 bed apts	Cluid Housing	Delivered on 17/11/23 - currently being tenanted
Goldencroft, Portlaoise (Old CBS site - Phase 3)	30	26 no. 2 bed houses 4 no. 2 bed bungalow	Cluid Housing	Completed - tenancing to commence in coming weeks
TOTAL	272			

Social Housing Schemes Under Construction in 2023

Location	Total No. of Houses	House Types	Constructed by	Comment
Moore St, Rathdowney	6	6 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Construction)	On site - expected delivery Q2 2024
Mooreville, Rathdowney	7	3 No. 2 Bed bungalow 4 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Construction)	On site - expected delivery Q2 2024
St. Kieran's Errill	14	6 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey 8 No. 3 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Construction)	On site - expected delivery Q4 2023

Church Avenue, Stradbally (Ph 2)	11	9 No. 4 Bed 2 Storey 2 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Turnkey)	On site – phased delivery To be delivered by Q2 2024
Bruach Na Habhainn, Killeen	1	1 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Turnkey)	On Site – Phase 1 (1 unit) delivery Q2 2024
Carraig Glas, Stradbally	26	15 no. 2 bed houses 9 no. 3 bed houses 2 no 4 bed houses	LCC (Construction)	On site – expected delivery Q2 2025
The Orchard, Ballylynan (Phase 3)	1	1 No. 3-Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Turnkey)	On Site – Phase 3 (1 unit) delivery Q2 2024
Oldcourt, Ballylinan	1	1 No. 4 bed 1 storey	LCC (Renewal)	On site – expected delivery Q2 2024
Townparks, Rathdowney Rd, Borris-in-Ossory	26	4 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 12 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 10 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey	LCC Turnkey	On site – expected delivery Q4 2024
Shannon Street, Mountrath	20	13 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 4 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey	LCC Turnkey	On site – expected delivery Q4 2024
Ballymorris Green, Portarlinton (Ph 2)	12	12 no. 3 bed houses	Cluid Housing	Currently on site – Last phase of scheme – advised that these units will be delivered in early 2024.
Clonrooske Abbey, Portlaoise	18	18 no. 3 bed 2 storey	Cluid Housing	Cluid has advised that the 6 units that were to be delivered in 2023 will not be delivered until Q1 2024
Ard Branagh, Portlaoise	6	6 no. 3 bed houses	Circle Housing	Currently on site – expected delivery by Q1 2024
Derryounce, Portarlinton	7	7 no. 3 bed houses	Oaklee Housing	Currently on Site – Expected Delivery Q3 2024
Wallis Street, Mountrath	11	9 no. 2 bed Bungalows 2 no. 2 bed Apts.	Co-Operative Housing	Currently on Site – Expected Delivery Q2 2024
An Lochán, Summerhill, Portlaoise	32	20 no. 1 bed maisonettes 8 no 3 Bed duplexes 4 no 2-3Bed apts	Respond	Currently on site. Phased delivery – social housing is across Phases 3 and 4. Likely total delivery by end of 2024.
Rockview, Portlaoise	47	9 no. 2 bed houses 35 no. 3 bed houses 4 no. 4 bed houses	Oaklee Housing	Currently on site - 3 phases of social housing delivery commencing Q2 2024
Sruth na Gleanna, Killeslin (Ph 2)	1	1 no. 4bed house 3 no 3bed houses	LA Part V	To be completed Q1 2024
TOTAL	247			

Social Housing Schemes at Planning, Design or Tender Stage – LCC & AHB

Location/Scheme	No of units	House Types	To be constructed by	Comment
Clonrooske (Knockmay), Portlaoise	12	8 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 3 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 1 No. 3 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Construction)	Part VIII approved. Stage 3 to be submitted in Q4 2023.
Iona, Portlaoise	7	2 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 1 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 4 No. 1 Bed Apt	LCC (Construction)	Part VIII approved. Stage 3 to be submitted Q4 2023.
Doonane	12	12 no. 3 bed 2 storey	LCC (Construction)	Stage 2 approved. Part VIII exemption. Stage 3 to be submitted Q4 2023.
Derry Road, Durrow	24	9 No. 1 Bed 1 Storey 4 No.1 Bed Apartmts 1 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey 7 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 3 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Construction)	Stage 2 submitted in Q4 2023. Demolition complete. Section 179A notice erected on site.
Ballyadams	1	1 no. 6 bed bungalows	LCC (Construction)	Stage 3 Approved. Tender for construction advertised and Stage 4 to be submitted in Q4 2023.
Stradbally Road, Portlaoise	21	Tenure mix - numbers and house types - to be confirmed in detailed design	LCC Social and Affordable	Meeting of the MD members completed on 7/11/23. Part VIII to be progressed.
Bracklone St, Portarlinton	15	15 no. 2 bed houses	LCC (Construction)	Site investigation surveys on-going and Stage 2 to be progressed in Q4 2023
Rushall Mountrath	3	3 no. 3 bed 2 storey	LCC (Construction)	Site investigation surveys on-going and Stage 2 to be progressed in Q4 2023
Maryborough School, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise	11	2 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey 7 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey 2 No. 1 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Construction)	Stage 1 To Be Submitted in Q4 2023
Main St, Ballinakill	3	2 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 1 No. 1 Bed Apt	LCC (Construction)	Site investigation surveys on-going and Stage 2 to be progressed in Q4 2023
Moanbaun, Mountrath	15	4 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 7 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 4 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Construction)	Stage 2 submitted to Dept November 2023.
1 New Road, Portlaoise	1	1 No. 4 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Renewal)	Stage 3 approved. Construction tender to be progressed in Q4 2023.
6 Emmett Terrace, Mountmellick	1	1 No. 4 Bed 1 Storey	LCC (Renewal)	Stage 3 approved. Construction tender to be progressed in Q4 2023.
13 and 14 Lakeglen, Portlaoise	2	1 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 1 No. 4 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Renewal)	Demolition works commenced on site.
Beladd, Portlaoise	5	1 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 3 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 1 No. 4 Bed 2 Storey	LCC (Construction)	Design Team to be Appointed and Stage 1 to be submitted in Q4 2023. Tender for demolition of existing properties to be

				advertised in Q4 2023.
French Church St. Portarlinton	2	2 no. 2 bed apts	LCC (Renewal)	Stage 1 To Be Submitted in Q4 2023.
Townparks, Mountmellick	49	28 No. 3 Bed 2 Storey 11 No. 2 Bed 2 Storey 8 No. 1 Bed 2 Storey 2 No. 2 Bed 1 Storey	LCC Turnkey	Turnkey application approved Nov 2023. Site preparation commenced.
Convent Lands, Portlaoise (CAS)	52	33 no 2 bed apts 15 no 1 bed apts 4 no. 2 bed houses	Sophia Housing	CAS Stage 4 approved by Dept. Currently making preparations to sign contract for construction.
County Hotel, Portlaoise (CAS)	10	8 no. 1 bed apts 2 no. 2 bed apts	Cluid Housing	Stage 1 approved under CAS. A conservation report to accompany the S179A planning notification is currently being prepared by LCC with Cluid input as to the challenges on this site. An in-committee meeting with MD members will be arranged in December.
“Radharc Darach” Hepburn Court, Portlaoise	54	8 no. 2 bed bungalow 12 no. 2 bed 2 storey 34 no. 2 bed 2 storey	Cluid Housing	Site now in Cluid ownership. Cluid has advised that they will need to re-tender for this scheme with a view to commencing on site Q2 2024 as negotiations with initial tenderers were unsuccessful. In the meantime, they are progressing enabling works, and hope to complete the diversion and demolition element before Christmas.
Curragh na Mona, Abbeyleix Rd, Portlaoise	39	5 x 2 bed fully accessible apts 12 x 2 bed bungalows 6 x 3 bed house with downstairs bedroom 2 x 4 bed house with downstairs bedroom 2 x 2 bed apts – accessible (ground floor) apts 2 x 1 bed 1 st floor apts 4 x 3 bed 2 storey. 6 x 2 bed 1 st floor apts	Respond Housing	Revised CALF application currently under review by Dept; notification expected in the coming weeks.
TOTAL	339			

AFFORDABLE HOUSING / COST RENTAL

Minimum targets for Laois issued by Dept of Housing in relation to the delivery of Affordable Purchase / Cost Rental housing by the local authority are as follows:

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
LA Affordable Purchase & Cost Rental Delivery Target	5	7	10	8	8	38

Discussions ongoing to progress potential affordable units as follows:

Affordable	<i>AHF approved in principle by DHLGH</i>	<i>AHF Application submitted to DHLGH – Potential no of unit yield</i>	<i>Advance Turnkey Purchase EOI's under consideration</i> Potential No of unit yield	<i>Part V – Potential No of Unit Yield</i>	<i>LCC Construction Potential No of Unit Yield</i>
Affordable	40		*60	8	40 minimum
Cost Rental			28		

**Expressions of Interest received for proposed units across potential schemes, under consideration from the perspective of demand, price affordability and feasibility of subsidy funding from DHLGH. Not all units may be realised.*

- 40 units approved for Affordable Purchase schemes in Stradbally and Portlaoise. Currently working with developer regarding their Local Authority Subsidy Agreement with LCC. Construction commenced on 2 of the 3 schemes.
- 2 schemes (16 units and 11 units) in Portlaoise will be advertised prior to Christmas, subject to LA Subsidy Agreements in place with developers, and portals for applications will open early in the new year.
- LCC is supporting an Approved Housing Body in their application to the Dept for 28 Cost Rental units in Portlaoise. A response from the Dept is awaited in this regard.
- Design has been finalised for social (21) and affordable (46) housing on Council owned landbank on the Stradbally Road, Portlaoise. Funding mechanism for this developing this site as a mixed tenure scheme is still to be determined – a meeting with the Dept of Housing will take place to discuss this.

Call remains open for Expressions of Interest in respect of:

- a. Appropriately zoned land for housing development
- b. Advanced Turnkey Purchase arrangements for un-commenced residential developments in respect of social/affordable housing.

Queries regarding affordable housing should be emailed to affordablepurchase@laiscoco.ie

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

Local Improvement Schemes

As set out in the Table below, over the course of 2021, 2022 and 2023, Laois County Council has completed 58 Local Improvement Schemes.

Year	Schemes
2021	12
2022	23
2023	23

To deliver those Schemes Laois County Council has drawn down **€2.65 million** in LIS funding in the same period. The yearly breakdown is set out in the Table below.

Year	Allocation Amount
2021	€554,259
2022	€860,277
2023	€1,231,115

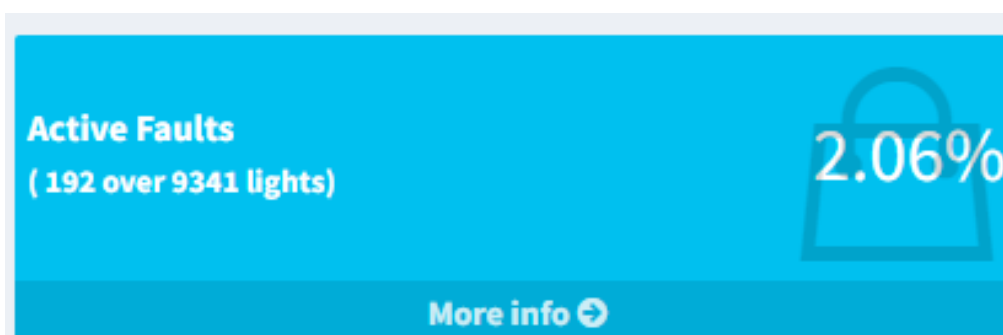
At end November 2023, there are a total of 56 LIS Applications to hand. Not all are confirmed to be eligible applications. There is 1 application dated 2020 and 9 dated 2021. 46 applications have application dates of 2022 or 2023.

Local Authorities have powers to provide assistance towards the construction or improvement of a non-public road, further to the provisions of Section 81 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Section 81 Sub-Section (3) prescribes that such assistance is subject to the terms and conditions as the Minister considers appropriate. Guidelines prescribe that Eligible Road Projects for Local Improvement Schemes include non-public roads which provide access;

- To parcels of land, of which, two or more are owned or occupied by different persons engaged in separate agricultural activities; OR
- For harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons; OR
- To at least one parcel of land owned or occupied by a person engaged in agricultural activities AND which separately provides access for harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for at least one other person; OR
- To amenity roads where such amenity roads lead to important community amenities such as graveyards, beaches, piers, mountain access points or other tourist/heritage sites.

Public Lighting

Active Faults – Wednesday 6th December 2023 @ 3pm



- 9149 Lights operational
- 192 Lights not operational
 - Key focus for repairs in Portarlington and Rathdowney due to adverse impacts of faulty lights,
 - 75% within the 10-day repair period
 - 25% outside the 10-day repair period
 - Traffic management requirements
 - Excavations required to expose cables etc.
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New Public Lights in County Laois - 2023

<u>Location</u>	<u>Energised + Working</u>
Lea Rd Portarlington	7
Ballyroan	2
Haydens Pub - Spink	1
Mayo NS	1
Doonane	1
Burke's Hill - Camross	2
Derrynaseera - Camross	2
Shanboe - Borris in Ossory	14
Green Roads - Kilcotton	4
Killadooley	1
Kyledellig	1
Templemore Rd - Rathdowney	1
Templetouhy Rd - Rathdowney	1
Arles	1
Manor Grove - Mountmellick	1
Town Square - Mountmellick	5
Carmody Way - Fairgreen	2
Ballymaddock - Abbeyleix	1
Liogard - Portlaoise	1
	49

Location	New Lights	Status
Ballyroan	1	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Mens Shed – Spink	1	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Behans’s Pub - Tolerton	2	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Rahin Towers - Ballylinan	1	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Emo NS - Emo	3	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Borris In Ossory Rd - Rathdowney	6	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Cork Rd - Durrow	7	Awaiting ESB Connection agreement.
Bo Choill Killeen - Maganey	2	Awaiting ESB to energise
Cowpark - Barrowhouse	1	Awaiting ESB to energise
Killeen NS Killeen - Maganey	1	Awaiting ESB to energise
Barrowhouse NS	2	Awaiting ESB to energise
Killanure Church	1	Awaiting ESB to energise
Swan Rd - Durrow	5	Ongoing Civil works
	33	

WATER SERVICES AND RURAL WATER

Rural Water Programme

In 2023 three public group water schemes were taken in charge by Uisce Éireann:

- Kilbride GWS, The Rock GWS & Moyadd No. 3 GWS

Construction is continuing in Rosenallis on the Goodwin Estate Group Sewerage Scheme with works due to be completed early 2024.

Group Water Schemes – Monitoring Programme for Group Water Schemes

There are 26 Group Water Schemes (GWSs) that Laois County Council currently supports, 17 Public and 9 Private. The total population served by GWSs in County Laois is 6,205, including residences, enterprises, public facilities etc.

In 2023, Annual Subsidy Grants, totalling €560,000, were paid to the 26 GWSs.

On an annual basis, Laois County Council, working in consultation with the GWSs, develops and implements a risk-based, compliance monitoring programme, to ensure potable water is provided and public health protected. All compliance sampling is conducted at points of consumption (usually kitchen tap within dwellings). Sampling stations are identified and mobilised in consultation with the respective GWSs. As issues arise, Laois County Council liaises closely with the HSE (Public Health) and GWSs, to ensure public health is protected.

In 2023, Laois County Council issued 3 Notices, restricting consumption of water, whilst issues associated with various supplies were addressed.

Overall, the compliance performance of GWSs in County Laois is very good and the response to any issues very proactive.

ENVIRONMENT

Veterinary Service Laois County Council

Laois County Council Veterinary Service consists of one full-time veterinary officer, supported by three part-time veterinary inspectors.

The service is responsible for carrying out functions in relation to food protection and disease control. The service implements terms and conditions of a service contract between the Food Safety Authority of Ireland and Laois County Council, in relation to the slaughter of food animals and imposes statutory controls on the production of meat, meat products and poultry. Principal functions relate to food safety, small slaughtering premises and small meat manufacturing plants.

The part-time veterinary inspectors carry out ante and post-mortem inspections and stamping duties in the local abattoirs in the County that are under local authority supervision.

The Veterinary Officer oversees general conditions of hygiene and operational/structural matters in the abattoirs and the meat processing plants under the remit of EU legislation.

The meat processing plants and the on-farm poultry slaughtering premises are supervised and inspected by the full-time Veterinary Officer also.

Currently there are ten plants under Laois County Council supervision, 8 of which are approved premises and 2 of which are registered premises.

Regulation of the premises by the Veterinary Service includes:

- Approval and registering of food premises
- Provision of ante and post-mortem inspection for each animal slaughtered
- Sampling and analysis of food of animal origin
- Provision of official controls to verify compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules
- Interagency working e.g. Regional Zoonosis Committee
- Internal auditing
- Facilitation of external audits e.g. FSAI
- Participation in Rapid Alert system in Food and Feed fraud
- Residue sampling

Though the service is primarily regulatory, it plays an important role in local economic development by way of ongoing advice and support to these mentioned food premises.

The service, as required, provides professional input to;

- planning applications regarding animal housing etc veterinary clinics
- licencing and regulation of Dog Breeding Establishments in the County.

PLANTS UNDER LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL SUPERVISION

Establishment	Activities
Clonmore Meats, Clonmore Killeshin	Abattoir Retail Outlet Meat processing unit
Coolanowle Organics Ballickmoyler	Meat processing plant
Michael Keegan Mountrath	Abattoir Meat processing unit
Mark Delaney Mountrath	Abattoir Meat processing unit
Ray Drennan Borris-in-Ossory	On Farm Poultry slaughter plant
Pat Hyland Ballacolla	Registered Meat transport
Tomás Kenna Durrow	Abattoir
John Cahill Main Street Rathdowney	Abattoir
Pius Hennessy Durrow	Abattoir
Andrew Sheils Main Street Abbeyleix	Abattoir

Overview of Laboratory

Laois County Council's Laboratory located in the IDA Business & Technology Park, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise was officially opened on 18th May 1998. This facility which is a Laois County Council owned asset performs an essential public service (i) sampling and testing drinking water to determine if there are toxic chemicals or infectious microbes present thus safeguarding public health, this includes public water supplies, group water supplies, small private supplies and domestic supplies (ii) sampling and testing rivers, lakes & groundwater to ascertain their water quality status thereby protecting and restoring these natural resources which is very important for the environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and development of County Laois. A major milestone in the Laboratory's evolution was achieving ISO 17025 accreditation in 2016, this is international quality assurance certification only bestowed on laboratories worldwide that operate to stringent standards. Being accredited under ISO 17025 implies we operate to the highest possible standards, produce reliable test results, undergo regular statutory inspections and are subject to independent regulatory oversight.

Laboratory services have witnessed significant transformation under the National Laboratory Strategy the purpose of which is to rationalise and standardise laboratory services within the local authority sector, creating greater efficiencies and better performance. Under this National Laboratory Strategy only local authority laboratories possessing ISO 17025 accreditation were selected to develop from local scale to regional scale facilities providing laboratory services to the local authority sector under a shared service

model. Laois County Council Laboratory is designated to be one of those facilities in addition to laboratories in Dublin City Council, Roscommon County Council, Kerry County Council, Cork County Council and Limerick City & County Council.

The Laois County Council Laboratory is forecast to accommodate a sample throughput of 10,000 samples per annum by 2026, this compares with a current throughput of 4,276 samples per annum (refer to Fig 1 below). Accordingly in recent times there has been significant investment in equipment and resources to cater for this significant expansion, securing the viability and future development of our Laboratory.

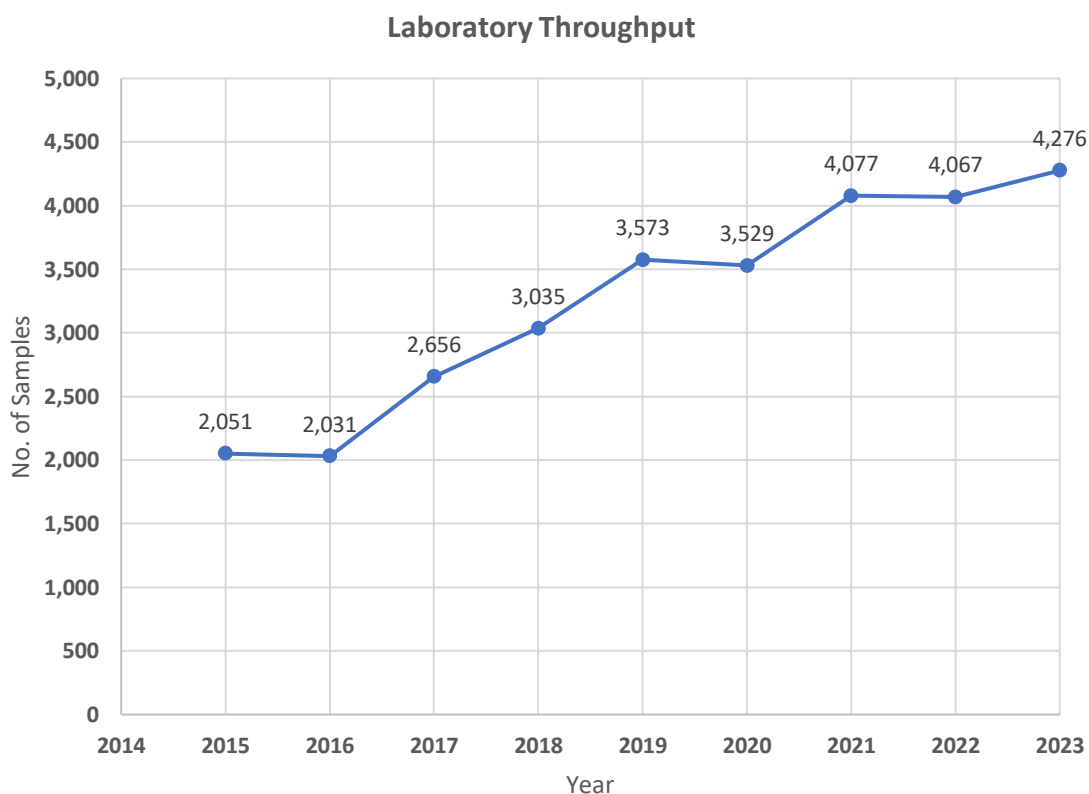


Fig 1 Laois Co Co Lab sample throughput

Chief Executive's Orders

- A schedule of Chief Executive Orders signed during the month of December 2023 will be circulated.

John Mulholland
Chief Executive

December 7th 2023