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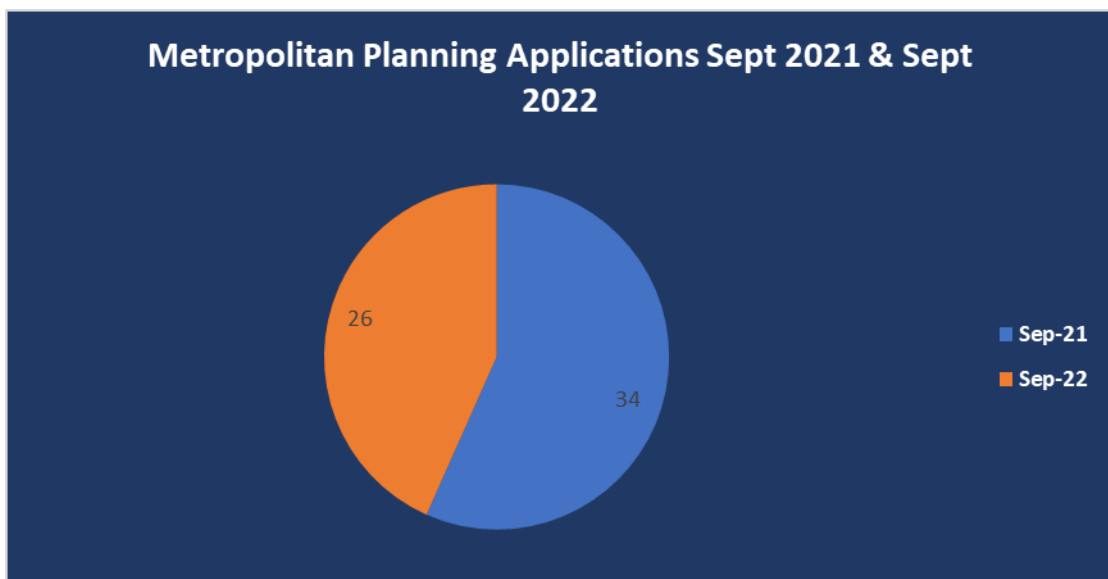
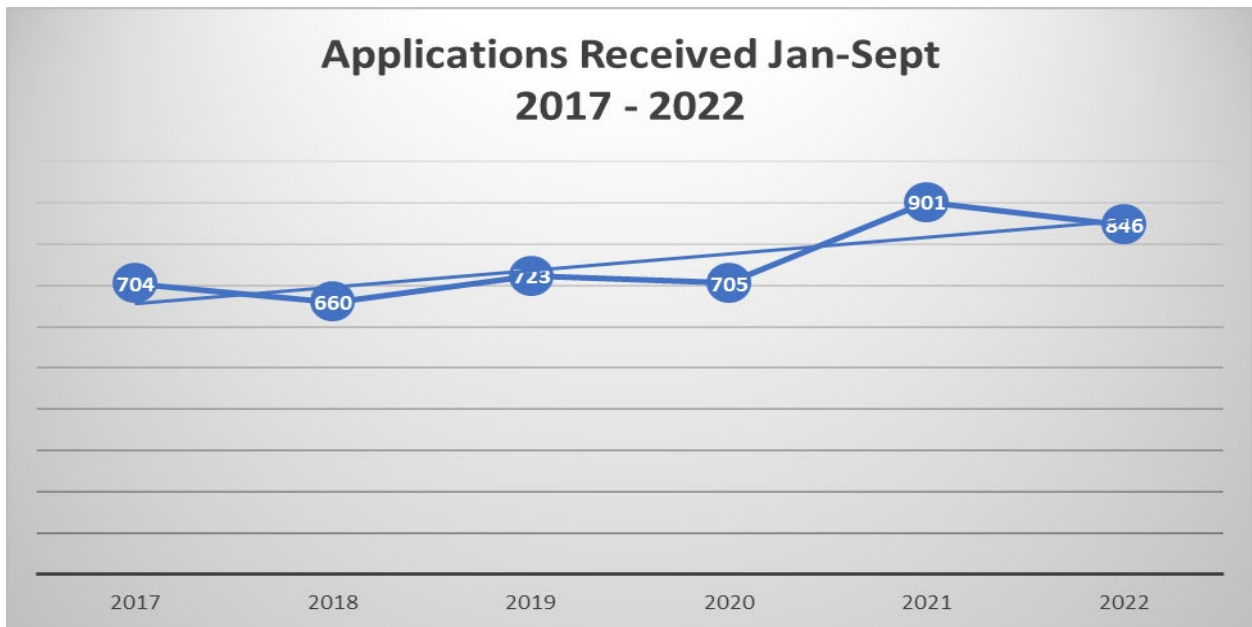
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan District Council– October 2022

DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

77 Planning applications were received countywide in September 2022. This compares with 78 planning applications received for the same period in 2021.

A total of 846 planning applications were received in the year to 30th September 2022. This compares to 901 planning applications which were received up to September 2021.



Planning Decisions

756 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 30th September 2022 compared to 802 for the same period in 2021. Of the 756 decisions, 647 decisions were granted and 109 decisions were refused.

Forward Planning October Plenary Report

Review of Development Contribution Scheme

Section 48 Development Contributions Scheme	
Prepare draft scheme	September to mid-October
Public consultation on draft scheme	Mid October to end November (not less than 6 weeks period)
Prepare and submit CE Report to council	Early December to late December (not less than 4 weeks period)
Council to consider CE Report	Late December to early February (not more than 6 weeks period)
Resolution to make the scheme	On or before 12th of February 2023

Heritage Officer Report September 2022

Decade of Commemorations

Research is almost complete for the GIS Story Map on Civil War events in Waterford and a new website Waterford1916to1922 is being developed which will host all material relating to the Decade of Commemorations Programme in Waterford from the past 8 years including history publications, school resources and talks by the local authority and community organisations. Documentary films on the Siege of Waterford, Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War and internment at Ballykinlar are nearing completion and will be screened in the coming months.

Community Monuments Funding

Waterford City and County Council were awarded an allocation of over €220,000 under the 2022 Community Monuments Fund to support conservation repairs at Molana Abbey, Stradbally Church, St. Nicholas Church in Ring, St. Carthages Cathedral, Lismore, repair of historic stonework at Kilgobnet Graveyard and Geophysical Survey at Woodstown Viking Site. All projects are progressing as planned and have been inspected by National Monuments Staff over the summer.

Biodiversity

A conference on what Local Authorities can do to address the Biodiversity Loss Emergency was hosted by Limerick City and County Council in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre on September 21st. Heritage Officer Bernadette Gust presented on the links between Biodiversity and Climate Action and what actions councils can take to address these areas.

Funding of €14,000 under the National Biodiversity Action Plan was awarded to three biodiversity projects in Waterford this year including installation of nesting boxes for barn owls and swift, an environmental DNA survey for Freshwater Pearl Mussel in the River Clodiagh and wildlife signage for Dungarvan and Waterford City.

Bird Flu

The Avian Influenza virus has fatally affected bird populations along the Waterford coastline and Waterford Council staff are collecting and disposing of bird carcasses as reports are submitted. This is a devastating impact on sea bird colonies such as gannets and may also affect migratory wildfowl such as geese and swans. The public are requested to report any finds and avoid contact of finds with humans and pets.