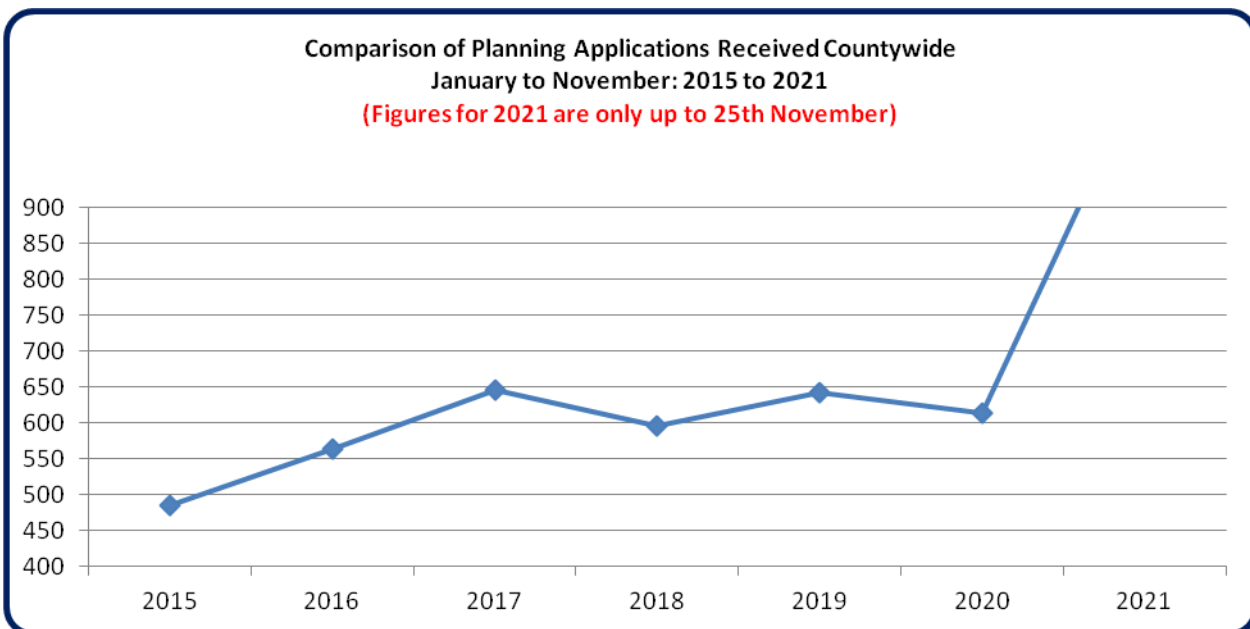
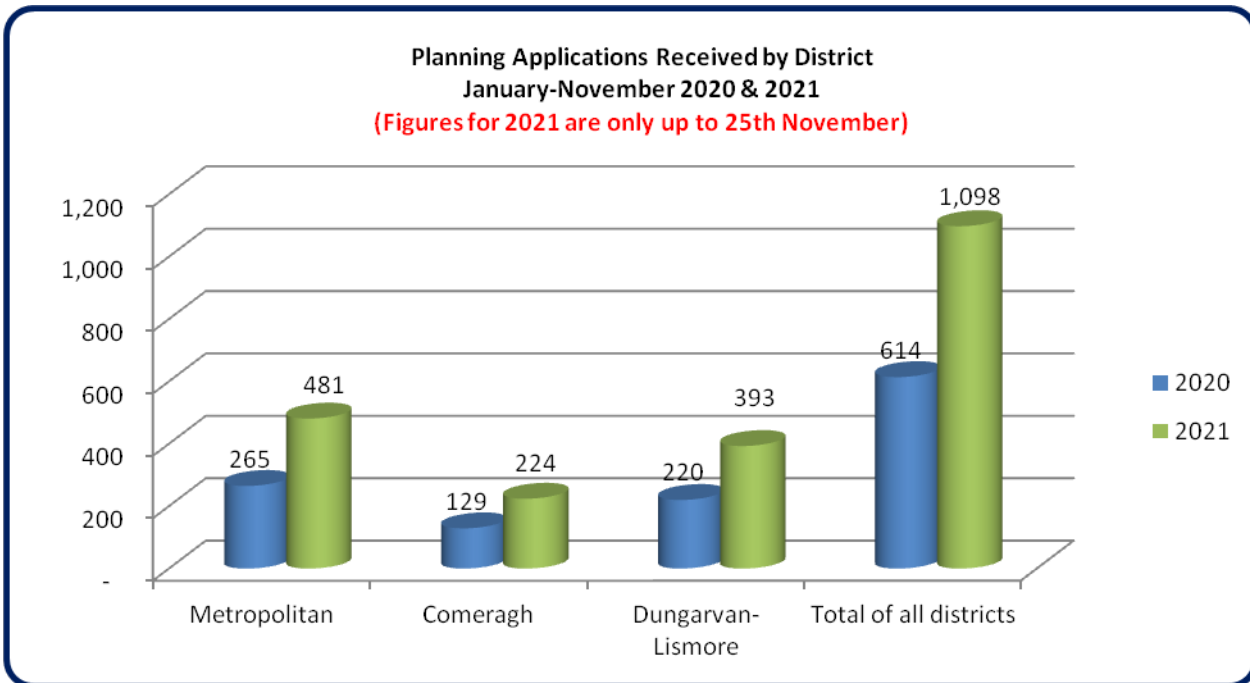


Planning Applications Received – Countywide

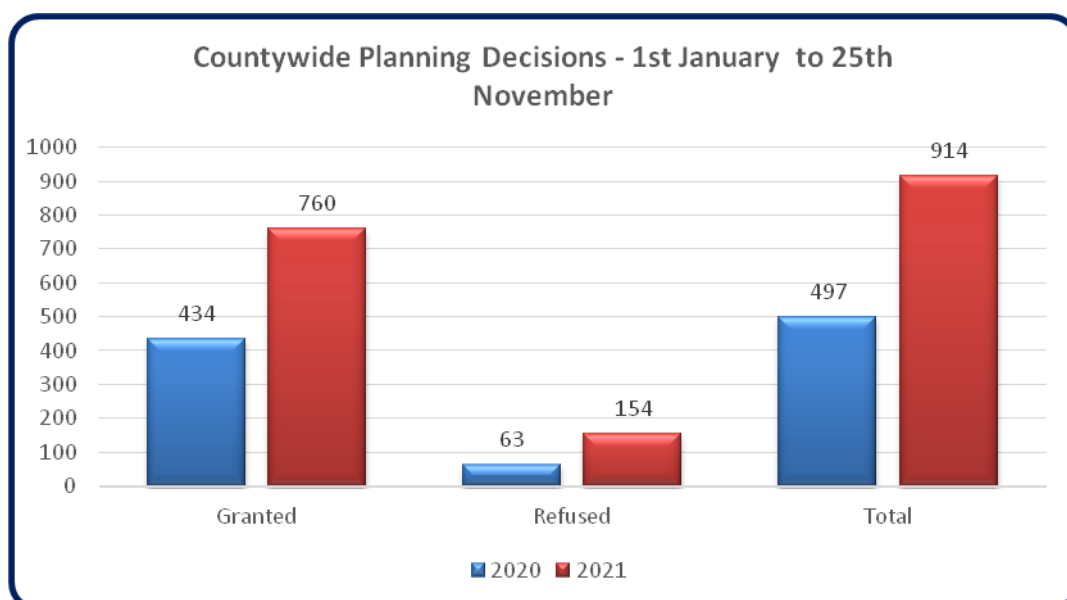
97 Planning applications were received in the month of November countywide (to 25th November). This compares with 93 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2020. In October, 90 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 94 received in October 2020.

A total of 1098 planning applications were received in the year to 25th November 2021. This compares to 874 planning applications which were received to the 25th of November 2020.



Planning Decisions

112 applications were decided from the 1st of October to 25th November 2021 compared to 147 for the same period in 2020. The number of applications which have been decided to date in 2021 has increased significantly, as seen below.



Forward Planning December Report

Update on preparation of the draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The Chief Executive Report on the draft development plan public consultation phase has now been submitted to the elected members on the 22nd November and is available for public view on the consult.waterfordcouncil.ie website. The report was accompanied by a schedule of workshops to discuss and consider the report which will be held with the elected members before mid February 2022. Following the initial workshop with the plenary council on the 24th November, the schedule of workshops will be updated in order to facilitate additional time to consult with the members in their municipal districts and this amended schedule will be circulated once available. The table below outlines the timeline for the development plan preparation with the current phase identified (between week 70 and 82).

Further to Section 12(5)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, no later than the 18th February 2022 the members of the council may, having considered the CE Report and the draft plan, make a resolution to accept or amend the draft plan. Where any amendment is considered to be a material alteration to the draft plan a further round of public consultation will be required, subject to SEA and AA as necessary as per the timeline below.

Stage in the Development Plan Process	Duration	Target
Public Notice of Formal Commencement of Process		Commenced 20 th July 2020
Initial Public Consultation – Strategic Issues Paper	Not less than 8 weeks - Week 8	Closed 14 th September 2020
Chief Executives Report on Pre-Draft Consultation	Within 16 weeks of public notice - Week 16	Presented 5 th November 2020
Direction from Elected Members	Within 10 weeks of receiving the CE Report - Week 26	Adopted 14 th January 2021
Presentation of Working Draft to the Elected Members	Within 12 weeks of members direction - Week 38	8 th April 2021
Consideration, amendment and adoption (making) of Draft Plan	Within 8 weeks of receipt of Working Draft - Week 46	3 rd June 2021
Publish notice of commencement of public consultation	Within 2 weeks of Draft being made - Week 48	17 th June 2021
Public Consultation on Draft Plan	Not less than 10 weeks - Week 58	Closes on 30 th August 2021
Chief Executives Report on Public Consultation	Within 22 weeks of public notice - Week 70	22 nd November 2021
Consideration and adoption (making) of Material Amendments	Within 12 weeks of receiving the CE Report - Week 82	18 th February 2022
Publish notice of commencement of public consultation	Within 3 weeks of passing of resolution - Week 85	11 th March 2022
Public Consultation on Material Amendments	Not less than 4 weeks - Week 89	Closes on 8 th April 2022
Chief Executives Report on Public Consultation	Within 8 weeks of public notice - Week 93	6 th May 2022
Consideration of Chief Executives Report and Adoption of Plan	Within 6 weeks of receiving the CE Report - Week 99	17 th June 2022
Publication of notices and coming into operation of the Plan	Plan comes into operation 6 weeks later - Week 105	29 th July 2022

Planning SPC

A meeting of the Planning SPC was held on the 29th November. Issues discussed included the CE Report on the draft plan public consultation phase and how the draft development plan will address issues such as the delivery of water/waste water services for rural villages, dereliction and regeneration.

Heritage

Waterford Commemorations Programme

Approximately €30,000 was allocated to Waterford's commemoration of the centenary of 1921. Projects included the development of a commemoration website Waterford2016to 2023.ie , a GIS Story Map on the War of Independence in Waterford, publications on the East Waterford Brigade and the Big House 1921-1923 and a community grant scheme which was awarded to 8 projects as follows;

1. Research, design and printing of *The Revolutionary Pat Keating of Comeragh* by Kilrossanty Remembers.
2. Exhibition and Website on the Pickardstown Ambush by Carbally Community Development. <https://www.pickardstown-ambush.ie/>
3. Publication of booklet on the Pickardstown Ambush by Tramore Heritage Group.
4. Waterford Council Trade Union- Seminar on the *Role of Labour in the Revolutionary Period* involving talks by ;
Therese Moriarty: https://youtu.be/9Q_-Bge6Evo
Dr. Pat McCarthy: <https://youtu.be/IXOsa0jwDEw>
Dr. Kieran Allen: <https://youtu.be/8QwD5I38hvs>
Plenary Session: <https://youtu.be/prcKUPRJXOw>
5. *Interview with a Rebel* Film by Historian James Doherty as part of Imagine Arts Festival. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAmiSCRufXs>
<https://www.imagineartsfestival.com/index.php/whats-21/imagine-arts-festival/film-radio-play/interview-rebel>
6. Research, design and printing of *The Ballyvoile Ambush- A Centenary Study* by Ballyvoile Community Group.
7. Publication of recollections booklet by the Déise Day Care Centre.
8. Waterford Harbour Gun Running in the War of Independence- Talk by Dr. Pat McCarthy on October 28th.

The Commemorations Committee are now planning the 2022 programme of events to mark the centenary of the Civil War.

Community Monuments Fund

Waterford City and County Council received an allocation of over €100,000 under the Community Monuments Fund towards conservation repairs of Knockboy Medieval Church, Molana Abbey, repair of historic stonework at Kilgobinet Church and a Conservation Management Plan for Ardmore Graveyard. All projects are complete and the 2022 Community Monuments Fund is open for application until March 1st.

Wetland Survey

The 2021 Waterford Wetland Survey has been completed mapping 35 wetland sites across the county including coastal lagoon, blanket bog, wet woodland and wet grassland. Funding was received from the Biodiversity Action Plan Fund. There are over 200 wetland sites in Waterford which are very important for wildlife, carbon sinks and flood attenuation but unfortunately are under continual threat of drainage and reclamation. These sites will be protected as sites of biodiversity interest in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Conservation

Tramore Railway Station

The conservation works to the windows and doors are now complete which has enhanced the historic building and the streetscape. The works will ensure that the building is now ready for next phase of development.

Funding for built heritage

In 2021 built heritage in Waterford received over €433,000 in funding.

- *The Built Heritage Investment Scheme provided €136,800 for 15 project including, repairs of windows, roofs, chimneys etc and 7 thatch roofing projects. Provided 755 days of employment*
- *The Historic Structures Fund provided funding for 3 large projects at Curraghmore House, Lismore Castle and Mount Melleray €165,000. Provided 433 days of employment*
- *The Historic Towns Initiative Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Heritage Council funding was €77,500*
- *The Irish Walled Towns Network provided €10,000*
- *Also the Cappoquin Facade Improvement works provided €45,000 for projects which included restoration projects of historic shopfronts and windows*
- *“Stitch in time” grants administered by the council for small repair works also funded repairs to 6 thatch house roofs*



Built Heritage Investment Scheme(BHIS) and the Historic Structures Fund(HSF) 2022 details have been announced . All application forms are available on the Council website . If you have any queries or know of anyone or group who might be interested please contact ryall@waterfordcouncil.ie. The closing date for all applications is 28th of January 2022.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022 Waterford has been allocated €182,400

This Scheme aims to support a significant number of labour-intensive, small-scale conservation projects across the country and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.

The Historic Structures Fund 2022 will be structured as follows:

Funding for the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is being made available as part of *Project Ireland 2040*. Total funding available nationally under the Historic Structures fund in 2022 will be **€4 million**.

1. Stream 1 will offer grants from **€15,000 up to €50,000** and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.

2. Stream 1, Historic Shopfronts sub-stream – As in 2021, to incentivise the conservation of historic shopfronts each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use. Local Authorities are also invited to make an additional application for Irish-language shopfronts.

3. Stream 2 will offer a small number of grants from **€50,000 up to €200,000** for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where:

- a. A clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated, or
- b. A clear residential benefit has been demonstrated (such projects must be advanced through the planning process as necessary)

A grant of over €200,000 may be awarded in exceptional circumstances where a case is made by the applicant in relation to the significance of the project and the works proposed.

4. Vernacular Structures Stream - In the context of the forthcoming strategy for built vernacular, the pilot stream for vernacular structures introduced in 2021 will be retained, with funding of €50,000. The purpose of the stream is to support conservation repairs and small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in local authority Records of Protected Structures or otherwise legally protected. Such structures may be located within an Architectural Conservation Area. All local authorities can apply for funding for specific projects of between €5,000 and €10,000 for eligible projects.



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7th November 2021