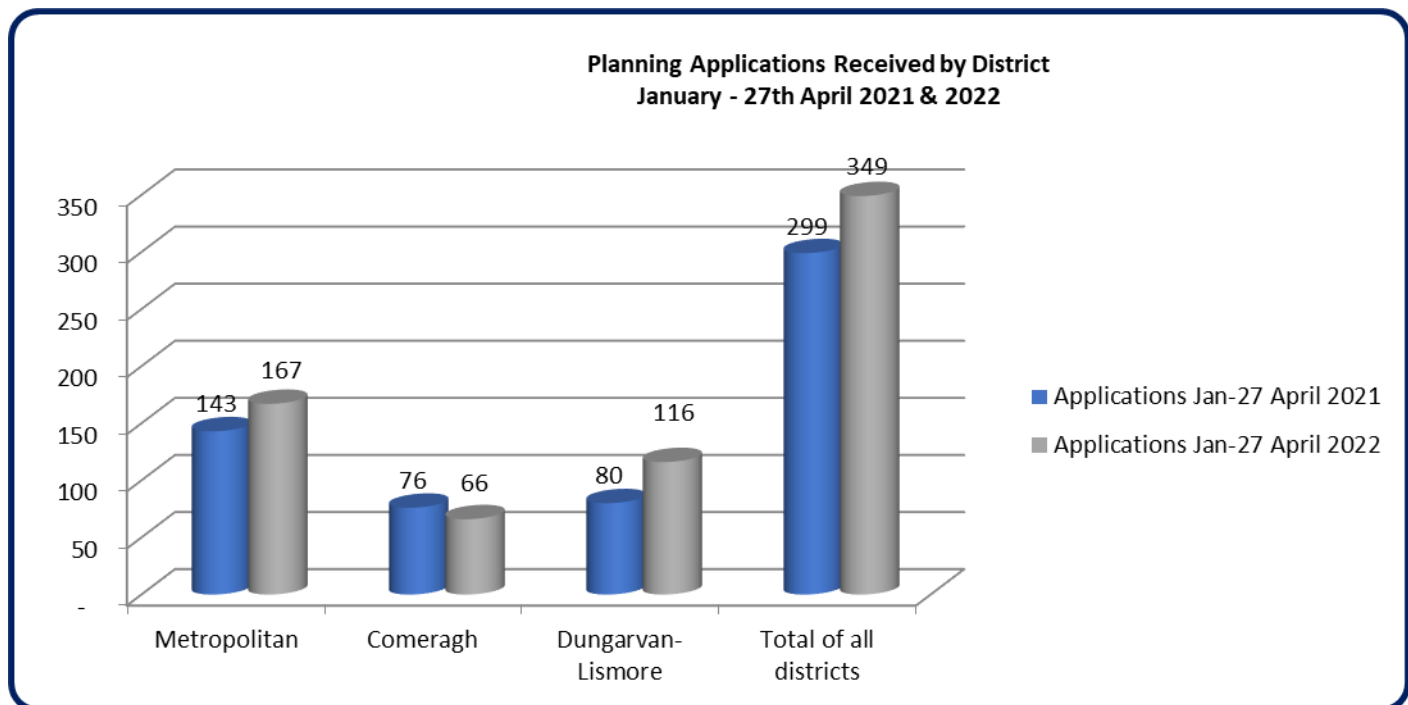


Planning Applications Received – Countywide

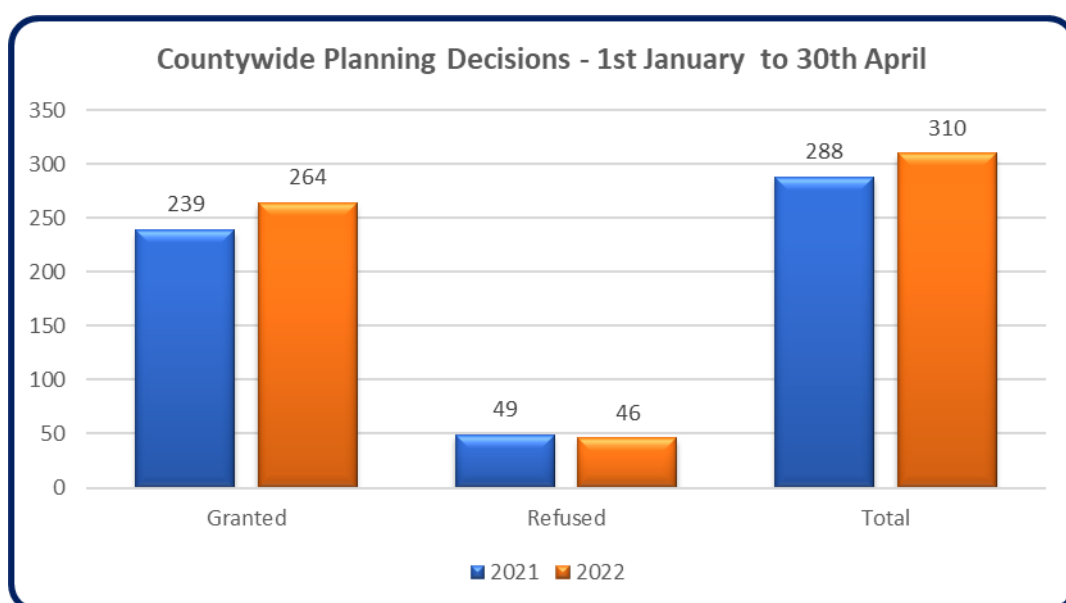
92 Planning applications were received countywide in April 2022 up to and including 27th April. This compares with 104 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2021. In March 112 planning applications were received in the full calendar month, compared to 120 received in March 2021.

A total of 349 planning applications were received in the year to 27th April 2022. This compares to 347 planning applications which were received to the 27th of April 2021.



Planning Decisions

310 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 30th April 2022 compared to 220 for the same period in 2021. Of the 310 decisions, 264 decisions were granted and 46 decisions were refused.



Forward Planning May 2022 Report

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

The Material Alterations to the Draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028 were placed on public display for the period Thursday 3rd March to Friday 1st April 2022. Written submissions/observations were invited and the Report of the Chief Executive on the public consultation has now been issued to the Council for its consideration. The development plan is to be made on or before the 9th of June and will come into effect on the 21st of July. Workshops, as necessary, will continue with the Council in the interim to ensure adherence to the statutory timeline and the associated legislative provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Heritage Officer Report May 2022

Heritage Plan Funding

The Heritage Council have awarded over €28,000 to Waterford City and County Council for a number of Heritage Plan projects including development of a Conservation Management Plan, a Wetlands Action Plan and Heritage Week events.

Community Monuments Fund

Waterford City and County Council have been awarded an allocation of over €220,000 under the 2022 Community Monuments Fund. The funding, an increase of over 100% on the 2021 allocation, will support conservation repairs at Molana Abbey, St. Nicholas Church in Ring, St. Carthages Cathedral, Lismore and repair of historic stonework at Kilgobnet Graveyard. A total of eleven applications were submitted from Waterford but the scheme is very competitive and the Council will work with the other five projects towards resubmission in 2023. A total of 128 projects were funded nationally to a value of under €6million in what is now the third year of the Community Monuments Fund scheme.

Community Heritage Grant Scheme

The Heritage Council has awarded funding to seven heritage projects across Waterford City and County to a total of €51,187 including the following projects;

Knockboy Church-completion of conservation works

St. Nicholas Church, An Rinn- Conservation works

Kilgobnet Graveyard- Cataloguing of gravestones

Colligan Graveyard-Cataloguing of gravestones

Garranaspick IceHouse- Conservation works

Knockanore Community Archive Project.

The strong success rate reflects the great diversity of heritage sites and work of local heritage groups across the city and county.

Decade of Commemorations

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media allocated €50,000 to Waterford City & County Council for the 2022 programme of commemorations. Events being planned this year include a documentary film on the Siege of Waterford, a GIS Story Map on Civil War events in Waterford, display of the National Archives Exhibition on the Signing of the Treaty, publication by Waterford County Museum on Cumann na mBan and documentary film on Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War.

Conservation Officer Report May 2022

Heritage Council have offered Waterford City and County Council €12,000 towards an Illustrated guide to Waterford's Medieval City Walls and Towers. This funding is provided under the Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) - Interpretation and Events fund 2022. The production of such a guide combines 3 of the actions proposed under the Interpretation Plan for Waterford Medieval City Walls Towers, for which Waterford City and County Council received funding for in 2021. The proposed project will present the history but also illustrations of the walls and towers in the past and some of the activities that occurred around them. The purpose of the project is to produce a short-guided walks leaflet but this information will also be available on line.

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