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Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – July 2021

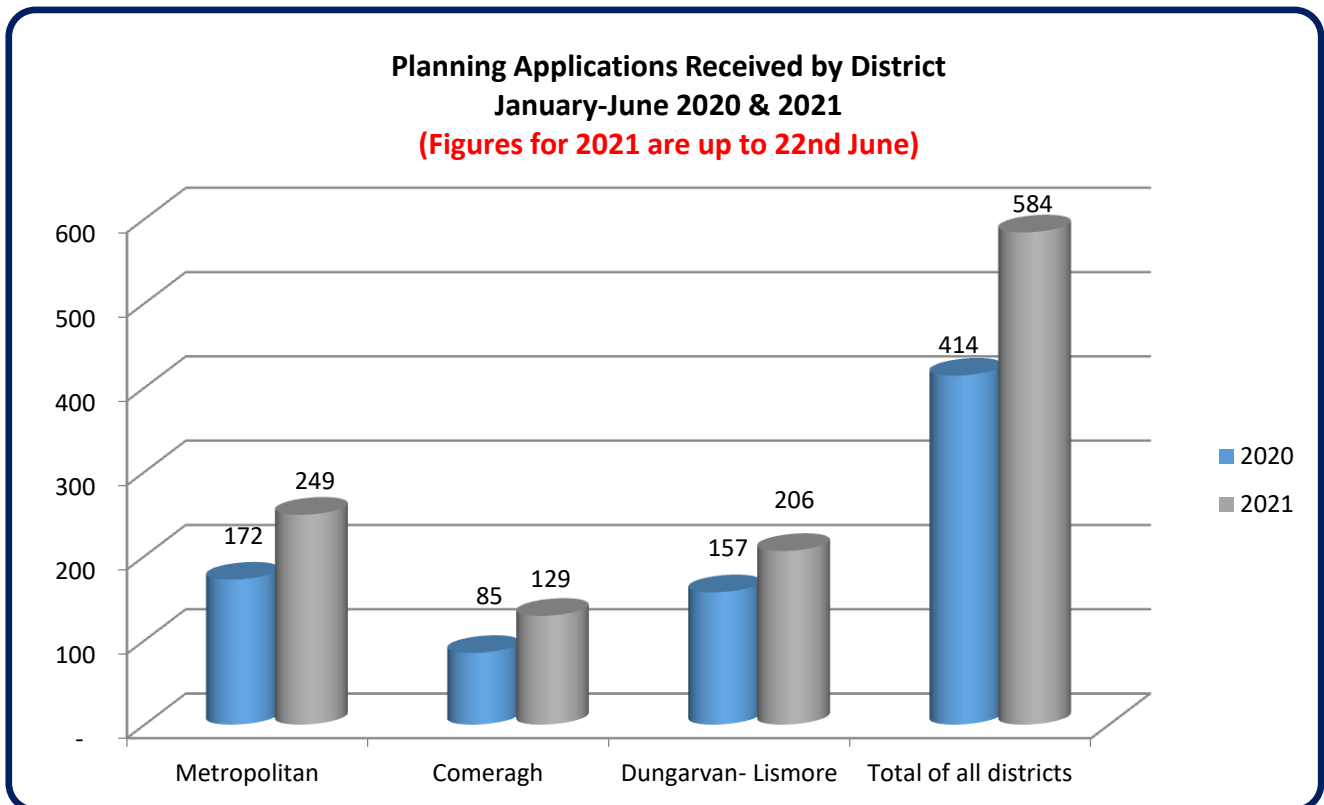
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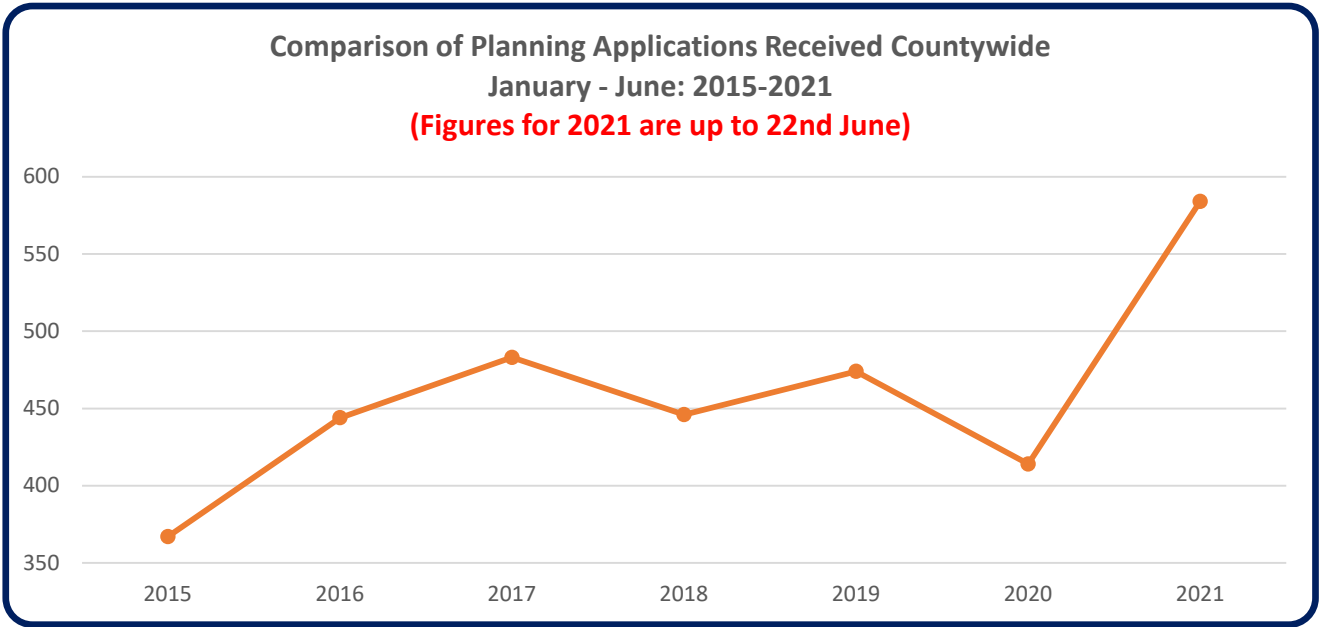
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

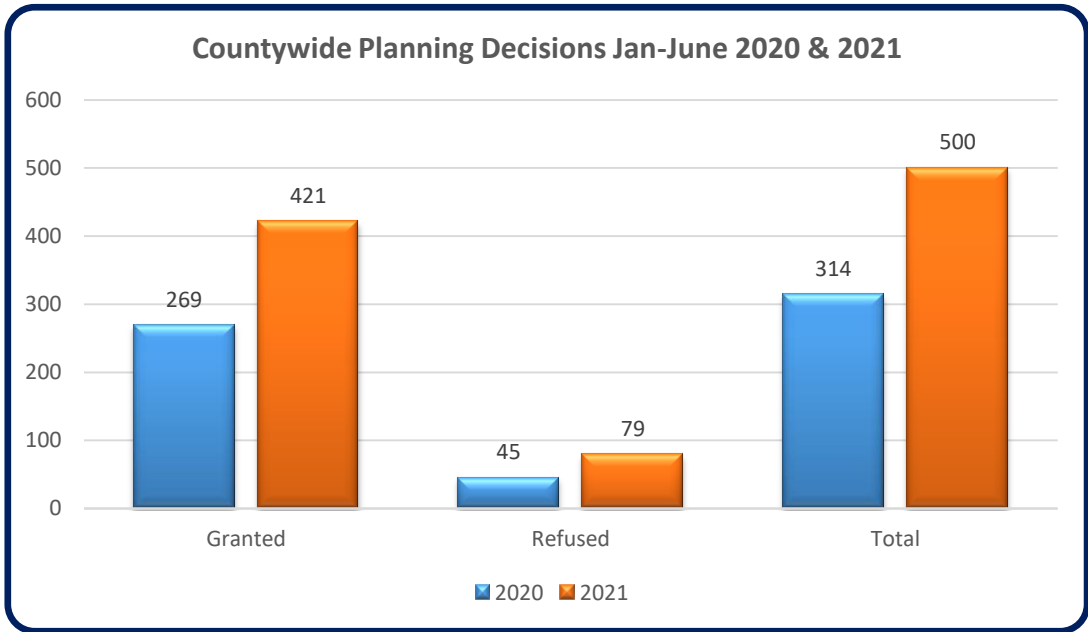
87 Planning applications were received in the month of June countywide (to 22nd June). This compares with 107 planning applications received in the same month in 2020. Additional responses are also being received to further information requests.

A total of 584 planning applications were received in the year to 22nd June 2021. This compares to 414 planning applications which were received to the end of June in 2020.





The number of applications which have been decided to date in 2021 has increased significantly. 500 applications were decided in up to the end of June 2021 compared to 314 for the same period in 2020. This represents an increase of 59% between the two years.



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

The draft development plan has been presented to the Plenary Council as per the timetable outlined in the table below. The council has approved a resolution at a special meeting held on 31st May 2021 to present the draft plan to the public for their input.

A 10 week phase of public consultation commenced in June and will continue until late August during which time written submissions will be invited from members of the public and interested parties. It should be noted that written submissions regarding the zoning of land for particular purposes should only be made during this 10 week period.

In a manner similar to the initial phase of public consultation last summer, a dedicated online consultation portal is available through which the draft development plan and support documentation can be accessed and through which written submissions can be made.

Activity	Duration	Start	Finish
Development Plan Preparation Period.	Max 104 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Fri 15/07/22
Pre Draft Plan Public Consultation. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Mon 14/09/20
Prepare CE Report on submissions and submit to Plenary Council. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 14/09/20	Mon 09/11/20
Liaise and discuss with Plenary Council and obtain Resolution on CE Report. NOW COMPLETED	10 wks	Mon 09/11/20	Mon 18/01/21
Prepare a Draft Dev Plan. NOW COMPLETED	12 wks	Mon 18/01/21	Mon 12/04/21
Submit Draft Dev Plan to Plenary Council and obtain Resolution. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 12/04/21	Mon 07/06/21
Notice of preparation of Draft Dev Plan. NOW COMPLETED	2 wks	Mon 07/06/21	Mon 21/06/21
Public Consultation on Draft Dev Plan. CURRENT PHASE	10 wks	Mon 21/06/21	Mon 30/08/21
Prepare CE Report on submissions received and submit to Plenary Council for consideration.	12 wks	Mon 30/08/21	Mon 22/11/21
Resolution of Plenary Council on CE Report and Draft Dev Plan.	12 wks	Mon 22/11/21	Mon 14/02/22
Notice of Material Alterations if necessary.	3 wks	Mon 14/02/22	Mon 07/03/22
Final Public Consultation on Material Alterations.	4 wks	Mon 07/03/22	Mon 04/04/22
Prepare C.E. Report on submissions.	8 wks	Mon 04/04/22	Mon 30/05/22
Plenary Council to consider CE Report and make Resolution.	6 wks	Mon 30/05/22	Mon 11/07/22
New Dev Plan comes into force.	6 wks	Mon 11/07/22	Mon 22/08/22

Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement service of Waterford City & County Council continues to operate throughout the current lockdown as planning enforcement is deemed as an essential service.

The following figures show the work undertaken countywide in 2021 up to 29th June:

New enforcement cases opened:	80
Warning letters issued:	82
Enforcement notices issued:	12

Heritage Week 2021

Heritage Week will run from **Saturday 14th August– Sunday, 22nd August**, and will follow the same online format as last year where the public are invited to develop heritage projects which can be showcased on line. This could be an online talk, an exhibition, video, podcast, slideshow presentation or blog. There's a great range of resources on [HeritageWeek.ie](https://www.heritageweek.ie) as well as a series of webinars hosted by the Heritage Council on how to develop and register a Heritage Week project.

Biodiversity Funding

A webinar on the Waterford Swift Survey was hosted by Birdwatch Ireland on June 21st to encourage community involvement in the survey funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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, analysis of Ground Radar Data at the Woodstown Viking Site., repair of historic stonework at Kilgobinet Church and a Conservation Management Plan for Ardmore Graveyard.

Decade of Commemorations

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media allocated €50,000 to Waterford City & County Council for the 2021 programme of commemorations. Ten applications were received from local history groups across Waterford City and County for the Community Commemorations Grant Scheme with a total funding allocation of €23,000. A Story Map on the War of Independence has been finalised and will be made available to view on-line in July.

**Séamus Doran,
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1st July 2021**