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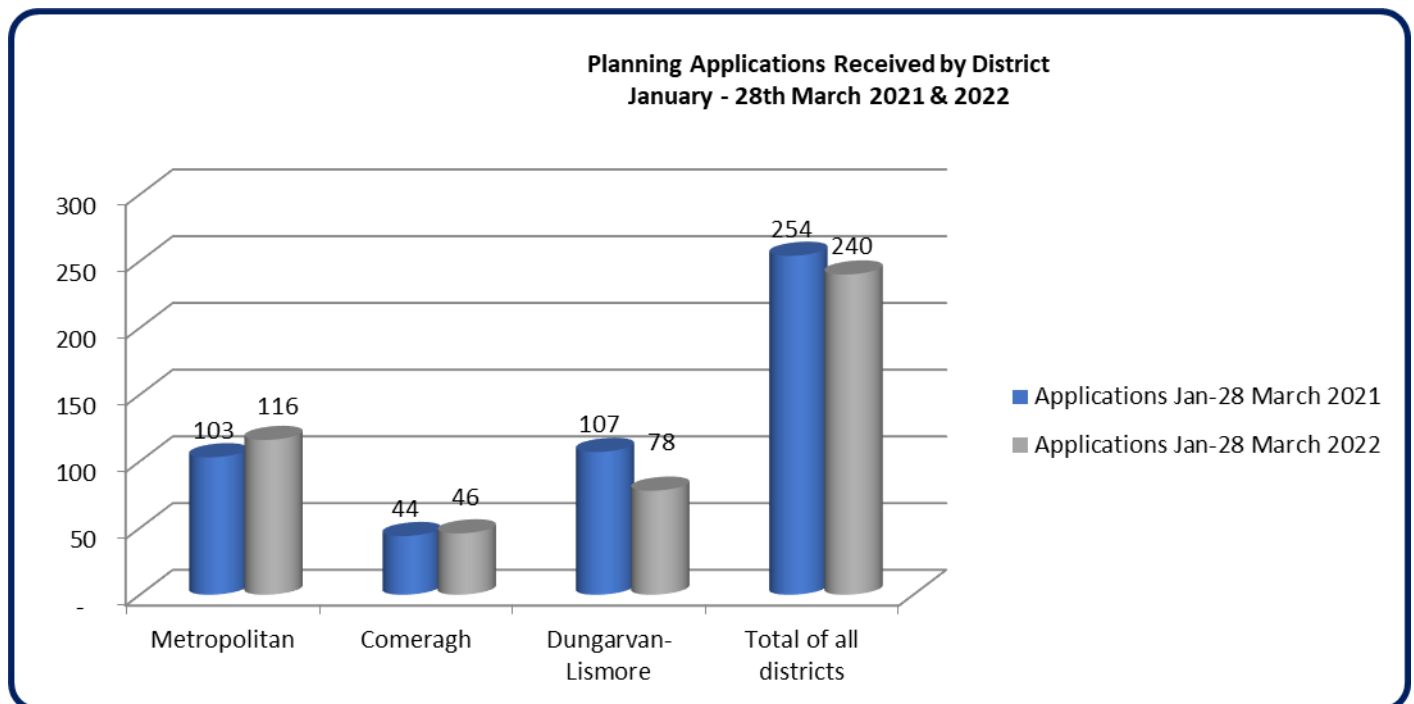
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COMERAGH

Planning Report April 2022

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

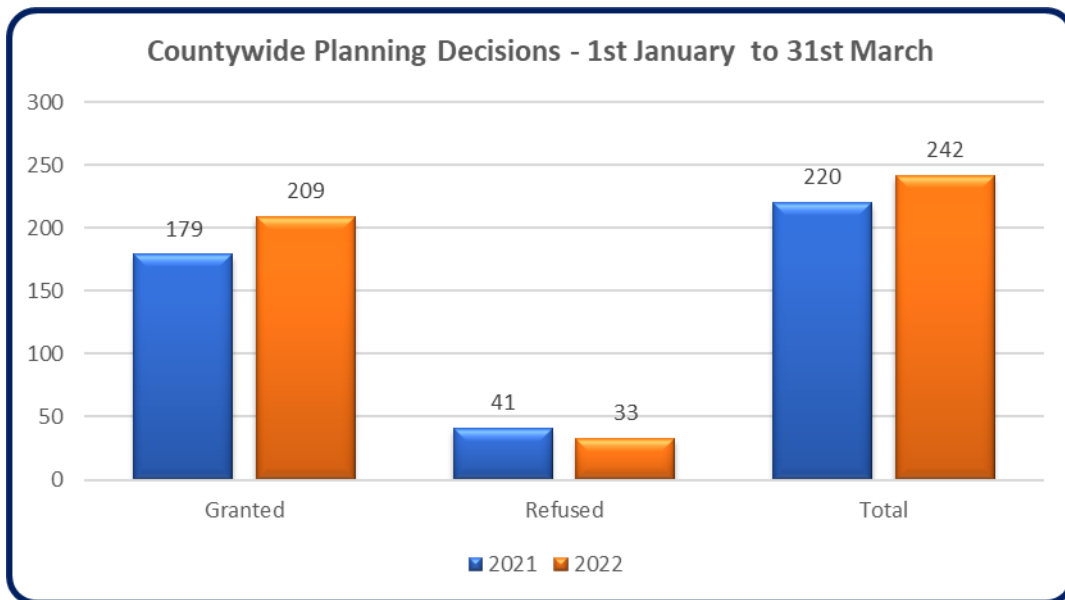
95 Planning applications were received countywide in March 2022 up to and including 28th March. This compares with 120 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2021. In January, 64 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 55 received in January 2021.

A total of 240 planning applications were received in the year to 28th March 2022. This compares to 254 planning applications which were received to the 28th of March 2021.



Planning Decisions

242 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 31st March 2022 compared to 220 for the same period in 2021. Of the 242, 209 decisions were granted and 33 decisions were refused.



Forward Planning April 2022 Plenary 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 at time of writing a total of circa 450 written submissions had been received. A Chief Executive Report will be prepared and submitted to the Plenary Council by the 28th April giving further details of the submissions and the response and recommendation of the CE with regard to same. Further workshops will be arranged to consider the CE Report thereafter with the making of the Development Plan on or before the 9th of June. The new Plan will come into effect 6 weeks after the date on which it is made.

Heritage Officer Report April 2022

Waterford Commemorations Programme

A key event in the Waterford Commemorations Programme took place on March 5th. The launch of The Bad Times, a publication by William Fraher, Waterford County Museum, took place in Woodhouse, Stradbally. Other 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. Three applications for the Community Commemorations Grant Scheme were approved for funding and include the Dunhill GAA commemoration of the Pickardstown Ambush and a short film on the Ballykinlar internment in 1921.

Community Monuments Fund

Twelve applications were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the 2022 Community Monuments Fund and the outcome will be known by late April. In 2021 Waterford City and County Council received an allocation of over €100,000 under this fund which includes funding towards conservation repairs of Molana Abbey.

Conservation Officer Report April 2022

Historic Structure Fund (HSF)

Waterford applied for 5 projects under the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) and they all got the full funding requested which is €339,755. This means that in total Waterford City and County Council has received €522,155 for built heritage for 2022 from the Dept.

The successful HSF projects in the Comeragh District are

Curraghmore House, Portlaw	South roof & valleys: repair and replacement of slate & lead valleys, repair of 2 no. chimney stacks. Second floor structural works.	€50,000
Mount Congreve House, Kilmeaden	Replacement of east wing roof. Repair/renewal of lead & copper flashings, chimneys, roof timbers and provision of roof access hatch. Repair and redecoration of rooftop ventilation lantern with sundial	€155,272

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