

# MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate Mayors Official Engagements December 2022

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<b>THURSDAY 1st:</b>	Launch of Mayors Ball- Mayors Parlour. Invitation to Opening Preview Night Enchanted Garden- Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Garden,Tramore.
<b>FRIDAY 2nd:</b>	Centenary Celebration- 100 years of Garda Síochána in Dungarvan- Dungarvan Castle,Dungarvan. Mayoral reception for members of the Pat Rockett Karate Club- Mayors Parlour. Official Opening of the Waterford Gallery of Art- Waterford Gallery of Art, Waterford.
<b>SATURDAY 3rd:</b>	<b>Surprise Surprise Christmas Day out - Cappoquin Community Centre. Attended by Declan Doocey.</b>
<b>SUNDAY 4th:</b>	Down Syndrome Ireland Christmas Party- Tower Hotel, Waterford. 'The Creation' by Joseph Haydn' Concert - St Johns Church, Parnell St, Waterford.
<b>MONDAY 5th:</b>	Civil Defence Covid 19 Presentation- Mayors Parlour.
<b>TUESDAY 6th:</b>	Whitfield Memorial service - Whitfield Clinic Waterford.
<b>WEDNESDAY 7th:</b>	Prize giving for Litter competition in conjunction with Tom Murphy Car Sales- Mayors Parlour.
<b>THURSDAY 8th:</b>	Photo with the Tree of Hope - Christ Church Cathedral.
<b>FRIDAY 9th:</b>	Medal Presentation in Ballyduff National School Kilmeaden. Waterford Comhaltas Mayoral Reception - Mayors Parlour.
<b>SATURDAY 10th:</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 11th:</b>	Waterford Archaeological and Historical Society Lunch. Dooleys Hotel, Waterford.
<b>MONDAY 12th:</b>	Waterford Rotary Annual Christmas Lunch - The Tower Hotel.
<b>TUESDAY 13th:</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 14th:</b>	Ladies Probus Lunch- The Granville Hotel.
<b>THURSDAY 15th:</b>	Arch Club Christmas Party- O'Shea's Hotel, Tramore.
<b>FRIDAY 16th:</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 17th:</b>	Lions Club Christmas Carol Concert- Cathedral of The Holy Trinity.
<b>SUNDAY 18th:</b>	Christmas Carol Service- Christ Church Cathedral.
<b>MONDAY 19th:</b>	WLR Christmas Message recording- WLR FM, The Broadcast Centre, Ardkeen, Waterford.
<b>TUESDAY 20th:</b>	Civic Reception for Seamus Power- City Hall, The Mall, Waterford.
<b>WEDNESDAY 21st:</b>	Unveiling of a gigantic new clock at the Irish Museum of Time.
<b>THURSDAY 22nd:</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 23rd:</b>	Christmas Truce Peace Vigil, Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford.
<b>SATURDAY 24th:</b>	Christmas Eve Mass- Cathedral of The Holy Trinity.
<b>SUNDAY 25th:</b>	Christmas Day Dinner- St Joseph's School Parnell Street. Attended by both Mayors.
<b>MONDAY 26th:</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 27th:</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 28th:</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 29th:</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 30th:</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 31th:</b>	

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Attended by Mayor:

Attended by Deputy Mayor:

Attended by Mayor of the Metropolitan District:

Attended by Metro Deputy:

Attended by a Representative:

## Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

### North Quays

There has been active engagement with BAM Civil Ltd since Waterford City and County Council entered into contract with them for the construction of the North Quays public infrastructure project. Works are expected to commence on site in March 2023 and be completed in 2025.

Active communication is also taking place with the private developer for the North Quays site, Harcourt Developments. At a special Council meeting of 14th December 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the Council approved the disposal of 16.7 acres of land at the North Quays, Waterford to Hopcast Limited (NQs Joint Venture Development Company) for the sum of €5.1 m (paid in installments) to facilitate the North Quays development scheme.

At the same special Council meeting a Section 183 for 1.75 acres of land at the North Quays was approved for disposal to Córas Iompair Éireann to facilitate the infrastructural developments associated with the transport hub and as part of an overall land exchange between parties

#### CONTRACTS:

Ferrybank Pump station contract - David Walsh Civil Engineering contractor is progressing works on site for a new pump station in Ferrybank. The new pump station will have expanded storage to significantly reduce the frequency of sewage overflows into the River Suir during wet weather events, improve wastewater capacity in the Ferrybank catchment area, and meet all environmental standards for discharge of sewage overflows.

South Plaza enabling works –The contractor, Suir Plant has demobilized and the final account is currently being agreed. Much of the site has been made available for Winter activities.

Rock Stabilisation contract - Works ongoing by Cumnor Construction Ltd, to be completed by February 2023.

Abbey Road footpath widening contract - Mallwood Construction has commenced works on site and due to complete works by February 23.

Pump station enabling contract – The contract has been awarded to David Walsh Civil Engineering, works are due to commence in January 2023 with an eight month construction period.

### Local Enterprise Office

#### LEO Figures year to date (2022) and comparison of current month with previous year

Indicator	At end of Dec 2021	At end of Dec 2022
<b>Measure 1</b>		
No. of Clients applying	33	16
No. of Clients securing	32	16
Value of support approved	€886,189	€437,317
<b>Measure 2</b>		
No. of clients receiving	2,318	2,423
Value of support given	€726,073*	€471,366

\*2021 Figure includes €176k for Trading On-Line Vouchers (now accounted for separately as below) and €143k for Client Stimulus Fund (a one-off Covid support scheme)

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## Support

### Trading Online Voucher

<u>No. of Approvals</u>	65
<u>Value of Approvals</u>	€146,203

Figures not included in cumulative table.

### Technical Assistance for Micro

<u>No. of Approvals</u>	11
<u>Value of Approvals</u>	€19,300

Figures not included in cumulative table.

### Micro Finance Loan Applications

<u>No. of Approvals</u>	8
<u>Value of Approvals</u>	€40,000

Figures not included in cumulative table.

### Student Enterprise Programme

<u>No. of Approvals</u>	11
<u>No. Of Students</u>	720

Figures not included in cumulative table.

## LEO WATERFORD HOSTS NETWORKING EVENT FOR CLIENTS AT MOUNT CONGREVE

The Local Enterprise Office Waterford held a networking event for its clients recently at Mount Congreve Garden on Thursday December 15th. The purpose of the event was to celebrate grant recipients in 2022.

One of the many business services the Local Enterprise Office makes available is the allocation of Priming Grants, a business start-up grant available to micro-enterprises within the first 18 months of start-up. Expenditure is considered for capital items, salary costs, general overhead costs and innovation / marketing costs.

Jacqui Gaule, Acting Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office Waterford explained the importance of the LEO, "In 2022 Local Enterprise Office Waterford continued to provide a range of supports to help small business get off the ground, overcome challenges, hire new staff, fund innovation, manage various challenges and plan for the future. The range of supports on offer from the Local Enterprise Office will help anyone seeking to start or grow a small business through highly practical services such as professional business and management training, mentoring, networking opportunities, finance and much more."



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## Communications

### Public relations

Public Relations: 10 Press releases issued in December 2022.

- Waterford City and County Council launches innovative Bring Banks sensors project
- Library Ireland Week 2022
- Waterford City and County Council recognised at Chambers Ireland Awards
- Time to Celebrate the Winter Solstice in Waterford
- Community and inclusion prioritised by Government as it extends Creative Ireland for another five years
- Waterford Schools clean-up for Litter Challenge
- Minister Naughton announces Round Two of the Safe Routes to School Programme
- Our Rural Future: Waterford towns and villages set to benefit from Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- LEO Waterford hosts networking event for clients at Mount Congreve
- Waterford City & County Council publishes 2022 Gender Pay Gap Report

Communication Mayoral Speeches: 15 prepared for December 2022.

- Centenary Celebration- 100 years of Garda Siochana in Dungarvan
- Mayoral Reception Pat Rockett Karate Club
- Surprise Surprise Christmas Day Out
- Down Syndrome Ireland Christmas Party
- Switching on of the Christmas Lights in Tramore
- Official Opening of the Waterford Gallery of Art
- COVID-19 Medal Ceremony for Civil Defence Volunteers
- UPMC Whitfield Memorial Ceremony
- Prize giving for Litter competition
- Waterford Comhaltas Mayoral Reception
- Waterford Rotary Annual Christmas Lunch
- Tramore Arch Club Christmas Party
- Waterford Lions Club- Christmas Carol Concert
- Mayor of Waterford City and County Cllr John O'Leary's Christmas Message
- Civic Reception for Seamus Power

### Social Media Stats (WCCC and Shop Waterford FB/ Twitter/ LinkedIn combined): 2022

	Reach	+/- Previous month	% Change	Followers	+/- Previous month	% Change
January	799,327			40,863		
February	865,418	66,091	27%	41,064	201	1.9%
March	924,139	58,721	6.8%	41,700	636	1.5%
April	740,040	-125,378	-13.56%	42,280	1,116	2.7%
May	427,208	-312,832	-42.3%	42,610	430	1%
June	814,680	23,341	2.9%	42,966	356	0.8%
July	689,393	-125,287	-15.4%	43,392	426	1.0%
August	699,485	10,092	1.5%	43,985	593	1.4%
September	755,126	66,277	9.5%	44,325	933	2.2%
October	654,477	-100,649	-27.4%	44,641	316	0.7%
November	580,509	-73,971	-27.4%	44,641	316	0.7%
December*	615,756	35,250	6.1%	45,663	413	1%

\*Figures relate to November 28th to December 19th.

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## WCCC Website stats: November 28th to December 19th

	Page Views	Unique page views	Avg. Time on Page
	66,513 % of Total: 100.00% (66,513)	53,146 % of Total: 100.00% (53,146)	00:01:25 Avg for View: 00:01:25 (0.00%)
1. Online Planning Enquiries	6,762 (10.17%)	5,604 (10.54%)	00:03:24
2. Choice Based Lettings	4,950 (7.44%)	3,765 (7.08%)	00:01:35
3. Index	4,639 (6.97%)	3,663 (6.89%)	00:00:50
4. Online Payments	3,054 (4.59%)	2,639 (4.97%)	00:03:18
5. Job Vacancies	2,959 (4.45%)	2,494 (4.69%)	00:01:44
6. Departments Index	2,425 (3.65%)	1,961 (3.69%)	00:00:18
7. Planning Enquiries	2,117 (3.18%)	1,497 (2.82%)	00:00:10
8. Planning Index	2,097 (3.15%)	1,648 (3.10%)	00:00:39
9. Planning Lists Index	1,816 (2.73%)	1,499 (2.82%)	00:03:15
10. Parking	1,494 (2.25%)	1,172 (2.21%)	00:00:51

\*Page views represent the total amount of 'hits' to any given webpage - one person can make multiple page views

\*\*Unique Page views count unique views of a page only once, regardless of how many pages they have visited during one visit.

## RURAL

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced over €27 million in funding for towns and villages nationwide on 14th December 2022. Waterford was further allocated Grant Funding of €675,523.00. This recent announcement, combined with previous Town Village Renewal Scheme 2022 allocations brings Waterford's total grant allocation under the Scheme to €1,125,022.80.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE SPC

The next Economic Development & Enterprise SPC is scheduled on February 22nd.

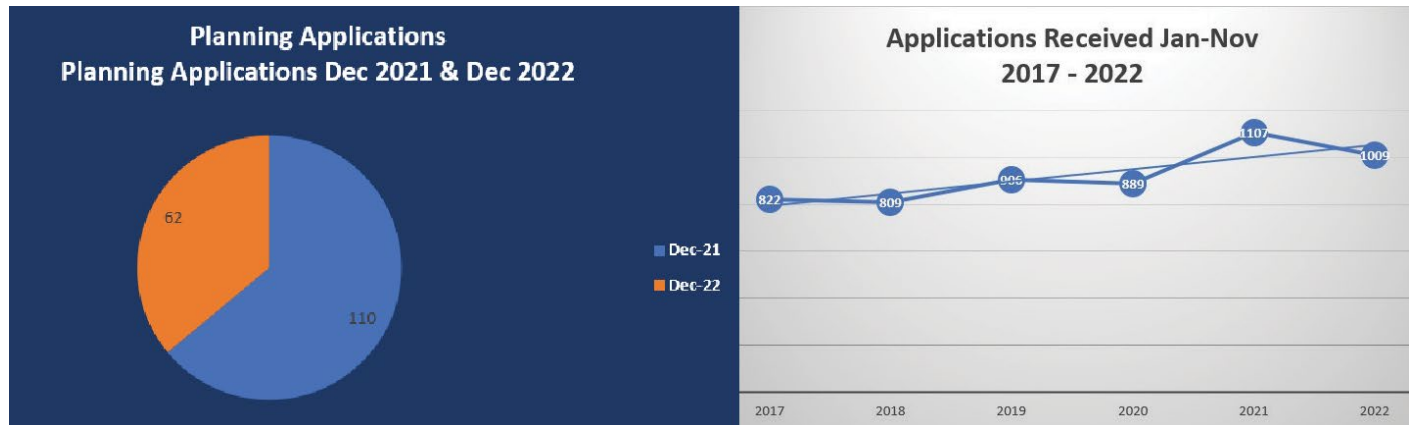


## Pleanáil / Planning

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – COUNTYWIDE

62 Planning applications were received countywide in from 1st-22nd December 2022. This compares with 110 planning applications received for the same period in 2021.

A total of 1067 planning applications were received in the year to 22nd December 2022. This compares to 1220 planning applications which were received up to 22nd December 2021.



### RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX (RZLT) - UPDATE

#### Submissions

Landowners can make submissions regarding their land on the draft map from November 1st 2022 until January 1st 2023. Third parties may also make submissions regarding land that is or should be on the map

#### Challenges for land included on the maps

- Landowners can appeal or make a submission challenging the inclusion of their land in the draft supplemental map if they believe it doesn't meet the criteria for inclusion on the map.

- Submissions can also request a change of zoning. Submissions (during draft stage) can also identify additional land which appears to meet the criteria and so falls into scope, and which may be placed on the supplemental map

- There is also a subsequent right to appeal the local authority's decision to retain land in scope to An Bord Pleanála.

#### Supplemental Map.

- A supplemental map will be published on 1 May 2023 identifying additional land considered to be in scope as a result of submissions. The supplemental map will also go on public display and open to submissions which may challenge the inclusion of additional land on the map

#### Final Map

- The final map of land in scope for the tax in the local authority area to be published on 1 December 2023.



## Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

### Timeline and process

#### WHAT IS RZLT?

The RZLT is a new tax aimed at increasing housing supply by activating zoned, serviced residential development lands (including mixed-use lands). Ireland needs an average of 33,000 homes built per year. It is estimated that only one-sixth of residential zoned land is activated for housing during a local authority's six-year Development Plan. While homes and gardens may be identified on the local authorities' maps as being on lands that will be subject to the tax, residential homes and gardens will not be liable for the tax.

The tax will apply from 2024 at 3% of the market value of the land. The tax is being introduced as part of Housing for All, the Government's housing plan to 2030.

#### Tax commences

The Residential Zoned Land Tax becomes operational and owners of land identified as being in scope in the Final Map become liable for RZLT.



February 1st  
2024

#### Supplemental Maps decisions

Deadline for local authorities to inform landowners of decisions on requests for exclusion of land(s) from the RZLT. Landowners have until 01 September 2023 to appeal these decisions to An Bord Pleanála.

#### Final Maps

Deadline for local authorities to publish Final Maps. These will reflect additions, exclusions or zoning changes arising from submissions, decisions and appeals.



December 1st  
2023

#### Submission deadline

Deadline for landowners to make a submission to their local authority regarding inclusion/exclusion of their land(s) from the Supplemental Map, or to request a change of zoning of land.



June 1st  
2023

#### Supplemental Maps

Deadline for local authorities to publish maps containing any additional lands that will be subject to the RZLT.



May 1st  
2023

#### Draft Maps decisions

Deadline for local authorities to inform landowners of decisions on requests for exclusion of land(s) from the RZLT. Landowners have until 01 May 2023 to appeal these decisions to An Bord Pleanála.



April 1st  
2023

#### Submission deadline

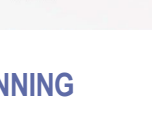
Deadline for (1) landowners and others to make a submission to local authority regarding inclusion/exclusion of their lands from the Draft Map, or (2) landowners to request a change of zoning of land



January 1st  
2023

#### Draft Maps

Local authorities will publish Draft Maps showing lands that will be subject to the RZLT



November 1st  
2022



Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

## ePLANNING

ePlanning is an online system through which planning applications can be made and through which applicants will be kept updated on the progress of their application.

It aims to improve efficiency, reduce the potential for invalid applications, and deliver on the government strategy to move more public services online.

Waterford City & County Council went live with ePlanning on 5th December 2022 and now offer the facility for planning applications to be made on-line. Access to the on-line portal is on our website via the link below. There is also a short instruction video for those wishing to make an application on-line. <https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/planning/index.htm>

An on-line training webinar was held for local agents in November and we have started to successfully receive and process applications. The Local Government Online Planning Portal provides further information and FAQ's and be accessed at the link below. <https://planning.localgov.ie/>

## **Heritage Officer Report**

### **Community Monuments Fund 2023**

Waterford City and County Council invited applications to the Community Monuments Fund 2023 which provides funding for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

Grants up to €100,000 for essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments are available for 3 projects in this category.

Grants of up to €30,000 for the development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports and detailed Specification of Works aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access are available for 2 projects in this category.

Grants of up to €30,000 for the enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments are available for 2 projects in this category.

Applications (CMF Form A) and Method Statement should be submitted by e-mail to [bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie) or in hard copy to Heritage Officer, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford City no later than 4pm on Friday 27th January 2023.

## **Conservation Officer Report December 2022**

### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023.**

Since 2016, Waterford City and County Council has received funding of over €1.6 million for conservation projects under these schemes. This has supported over 140 projects. In Waterford in 2022 we received €533,710 in funding which generated a spend of €1,171,825 and provided over 2,500 days of employment. These figures do not include the non-conservation element of projects which generated additional employment and spend. The projects ranged in scope from essential repairs of rainwater goods, walls, windows, thatch roofs, stained glass, to large-scale repairs of buildings.

### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023**

The BHIS scheme seeks to leverage private capital for investment in small-scale, labour-intensive projects and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of Protected Structures and in certain cases, the conservation of structures within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA). Waterford has been allocated €182,400. Funding awards made under the scheme will be between €2,500 and €15,000, with applicants matching in full the grants being awarded.

### **The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023**

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 2023 will be €4.5 million. The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund will be on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the broader benefit of communities and the public.

These schemes will be administered by Waterford City and County Council. The criteria, list of qualifying works, FAQs and the application forms for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023 and Historic Structures Fund 2023 are now available on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie). Completed application forms and photos of the structures to be submitted only by email to [planning@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:planning@waterfordcouncil.ie) by 5 pm on 28th of January 2023. Please ensure that the grant scheme name is in the subject line and note that all forms must be completed in full in order to be processed. Successful applicants must have the works completed by 30th of September 2023.

For further information or if you have any queries in relation to the schemes please contact: Rosemary Ryall, Executive ConCConservation Officer, Waterford City and County Council. e-mail: [rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie)

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## Tithíocht / Housing

### Housing Applications

<b>Housing Applications</b>				
<i>* inc files from carried forward</i>	Dec 2021	Year 2021	Dec 2022	Year to date 2022
Applications received	16	805	65	959
Applications assessed *	50	815	21	928
Applications Validated*	25	510	10	419
Approved for social housing supports following interview	27	526	10	434

### Housing Allocations

<b>Housing Allocations</b>					
	New Tenancies Dec 2021	Cumulative Tenancies 2021	New Tenancies Dec 2022	Refusal of new Tenancies	Cumulative Tenancies 2022
<b>Total</b>	20	464	39	4	487

### CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL) SCHEME

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 1138. There have been 346 refusals on properties.

### Housing Loans applications

<b>Housing Loans applications</b>					
2022 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with housing agency/Deferred for 6 months
December	5	4	5	1	5
Year to date	80	4	52	13	5

### Tenant Purchase applications

<b>Tenant Purchase applications</b>					
2022 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
December	1	1	0	0	2
Year to date 2022	67	9	21	29	24
Year to date 2021	68	1	7	58	16

## Housing Assistance Payment

	Dec 2021 HAP Tenancies	Dec 2022 HAP Tenancies	2022 No. of active HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up to date	Cumulative No. of active HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	28	22	-2	4,547	1809

## Inspections of Dwellings

### Inspections of Dwellings

HAP	22
HAP Non- Compliant	20
Total	22

In Dec, Waterford City & County Council carried out 133 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 24 properties has had improvement works carried out to meet the standards for rented accommodation.

## Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aid Grants

### Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aid Grants

Grant Scheme Amount	No. of applications approved Dec 2022	Value of applications Dec 2022	Cumulative number of applications approved 2022	Cumulative value of 2022 applications
Housing Adaptation for people with a Disability. Max. €30,000	8	84,404.09	120	€1,622,286.90
Mobility Aids Scheme Max. €6,000	3	11,390.00	79	€419,959.25
Housing Aid for Older People Max. €8,000	9	57,247.00	142	€762,436.81
Total	20	€153,041.09	341	€2,804,682.96

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<i>Housing Grant Applications received &amp; Validated</i>	20
<i>Housing Grant Applications Incomplete &amp; Returned</i>	27
<i>Housing Grant Applications Approved</i>	20

## Homeless Services

<i>Homeless Services</i>			
<i>Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS)</i>	<i>28th Nov- 18th Dec 2022</i>	<i>Cumulative 2022</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>
<i>Number of Callers to WIHS seeking a service</i>	161	3,581	3,516
<i>Assessments by a Homeless Officer</i>	36	937	760

## *Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation*

	<i>18th Dec 2022</i>	<i>18th Dec 2021</i>
<i>Number of Single Persons</i>	43	49
<i>Number of Families</i>	15	10
<i>Number of Adults in Families</i>	17	12
<i>Number of Children</i>	29	26

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## HAP PlaceFinder Service

	28th Nov-18th Dec 2022	Cumulative 2022
Number of Assessments by the Homeless HAP Officer	12	326
Number of HAP PlaceFinder Tenancies HUB Complete	7	131

## Housing First Programme

	Tenancies 2022
Number of Tenancies in place at 23rd Oct 2022 with Housing First supports..	33

## Capital Projects

### Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects

Project Type	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
<b>Total WCCC Projects</b>	<b>264</b>	Countywide	Various Stages	
Part V	25	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery On-going 2021 – 10 (est)
Repair and Lease	151	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2020 – 41 2021 – 50 (est) 2022 – 50 (est)
Leasing	130	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2020 – 30 From end of 2021 scheme closed to new applicants
Buy & Renew- Countywide	48	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress – Refurbishment Contractor Framework Appointed

**Total units including WCCC Projects: 643**

There are 130 units in progress under the Housing Capital Schemes for Approved Housing Body projects.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITTING 2022:

Waterford City and County Council have been allocated an initial target of 76 houses for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting works for 2022 by the Department of Housing. A total of 67 will be completed for 2022.

## REFURBISHING OF HOUSES BECOMING VACANT FOR RE LET:

Dec 2022	Total
Handed over/ Works completed	12
Newley Vacant	4

92 Units approved by the Department for Refurbishment in 2022.

## Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:**

- Four projects totalling €219,947 were approved in December 2022
- One Project relates to Activity Tourism, two projects relate to Food and one to Engineering
- The four Projects bring to a close the RDP1420 LEADER Programme.
- LEADER Payments to approved projects progressing well. A total of €6.8m have been paid out by LEADER to Community and Private Promoters over the lifetime of the programme.
- The above payments amount to 86.5% of the funds paid out.
- EOI for the next LEADER Programme has been submitted in mid-December as required

### **HEALTHY WATERFORD:**

21 groups allocated €21,000 to Health and Wellbeing projects throughout the county. All these projects are ongoing and due to be completed by the end of December with a report due back in mid-January.

The Healthy Waterford Committee held a Consultation Day on the 2nd of December in the Greenway Manor. It was very well attended with 39 attendees. The day was facilitated by Mairead Barry SETU and attendees were invited to participate in an online survey prior to the consultation. A report of the day is being finalised by Eoin Morrissey and will be circulated to the LCDC members. Key Outcome Indicators were selected to develop outcomes.

The 1st outcome was in 'Wellbeing and Perceived Health'. Our aim is to devise and collaborate to have 2 outcome deliverables. The 2nd outcome indicator was 'Educational Disadvantage'. Again, the aim here is to identify 2 outcome deliverables that will fit within this area. For both outcomes we are seeking to identify partners to either lead or collaborate with on the delivery of new or supporting existing programs with the Healthy Ireland funding. The overall budget allocated for 2023 is €75,000 which will be split between 4 outcomes / actions. The deadline for our funding submission to Pobal is the 27th of January 2023. This is to include a Local Strategy that should align with the LECP plan.

Lastly the subgroup of the LCDC is currently known as Healthy Waterford. However over the last number of months since the introduction of a number of new Wellbeing programs within the local authority and to recognise the greater impact of all in Waterford who are contributing to Wellbeing we are proposing a change of name and structure to the Health and Wellbeing Committee of the LCDC. The HSE will be a key partner in this and act as joint chair of the committee with the Chief Officer of the LCDC. The healthy waterford structure will be formally known as Well Waterford going forward.

### **SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP):**

Lots of work has been progressed with various community groups which has led to funding 3 organisations directly and matching others with similar work. There are other organisations less developed that will need more support to develop their work and to do some needs assessment analysis of their clients/area. Several network meetings were held with statutory and non-statutory bodies like HSE, DSP, ETB, PPN, WSP, WSTCYS etc.

Staff from the Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Health Promotion units of the HSE are working together with the Council's Sláintecare Development Officer on launching and promoting the slaintecare healthy communities programme. The 4 projects funded through the Enhancement Fund were completed in 2022 and work will start next year on 7 projects that were approved by the LCDC and are being funded with Seed Funding from the Department of Health. These projects will support the development of communities in Carrickpherish, Ballybeg, Ballybricken, St John's Park, Slievekeale and Lisduggan.

## **WATERFORD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (WCSP):**

The Community Safety Plan draft has been presented to the Chair and Co-ordinator by Hub Planning and is currently being proofread with supplementary corporate requirements such as logos, appropriate photographs etc, being added. It is intended that it will be presented to the WCSP at the January Meeting for a decision on next steps and a launch date.

The business vacancy on the Partnership has been filled and the Partnership is now back at full membership of 30.

In relation to Community Safety Innovation Fund Projects, meetings and interactions have taken place between the Chair and WWETB in relation to getting the Community Project and Garden Allotment up and running in early 2023, at 33 Colligan View Dungarvan. Preliminary works will include preparing the house and clearing the site and fencing it in. In relation to the Northwest Suburbs Community Action Plan, the Coordinator and the Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Local Development Officer have been working closely together preparing for community interactions and consultations in preparing the Action Plan. They have walked the ground, reviewing all community facilities currently available, made initial contacts, and currently researching all documents previously compiled. It is intended that in early 2023 consultations with the communities will commence, including a briefing for the Councillors representing the area. Encouraging engagements continue with the Department of Justice, Youth Justice Team with the Chair, in relation to the Portlaw Engages Youth Project and a stakeholder meeting is planned for mid-January.

The Education, Training & Awareness and Building Community Capacity Working Group and The Crime & Reducing Criminality and Safe Environment & Infrastructure Working Group are meeting monthly with work underway on recommendations endorsed by the full Partnership including a Safe Halloween Event & Awareness Campaign for 2023, compilation of a Domestic Violence Resource Pack and a Community Safety Resource Pack. New supplementary members, with specialist skills and knowledge, have joined these thematic working groups and include representatives from Waterford Planning Department, the SETU and An Garda Síochána.

The next meeting of the full WCSP is scheduled for Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm in City Hall.

## **UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM:**

The Ukrainian CRF is in place to assist with housing, supporting and integrating Ukrainian refugees into our communities. All key agencies are working in collaboration to provide services and supports to all Ukrainians arriving into Waterford. At 21st December approximately 1,750 Ukrainian refugees have been registered in Waterford with 1,054 Ukrainians having been received directly into Waterford Council run Rest Centres in Dungarvan and Waterford City.

To date there have been 915 exits from the rest centres, of which 759 have been matched with pledged and other accommodation sourced by Waterford Council. Waterford Area Partnership are supporting those who have moved with integration into our communities.

A new 'offer a home' pledge call for vacant properties went live on 24th November. Any queries on same should be directed to [offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie) or 058 22059.



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## **PRIDE OF PLACE:**

The Pride of Place awards are taking place on January 21st 2023 at the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin with Waterford's two entrants, Surprise Surprise Dungarvan & West Waterford and the An Garran Residents Group from Tramore attending. Preparation for the 2023 competition has begun and entrants will be identified in January.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION:**

### **MIGRANT INTEGRATION**

Various initiatives being followed up on to progress the Strategy adopted by Council in 2020.

### **SICAP**

Work in ongoing with Waterford Area Partnership continuing to implement the SICAP programme on behalf of the LCDC. The targets for both individuals and groups set for 2022 have been achieved/exceeded.

SICAP Budget allocations for 2023 have now been confirmed and the budget for Waterford City & County (24-1) is €1,319,399 excluding the Ukrainian budget allocation which has been set as €232,758 by the Department.

### **TIG**

The Community Department continue to support the Waterford Traveller Interagency Group which continues to meet regularly.

### **LECP**

Progress on the preparation of the new LECP is ongoing. The Socio-Economic Statement has been prepared in line with Department issued guidelines. The data collection phase has begun with a survey having been issued to in excess of 70 relevant groups/agencies during November/December. The next phase of data gathering will begin shortly following consultation with the Advisory Steering Group.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND 2022**

The Department have amended the period in which energy/operating costs can be incurred under the Community Support Fund (CSF). This time frame has been revised and costs incurred in the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 will now be eligible under the fund. The closing date to submit application form and supporting documents remains as 4pm Friday, 20th January.

### **THE SUPPORTING WATERFORD COMMUNITY FUND 2023**

The annual Supporting Waterford Community Fund grant scheme for 2023 shall be launched in the middle of January for voluntary and community groups, with a closing date to submit applications of 4pm on Friday 24th February.

### **GRANT ALLOCATIONS DURING 2022**

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2022 - €195,500 of a fund was allocated to 336 eligible applicants.  
Community Activities Fund - €288,997 was distributed to 146 successful applicants.

### **COMMUNITY FESTIVAL GRANTS**

€80,729 was allocated in 2022 under the Community Festival Grants. For 2023 the budget is increased to €121,208 with 17 festival grant applications received for approval at the January Plenary Council meeting.

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## Seirbhísi Éigeandála / Emergency Services

### FIRE SERVICE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of December. Emergency response has continued uninterrupted throughout the Covid 19 crisis with significant precautionary measures put in place to ensure the safety of fire crews and the community served.

#### Fire Service Operational Activity:

Area	Fires	Special Services	False alarm/ Good intent	False alarm /Malicious
Total for December	40	20	14	0
Year to date	674	492	235	0
Total for December 2021	46	56	30	0
Total for 2021	672	460	184	3

### FIRE SAFETY:

The following applications for fire safety certificates have been received with comparison shown for the same period last year

#### Fire Safety:

	Dec 2022	2022 YTD	Dec 2021	2021 YTD
Fire Safety Certificates	2	75	7	73

### BUILDING CONTROL:

#### Building Control:

Applications received	Dec 2022	2022 YTD	Dec 2021	2021 YTD
Commencement Notices	12	310	15	352
Completion Certificates	10	204	12	195
Disability Access Certs	2	57	4	57

### CIVIL DEFENCE:

Civil Defence activities during the month of December 2022 continue with assistance in the response to the urgent needs of the Displaced Persons (DP's) fleeing from the effects of the Ukraine crisis.

- Logistical support & transport of over 43 Ukraine related calls
- Transportation to medical appointments such as hospital visits, GPs, dentists etc

In Community support and events we attended:

- Winterville Festival Waterford, Ambulance & First Aid Support.

A Mayoral Reception was held on 5th December in City Hall to recognize the service of Civil Defence during the Covid 19 pandemic. National recognition medals were presented on the night.

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## Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

### *Environmental Enforcement Statistics*

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS:

1ST JANUARY 2022 – 22ND DECEMBER 2022

<b>EnforcEmEnt undEr thE LittEr PoLLution Acts 1997 (As AmEndEd)</b>	
Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	167
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	113
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	1

<b>EnforcEmEnt undEr thE WAstE mAnAgEmEnt Acts 1996 (As AmEndEd)</b>	
No of Complaints	2662
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	12
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	28
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	38
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	212
Section 14 Directions	24
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	1
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	7
Regulation 33 - Requirement on a Registered Owner to deposit an End-of-Life Vehicle at an Authorised Treatment Facility. (European Union End-of-Life Vehicles)	
Regulations 2014 – Fixed Penalty Notice.	2
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	0

#### CLIMATE ACTION

##### *Climate Action Plan*

The compilation stage of data collection for the Climate Action Plan for the City and County is currently underway. In early 2023 WCCC will go out to community groups and others to obtain their input on what actions should be taken. The Climate Action Plan will include a study of all the greenhouse gas emissions in the county and will have a risk assessment of areas most likely to be impacted by climate change (flood plains, roads, piers etc.). It will contain a detailed study of the opportunities for reducing climate emissions in the city and all of these studies along with the input from the public will help us to create actions that the Council will either deliver on or will influence between now and 2029. This will be the first Climate Action Plan for the county and it will be reviewed every 5 years. WCCC will hold a workshop on 20th January next for elected members to explain the Climate Action Plan process and to obtain input from them. An invitation to the workshop will be sent to elected members.

##### *Community Climate Action Fund*

January will see the publicising of the Community Climate Action fund. This fund provides over half a million euro of funding for community environmental projects. There will be many events held in January where communities can learn about this fund.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & AWARENESS

The Tom Murphy Litter Competition for Secondary Schools has been completed and judged by IBAL. A prizegiving and presentation of certificates of participation took in the Mayor's Parlour in early December. 15 secondary schools across

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Waterford city and county entered the competition and received litter pickers, high visibility vests, gloves and bags to allow them to carry out litter picks of their designated area. Over a six week period, schools carried out clean ups, with many schools embracing the competition fully, carrying out 3 clean ups per week with different classes. The winning school which won prize money of €1,500 (sponsored by Tom Murphy Car Sales) was Blackwater Community School in Lismore, with St. Augustine's College (Abbeyside) and Mercy Secondary School (Waterford) being highly commended.

As part of Reuse Month we created a toolkit for swap events to encourage reuse and repair; this toolkit will provide tips, posters and social media posts to enable community groups, schools, etc to reuse items by running swap events for items such as sports equipment, clothes, musical instruments, school supplies and more. This is available on the Council website and information has been sent to community groups, schools, sports groups, etc. The toolkit was presented to PPN members at their December meeting in Dungarvan. We continue to encourage schools, community groups, etc to use this when planning for 2023.

## NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES 2022 – 2024

The National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) for 2022 to 2024 was published on 15th December 2022 and are set out in Table 1 below. The water, air and noise priorities have been reviewed following consultation with the NIECE Steering Committee, CCMA representatives, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Department of Housing, Planning, Local Government and Heritage, WERLA and LAWPRO.

The waste enforcement priorities are as advised by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in Circular WP07/22. These priorities were agreed by the National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee. Further guidance on the implementation of the waste priorities for 2023 will be provided by the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA).

There are five NEPs in each thematic area. The NEPs are set for the three-year period 2022 – 2024, with each having a defined objective and a specified outcome to be achieved over this time. In addition, each NEP has associated activities for focus by local authorities which have been reviewed for 2023.

<b>National Enforcement Priorities 2022 – 2024</b>		
<i>Water</i>	<i>Waste</i>	<i>Air and Noise</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Pressures from Agriculture (Farm Yards) - slurry/soiled water collection and storag.</i></li><li>• <i>Pressures from Agriculture (Farmland) - slurry and fertiliser spreading.</i></li><li>• <i>Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems / Septic Tanks.</i></li><li>• <i>Discharge Licences / Misconnections.</i></li><li>• <i>Local Priorities and Water Quality Monitoring.</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Tackling Illegal Waste and Multi-Agency Sites/Operators of Concern.</i></li><li>• <i>Construction and Demolition Waste.</i></li><li>• <i>End of Life Vehicles and Metals.</i></li><li>• <i>Household and Commercial Waste.</i></li><li>• <i>Producer Responsibility Initiatives and Local Priorities.</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Solid Fuel</i></li><li>• <i>Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use</i></li><li>• <i>Environmental Noise Directive (ENDs)</i></li><li>• <i>Air and Noise Control (including Planning)</i></li><li>• <i>Ongoing Air and Noise Enforcement Work</i></li></ul>

## NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES 2022 – 2024

The NEPs along with the reporting requirements have been communicated to local authorities at the RMCEI Event held in Portlaoise on 30th November 2022. The EPA is planning to hold a further workshop in January/February 2023 to assist local authorities in completing their plans and progress reports. Details of this workshop will be communicated in due course.

All relevant information including guidance and templates for the 2023 RMCEI Plans, 2022 RMCEI Data Returns and 2022 NEP Progress Reports are available since 16th December 2022 on the RMCEI topic page of the NIECE portal (<https://www.niece.ie/Topics/RMCEI.aspx>).

## Ealaíona & Cultúr / Arts & Culture

### **Libraries**

In December, Waterford City & County Libraries celebrated the season with Family Time at your Library, Coffee Mornings, Carols and Concerts.

Statistics: figures represent 30 days of activity to 19th December 2022.

<i>No. of Visitors this month</i>	31,971
<i>Active members</i>	27,326
<i>Issues in Branch</i>	24,528
<i>On Line Borrowing including, ebooks &amp; emagazines</i>	6,922
<i>Events &amp; Activities</i>	370

### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER:**

•330 young people gathered in the Theatre Royal Waterford for our European Year of Youth - Make Your Voice Heard event organised by Europe Direct, Waterford, Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative, Waterford Youth Information and Waterford City and County Libraries. We listened to youth activists and young people involved in a wide variety of EU funded projects. We spoke about fake news, climate action and the importance of listening to Ireland's young people. Music Generation Waterford brought some amazing young musicians along to perform.

•The winners of the regional Europe Direct Waterford competition were announced, the winners read their pieces at the make your voice heard event. Aoife O'Connor from Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, Waterford was the winner in the 16 and under category and Wexford student Aidan Kehoe from Good Counsel College, New Ross was the winner in the 17 and over category. They will compete in the national final on December 19th.

•Family time at your Library ran during December. These Library events aim to support a family-focused approach to reading with children as part of the national Right to Read programme and to increase awareness of the benefits of reading. There were 30 events across all branches. .

•Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative held an exhibition on the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the Index Gallery, Central Library. This exhibition runs until the 20th of January 2023.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- The Well Festival of mental health will take place in February 2023.
- The national Ireland Reads will also run in February

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## Airgeadas / Finance Revenue Account

### Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to November 30, 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			Month No
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget	% Budget Raised	
	€		date	€			
A Housing & Building	31,395,940	32,461,813	97%	33,593,583	35,042,973	96%	(168,420)
B Road Transport & Safety	39,603,003	46,030,418	86%	27,812,091	33,445,608	83%	(254,837)
C Water Services	9,651,844	11,141,683	87%	9,181,658	10,674,030	86%	(41,504)
D Development Management	22,615,173	17,678,810	128%	13,909,526	8,494,376	164%	(286,583)
E Environmental Services	18,889,708	20,905,703	90%	2,737,652	2,878,907	95%	372,507
F Recreation & Amenity	14,223,975	14,951,207	95%	1,660,729	1,750,939	95%	(463,000)
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	976,873	1,182,814	83%	398,407	501,962	79%	45,647
H Miscellaneous Services	9,571,722	9,360,886	102%	7,941,389	5,744,486	138%	1,684,700
LG Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	18,029,473	19,668,516	92%	0
RA Rates	0	0	0%	32,552,241	35,511,536	92%	0
	<b>146,928,239</b>	<b>153,713,333</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>147,816,748</b>	<b>153,713,333</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>888,509</b>
Surplus/Deficit				888,509	0		

92%

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## Collections

Airgeadas  
Finance

Summary of main collections Nov 2022 YTD										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G'		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2022	Accrued ytd to Nov 2022	Write Offs and Vacancies	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Nov 2022	Gross Bal 30-11-2022 [4-5]	Specific Provision	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2022 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Rates	6,132,653	34,967,971	1,966,501	1,033,623	38,100,500	32,097,370	6,003,130	2,123,073	89%	92%
Loans	1,702,320	3,072,901	-	-	4,775,221	3,262,922	1,512,299	-	68%	106%
Rents	3,938,392	14,464,587	26,945	-	18,376,034	14,377,960	3,998,074	-	78%	99%
Aged Analysis :										
				Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates				-		3,454,761	2,548,369			6,003,130
				0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans				166,803	74,997	95,429	1,175,070			1,512,299
				Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents				131,443	85,412	141,001	3,640,218			3,998,074
Overdraft Levels										
Days in Overdraft in Nov 22'	0		Cost -	0	€0.00	verage Value when in O/D : N/A			€	-