

MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate. Mayors Official Engagements June 2023.

THURSDAY 1st:	Launch of the Blue and Green Coast flags, Lifeguard Station, Clonea, Co. Waterford. St. Pauls Football club Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford. Ballyduff Community Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford.
FRIDAY 2nd:	Official opening of the Bilberry- Waterford Greenway, Bilberry Co. Waterford. Gerry Hearne Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford. Tjay Flanagan Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford.
SATURDAY 3rd:	Pride of The Déise, Cathedral Square, Co. Waterford.
SUNDAY 4th:	Inaugural Normandy Food Tour of Ireland, Cathedral Square, Co. Waterford. FR. Gregory Way sign unveiling, St. Paul's Church from Paddy Brown's Road, Co. Waterford.
MONDAY 5th:	
TUESDAY 6th:	
WEDNESDAY 7th:	Waterford Civic Trust Unveiling of the Heritage Blue Plaque, Cathedral Sq. Co. Waterford.
THURSDAY 8th:	Waterford International Organ Festival, Christ Church Cathedral, Co. Waterford.
FRIDAY 9th:	Official Opening of the Greenway Market, Waterford Retail Business Park, Co. Waterford. Helping hand Waterford Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford. Waterford Digital Awards, Dooley's Hotel, The Quay, Co. Waterford.
SATURDAY 10th:	
SUNDAY 11th:	
MONDAY 12th:	Male Voice Choir Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford.
TUESDAY 13th:	
WEDNESDAY 14th:	Holy Ghost Residential Home Fund Raising Event, The Haven Hotel, Dumore East, Co. Waterford.
THURSDAY 15th:	Reclaiming of the waters, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.
FRIDAY 16th:	Minister Darragh O'Brien visits to a number of housing developments in Co. Waterford. Official opening of Mount Eskar, Co. Waterford. Waterford Hockey Club Mayoral Reception, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford. Opening of the Wake Museum, Cathedral Square, Co. Waterford.
SATURDAY 17th:	
SUNDAY 18th:	
MONDAY 19th:	Presentation of certificates to 5th and 6th Class students of Abbeyside National School, Co. Waterford.
TUESDAY 20th:	
WEDNESDAY 21st:	
THURSDAY 22nd:	Lion's Club Summer Camp visit to the Chamber, City Hall, The Mall, Co. Waterford. Tunefest Launch, SGC Cinema Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
FRIDAY 23rd:	
SATURDAY 24th:	
SUNDAY 25th:	Viking Marathon, The Mall, Co. Waterford. The Street Feast, Top of the City Garden, Co. Waterford.
MONDAY 26th:	Visit to Faithlegg N.S, Faithlegg, Co. Waterford.
TUESDAY 27th:	St. Carthages House Visit, Lismore, Co. Waterford. Holy Ghost Residential Home Visit, Cork Road, Co. Waterford.
WEDNESDAY 28th:	Comhairle na nÓg Mayoral Reception and Seminar, Mayors Parlour, City Hall, Co. Waterford. Copper Coast UNESCO Global Geopark invitation to Dinner, Ni Bhrian, Fennor, Co. Waterford.
THURSDAY 29th:	
FRIDAY 30th:	

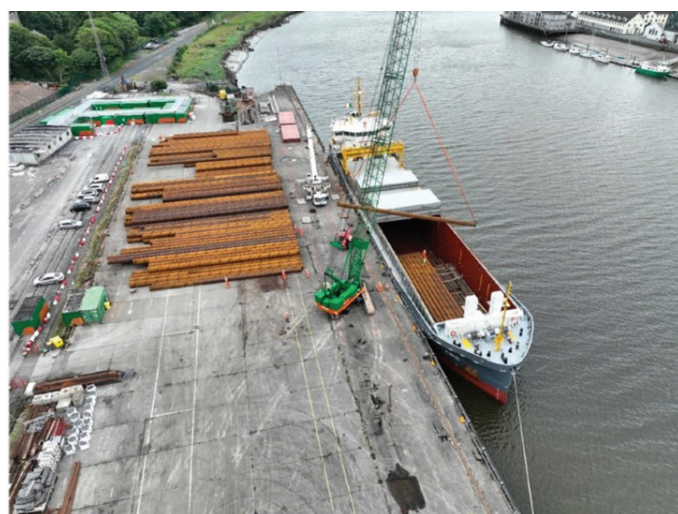
Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

North Quays

BAM's has commenced site clearance works at the Transport Hub site, South Plaza and Abbey Road. Traffic management measures are in place along Dock Road to allow for median works in advance of phase 1 road works. Phase 1 traffic management works be installed on Dock Road, from the week commencing 17th July 2023, for an eight-week period.

On the 23rd June, 4,000 tonne of tubular and sheet piles were delivered to site in advance of piling works, the piling works is due to commence in July 2023.

David Walsh Civil Engineering contractor is progressing well on the Pump Station Enabling Works and relocating the Ferrybank Pump Station, 60% of the Pump Station contract is deemed to be complete.



Local Enterprise Office

LEO Figures year to date (2023) and comparison of current month with previous year

Indicator	At end of June 2022	At end of June 2023
Measure 1		
No. of Clients applying	6	17
No. of Clients securing	6	17
Value of support approved	€178,145	€249,449
Measure 2		
No. of clients receiving	1106	1376
Value of support given	€198,490	€251,163

Support – Trading Online Voucher

Trading Online Voucher

No. of Approvals	46
Value of Approvals	€89,163

Figures not included in cumulative table.

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Waterford Local Enterprise Office, together with Waterford County Council are pleased to announce Expat Taxes as their 2023 Waterford Digital Awards Overall Winner.

The ceremony, which took place at Dooley's Hotel on Friday 9th June, aimed to recognise, and reward SMEs based in County Waterford who have developed their ecommerce and digital platforms as part of their product offering. Expat Taxes, the overall winner, is a boutique online tax practice that works with employees and their employers when they are moving to or from Ireland.



Communications

Press Releases

The Communications Department distributed 15 media releases, drafted 17 Mayoral speeches.



#YourCouncilDay2023

This year Your Council Day took place on June 23rd.

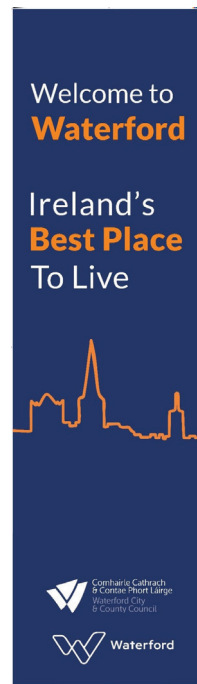
Waterford City and County Council social media channels published 70+ posts (static and video) highlighting the work of the Local Authority, and the role local authorities play in the social and economic life of the area.

Communications collaborated with all sectors to prepare an extensive suite of social media content (static and video content) that showcases the work of Waterford City and County Council. Videos included fire services, environment (water stations / ballot bins), Ukrainian refugee response and Healthy Waterford.

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In house Design:

- City banners / teardrops
- Comeraghs Wild Festival
- NQ Newsletter Vol 2
- E-Parking signage
- Dungarvan Museum signage
- City Greenway decals



Social Media Stats (WCCC and Shop Waterford FB/ Twitter/ LinkedIn combined): 2023

	Reach	% Change	Posts	% Change	Followers	% Change
June	440,261	-36%	356	-13%	47,564	1%
May	687,697	-18%	411	66%	47,153	1%

WCCC Website stats: April 28th to May 26th 2023

	Page Views	Unique page views	Avg. Time on Page
	103,751	85,523	00:01:26
1. Online Planning Enquiries	10,429	8,328	00:03:41
2. Index	7,614	5,887	00:01:03
3. Choice Based Lettings	6,405	4,742	00:01:27
4. Job Vacancies	5,040	4,308	00:02:40
5. Online Payments	4,487	3,915	00:02:57
6. Planning Enquiries	3,798	2,583	00:00:13
7. Departments Index	3,111	2,526	00:00:21
8. Planning Index	2,561	1,943	00:00:32
9. Planning Lists Index	2,553	2,094	00:03:29
10. Roads/ Parking	2,441	1,691	00:00:33

*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.

*** This month there was a Advertising campaign running for Waterford 2040 so that impacted the total figures.

TRAILS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION:

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

- Call for funding under ORIS 2023 issued on 1st June. The scheme which is administered at national level by the Department of Rural and Community Development funds the ongoing maintenance of existing trails and outdoor recreation amenities, development of new and enhanced amenities as well as promotional activities.
- WCCC issued call for Expressions of Interest regarding potential Measure 1 projects (funding of up to €30,000), with a closing date of 7th July.
- Currently implementing 18 projects around the county, funded under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) between 2020 and 2022.

Waterford Greenway

- Ongoing development projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII including.
- Greenway Feasibility Studies
- Continuing to work with Cork County Council and Tipperary County Council on two Greenway Feasibility studies:
 - Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway Study
 - Kilmeaden to Carrick-on-Suir Greenway Study
- Further landowner, stakeholder and public engagement will take place throughout 2023.

Waterford Trails

- Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors, local trail development groups and other key stakeholders with regard to ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford's existing recreational trail network. www.visitwaterfordtrails.com

Destination Towns Update

The following project elements associated with the original Fáilte Ireland grant allocation are now being progressed with an anticipated completion date of August 2023:

- Installation of new Sculptures to guide 'footfall' to and highlight the Viking Triangle
- Upgrading of the existing pedestrian 'Way Finding' Signage and orientation mapping – contract awarded to 'Truform Ltd' - Civil works sub-contractor has been procured and works will be fully complete by mid-August
- Redefining carparks for visitors – erection of poles and banners now complete
- Improvements to the pedestrian crossing between the Mall and Bishop's Palace – final design has been forwarded to Roads and a Section 38 process has commenced. Installation of new crossing will be completed during the summer
- Banner poles at Bolton St. Carpark - all works complete.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC

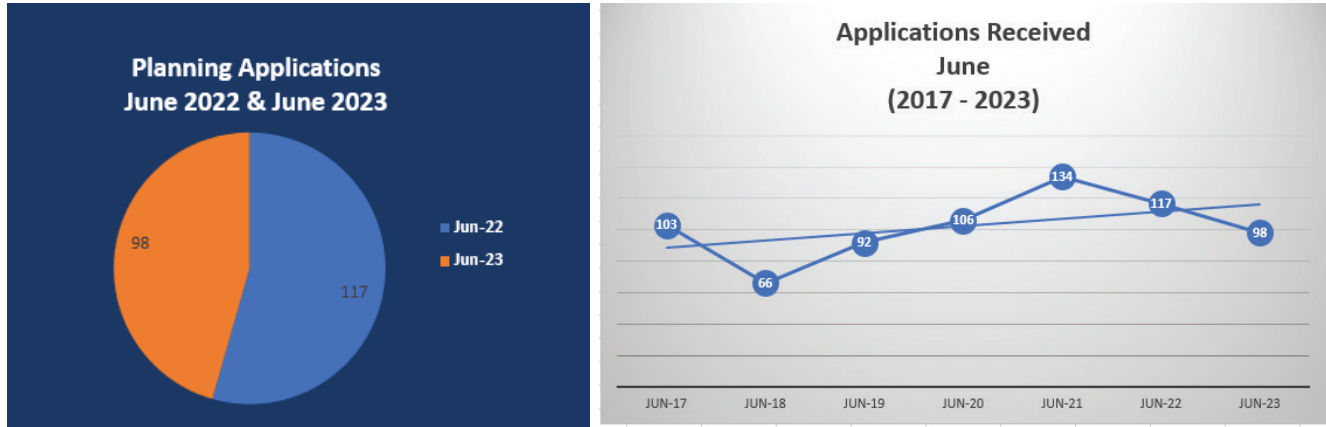
The next Economic Development & Enterprise SPC is scheduled on September 27th 2023.

Pleanáil / Planning

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – COUNTYWIDE

98 Planning applications were received countywide in June 2023. This compares with 117 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 493 planning applications were received in the year to 30th June 2023. This compares to 588 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.



Heritage Officer Report

Heritage Week

Heritage Week this year runs from August 12th-20th. This year's theme invites people to explore the traditions and practices, knowledge and skills passed down through generations. National Heritage Week celebrates Ireland's cultural, built and natural heritage and events can be registered on the heritageweek.ie portal. A printed Heritage Week events guide will also be published by Waterford City and County Council. Event organisers are requested to register their events on heritageweek.ie by July 10th in order to be included in the printed guide.

Biodiversity

Birdwatch Ireland have been commissioned by Waterford City and County Council to carry out a survey of Barn Owls in the county. Anecdotal evidence indicates Barn Owls are increasing in Waterford possibly influenced by availability of prey such as the Greater White-toothed Shrew. A detailed survey of suitable habitat for Barn Owl along with monitoring of nesting sites and awareness raising measures will benefit the conservation of the red listed species in Co. Waterford. Sightings of Barn Owl can be reported to the Heritage Officer at bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie to help inform the county wide survey.

Visit by the Heritage Council Board

The Heritage Council Board and executive will visit Waterford on July 6th-7th and visit the Medieval Museum, Woodstown Viking Site, and Ardmore over the course of their two-day visit.

Conservation Officer

Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structure Scheme

Some of the projects granted funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme have completed works and Historic Structures Fund.

Tithíocht / Housing

Housing Applications

Housing Applications				
<i>* inc files from carried forward</i>	June 2022	Year 2022	June 2023	Year to date 2023
Applications received	103	959	175	1060
Applications assessed *	56	434	80	322
Applications Validated*	N/A	N/A	126	624
Approved for social housing supports following interview	N/A	N/A	21	140

Housing Allocations

Housing Allocations					
	New Tenancies June 2022	Cumulative Tenancies 2022	New Tenancies June 2023	Refusal of new Tenancies	Cumulative Tenancies 2023
Total	40	487	15	7	151

CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL) SCHEME

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 1212 There have been 401 refusals on properties.

Housing Loans applications

Housing Loans applications					
2023 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with housing agency/Deferred for 6 months
June	11	3	8	2	2
Year to date	38	3	26	7	2

Tenant Purchase applications

Tenant Purchase applications					
2023 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
June	7	5	2	0	1
Year to date 2022	31	13	9	9	2
Year to date 2023	41	8	9	19	19

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment					
	June 22 HAP Tenancies	May 23 HAP Tenancies	2023 No.of active HAP Tenancies set up	Applications approved	Sales Closed
HAP Tenancies	43	34	-10	4,695	1769

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Inspections of Dwellings

HAP	58
HAP Non- Compliant	45
Total	58

Housing First Programme

Tenancies 2023	
Number of Tenancies in place 25th June 2023 with Housing First supports.	35

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

Grant Scheme amount	No of applications approved June 2023	Value of applications June 2023	Cumulative number of applications approved 2023	Cumulative value of 2023 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	14	€124,001.98	46	€442,607.98
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	2	€8,240.00	8	€33,190.00
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	24	€75,481.80	59	€256,393.66
Total	40	€207,723.78	113	€732,254.64

Housing Grant Applications Received & Validated:	Housing Grant Applications Incomplete & Returned:	Housing Grant Applications Incomplete & Returned:
52	8	40

Homeless Services

Homeless Services

Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS)	22nd May - 25th June 2023	Cumulative 2023	Total 2022
Number of Callers to WIHS seeking a service	366	1,666	3,618
Assessments by a Homeless Officer	90	480	954

Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation

	25th June 2023	25th June 2022
Number of Single Persons	42	47
Number of Families	14	15
Number of Adults in Families	17	17
Number of Children	23	31

HAP PlaceFinder Service

	22nd May - 25th June 2023	Cumulative 2023
Number of Assessments by the Homeless HAP Officer	32	155
Number of HAP PlaceFinder Tenancies HUB Complete	12	67

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects

Project Type	Units
Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects	270
Part V	295
Total Units in WCCC Projects	634

Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects

	Units
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects	43

Housing Efficiency Retrofit (Total Units for 2022)

	Units
Total Units Housing Efficiency Retrofit 2022	74

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITTING MAY 2023:

Submission has been made to The Dept for EER properties in 2023.

REFURBISHING OF HOUSES BECOMING VACANT FOR RE LET:

June 2023	Total
Handed over/	
Works completed	13
Newley Vacant	9

TENANT "IN-SITU" SCHEME

- 83 Enquiries received •21 Waiting to hear back from Vendor for further information •1 Sale Completed
- 24 Sale Agreed •6 Offers made and awaiting to hear back from Vendors
- 12 Awaiting WCCC inspection/ Independent Valuation
- 19 Not proceeding- 3x Tenant left property themselves. 1 Tenant doesn't want to stay in the property and has transfer request in 1 Tenants allowed stay in property by landlord, landlord didn't want to proceed further. 5x Not suitable for tenant in-situ scheme and informed about Cost Rental Tenant in-situ scheme. 1 Landlord only want's to sell to highest bidder on the open market. 3x Can't reach agreement with Landlord. Figures too far apart based on WCCC valuation compared to what the Vendor want's. 4x Tenants accepted alternative social housing unit. Vendor wanted property back for themselves to live in.

Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

- The preparation of the new Local Development Strategy is almost complete. A draft of the LDS has been circulated to the LCDC for approval.
- Subject to approval, the Local Development Strategy will be submitted by the LCDC on the 13th of July 2023.
- Payments are continuing and are nearing completion.
- LEADER has allocated €8m to Projects since 2017.
- In terms of funds decommitted, the Final outcome will be €41,000, which is very small. If there can be a late July LCDC meeting, it is planned to reallocate this €41,000.

AFRICA DAY 2023:

Africa Day Waterford took place on 27th May in Waterford's Cultural Quarter. The event was well attended and the atmosphere was vibrant. 21 stalls were in place with a diverse mix of foods, arts, crafts, clothing, hair braiding, henna painting and jewellery. Two music stages provided 4 hours of entertainment and a variety of cultural dances took place. Active Cities provided on street games for children and the Nore Valley Farm petting zoo was a popular attraction with rabbits, lambs, guinea pigs and hamsters. The 60th Anniversary of the African Union and the growing trade links between Ireland and Africa were noted in speeches by Council officials and representatives of the African community.

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG:

The steering committee met on June 13th. The topic for 2023 has been identified as Relationships and Sexual Education in schools. Progress on 2023 activities is being made weekly by the young members. Work has commenced on the creation of a Podcast on the young peoples chosen topic.

WATERFORD AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME:

The new strategy was launched by Minister Mary Butler TD on June 16th 2023 simultaneously at the launch of St. Josephs housing development in Manor Hill, Waterford, by Minister Dara O'Brien. Planning is underway to begin delivering on the year 1 action plan and to specifically set up the implementation teams.

HEALTHY WATERFORD

Playful Streets Dates : The below dates are confirmed and currently being worked on. It is available to other venues pending great levels of interest from the local community.

- Kilmacthomas 19th of June
- Waterford City 4th July (Part of National Play Day)
- Tramore – 10th July
- Portlaw 14th June
- Lismore – 17th July
- Dungarvan – 14th August
- Waterford City 16th August

The Pobal funding is being released to the Local Authority from the 1st of June. Several projects have been committed funding. Further projects will be identified with a aim to spend the majority of the funding this year while also identifying projects to support and fund for 2024. The current projects are below with SLA's currently being agreed with lead implementing partners.

Project Committed Funding	
TREO Portlairge	€10,000
Aiseiri Progression Program	€7,360
Playful Streets	€7,500
SHEP Community Wellbeing	€6,500
Lismore Environs – Place Standard approach to Community Wellbeing	€20,000
Healthy Communities	€17,000
Autism Friendly Cities	€3,000
Social Farming	€8,500
Total	€79,860

The Well Waterford committee and implementing partners have a number of meetings and events arranged to bring about a localised approach to community wellbeing. The following dates will be for elected members and our implementing partners to meet and input into the Well Waterford structure.

- 23rd of June – Dungarvan Lismore MD
- 21st July – Comeragh MD
- 18th August – Metro MD

The Healthy City and County Coordinator will be presenting at the National Health Promotion conference in Galway along with being invited onto the National Network for Healthy Ireland Cities & Counties

SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP):

Work continues on progressing the various projects under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme.

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. Approximately 2,400 Ukrainian refugees have been registered in Waterford to date with over 1,687 Ukrainians having been received directly into Waterford Council run Rest Centres in Dungarvan and Waterford City. To date 1,267 have been matched with pledged and other accommodation sourced by Waterford Council. Over 75% of expiring licence agreements are being renewed and the team continue to work on supporting pledge owners and occupiers here in Waterford.

Waterford Area Partnership are supporting those who have moved with integration into our communities.

The 'offer a home' pledge call for vacant properties is still open with over 200 Ukrainians being accommodated in pledged accommodation to date. Any queries on same should be directed to offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie or 058 22059.

PRIDE OF PLACE:

The entrants for the 2023 awards namely, CAPE-ability Lismore (winners of the overall PPN award) and the Larchville Lisduggan Residents Group (nominated by the Housing Dept.) will be judged on July 6th

NATIONAL PLAY DAY

Waterford City and County, in partnership with Waterford Sports Partnership, is preparing for National Play Day 2023, which runs from 1st to 9th July.

The theme for Play Day 2023 is Wonder and Discovery. This theme was chosen to represent the wonder and discovery that unfolds when children play outside. Ensuring children have access to outdoor play means they will have many opportunities for developing their imagination and physical abilities. Playing in nature also presents opportunities for exploration and adventure.

The aim of National Play Day is to promote play and recreation opportunities for children and young people. Through this initiative, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) is supporting the local authority in delivering a programme of activity to support National Play Day. Activities will include a playful street and surfing, and there will also be play packs for children.

CLÁR MEASURE 1 - DEVELOPING COMMUNITY FACILITIES & AMENITIES

A total of 9 applications were received 8 of which meet the criteria and were submitted to the DRCD in early June. We await decision on funding allocation.

SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP):

Work continues on progressing the various projects under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme.

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 period 25/05/23 to 19/06/23.

Fire Service Operational Activity:				
<i>Area</i>	<i>Fires</i>	<i>Special Services</i>	<i>False alarm/ Good intent</i>	<i>False alarm /Malicious</i>
<i>Total for June</i>	54	36	14	0
<i>Year to date</i>	294	253	111	0
<i>Total for June 2022</i>	36	38	19	0
<i>Total for 2022</i>	274	240	105	0

FIRE SAFETY:

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

Fire Safety:				
	<i>June 2023</i>	<i>2023 YTD</i>	<i>June 2022</i>	<i>2022 YTD</i>
<i>Fire Safety Certificates</i>	5	48	8	49

BUILDING CONTROL:

Building Control:				
<i>Applications recived</i>	<i>June 2023</i>	<i>2023 YTD</i>	<i>June 2022</i>	<i>2022 YTD</i>
<i>Commencement Notices</i>	27	107	21	155
<i>Completion Certificates</i>	12	79	14	115
<i>Disability Access Certs</i>	8	36	6	31

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Civil Defence activities during the month of June 2023 continues 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 56 Ukraine related calls

Transportation to Medical appointments such as Hospital Visits, GPs, Dentists etc

For Local Events we were involved in supporting:

Little Run, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny

Waterford Viking Marathon Event

National Radiation Monitoring Exercise. Waterford Civil Defence was chosen as the lead unit for the coordination and collection of Background Radiation readings from across the South East. This was in the form of both Grass and Soil samples for onward delivery to the SETU Dept of Science Main Campus Waterford. We were delighted to be working in collaboration with the SETU Dept of Science who work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency for whom Civil Defence survey teams collected samples.

Our Civil Defence volunteers continue their training and working towards recertifying their core skills in their different service area's like Communications, First Aid, Search etc.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement Statistics

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS:

1ST JANUARY 2023 – 25TH MAY 2023

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE LITTER POLLUTION ACTS 1997 (AS AMENDED)

Legal Action Initiated	2
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	83
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	52
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTS 1996 (AS AMENDED)

No of Complaints	1261
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	0
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	13
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	11
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	61
Section 14 Directions	6
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	0
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	2
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.	0
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	5

CLIMATE ACTION

Rates Energy Discount Scheme

The Rates Energy Discount Scheme is now open. Businesses with rates of less than €10,000 per annum or hospitality businesses are eligible to apply. All eligible businesses have been contacted and they have until the end of September to either upload evidence of an energy audit or to complete an Energy Self Assessment. Once the businesses have completed either they will receive information on grants available to them to undertake energy renovations or for investment in energy efficient equipment.

Climate Action Plan

The pre-draft consultation for the Climate Action Plan closed on 23rd June. 19 submissions were received online and 4 written submissions were received by the Climate Action office. The Climate Action team is now into the drafting stage with a draft due at the end of September. The Climate Action team will be looking for involvement from elected members throughout this process.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Waste Prevention

National Food Waste Recycling Week took place from 5th to 11th June with the intention of promoting food waste recycling as a positive climate action but also reminding people to do it correctly. Recent research shows a 2% increase in plastic found in food waste collections, a trend that needs to be kept in check and reversed. As part of this, ads were ran on local radio, social media campaign to promote food recycling and an event to distribute a total of 500 food waste caddies and information packs free of charge at Dungarvan Civic Amenity Site, through Tramore Tidy Towns and Central Library in Waterford (as part of a week-long food waste recycling display).

Community Clean-Ups

Ballot bins were recently installed in Waterford City, Tramore and Dungarvan and are an initiative to encourage smokers to properly dispose of their cigarette butts. The ballot bins feature an engaging voting system that is a fun way to get people to vote by placing their cigarette butts in one of two voting slots. The ballot bins feature customisable questions and smokers can vote on the topic. The polls will be regularly updated and will feature Yes / No polls with questions such as 'Were Ross and Rachel on a break?' or 'Pineapple on Pizza?' Other polls will offer a choice of answers such as 'Best Blaa filling?' and 'Which came first? The Chicken or the egg'. While the topics may be fun and engaging, cigarette butts pose a real societal and environmental problem. They are the most common form of litter in both Waterford and indeed the world, with an estimated 4.5 trillion cigarette butts thrown away every year.

Community Clean-Ups

Waterford City & County Council facilitates community clean ups throughout the year to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. These have begun again in earnest. We continue to supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, distributing them from both our Dungarvan and Waterford offices. Collection of any bags of litter is then arranged following the clean-up.

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Libraries

In June, Waterford City & County Libraries were buzzing with activity. Statistics: figures represent 30 days of activity to June 30th.

<i>No. of Visitors this month</i>	34,178
<i>Active members</i>	30,542
<i>Issues in Branch</i>	26,967
<i>On Line Borrowing including, ebooks & emagazines</i>	7,640
<i>Events & Activities</i>	482

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<i>View</i>	12,132
<i>Visitors</i>	4790
<i>Average views per day</i>	404

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY:

- Waterford Libraries, Europe Direct Waterford, Waterford Council Environment Department and The Walton Institute came together to organise a Clothes Swap and a Clothes Repair and Upcycling Workshop. Over 70 attended the Swap and 155 items were swapped leading to a potential reduction of 465kg of carbon emissions.
- 10 people attended the repair workshop on June 24th learned how to alter and repair clothes, people were delighted to learn a practical skill which can help them get better value from their clothes and help combat climate change.
- Crinniu na nOg events celebrating the creativity of young people took place on June 11th
- Dungarvan Pride Festival held a LGBTQ+ Information Evening with Debbie O'Rourke, (WSTCYS, ChILLOUT LGBTQ+ Youth Groups) for parents and adults on 15th June it was attended by 11 people.
- Healthy Ireland at your Library held a Breakfast Launch of The Way Forward Bibliotherapy Booklet and Waterford Referral Pathways Poster for Children and Young People in Mount Congreve in partnership with Waterford CYPSC, HSE Psychology Services and SE Regional Office of Suicide Prevention on 30th June attended by 50 people
- The PPAI Photographer of the Year Exhibition opened on Tuesday 27th featuring over 100 of the best images from Irish press photographers and the 2023 AIB PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR, Mark Condren.
- A talk by Donald Brady on the Palliser's as part of the IMMRAMA festival of travel writing on took place on June 17th, with 50 attendees.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT:

- Little Library Book bags are being distributed to every child starting Primary School in September 2023. There are books in English agus Gaeilge. Social stories and accessible information for parents are included also. This valuable initiative targets early literacy and the transition from pre school to primary.
- The national Summer Stars literacy initiative for primary school students launched on June 12th. Every Library in the county will run events and promotions to help keep children reading over the summer.
- 2,359 FAI Ladies World Cup activity books are being distributed to students across the county this month. These are a great literacy and sports participation initiative

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Writing Workshops in partnership with the Irish Writers Centre and funded by Creative Waterford and will run from July over a number of months.
- Sprog festival for young people will take place from July 3rd.
- The Summer stars official launch will take place in Dungarvan on July 8th with an outside broadcast by WLR fm.



Airgeadas / Finance Revenue Account

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to May 31, 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A Housing & Building	14,922,340	35,728,461	42%	16,119,475	38,036,305	42%
B Road Transport & Safety	14,490,254	49,146,777	29%	8,002,230	33,752,918	24%
C Water Services	4,672,942	11,790,929	40%	4,432,472	11,163,993	40%
D Development Management	10,454,044	21,992,796	48%	6,071,246	11,448,028	53%
E Environmental Services	8,392,264	21,512,181	39%	714,297	2,875,458	25%
F Recreation & Amenity	6,579,325	15,464,575	43%	780,402	1,614,234	48%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	371,083	1,068,270	35%	120,572	399,696	30%
H Miscellaneous Services	4,133,250	9,678,508	43%	4,592,212	10,749,476	43%
LG Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	8,194,845	19,667,628	42%
RA Rates	0	0	0%	15,281,148	36,674,758	42%
	64,015,503	166,382,494	38%	64,308,899	166,382,494	39%
Surplus/Deficit				293,397		0

Collections

Airgeadas Finance										
Summary of main collections May 2023 YTD										
	A Gross Bal as at 1-1-2023	B Accrued ytd to May 2023	C Write Offs and Vacancies	D Waivers & Credits	E Total for Collection [1+2-3]	F Collected ytd to May 2023	G' Gross Bal 31-05-2023 [4-5]	[6] Specific Provision	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	[7] % Collected ytd re 2023 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Rates	3,008,361	36,139,633	- 485,140	-	38,662,854	13,492,935	25,169,919	1,391,804	36%	37%
Loans	1,534,038	1,388,059	256		2,922,353	1,399,855	1,522,498		48%	101%
Rents	3,903,206	6,913,423	2,496		10,819,125	6,668,990	4,150,135		62%	96%
Aged Analysis :										
				Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates				-	23,186,802	-	1,983,117			25,169,919
				0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans				172,150	60,388	95,293	1,194,667			1,522,498
				Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents				130,659	87,403	150,813	3,781,260			4,150,135
Overdraft Levels										
Days in Overdraft in May 23'	0		Cost -	0	€0.00	Average Value when in O/D :	N/A		€	-