

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council



## Management Report to Council

Feabhra 2021

Michael Walsh,

Príomhfheidhmeannach

February 2021

Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

## Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate

### How to protect yourself from COVID – 19



#### **IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL**

Check if you have symptoms of coronavirus. These are a cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties, fever (high temperature).

If you do have symptoms of coronavirus, phone your GP or local Emergency Department [ED] immediately.

**Do not go to your GP or ED.** Phone them first. Tell them about your symptoms. Give them the details about your situation. Avoid contact with other people by self-isolating. If you do not have a GP, phone **112** or **999**.

#### **IF YOU ARE FEELING WELL**

If you are feeling well, carry on with your normal routine.

Follow the advice on how to protect yourself and others from coronavirus and other infections such as flu.

Avoid spending time with people who are ill with a cough, high temperature, or breathing problems.

If you develop symptoms of coronavirus:

- avoid contact with people by self-isolating
- phone your GP or emergency department
- tell them your symptoms and the details of your situation

#### **Meetings**

All council meetings, CPG and SPC's to continue as remote meetings for the month of February.

## Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

### 1. Infrastructural works

- a. **Main contract.** The main construction contract for the Waterford North Quays infrastructural works comprises the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works. In June 2020 tenders were received for the Waterford North Quays Project Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) for the Main Construction Works. Roughan O'Donovan (ROD), Consulting Engineers carried out a pass / fail assessment and an Independent Assessment Board carried out a qualitative assessment on the tenders received. BDO Ireland has issued a financial evaluation on the top five tenderers as recommended by the Assessment Board. The top five qualified submissions based on the recommendations of the Board and financial analysis will be invited to stage 2 of the Restricted Procedure Process and proceed to tender in April 2021.
- b. **Planning applications.** Planning application for the western flood defence works currently being progressed, to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in March/April 2021. Part 8 planning applications are currently being prepared by Kilkenny County Council for the Belmont Link road, N29 Port Road and enhanced greenway connectivity works. Detailed design for Abbey Road and Belmont Road Sustainable Transport Improvements will progress in early 2021.
- c. **Advanced contracts/ enabling works.** The Utility Diversion Works and Demolition and Site Clearance Works Contracts are both substantially complete and at final account stage. An enabling works contract is progressing for the South Plaza, tender documentation for this contract as well as the Rock Stabilisation and Pump Station works are being finalised and are all due to go to tender in February 2021. WS Atkins Ltd has been appointed to undertake the Transport Hub Independent Design Safety Certification by a Notified Body (NoBo) while Hewson Consulting Engineers has been appointed for the Sustainable Transport Bridge Cat 3 Independent Design Check contract. Both contracts have commenced. Works are progressing raising sleepers and track on the South East Greenway, between Waterford and New Ross.

### 2. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	End of Jan 2020 Cumulative Figure	End of Jan 2021 Cumulative Figure
<b>No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support</b>	0	0
<b>No. of clients securing Measure 1 support</b>	0	0
<b>Value of Measure 1 support approved</b>	0	0
<b>No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support</b>	120	219
<b>Value of Measure 2 support given</b>	€31,927	€20,147

No Evaluation Committee meeting took place in January 2021. Next meeting is February 2021.

### 3. Rural Economic Development

- Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018 - implementation delayed with C19 restrictions
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019 – 5 applications are being progressed.
  - Lemybrien
  - Dunhill
  - Fenor
  - Cappoquin
  - Bunmahon
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020 – 5 applications approved grant funding €355,756.00
  - Dungarvan
  - Stradbally
  - Aglish
  - Clashmore
  - Knockanore
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measure 2020 -16 projects are being progressed.

#### 3.1 Waterford Recreational Trails

##### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2019

All projects progressing well. Deadline for remaining Measure 1 projects extended to 31<sup>st</sup> May by DRCD due to Covid related delays. Measure 2 projects due to be completed late 2021.

##### ORIS 2020

Funding approved under Measure 1 announced by DRCD in early January 2021. Includes 4 no. project proposals from WCCC and 2 no. projects proposed by Waterford Leader Partnership (WLP) as follows:

##### WCCC:


- Maintenance and upgrade works at The Towers Walk
- Extension of Abbeyside Coastal Walk
- Nire Valley Walks-maintenance and repair works
- Boolas Loop Walk, Rathgormack-Maintenance and repair works

##### WLP:

- Mount Melleray Monastery Walks upgrade
- Carriglea Wood Walk Enhancement

#### 4. Economic Development

The new Economic Incentive Scheme for Vacant Properties in Urban Areas is now open for applications. Details and the application form are available at <https://waterfordcouncil.ie/media/grants/index.htm>



### Waterford City & County Council

### Economic Incentive Scheme 2021-2022

#### Rates Incentive

Rates free for 3 years

#### Start up grant

Year 1 - Fit out contribution  
€3,000

Year 2 - Overhead costs  
€2,000

Year 3 - Overhead costs €1,000

#### Soft supports

Site identification and market data

Training, mentoring, networking, marketing

#### 5. Economic Development & Enterprise SPC

The Economic Development & Enterprise SPC has prepared the Draft Casual Trading Byelaws 2021 which will be presented to council.

## Pleanáil / Planning

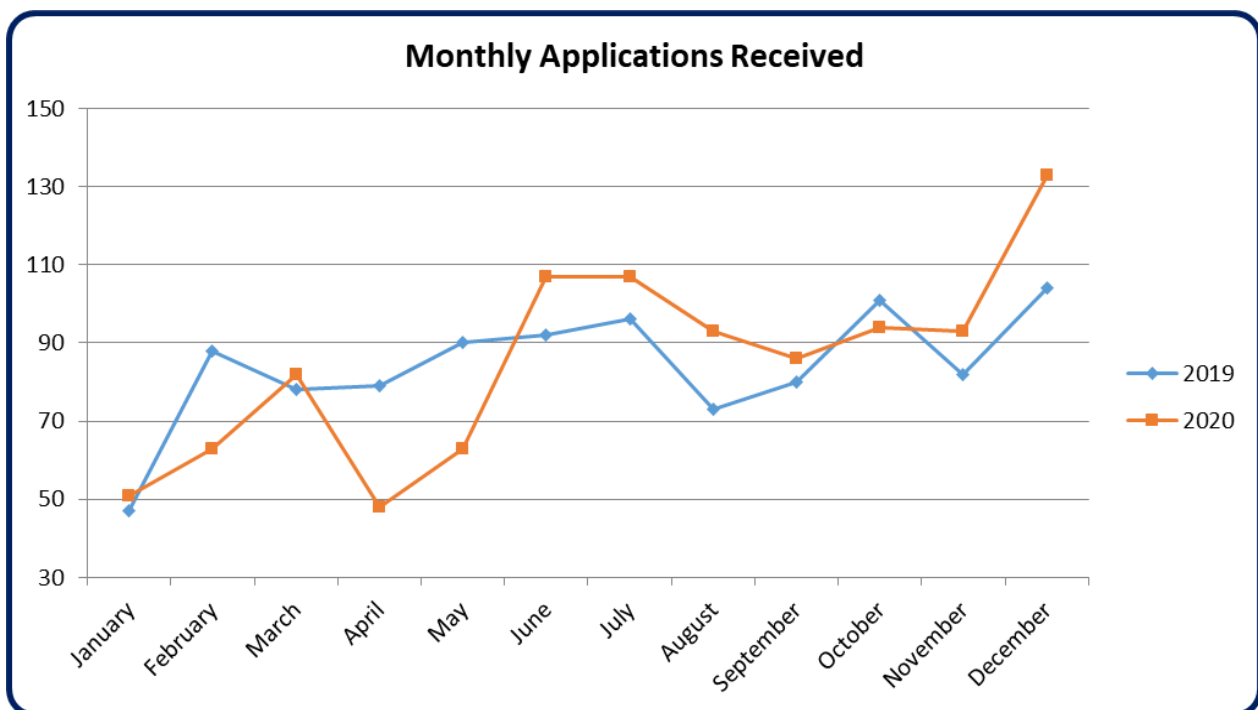
### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

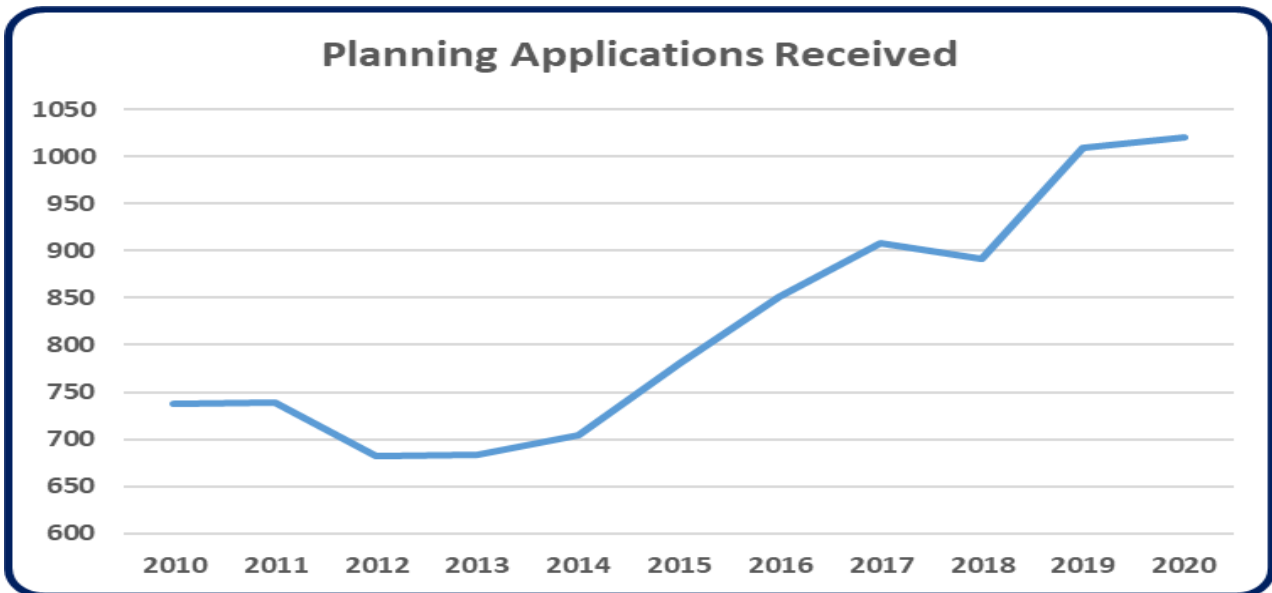
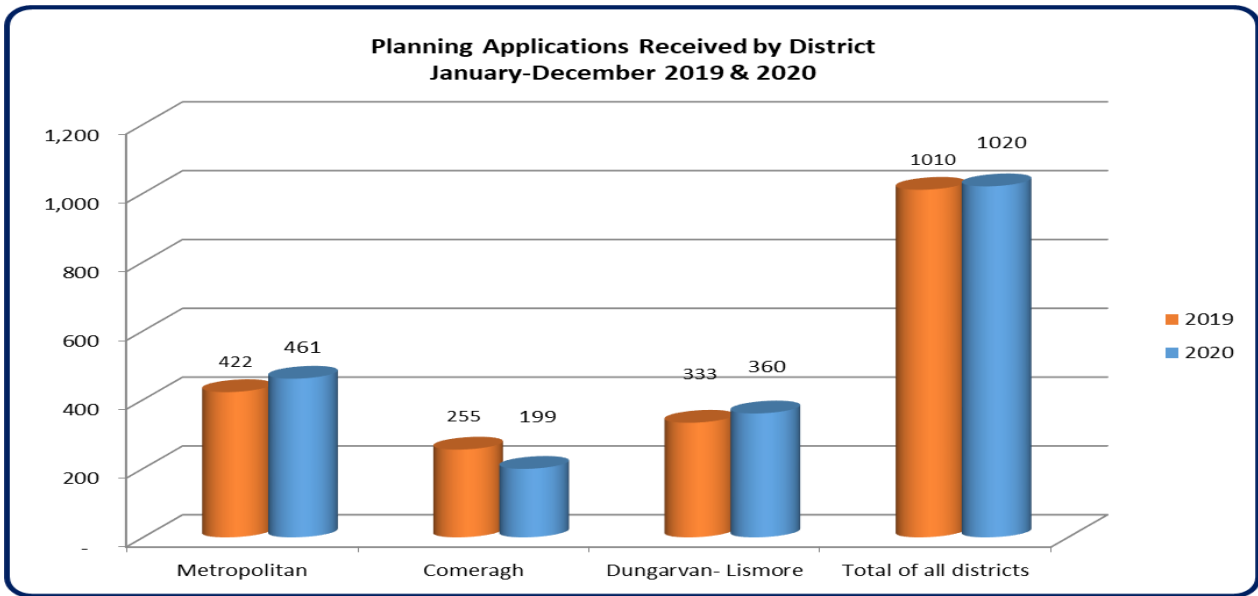
45 Planning applications were received in the month of January countywide (to 26<sup>th</sup> January). This compares with 51 planning applications received in the same month in 2020. Additional responses are also being received to further information requests.

### Planning Applications Received – 2020

A total of 1020 planning applications were received in 2020. This compares to 1010 planning applications which were received in 2019. The total number of applications received is the highest figure for a single year since 2008. The monthly figure of 133 applications received in December 2020 is also the highest monthly figure received since 2008. This monthly figure of 133 applications received is 25% higher than the next highest monthly figure of 107 applications received in that 12 year period.

Additionally, 690 applications were granted planning permission in 2020. This compares to 725 applications which were approved in 2019





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

Following on from the Direction given by the Plenary Council to the Chief Executive on the issues to be considered in the preparation of the draft development plan, staff in the planning policy section are now actively engaged in preparing the draft development plan for your consideration, having regard to the content of the Direction and of the Report of the Chief Executive. The timeline for preparing the draft development plan indicates that it will be presented for your consideration in April as per the table below.

This will be followed by a series of discussions and workshops with the Plenary Council throughout the months of April, May and early June to allow full consideration of the draft development plan and associated documents. A 10 week phase of public consultation will then take place from late June to late August during which time written submissions will be invited from members of the public and other 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.

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In a manner similar to the initial phase of public consultation last summer, it is intended to have a dedicated online consultation portal 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. <b>NOW COMPLETED</b>	8 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Mon 14/09/20
Prepare CE Report on submissions and submit to Plenary Council. <b>NOW COMPLETED</b>	8 wks	Mon 14/09/20	Mon 09/11/20
Liaise and discuss with Plenary Council and obtain Resolution on CE Report. <b>NOW COMPLETED</b>	10 wks	Mon 09/11/20	Mon 18/01/21
Prepare a Draft Dev Plan. <b>CURRENT PHASE</b>	12 wks	Mon 18/01/21	Mon 12/04/21
Submit Draft Dev Plan to Plenary Council and obtain Resolution.	8 wks	Mon 12/04/21	Mon 07/06/21
Notice of preparation of Draft Dev Plan.	2 wks	Mon 07/06/21	Mon 21/06/21
Public Consultation on Draft Dev Plan.	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



## Heritage Investment Scheme & Historical Structures Fund

In light of the current Covid-19 situation and in the interest of facilitating applications, the closing dates for applications for grants under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021 and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021 have been extended to 19th of February 2021.

This year the HSF funding also provides for 2 pilot streams, subject to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage criteria, for

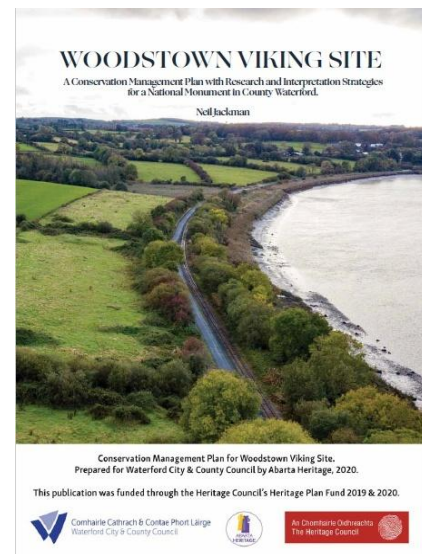
1. Vernacular projects - for a grant of between €5,000 and €10,000
2. Historic Shopfronts - for a grant between €15,000 and €50,000, additionally the Department have allocated funding for conservation of historic Irish-language shop facades

Details and forms are available on the Council website



## Woodstown Viking Site

A Meeting was held with Minister Malcolm Noonan TD, Deputy Marc O Cathasaigh and the Woodstown Viking Site Steering Committee on January 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Conservation Management Plan for the Woodstown Viking Site. The Minister expressed support for delivering the plan and an application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government's Community Monuments Fund in February.



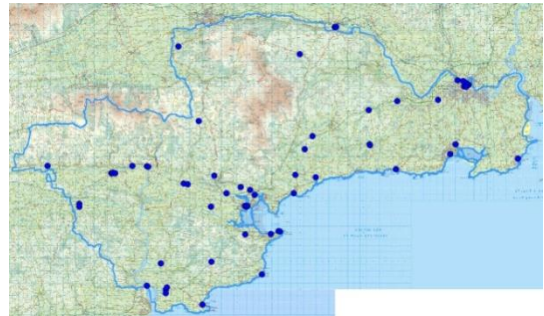
## Decade of Commemorations

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media have allocated €50,000 to Waterford City & County Council for the 2021 programme of commemorations.

The 2021 programme involves;

1. Commemoration of Pickardstown Ambush Tramore. January 7th 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQLlVnYMu7Q&t=170s>
2. Commemoration of the Burgery Ambush, Dungarvan- March 18<sup>th</sup>
3. Development of Waterford Commemorations Website.
4. Publication on the East Waterford Brigade by Dr. Pat McCarthy
5. Publication on Cumann na mBan by Waterford Co. Museum.
6. Community Commemorations Grant Scheme 2021- open until February 26<sup>th</sup>.
7. Completion and Launch of War of Independence in Waterford GIS Story Map.

## War of Independence sites in Waterford



## World Wetlands Day

To celebrate World Wetlands Day on the 2nd February 2021 and 50 years since the signing of the Ramsar Convention, Waterford City and County Council are highlighting the value of Waterford's Wetland Wildlife with an on-line video by local wildlife photographer Paddy Dwan. The Irish Ramsar Wetlands Committee and Wetland Surveys Ireland are launching a World Wetlands Day Photo Competition. This competition will be launched on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and photos can be submitted via the Wetland Surveys Ireland Snapshot App until the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Prizes include: OPW Family Heritage Cards, Biodiversity Ireland Swatch cards and inclusion in a 2022 Irish Wetlands Calendar. See [irishwetlands.ie](http://irishwetlands.ie)



## **Bóithre agus Iompar / Roads and Transportation**

### **Road Works Programme 2021**

Workshops have been arranged for each District to agree the Road Works Programme 2021 and will be held prior to the February District meetings as follows (notification and confirmation will issue prior to meetings):-

<b>Road Works Programme - Workshop Dates/Times</b>	
Dungarvan/Lismore District	8th Feb 1.45 - 2.15 pm
Metropolitan District	15th February 4.00 – 4.45 pm
Comeragh District	17th February 10.15 – 10.45 am

### **DTTAS Allocation 2021**

Funding has yet to be announced by the Department in relation to the coming year's roads budgets. Grant allocation will be notified to Council as part of the Road Works Programme workshops.

### **Winter Maintenance Programme - January**

Gritting and salting of roads continued during January with crews out on 19 nights during the month.

## Tithíocht / Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	January 2020	Total Number of Applications Year 2020	January 2021	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2021
Applications received	128	128	69	69
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	128	128	81	81
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	75	75	41	41
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	75	75	43	43

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during January 2020	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2020	New Tenancies during January 2021	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2021
Comeragh Municipal	0	9	0	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	1	46	1	3	1
Metropolitan	5	152	12	3	12
Voluntary Bodies	7	89	3	0	3
Totals	13	296	16	6	16

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 719. There have been 166 refusals on properties to date.

### Housing Loans applications

2021 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
January	4	3	0	0	8
YTD	4	3	0	0	8

**Tenant Purchase applications**

2021 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
January	1	0	0	1	0
YTD 2021	1	0	0	1	0
YTD 2020	61	2	21	34	13

**Housing Assistance Payment**

Housing Assistance Payment	January 2020 HAP tenancies	January 2021 HAP tenancies set up	2021 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	35	31	13	3,843	2,140

**Inspections of Dwellings**

2020	Dec-20
HAP	4
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	3
<i>of which were Re Inspections</i>	1
RAS	1
Compliant	1
Non-Compliant	
<i>of which were Re Inspections</i>	1
LTL	5
Compliant	2
Non-Compliant	3
<i>of which were Re Inspections</i>	2
Total	10

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved January 2021	Value of applications January 2021	Cumulative number of applications approved 2021	Cumulative value of 2021 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	3	€22096.05	3	€22096.05
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	4	€23873.52	4	€23873.52
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	3	€12648.30	3	€12648.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>€60395.34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>€60395.34</b>

### Homeless Services

Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS) (Opened 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019)	January 2021	January 2020
Number of callers seeking services in WIHS 1 <sup>st</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> January The Service has had over 7,100 visitors since opening on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019.	180	393
Number of presentations to WCCC Homeless Services 1 <sup>st</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> January (1,267 presentations in total in 2020)	55	142
Number of Formal Homeless Assessments 1 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> January	41	70
Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation on	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020
Number of Single Persons in EA	51	68
Number of Families in EA	10	8
Number of children in EA	32	23

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HAP Place Finder Service	Jan. 2021	Cumulative (06.11.18 to 28.01.21)
Number of approval letters issued 1 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 (565 approval letters issued to 31/12/2020)	15	580
Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies HUB Complete (312 tenancies set up to 31/12/2020)	16	328
Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies currently being processed (as at 28/01/2021)	19	N/A

Housing First Programme	Tenancies
Number of Housing First tenancies in place at 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Target = 30 by June 2021)	26

Homeless preventions, supported exits and sustained tenancies continue to be the priorities for Homeless Services in 2021. This will be achieved by continuing our partnership and collaborative working with the HSE and the various Homeless Service Providers in Waterford and by utilising our various projects in WIHS including our Homeless Prevention & Support Service, Advice & Information Service, Tenancy Support & Sustainment Service and the Housing First Service.

**Capital Projects**

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	17	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Approved. Revised proposal to be brought to Council workshop
Summerland Square	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q4 2021.
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q4 2021
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Mount William, Williamstown Rd	65	Metropolitan	Turnkey	Construction in Progress
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going – potential RLS
Ballynaneashagh	22	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Part 8 approved
Ballygunner	49	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q4 2021
Kilmacthomas	16	Comeragh	Tender Design	Tender in progress
Mount Esker, Ballytruckle	14	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Part 8 approved.
Railway Gardens, Lismore	17	Dungarvan/Lismore	Construction	Construction in Progress
Part V	26	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery On-going 2021 – 10 (est)
Repair and Lease	151	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2021 – 40 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Leasing	130	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2021 – 50 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q4 2021
Buy & Renew – 42/43 Doyle Street	2	Metropolitan	On Site	Construction in progress
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress
Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.



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Dunhill <i>Gleann Ealach</i>	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning refused
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road <i>Focus Ireland</i>	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Completion Q4, 2021.

#### **Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:**

January 2021	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	3	0	1	4
Newly vacant	2	1	0	3

#### **Compulsory Purchase Orders**

In compliance with the Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan, Waterford City & County Council have an ongoing programme to deal with property vacancy that currently involves sixteen (16) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target twenty (20) individual properties. So far, all sixteen (16) of these Compulsory Purchase Orders have been confirmed by An Bord Pleanala. These properties have all been identified as vacant, in private ownership and are located countywide. It is proposed to extend the initiative to reduce vacancy to all areas of the county.

## Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

### **Rural Development Programme:**

- The final allocations for the current LEADER Programme will end in March 2021
- €550,000 has to be allocated in February and March 2021
- Subject to planning permission, there are sufficient applicants to draw down the funds
- The New Transitional Programme will focus on a number of Key areas in preparation for the 2023 LEADER Programme
- The key areas of focus will be REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zones), Green Technology, Green Businesses, Information Technology (Broadband applications), Climate Change actions and Biodiversity.
- Draft Transitional LEADER Plan will come before the LCDC in March 2021 for approval
- The amounts of aid will be reduced, as the Project funding available for 2021 is €500K.

### **COVID-19**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Covid-19 Emergency Fund

In December the Department of Rural & Community Development allocated €54,223 to Waterford Council. It will provide grants to community groups to assist them to adapt their services and operations to fit the new COVID-19 reality and to become more involved in the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign. Closing date for applications was 26<sup>th</sup> January. The Assessment Group shall review the 67 applications received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February and submit recommendations to the LCDC for the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2021**

The Supporting Communities Fund provides grant aid assistance to Residents Associations, Community Groups, Sports Clubs and other groups/committees engaged in community activity, providing community services or carrying out improvement works at local or county level. This fund was advertised in the last week of January in local newspapers, Council website, via PPN etc. Closing date to submit application is 4pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Waterford Age Friendly Programme:**

The first meeting for 2021 of the Waterford Age Friendly Alliance took place on January 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom and was well attended. Most thematic sub-groups have met already to assess workplan 2020 outcomes and plan for 2021. The OPC are actively engaged in the Community Response Forum and are also assisting in the Keep Well Campaign through the Stay Connected Programme providing valuable suggestions of potential projects that could be undertaken.

**PPN**

744 groups registered with the PPN at 31/12/20: 597 Community pillar; 121 Social Inclusion pillar; 26 Environment pillar.

**JPC:**

The next JPC meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm. A Special meeting of the Waterford JPC was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January with representatives from the Department of Justice to discuss the proposed Local Community Safety Partnership pilot project for Waterford.

**Migrant Integration:**

It is intended to launch the Waterford Migrant Integration Strategy 2021 -2024 in February.

**SICAP**

Waterford Area Partnership (WAP) is contracted by the LCDC to deliver the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme 2018-2022 in Waterford and the LCDC has oversight of the implementation of SICAP. Since the initiation of the programme, the LCDC has been generally satisfied with the implementation of SICAP and the achievement of key targets.

The LCDC considered a management consultant report (commissioned by Pobal) on governance and related issues at WAP in January. The LCDC and the Council have no role or responsibility for the oversight of governance of WAP which is an independent company. The company and its board in particular, are responsible for the issues contained within the report.

The report highlighted some very serious issues in relation to governance in WAP. The Council has engaged with the WAP board and has informed them of the need to resolve these issues without delay and has advised them to ensure adherence to the terms of the SICAP contract as

**St Patrick's Day Parade 2021, Waterford City**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the St. Patrick's Day Parade 2021 will not go ahead in its usual format. A decision on the proposed reimagined format will be made in early February.

## 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 January. 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.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	20	20	11	1
Comeragh	4	2	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	11	7	4	0
<b>Total for January</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Total for Jan 2020</i>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Total for 2020</i>	<b>707</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>16</b>

### **Fire Safety:**

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

Applications Received	January 2021	2021 Year to date	<i>Total for January 2020</i>	<i>Total for 2020</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	6	6	12	84

### **Building Control:**

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below.

Application/Notification	January 2021	Cumulative Total for 2021	<i>Total for Jan 2020</i>	<i>Total for 2020</i>
Commencement Notices	7	7	25	285
Completion Certificates	10	10	18	224
Disability Access Certificates	1	1	3	45

## Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

**Environmental Enforcement Statistics** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)**

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	17
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	2
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

### **Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)**

No of Complaints	153
Legal Actions	0
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)	1
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	2
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	8
Section 14 Directions	0
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	0
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	0
Regulation 33 - Requirement on a Registered Owner to deposit an End-of-Life Vehicle at Authorised Treatment Facility. (European Union End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014 – ed Penalty Notice.	0
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	0

### **Environmental Education & Awareness**

#### **(i) Schools**

Green School Committees will continue to be engaged with via Zoom. However due to the extended closure of schools, engagement has understandably been much lower than usual for this time of the year. An Taisce has extended the assessment deadline until the end of the school year to reflect this nationwide trend. In an effort to continue to engage with schools, workshops are being offered online. Many teachers have expressed a preference for pre-recorded video content for workshops (due to internet connection, difficulty in scheduling live video with classes, etc.) and so this content is currently being created in order to offer this option to schools also.

**(ii) Litter prevention**

Waterford City & County Council continues to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public, community groups and schools to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. These clean ups are ongoing. There has been an increase in the number of individuals & individual households carrying out clean-ups within their 5km limit at present, when groups cannot meet to carry out larger scale clean-ups as usual.

**(iii) WCCC Biodiversity Events**

In conjunction with the Europe Direct in Central Library, we are working on a weeklong series of online events about biodiversity during the week 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February. The focus will be on nature in the garden and what individuals can do to encourage biodiversity. From tips to help biodiversity on your doorstep to a competition for children, promoting plants for pollinators and looking at garden birds, it will cover a range of topics suitable for biodiversity at home. All online events will be recorded and made available for viewing online afterwards also.

**(iv) Tidy Towns**

The national Tidy Towns competition will go ahead this year, with groups encouraged to include relevant photographs wherever possible with their entries in case judging cannot take place in person due to COVID-19. Groups have also been encouraged to focus on biodiversity, green spaces and sustainable living. With this in mind, a webinar about planting for biodiversity will be held for Tidy Towns groups on 10<sup>th</sup> February. This webinar will include a talk by Consultant Ecologist, Botanist and National Tidy Towns Adjudicator Ms. Fiona McGowan. It will focus on practical ways to enhance biodiversity locally and will showcase simple projects that are feasible for any group.

**An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2020**

Waterford City Centre: 8<sup>th</sup> out of 37 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

The recent results for the IBAL Anti-Litter League confirm that Waterford continues to be Irelands cleanest city. It was noted that Covid-19 had not impacted on the cleanliness of Waterford city.

Full details of the results are available here; <http://ibal.ie/anti-litter-league/>

## Ealaíona & Cultúr / Arts & Culture

### Libraries

All branches remained closed to the public in January in line with Level 5 restrictions. During the month of January 7,444 online resources were checked out and active membership of the Library service was 12,916. In January 16 online events took place including;

- Switching Off and Being Creative online events and activities
- Healthy Ireland Inside Out Nutrition ‘Healthy Meal Planning’ webinar
- ‘Glass Room Misinformation Edition’ media literacy online exhibition
- Staff online craft sessions, story times, book club, writers group and eServices how-to videos
- Lámh Sign story time online event
- Work Matters at your library promotion
- Waterford Libraries website STEAM Zone events and activities
- ‘Art of the People’ window exhibition in Central Library
- First Fortnight Festival Mind Reading promotion

### **Upcoming Online Events in February:**

- Continuation of Switching Off and Being Creative online events and activities
- Ireland Reads Campaign & National Reading Day
- GIY ‘Grow it Forward’ seed pack project events and activities
- Continuation of ‘Glass Room Misinformation Edition’ media literacy online exhibition
- Healthy Ireland at your Library ‘Healthy Hearty Nutrition’ webinar
- Waterford Libraries website STEAM Zone events and activities Build Waterford Project
- Continuation of ‘Art of the People’ window exhibition in Central Library

### **Library Development:**

- Covid-19 compliance monitoring in library buildings to ensure staff safety, work from home practices continued to ensure continuity of service, some staff provided assistance to other WCCC departments
- As part of the Community Call, library staff made 300 calls to vulnerable people in January promoting the Community Helpline, staff also worked with Community department to create a weekly newsletter to reach volunteer groups

- In 2020 Waterford Libraries had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest usage figures per head of population for eBooks and eAudiobooks in the country, staff continue to promote online resources and eServices uptake
- Portlaw Library commended for work in the community by Minister of State Mary Butler TD and Kilkenny CE, Collette Byrne speaking at the national launch of the Age Friendly Libraries Digital Ambassadors Programme
- Dormant Account funded Art Programme book “Céad Míle Fáilte” sent for inclusion in Waterford CYPSY multi agency Wellness packages, to be distributed to 600 young people, adults and families
- Staff completed training including; Youth Libraries Group Recommending with Confidence Sensory Play, MARC21, presentation skills and media skills
- Library service development including the roll out of Dormant Account Funded Touch Type Read and Spell Literacy program, book delivery service planning, tendering for EDIC 2021-2025, planning for online events for Switching off and Being Creative initiative including Age Friendly outreach, children and parent groups, youth outreach, English lecture series, biodiversity, engineering, arts, writing and musician groups and Europeana events
- Small Scale Capital Works funded building upgrades continue in Central Library



**Airgeadas / Finance****Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division  
Y.T.D. to December 31, 2020**

			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>INCOME</b>		
			Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building		28,765,047	29,535,621	97%	30,264,188	31,511,289	96%
B	Road Transport & Safety		44,804,397	42,241,585	106%	32,222,072	30,460,877	106%
C	Water Services		10,577,567	10,966,994	96%	10,254,234	10,544,024	97%
D	Development Management		33,227,565	16,954,281	196%	24,302,689	7,950,992	306%
E	Environmental Services		19,008,789	19,224,337	99%	2,961,234	2,799,943	106%
F	Recreation & Amenity		13,882,316	14,480,800	96%	1,712,105	1,819,371	94%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,162,199	1,058,043	110%	558,028	489,290	114%
H	Miscellaneous Services		24,490,860	9,521,645	257%	21,438,181	6,085,213	352%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG		0	0	0%	18,912,564	18,912,564	100%
RA	Rates		0	0	0%	33,602,216	33,409,740	101%
			<b>175,918,740</b>	<b>143,983,305</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>176,227,511</b>	<b>143,983,305</b>	<b>122%</b>
Surplus/Deficit						308,771	0	

4.. MANAGEMENT REPORT PLENARY 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

Summary of main collections Dec 2020 YTD									
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	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2020	Accrued ytd to Dec 2020	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Dec 2020	Gross Bal 30-12-2020 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2020 Accrual [5/(4-1)]	
		€	€	€	€	€	€		
<b>Rates</b>	9,198,695	33,602,216	- 17,022,219	25,778,692	17,154,039	8,624,653	67%	91%	
<b>Loans</b>	2,020,136	3,256,326	- 929	5,275,533	3,488,029	1,787,504	66%	107%	
<b>Rents</b>	4,108,720	14,618,552	3,542	18,730,814	14,409,692	4,321,122	77%	99%	
<b>Aged Analysis :</b>									
			<b>Less than 1 mth</b>	<b>2 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>greater than 12 mths</b>		<b>Net Balance</b>	
<b>Rates</b>			-	-	18,352,603	- 9,727,950		8,624,653	
			<b>0 to 3 mths</b>	<b>4 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>Greater than 12 mths</b>			
<b>Loans</b>			126,303	70,168	154,370	1,436,663		1,787,504	
			<b>Less than 4 weeks</b>	<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<b>7-12 weeks</b>	<b>Greater than 12 wks</b>			
<b>Rents</b>			413,999	336,374	543,374	3,027,375		4,321,122	
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>									
Days in Overdraft in Dec	0		Cost -	€0.00		Average Value when in O/D : N/A	€	-	