

MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL COMHAIRLE CATHRACH & CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL



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Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate Mayors Official Engagements June 2022

WEDNESDAY 1st:	Raising of Flag for Pride Month in Dungarvan.
THURSDAY 2nd:	Launch VTOS Art Exhibition, Dungarvan Library. Lifesaving Foundation, Museum of Treasures.
FRIDAY 3rd:	Trip to Tonsberg Norway.
SATURDAY 4th:	Trip to Tonsberg Norway.
SUNDAY 5th:	Trip to Tonsberg Norway.
MONDAY 6th:	Trip to Tonsberg Norway.
TUESDAY 7th:	Ukraine Ambassador, Mayors Parlour.

WEDNESDAY 8th:	Mayoral reception, Henry Moloney, Mayors Parlour. High Hopes Choir weekly practice.
THURSDAY 9th:	Kill National School Visit.
FRIDAY 10th:	Trip to St Herblain France.
SATURDAY 11th:	Trip to St Herblain France.
SUNDAY 12th:	Trip to St Herblain France.
MONDAY 13th:	Trip to St Herblain France. .
TUESDAY 14th:	Junior School Warden Presentation - Abbeyside NS Dungarvan

WEDNESDAY 15th:	Outgoing Mayor interview, Mayors Parlour with Communications.
THURSDAY 16th:	Graduation Service School Leavers - St Josephs School. Eugene Broderick - Book Launch Thomas Meagher, Large Room, City hall.
FRIDAY 17th:	Pride photoshoot- City Square Pride Launch Theatre Royal.
SATURDAY 18th:	Launch of Escape from War to Live in Peace, Central Library Igbo Community Waterford - Multicultural event- Covered by Cllr. Eddie Mulligan.
SUNDAY 19th:	
MONDAY 20th:	Romania Ambassador, Mayors Parlour.
TUESDAY 21st:	

WEDNESDAY 22nd:	Mayors Ball Cheque Presentation, Mayors Parlour. Mayoral Reception - Simon Band Waterford, Mayors Parlour.
THURSDAY 23rd:	CIVIC RECEPTION- donors and benefactors of the Museum of Time Waterford. Eoin O' Neill - International Group, Tour of the Chamber.
FRIDAY 24th:	Photo Call- Outdoor Dining, Grattan Sq Dungarvan.
SATURDAY 25th:	African Diaspora Community Forum, St Particks Gateway Centre. Jazzy June, Community Garden St. Carthages Avenue.
SUNDAY 26th:	Official start for the 10th Waterford Viking Marathon 2022. Dunmore Life Boat Station.
MONDAY 27th:	Mayoral Reception - Villa FC, Mayors Parlour.
TUESDAY 28th:	Mayoral Reception - U14 girls football All Ireland Champions, Mayors Parlour.

WEDNESDAY 29th:	Belgian Ambassador courtesy visit, Mayors Parlour, Hosted by New Metropolitan Mayor Cllr Jason Murphy.
THURSDAY 30th:	Photocall - Waterford Welcome Ambassadors. Meeting in Mayors Parlour with Michael Walsh Integration group.

Attended by Mayor.
Attended by Deputy.

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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

North Quays

Waterford City and County Council is in active dialogue with potential developers, the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) and the Land Development Agency in respect of the North Quays SDZ site and intends to progress a proposal to conclusion in the coming months.

CONTRACTS:

A Tender was returned and is being assessed for the North Quays main construction contract, this includes the Sustainable Transport Bridge, the Transport Hub and Access Roads. The final business case will be submitted to DHLGH in August 2022 as part of the Public Spending Code Gateway 3 approval

Rock stabilisation works have commenced adjacent to Plunkett Railway Station and works are ongoing at the South Plaza to facilitate service diversions for the new Sustainable Transport Bridge landing.

A letter of intent has been issued to the contractor for the relocation of Ferrybank pump station.

On 24th June the pump station enabling works contract documents were issued on etenders.

We are awaiting a decision on the western flood defence planning application that was submitted to An Bord Pleanála in October 2021.

A contractor will be appointed for footpath widening on Abbey Road in the coming weeks.

Local Enterprise Office

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

Indicator	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	June-22	June-21
Measure 1							
No. of Clients applying	0	0	0	3	6	6	23
No. of Clients securing	0	0	0	3	6	6	23
Value of support approved	€	€	€	€73,2200	€178,145	€178,145	€629,104
Measure 2							
No. of clients receiving	78	185	772	885	965	1106	1363
Value of support given	€17,523	€43,394	€80,552	€109,632	€122,607	€198,490	€198,490

*2021 Figure includes €100k for Trading On-Line Vouchers (now accounted for separately as below) and €125k for Client Stimulus Fund (a one-off Covid support scheme). No Evaluation & Committee Meeting took place in June 2022.

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Support

Trading Online Voucher	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	June-22
No. of Approvals	4	8	21	26	41	41
Value of Approvals	€7,599	€17,588	€48,779	€60,369	€91,650	€112,328

Figures not included in cumulative table.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE LAUNCHES 'YOUR WATERFORD':

Local Enterprise Office, Waterford recently launched its latest programme for assisting businesses in Waterford. 'Your Waterford' showcases some of the best quality products and services designed or produced in Waterford. It provides the platform which many businesses do not currently have access to.

Aimed at shoppers and business customers, 'Your Waterford' is a meeting place to identify and develop relationships with suppliers, foster local contacts and display the vast array of products and services available in our county.

'Your Waterford' gives shoppers the opportunity to explore a range of diverse and unique products, which they can buy online directly through the specific companies' websites.



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Communications

Public relations

17 Press releases issued in June 2022.

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%

TOURISM:

Visit Waterford launched its 2022 summer tourism campaign, 'Waterford - Your Adventure starts here' in April which showcases what Waterford city and county has to offer as a tourism destination in Ireland's Ancient East. The following highlights the activity that has taken place to date:

Local, Regional and National press coverage; including a double page spreads in the Irish Independent in April and more ads due at the end of June.

Waterford features in two episodes of 'Are We There Yet?' on Virgin Media One now available to watch online:

Episode 5: Kildare & Waterford – Sun 8th May

Episode 6: Waterford & Donegal – Sun 15th May

Ongoing organic Social Media promotion on Visit Waterford's Facebook and Instagram pages as well as paid coverage with 'A Girl Who Blooms'.

Regional and national radio coverage, including a radio campaign that kicked off on Wednesday 15th June on RTE 2FM, giving listeners an insight into just some of the many attractions across the city and county.

A beautiful gift box full of products from Waterford were given to several influencers across Ireland to give them a taste of Waterford, while also reminding them of what a special destination Waterford is. Online coverage has already been seen of them receiving their gifts and VW hope to welcome some to the destination soon

Pleanáil / Planning

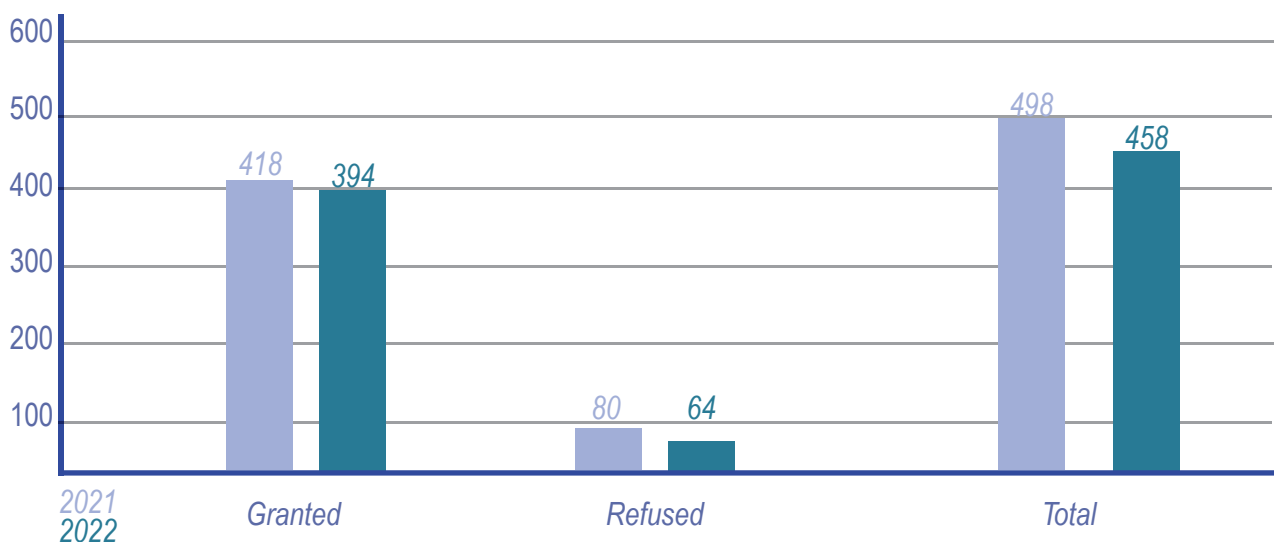
PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – COUNTYWIDE

103 Planning applications were received countywide in June 2022 up to and including 27th June 2022. This compares with 134 planning applications received in the full calendar month of June 2021. In May 2022, 110 planning applications were received in the full calendar month, compared to 131 received in May 2021.

A total of 574 planning applications were received in the year to 27th June 2022. This compares to 607 planning applications which were received to the 27th June 2021.

PLANNING DECISIONS

458 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 27th June 2022 compared to 498 for the same period in 2021. Of the 458 decisions, 394 decisions were granted and 64 decisions were refused.



FORWARD PLANNING JUNE 2022 PLENARY REPORT

UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028.

The final steps in making the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028 were taken by the council at the special plenary meeting which took place on the 7th of June and an interim version of the Plan (the main policy statement (Volume 1) the development management standards (Volume 2) and the land use zoning and specific development objectives mapping) is available now on the planning pages of the council website www.waterfordcouncil.ie. A public notice in this regard has now issued in local printed media.

The Development Plan will come into effect on the 19th of July at which time the full suite of relevant documentation including the appendices, associated environmental reports and statements and the complete set of map data will be available. Hard copies of volume 1, 2 and the book of land use zoning maps will be issued to all councillors over the coming weeks. The new Plan has set out in Appendix 16 & 19 the key policy objectives and other areas where monitoring will be required over the lifetime of the Plan, and we will be engaging with the Planning SPC over the coming months to identify how this can be best achieved.

Review of Development Contribution Scheme

Following the provisions of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended, we are currently reviewing the Development Contribution Scheme and intend to bring this to the plenary council over the period to the end of 2022. Once a draft scheme has been agreed with the council, a period of public consultation (minimum 6 weeks) will take place after which the final scheme will be made by the council.

Heritage Officer Report

HERITAGE OFFICER REPORT JUNE 2022

Heritage Week

Heritage Week this year runs from August 13th-21st and the Waterford Programme is being developed with event organisers requested to register their details on heritageweek.ie which will inform the printed City and County Heritage Week Guide.

Decade of Commemorations

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media allocated €50,000 to Waterford City & County Council for the 2022 programme of commemorations. Research is being carried out to inform a GIS Story Map on Civil War events in Waterford and a website is being developed which will host all material relating to the Decade of Commemorations Programme in Waterford from the past 8 years.

Community Monuments Funding

Waterford City and County Council were awarded an allocation of over €220,000 under the 2022 Community Monuments. All projects are in the early stages of progress and will be inspected by National Monuments Staff over the summer.



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Tithíocht / Housing

Housing Applications

Housing Applications				
<i>* inc files from carried forward</i>	June 2021	Year 2021	June 2022	Year to date 2022
Applications received	73	805	103	526
Applications assessed *	86	815	115	575
Applications Validated*	48	510	77	241
Approved for social housing supports following interview	48	526	56	236

Housing Allocations

Housing Allocations					
	New Tanancies June 2021	Cumulative Tenancies 2021	New Tanancies June 2022	Refusal of new Tenancys	Cumulative Tenancies 2022
Total	50	464	40	6	265

CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL) SCHEME

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 1,050 There have been 301 refusals on properties.

Housing Loans applications

Housing Loans applications					
2022 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with housing agency/Deferred for 6 months
June	4	2	7	1	1
Year to date	47	7	30	7	10

Tenant Purchase applications

Tenant Purchase applications					
2022 Tenant Purchases	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
June	8	8	1	0	5
YTD 2022	41	8	9	19	19
YTD 2021	68	0	7	58	16

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Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment					
	May 2021 HAP Tenancies	May 2022 HAP Tenancies set up	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	31	33	-16*	4,395	1,916

* Minus figure as more tenancies left the programme in the month than new tenancies signed up

Inspections of Dwellings

Inspections of Dwellings	
HAP	31
HAP Non- Compliant	31
Total	31

In June, Waterford City & County Council carried out 247 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 446 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 June 2022	Value of applications June 2022	Cumulative number of applications approved 2022	Cumulative value of 2022 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	4	€100,610.50	66	€930,802.96
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	5	€29,147.00	50	€261,938.99
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	15	€80,331.25	65	€342,397.45
Total	24	€210,088.75	181	€1,535,139.40

Homeless Services

Homeless Services			
Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS)	1st to 30th of June 2022.	Cumulative 2022	Total 2021
Number of Callers to WIHS seeking a service	392	1,976	3,516
Assessments by a Homeless Officer	97	504	760

Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation		
	30th June 2022	30th June 2022
Number of Single Persons	67	56
Number of Families	16	9
Number of Adults in Families	29	11
Number of Children	32	25

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HAP PlaceFinder Service

	28th May- 30th June 2022.	Cumulative 2022
<i>Number of Assessments by the Homeless HAP Officer</i>	38	162
<i>Number of HAP PlaceFinder Tenancies HUB Complete</i>	6	66

Housing First Programme

	Tenancies 2022
<i>Number of Tenancies in place at 30th June 2022 with Housing First supports</i>	32

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects

<i>Project Location</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Current Position</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Total WCCC Projects	288	Countywide	Various Stages	
<i>Part V</i>	26	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery On-going 2021 – 10 (est)
<i>Repair and Lease</i>	151	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2020 – 41 2021 – 50 (est) 2022 – 50 (est)
<i>Leasing</i>	130	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2020 – 30 From end of 2021 scheme closed to new applicants
<i>Buy & Renew- Countywide</i>	48	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress – Refurbishment Contractor Framework Appointed

Total units including WCCC Projects: 643

There are 124 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. There are 78 units where work has commenced or is in the tendering process across the county.

REFURBISHING OF HOUSES BECOMING VACANT FOR RE LET:

<i>May 2022</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Handed over/</i>	
<i>Works completed</i>	7
<i>Newly Vacant</i>	13

92 Units approved by the Department for Refurbishment in 2022.

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Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

- The payments out on all LEADER Projects are progressing well.
- One application for non-works project has been evaluated in June.
- The last wrap up call has been brought forward to the 6th of July 2022.
- The budget is small. €159,000 for Transitional LEADER and €3,000 for EURI Projects.
- On existing projects, there are no decommitments and all are proceeding as planned.
- Consultations for the next programme will commence this Autumn.
- Payments out on completed projects will continue into 2023.
- WLP has commenced initial work on Biodiversity and sustainability projects with communities and businesses.

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG:

Progress on 2022 activities is being made weekly by the young people and these are reviewed regularly by the steering committee members. One of the main projects for 2021/22, the Communitree app is being launched imminently. Phase one and phase two of the multi-annual tree planting programme has been completed at the WIT Arena and in Cherry-mount This activity is in partnership with WCCC, WIT and the Lions club. Meetings are ongoing to identify additional sites with engagements taking place with the trails officer in WCCC.

WATERFORD AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME:

Work continues through the Thematic sub-groups to progress the objectives of the AF Strategy. Engagement has begun with City Square to begin the process of it becoming an age friendly shopping centre. A short video to explain the new WCCC Parking App, how to use it and the various payment option is being prepared with conjunction with WCCC IT and Roads departments.

Preparation of the new strategy document continues. The consultant is moving ahead with the consultation stage having almost fully completed the data gathering phase.

HEALTHY WATERFORD:

Current priorities include: Oversight of Healthy Ireland projects and active travel/ active communities. Healthy Waterford Committee met in June to continue preparations for the rollout of Round 4. Recruitment of a coordinator is underway and a mapping exercise to examine the relationship between Healthy Waterford, Slaintecare, Healthy Cities and Active Cities will take place in August.

SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP):

The Council through the LCDC has been tasked with the oversight and implementation at local level of elements of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. These include the employment of a SHCP Local Development Officer; the setting up of a SHCP Local Implementation Team (LIT) which has commenced and the Enhancement Funding Scheme. An application for €250k funding was successful and 4 projects have been completed under the programme.

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP:

The public consultation phase of the Community Safety Plan was launched on 29th June 2022 and details will be circulated to all members. Hub Planning were the successful tenderers for the development of the CSP and were appointed at the start of June. Waterford LCSP made four applications under the Community Safety Innovation Fund, applicants will be informed in August.

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UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM:

The Ukrainian CRF is in place to assist with housing, supporting and integrating Ukrainian refugees into our communities. To date just over 100 Ukrainian families have been moved to long term accommodation from our 4 Rest Centres in Dungarvan and Waterford City.

PRIDE OF PLACE:

The 2021 National Awards took place in Killarney, Co. Kerry on May 16th 2022 with three groups up for awards. The Gracedieu Combined Residents Association won their category with the Deise Women's Shed finishing up as runners up in their category.

Waterford's main entry for the 2022 competition will be the Surprise Surprise Group having won the 2021 PPN awards with an additional entry coming from the Housing Department. .

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 with 79 local community groups and 953 individuals in Waterford expected to benefit in 2022.

SICAP Budget allocations for 2022 have now been confirmed and the budget for Waterford City & County (24-1) is €1,280,970. The midyear performance review will be taking place during June with formal approval being sought from the LCDC expected in July.

TIG:

The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group continues to meet regularly by way of Zoom.

NATIONAL PLAY DAY 2022:

Awarded €3,000 from the Department of Children for play packs which will be distributed to various disadvantaged children's groups across city and county in early July.



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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 June.

Fire Service Operational Activity:				
Area	Fires	Special Services	False alarm/ Good intent	False alarm Malicious
Total for June	36	38	19	0
Year to date	274	240	105	0
Total for June 2021	42	32	13	0
Total for 2021	373	196	89	2

FIRE SAFETY:

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

Fire Safety:				
Applications received	June 2022	2022 YTD	June 2021	2021 YTD
Fire Safety Certificates	8	49	8	32

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.

Building Control:				
Applications received	June 2022	2022 YTD	June 2021	2021 YTD
Commencement Notices	21	155	41	352
Completion Certificates	14	115	25	195
Disability Access Certs	6	31	3	57

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Civil Defence activities during the month of June 2022 saw a return to normal duties while still assist 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 52 Ukraine related calls
- Transportation to Medical appointments such as Hospital Visits, GPs, Dentists etc

In Community support 8 Events were attended in the month.

The Civil Defence volunteers are also working on retraining and recertifying their core skills in their different service areas like Communications, First Aid, Search etc.

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Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement Statistics

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS:

1ST JANUARY 2022 – 20TH JUNE 2022

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE LITTER POLLUTION ACTS 1997 (AS AMENDED)	
Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	89
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	53
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	1

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTS 1996 (AS AMENDED)	
No of Complaints	1162
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	11
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	15
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	27
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	117
Section 14 Directions	13
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	0
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

Environmental Education & Awareness

WASTE PREVENTION:

Waterford City County Council are currently working with 2GoCup to encourage the use of reusable cups at cafes. With the removal of Covid restrictions and the recent announcement of the levy on single use cups, the time seems right for this campaign. We have received commitment from 10 cafes to take part in this initiative (5 cafes along the Greenway and 5 in Waterford) and will launch the initiative with Minister Smyth on 15th July. It is hoped that these 10 cafes will then encourage other cafes to accept and move towards reusable cups.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

We are working with a further four schools and the Waterford Teachers Centre to continue the Climate Literacy programme with secondary schools this autumn. This is a 10- week Climate Literacy programme, focused on improving climate literacy and fostering behavior change in schools. The course is developed to include teacher training, resources, and lesson plans. The teacher training is designed to equip teachers with the knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and skills required to effectively and confidently deliver not only this course, but also across their curriculum subject as the course can complement any subject framework that has an environmental strand. After the training the teachers will then be able to deliver the course by his/herself with as many groups of students as they wish. An in-person teacher training day will be held on 22nd August, with further online sessions taking place during September.

LITTER AWARENESS:

The Love This Place national public awareness campaign from Leave No Trace Ireland is taking place over the summer months, from the beginning of June to the end of August. It calls on the public to play their part by acting responsibly when using outdoor spaces and aims to change behaviours outdoors by raising awareness of our impacts and what we can all do to make a difference. The campaign began by prompting people to take a pledge to follow the Leave No Trace principles. This year, it focuses on critical pressure points which have become increasingly evident as greater numbers of people use outdoor public spaces for recreation, including littering, responsible dog ownership and fires. Waterford City & County Council has been using some of these messages across its social media to highlight local issues, adding local images and text where necessary.

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. We continue to supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the bags of litter afterwards.

Ealaíona & Cultúr / Arts & Culture

Arts Report

The Arts Service has completed the LLPPS 3 programme (mentioned above). It intends to apply for the LLPPS4 programme that will help fund professional performance and technical arts up until October 30th. The Arts service is also applying for funding under the Outdoor Performance Spaces to aid the improvement of Performance activities in the County.

Libraries

In June, the 12 branches of Waterford City and County Libraries welcomed people in to our reading and community spaces, hosted exhibitions, launched books and registered eager young readers for their Summer Reading Challenge.

<i>No. of Visitors this month</i>	26,961
<i>Active members</i>	17,910
<i>On Line Borrowing including, ebooks & emagazines</i>	27,108
<i>Events & Activities</i>	6,564
<i>Users of Times Tables Rockstars</i>	287



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE:

- Cruinniu na nÓg took place on the 13th June, Waterford Libraries provided 8 diverse events allowing young people to explore and develop their creativity. Ranging from music and movement for our youngest visitors with Chime in and Play to Creative Writing for teens and Art & Craft events for Primary age Children.
- The national Summer Stars Reading Challenge launched on June 13th in all branches. Library staff use their expertise and knowledge of Literacy and Reading to deliver this non competitive challenge which keeps thousands of children engaged with reading for pleasure over the summer.
- The VTOS end of year Art exhibition was launched by the Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Cllr Joe Kelly on June 2nd.
- As part of, 'Family Carer's Week 2022' a number of workshops providing a much needed outlet were organized by Waterford Libraries.
- 'Expand your Horizons' Drop in information sessions with Work Matters, Waterford Adult Education Guidance service, WWETB and the Waterford Volunteer Centre took place in five Libraries this month. These sessions connect people with local opportunities for training, volunteering and education.
- The state of the art Hub in Central Library is facilitating the Refashioning the Future project from the Walton Institute (formerly TSSG) this is supported by Creative Waterford with tutors and students from Waterford VTOS and craft groups. This innovative project is working to create wearable technology from textiles with electronic components.
- Digital Connectivity Smartphone and Internet Classes began with the WWETB supported by Library Staff. This initiative is a Partnership with, Waterford Libraries, WWETB, The Older People's Council, Waterford PPN, Waterford Area Partnership, The HSE and the Disability Federation of Ireland.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE:

- Summer Stars events and Competitions will run throughout July & August.



Closing the Digital Divide - Digital Connectivity Smartphone and Internet Classes in The Reference Room with the WWETB and supported by Central Library Staff.



Seminar for the Creativity & Culture Research Group with SETU in The Hub - Central Library and book launch afterwards of 'Newfoundland Fiddle Music in the 21st Century'. Acting Senior Executive Librarian Sinéad O'Higgins with a group including Dr Marian Ingoldsby, Jacqueline Hughes, Dr Bridget O'Connell, Dr Suzanne Denieffe and Kevin Hughe.

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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 May 31, 2022

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	12,883,533	32,461,813	40%	13,706,575	35,042,973	39%
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,354,506	46,030,418	27%	6,355,481	33,445,608	19%
C	Water Services	4,417,707	11,141,683	40%	4,225,069	10,674,030	40%
D	Development Management	7,814,546	17,678,810	44%	4,326,332	8,494,376	51%
E	Environmental Services	7,813,987	20,905,703	37%	864,588	2,878,907	30%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,005,840	14,951,207	40%	792,895	1,750,939	45%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	429,082	1,182,814	36%	128,921	501,962	26%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,932,875	9,360,886	53%	3,590,136	5,744,486	62%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	8,195,215	19,668,516	42%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	14,796,473	35,511,536	42%
		56,652,076	153,713,333	37%	56,981,685	153,713,333	37%
Surplus/Deficit					329,609		

Collections

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G'		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2022	Accrued ytd to May 2022	Write Offs and Vacancies	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to May 2022	Gross Bal 31-05-2022 [4-5]	Specific Provision	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2022 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€		€	€	€		€	
Rates	6,132,653	35,338,917	- 398,362	- 1,070,954	40,002,254	14,906,366	25,095,888	2,123,073	39%	42%
Loans	1,702,320	1,420,505	-		3,122,825	1,466,165	1,656,660		47%	103%
Rents	3,938,392	6,592,008	- 658		10,529,742	6,411,629	4,118,113		61%	97%
Aged Analysis :										
				Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates				-	20,803,371	-	4,292,517			25,095,888
				0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans				167,855	76,002	128,894	1,283,909			1,656,660
				Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents				137,401	96,249	123,158	3,761,305			4,118,113
Overdraft Levels										
Days in Overdraft in May	0		Cost-	0	€0.00		rage Value when in O/D : N/A		€	-