



Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – February 2020

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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

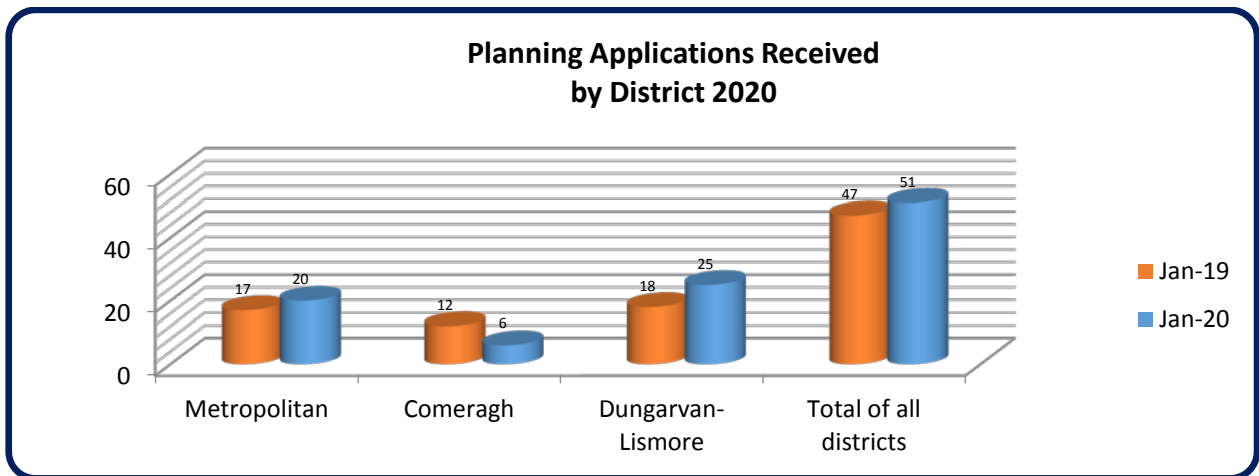
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

51 applications were received Countywide in January. This compares with 47 applications that were received in the month of January 2019.

January - Planning Applications in this District

20 Planning Applications were received in this district in the month, (39% of County total of 51), compared to 17 which were lodged in the same period in 2019.



Pre Planning Update

The analysis of pre planning applications received per district from the beginning of the year to end of January was as follows:

Comeragh	Dungarvan - Lismore	Waterford Metropolitan Area	Grand Total
7	11	21	39

These pre planning applications are currently being addressed.

Forward Planning

Planning SPC

The first SPC meeting of 2020 will now take place on the 25th February having been postponed for the purposes of the General Election. The meeting will consider the Strategic Issues Paper prepared to inform the initial round of public consultation for the preparation of the unitary Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 which is intended to commence in late March 2020. In addition there will be presentations on the National Marine Planning Framework Consultation Draft and on the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

It is proposed to hold a workshop with the Plenary Council immediately prior to the February Plenary Council meeting. The workshop will inform the Council of the key changes proposed to the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines which relate to sound or noise, visual amenity setback, shadow flicker, consultation obligations, community dividend and grid connections. The Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines are currently the subject of a public consultation process which runs until the 19th February 2020.

Conservation

The closing date for applications under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020 was 5pm on the 27th January. A total of 29 no. applications have been received for grant aid under the BHIS and a further 3 no. applications under the HSF in 2020. Both schemes are administered by Waterford City and County Council. Applications are currently being provisionally assessed by Waterford City and County Council. The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will formally approve projects for funding by 1st of March. Successful applicants must have the works completed by 25th of September 2020. If you have any queries in relation to the scheme please email rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie

Séamus Doran
10th February 2020