



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge Waterford City & County Council

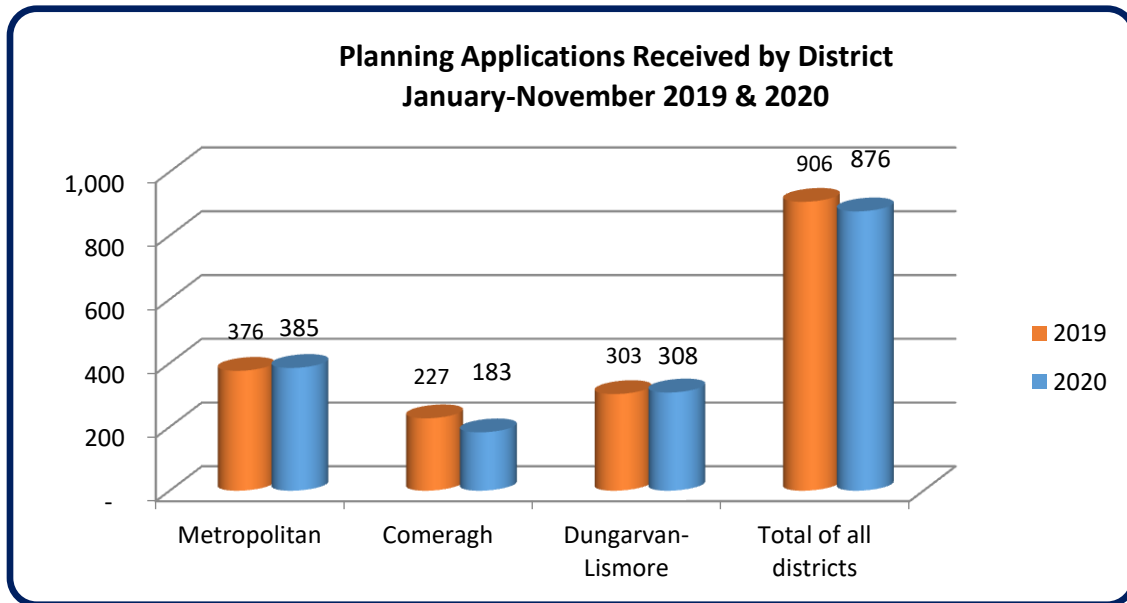
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – December 2020

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

82 Planning applications were received in the month of November countywide (to 29th November). This compares with 82 planning applications received in the same month in 2019. Additional responses are also being received to further information requests.

October - Planning Applications in this District

41 Planning Applications were received in this district in the month (to 29th November) compared to 39 which were lodged in the same month in 2019.



Pre Planning Update

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

Comeragh	Dungarvan - Lismore	Waterford Metropolitan Area	Grand Total
92	142	202	436

These pre planning applications are currently being addressed.

Waterford City & County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive Report). Area based in-person workshops to discuss the Chief Executive Report on pre-draft development plan public consultation.

Following on from the discussion at the November Plenary meeting, a series of in-person workshops with Elected Members is taking place during December to identify any queries arising with regard to the Chief Executive Report or any specific issues which may inform any direction to the Chief Executive.

As stated previously following consideration of the Chief Executive Report, the Members of the planning authority may issue directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the draft development plan, and any such directions shall be strategic in nature, be consistent with the draft core strategy, and shall take account of the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government. Section 12 (18) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, states – “statutory obligations’ includes, in relation to a local authority, the obligation to ensure that the development plan is consistent with—

(a) the national and regional development objectives specified in—

(i) the National Planning Framework, and

(ii) the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, and

(b) specific planning policy requirements specified in guidelines under subsection (1) of section 28.”

In issuing directions, the Members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the plan relates.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

Municipal District	Time	Date	Location
Waterford City East	10.00 – 11.55	Thursday 3rd December	Council Chamber City Hall.
Waterford City South	14.00 – 15.55	Thursday 3rd December	Council Chamber City Hall.
Waterford City West	14.00 – 15.55	Friday 4th December	Council Chamber City Hall.
Dungarvan Lismore	10.00 – 11.55	Monday 14th December	Council Chamber Dungarvan.
Comeragh	14.00 – 15.55	Wednesday 16th December	Council Chamber Dungarvan.

Planning SPC

A meeting of the SPC took place on 27th November at which a presentation on the city and county retail strategy was made by planning consultants John Spain Associates along with a continuation of discussions relating to the core strategy and settlement strategy/hierarchy to be included in the draft city and county development plan. It is intended to hold the next SPC meeting at the end of January 2021 to further discussions on the emerging strategic issues for the draft development plan, including MASP implementation and on informing a response to the Review of the National Development Plan (consultation closing on 29th January).

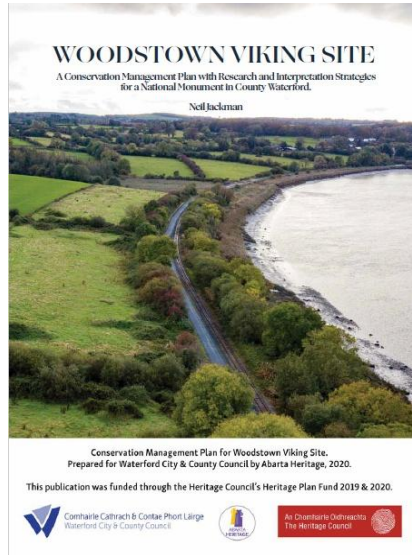
A broad timetable for the development plan preparation process is again provided below for ease of reference.

Activity	Duration	Start	Finish
Development Plan Preparation Period.	Max 104 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Fri 15/07/22
Pre Draft Plan Public Consultation. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Mon 14/09/20
Prepare CE Report on submissions and submit to Plenary Council. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 14/09/20	Mon 09/11/20
Liaise and discuss with Plenary Council and obtain Resolution on CE Report. CURRENT PHASE	10 wks	Mon 09/11/20	Mon 18/01/21
Prepare a Draft Dev Plan.	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

Woodstown Viking Site

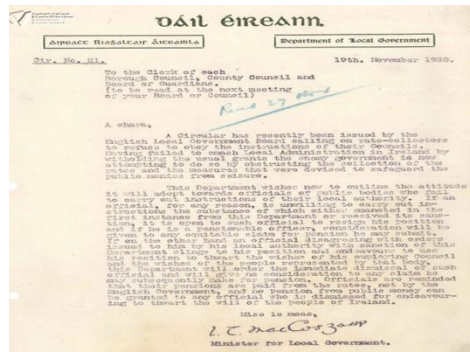
A Conservation Management Plan for Woodstown Viking Site has been published and is available on <https://bit.ly/WoodstownPlan> with a supporting video on Waterford Council's You Tube channel https://youtu.be/_1uG-THgo-8.

An application for heritage interpretation artwork has been submitted to the Community Monuments Fund under the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Funding was obtained under the Creative Ireland Programme for design of a heritage information panel for the site.



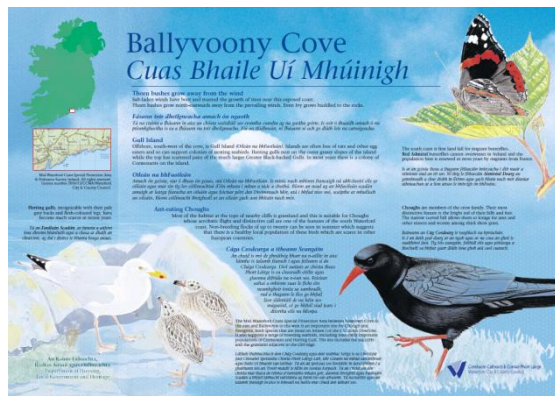
Decade of Commemorations

A series of online talks on *Waterford and the 1920 Local Elections- Fighting for a Voice in a New Ireland* was recorded on September 25th and released on WCCC's Youtube Channel in November. The series includes presentations by Dr. Pat McCarthy, Emmett O'Connor, Joanne Rothwell, Christina Knight-O'Connor, Andrias O'Cathasaigh, Heather Laird and Mayor Damien Geoghegan. This event is part of the 2020 Waterford Commemorations Programme.



Biodiversity

Funding was allocated by the Biodiversity Policy Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the July Stimulus Package for a wildlife sign at Ballyvoony Cove, invasive species awareness videos and a Brent Geese monitoring project in Dungarvan Harbour.



Dungarvan Historic Towns Atlas

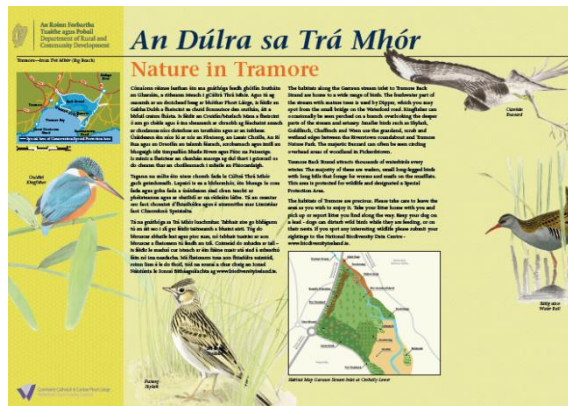
The Historic Towns Atlas for Dungarvan will be launched by the Royal Irish Academy on December 2nd and is available online from www.ria.ie and local bookshops at €30.



Tramore Wildlife Signage

A series of 5 information panels have been

installed in Tramore Nature Park and Estuary Road in Tramore celebrating the wildlife interest of the area and have been received very positively by local Tidy Towns and Eco Groups.



Community Monuments Fund

Waterford City and County Council were allocated €10,500 for conservation works at Knockboy Medieval Church and a Conservation Management Plan for St. Declan's Well Ardmore under the Community Monuments Fund from the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.



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