



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

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

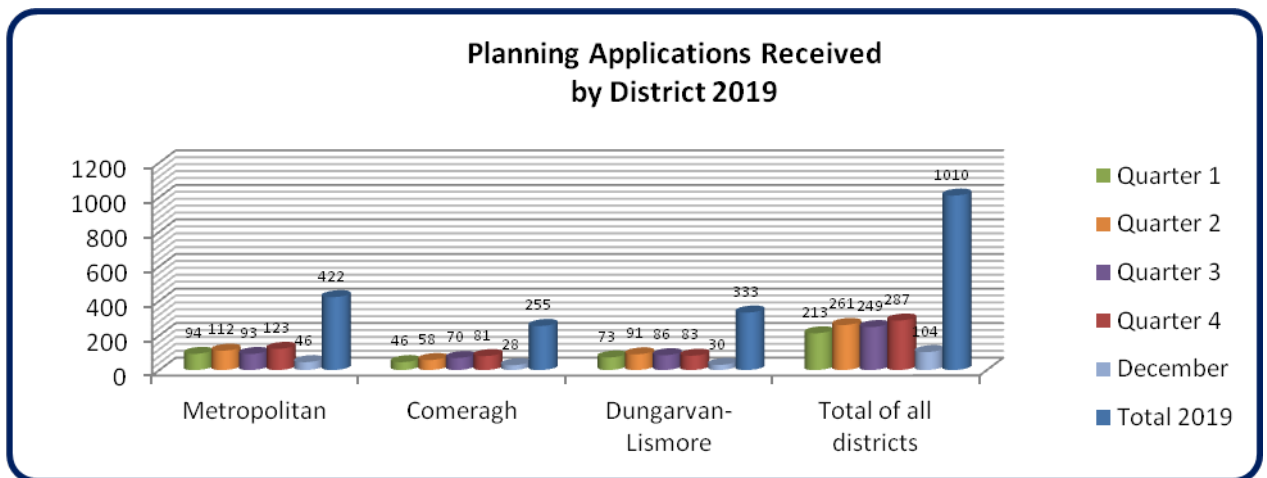
**Development Management**

**Planning Applications Received – Countywide**

1,010 planning applications were received up to the end of December 2019. 892 planning applications were received in the same period of 2018.

**December - Planning Applications in this District**

46 Planning Applications were received in this district in the month, (44.2 % of County total of 104), compared to 38 which were lodged in the same period in 2018. The District received 422 applications in total in 2019, which compares with 381 received in 2018.



**Pre Planning Update**

The analysis of pre planning applications received per district from the beginning of the year to 30<sup>th</sup> of September was as follows:

Comeragh	Dungarvan - Lismore	Waterford Metropolitan Area	Grand Total
135	168	255	559

The pre planning applications are currently being addressed.

**Forward Planning**

## **Planning SPC**

The first SPC meeting of 2020 will take place on the 4th February. The meeting will consider the Strategic Issues Paper being prepared to inform the initial round of public consultation for the preparation of the unitary Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 - 2028. In addition there will be presentations on the National Marine Planning Framework Consultation Draft and on the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

The schedule for the remaining SPC meetings in 2020 will be determined by reporting periods associated with the development plan preparation process; however it is likely that meetings will be held in June, September and November.

We will be reverting to the Plenary council in February in terms of communication and workshops relation to the Development Plan Process.

## **Plan Making Training**

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and the Association of Irish Local Government has arranged for planning training for elected members which has been scheduled to take place in Waterford City on Saturday, 15 February 2020. Comprehensive training will be provided for the elected members across a number of pertinent areas including:

- The draft Development Plan Guidelines which are anticipated to be published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government early in the New Year;
- The OPR's Plan Evaluation Methodology which will be published for consultation early in the New Year;
- The environmental aspects of the plan-making process; (including SEA, AA, Flood Impact Assessment, Climate Change, etc) and
- The procedural considerations including initiation of plan-making/variation processes, notices of motion, zoning submissions, voting in the chamber, quorums, lobbying, etc.

The venue for the training will be confirmed shortly and members notified accordingly.

## **Conservation**

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has announced two funding schemes for Protected Structures - the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020. As a result of these and similar schemes, between 2016 and 2019 the owners of protected structures in Waterford have received over €900,000 in Department funding. Details for 2020 are published on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie). Completed application forms and a photograph of the structure should be submitted by email to [rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie) by 5 pm on 27th of January 2020. 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](mailto:rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie)

## **Conservation**

**Council owned protected structures:** Works are continuing in The Deanery and Greyfriars

**Blackfriars:** WCCC and Waterford Civic Trust are working with Local Training Initiative on the repointing and repair works to the walls of this Medieval Church on a phased basis. The next phase of works on the gable wall will commence in spring 2020.

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2020