

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

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### 5. Plenary October 2019 Management Report to Council

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**Príomhfheidhmeannach**

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# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Sept 2018 Cumulative Figure	At end of Sept 2019 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	388	240
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	23	29
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	19	26
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€438,920	€640,565
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	994	1277
Value of Measure 2 support given	€291,182	€346,949

### Love Local Business Networking Lunch

As part of this year's Harvest Festival, Local Enterprise Office Waterford hosted its 8th business networking lunch which celebrates local food producers in Dooley's Hotel. The business networking lunch has become an annual event of many business calendars.



This year we were delighted to have Peter Mulryan as our after dinner speaker. Peter shared his story of going from TV producer to gin distiller and of setting up a very successful distillery on the banks of the Blackwater in West Waterford.

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## Economic Development

### Ploughing's Local Enterprise Village Showcases Ireland's Small Businesses

Local Enterprise Ireland Waterford client **Mireog** were present showcasing their products. Mireog is run by illustrator Shona Shirley Macdonald and artist Ciaran O Nuallain. They design and handprint their products in their studio in Seanphobal, Co. Waterford.



Living in the Gaeltacht, Shona started with the aim of promoting the Irish language by creating unique designs in Irish and other Celtic languages, much inspired by folklore, the natural environment & also the language itself.

### BREXIT

The Local Enterprise Office has undertaken a significant media campaign over the last five weeks to ensure that all Waterford businesses are, in as much as possible, Brexit-ready and that they are aware of the various supports and services available from the LEO, Enterprise Ireland and the other enterprise support agencies. We would encourage all businesses to undertake a Brexit health-check by completing the Brexit Scorecard on the Waterford LEO web-site <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Waterford/>. However, by far the most important message is that any concerned business owner in any sector (e.g. retail, tourism, hospitality, tech, manufacturing etc) should make contact with the LEO offices at 35 The Mall in the City or at the Civic Offices in Dungarvan in order to seek advice which will be friendly and free. The LEO's dedicated Brexit Business Advisor is David Walsh who can be reached at

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## Economic Development

[dawalsh@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:dawalsh@waterfordcouncil.ie) or 0761-10-2725. Available supports include, among others, access to mentoring, training and grants.

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Town & Village 2018

All 8 projects in progress with full claims to be made before year-end

#### Town and Village Renewal Scheme - 2019

12 applications were submitted on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 for consideration under the 2019 TVRS - seeking an overall allocation of €1.28m – announcement expected in October 2019.

#### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects are in progress or substantially complete :

##### Measure 1:

Dunmore East Cliff Walk-substantially complete.

##### Measure 2:

Tramore Nature Park-in progress.

Faithlegg-Cheekpoint-Passage East Local Walks development-in progress.

Nire Valley Walks maintenance and improvement works-in progress.

#### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2019

11 applications were submitted under the 2019 funding call as follows 6 x Measure 1 applications, 4 x Measure 2 applications and 1 x Measure 3 application.

#### FLAG 2018

3 applications submitted in 2019 call: Ecological Study at Riverstown; Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area and Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan are progressing and completion envisaged for November 2019..

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### North Quays

#### 1. Sustainable Transport Bridge

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) approved with conditions the development of the River Suir Sustainable Transport Bridge. Details of the decision are available at <https://waterfordnorthquays.ie/project-documents/sustainable-transport-bridge/>. Roughan and O'Donovan, consultants will now progress the detailed design for the bridge.

#### 2. Transport Hub

On 16<sup>th</sup> September Waterford City and County Council Metropolitan District passed by resolution the Part 8 Planning application for a new Transport Hub in the North Quays. The CE report is available for review at <https://waterfordnorthquays.ie/construction-of-a-new-transport-hub/> and detailed design on the new train station is due to commence.

#### 3. SDZ Access Infrastructure

Roughan and O'Donovan are well advanced with the detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area. Tender documentation for service diversions and demolition works are currently at draft stage and will be issued in the coming weeks.

#### 4. SDZ Development

The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland propose to submit their application for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone shortly.

### Tourism

#### Mount Congreve

An application for funding under Rural Regeneration and Development Fund has been made to Develop '*One of the Great Gardens of the World*' as a world-class visitor attraction and

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economic driver for the regeneration and development of rural Waterford and the South-East.

### **Destination Towns**

An application for funding under Failte Ireland's Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital investment Programme 2019 has been made for visitor orientation and wayfinding.

### **Waterford Greenway**

- Waterford City and County Council continued to give support to numerous community events on the Greenway in September e.g. Greenway Grazing, West Waterford AC/Eurofins Half Marathon, Back to Kilmac Cycle.
- Currently planning and preparing for Halloween Spooky Tunnel Experience at Ballyvoyle for Halloween 2019.

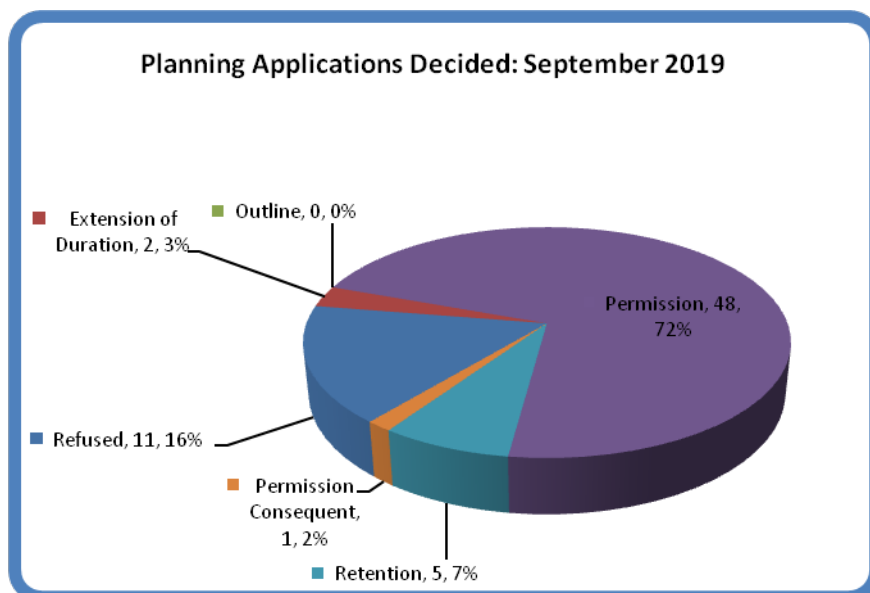
# Pleanáil

## Planning

76 planning applications were received countywide in the month of September (to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>). In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 715 planning applications have been received countywide. This compares with 654 received in the same period in 2018.

### Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of September 2019, 67 planning decisions were made. Of these, 56 applications were granted and 11 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 83.6%. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 433 preplanning applications were received up to the end of 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, this compares with 456 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

### Strategic Housing Developments

Applications for planning permission for strategic housing developments (housing developments of more than 100 residential units) are made directly to An Bord Pleanála.



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## Planning

Jackie Green Construction Limited applied for planning permission for a strategic housing development at Knockboy, Waterford City. The proposed development consists of a new residential development of 361 number units. An Bord Pleanála has approved the development, subject to conditions, which included the omission of eight houses and ten apartments. There are no further Waterford strategic housing developments currently being considered by the Board.

### **Forward Planning**

#### **Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region**

The draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy was the subject of public consultation from December 2018 until March 2019. The submissions received were considered by the Southern Assembly at its May meeting and it was agreed to adopt the RSES subject to amendments. It was deemed that a number of amendments were material and the Proposed Material Amendments and associated Environmental Reports were published for public consultation, which is from 12th September 2019 until 11th October 2019, (dates inclusive). It is intended that the RSES will be finalised by the end of 2019.

#### **Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)**

The Planning Department, together with landscape specialists CAAS, have commenced the process of preparing a new Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) to inform the next City and County Development Plan. An initial round of consultation took place with the Plenary and District Councils in late 2018 and subsequently in September. Work is progressing on the technical assessment of the landscape and it is intended that a draft document will be available for a final phase of consultation prior to the end of 2019.

#### **Retail Strategy Review**

John Spain Associates have been appointed as consultants to undertake a review of current retail strategies pertaining to the city and county. This will culminate with a unitary retail

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## Planning

strategy for Waterford City and County, considering in detail the retail functions of Waterford City, Dungarvan and Tramore. Public consultation has taken place during the period 24th June to 19th July. A total of 14 submissions were received. Shopper, household and floorspace surveys have been completed along with health checks for the main centres in Waterford City, Dungarvan and Tramore in order to fully inform the review. It is intended that the review will be completed by end of 2019 in time to support the next City and County Development Plan.

## Heritage

### Woodstown Viking Site

A draft Conservation Management Plan for the Woodstown Viking Site is due to be prepared for public consultation. The Plan will incorporate a strategy for future research on the site, a public engagement and heritage animation strategy and practical management plan.

Funding has been provided by The Heritage Council for support of the Plan



### Launch of Scríobhneoirí na nDéise Story Map

A schools Wall Chart and GIS Story Map detailing over 100 writers from Waterford who wrote in the Irish language was launched on August 22nd in Coláiste na Rinne. The wall chart will be distributed to the schools in the County.

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### ***Pearls of Wisdom Project***

A Biodiversity Awareness Project on the Freshwater Pearl Mussel in the River Clodiagh is being rolled out in Portlaw and Clonea Power Primary schools in October. An ecologist will visit each school to highlight the unique mussel that lives in the River Clodiagh and the schoolchildren will then develop a project on the Mussel and the habitat of the River Clodiagh.



### ***Decade of Commemorations***

Work is ongoing on research of events and incidents related to the War of Independence that took place in Waterford January 1919-June 1922. Members of the public are invited to send their own stories to [archivist@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:archivist@waterfordcouncil.ie) where they will be mapped on GIS and published as a Story Map later in the year.

#### **INFORMATION REQUEST**

##### **SITE LOCATIONS OF WAR OF INDEPENDENCE EVENTS IN WATERFORD**

Waterford City and County Council are looking for your help to map the locations of War of Independence events throughout Waterford City and County. The locations identified will be mapped and made available online on an interactive did Story Map with supporting information and images about the events.



Burgery Ambush Site, c1921. Image Courtesy of Waterford County Museum.

Was your locality involved? If you have any information and would like to contribute to this project please contact Joanne Rothwell, Waterford City and County Archivist at [joanne.rothwell@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:joanne.rothwell@waterfordcouncil.ie) or 01854 322444. This project is part of an ongoing programme for the Decade of Commemorations promoted by the Commemorations Committee of Waterford City and County Council.



### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme**

Projects allocated funding for this year are to be completed by the end of September. Works which are covered under the grant scheme consist mainly of repair of roofs, repair of church windows, repair of thatch, repair of damaged brick and plaster work. The scheme enhances the quality of protected structures throughout the county and provides opportunity for employment and development of specialist skills. In addition works are taking place under the Historic Structures Fund at Cathedral Square in order to consolidate the building and structure for future use as part of the Museum offering in Viking Triangle. The applicable grant aid is due for payment in mid September.

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### **Irish Walled Towns funding**

Works have commenced on the Watch Tower on the City Walls to make the building accessible to the public. Works are undergoing to make the steps safe , make repairs to the rood and prevent bird access. Works are due to be completed in November.

### **Blackfriars**

WCCC and Waterford Civic Trust are working with the Local Training initiative to repoint and repair the walls of the Medieval Church. There will be a talk on the works undertaken to which Councillors will be invited.

# Bóithre agus Iompar

## Roads and Transportation

### Road Works Programme 2019

#### Surface Dressing Programme

Approx 60km of local and regional road were surface dressed which is 100% complete.

#### Strengthening Programme

75% of strengthening works are complete and the remaining roads are scheduled for completion during October, weather permitting.

#### LIS schemes

LIS Department approved schemes are 100% complete.

#### Community Involvement Scheme 2020/21

Applications received have been reviewed and a submission has been made to the Department for approval.

#### Clár 2019

The following 3 schemes were approved for funding and are now underway.

Measure			
1	Kinsalebeg National School	Footpath and public lighting	€49,950
1	Rathgormack Community Centre	Footpath and public lighting	€49,950
2	Modeligo Community Centre & School	Play Area	€49,950

# 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 September. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues. Good intent false alarms include alarm system malfunctions, alarm systems alerting due to factors other than fire (e.g. steam, dust, power surges, break glass units accidentally set off etc), persons mistakenly observing fires and calls to controlled burning. Malicious false alarms occur where persons deliberately alert the brigade where no emergency exists.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	58	19	12	1
Comeragh	6	5	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	10	9	1	0
<b>Total for September</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Total for September 2018</i>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Total for 2018</i>	<b>798</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>22</b>

### Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	September 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for September 2018</i>

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## Emergency Services

Fire Safety Certificates	10	75	10	99
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### 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	September 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	Total for September 2018	Total for 2018
Commencement Notices	31	280	32	231
Completion Certificates	24	182	12	236
Disability Access Certificates	8	54	7	71

### Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for September are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Council Community Day in the RSC.	Sun 1st	1st Aid, Ambulance & 4 Members.
Harvest Festival in the City.	Fri 6th Sat 7th & Sun 8th	1st Aid, 2 Ambulances & 23 Members.
Blackwater Boat Exercise	Sat 7th	2 Boats & 2 Response Vehicles
Dara Fitzpatrick Memorial Run in the Airport.	Sat 14th	1st Aid, 2 Ambulances & 12 Members.
Blackwater Boat Exercise	Sat 14th	2 Boats & 2 Response Vehicles

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<b>Charity Tractor Run, Kilmacthomas</b>	<b>Sun 15th</b>	<b>First Aid Cover, 1 Response Vehicle</b>
<b>West Waterford Athletics Cross Country Event, Friary College, Dungarvan</b>	<b>Fri 20th</b>	<b>First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle</b>
<b>Communications Exercise</b>	<b>Sat 21st</b>	<b>3 Response Vehicles</b>
<b>Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Organisation of Ex Service Personnel Barrack Street City.</b>	<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>2 Members.</b>
<b>Back To Kilmac Cycle, St Declan's College, Kilmacthomas</b>	<b>Sat 28th</b>	<b>First Aid Cover, 1 Response Vehicle</b>



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## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	September 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	September 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	87	768	113	753
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	N/A	N/A	164	1014
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	37	480	95	552
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	52	465	74	559

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during September 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during September 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	1	6	1	0	18
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	2	34	6	2	61

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Metropolitan	11	132	18	3	200
Voluntary Bodies	1	5	3	0	10
Totals	15	177	28	5	289

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 411 There have been 103 refusals on properties to date.

### Housing Loans applications

2019 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
September	6	6	2	1	2
YTD	58	7	35	24	2

### Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
September	4	3	0	1	0
YTD 2019	41	11	7	24	11

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YTD 2018	57	16	17	11	23
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0 Tenant Purchase sales closed in September

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	September 2018 HAP tenancies	September 2019 HAP tenancies set up	2019 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	46	50	6	2,997	1,902

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

September	No
<b>HAP</b>	<b>37</b>
Compliant	7
Non-Compliant	30
Re Inspection	7
<b>RAS</b>	<b>5</b>
Compliant	4
Non-Compliant	1
Re Inspection	4
<b>Long Term Lease</b>	<b>39</b>
Compliant	1
Non-Compliant	34
Re-inspection	27
<b>Other</b>	<b>26</b>
Compliant	20
Non-compliant	2
Re-inspection	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>

In September 2019, Waterford City & County Council carried out 437 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 39 properties have had improvement works carried out to meet the standards for rented accommodation.

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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 September 2019	Value of applications to September 2019	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	4	46997.77	32	343333.86
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	10	57514.78	83	433634.89
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	19	86544.72	85	382013.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>191057.27</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1158981.94</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
September - Cases presented (up to and including 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019) (including 22 from 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 31 Aug)	102	70
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>646</b>

### 107 individuals (not including families) in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation	September 2019	September 2018

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Single Adults with dependent children	9	12
No. of Families with no dependent children	1	4
No. of Families with dependent children	7	5

### Currently in emergency B&B homeless accommodation in Waterford (included in above figures):

In total 2 adults and 2 children (composed of 1 couple)

**Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford:** 14 adults

## 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. Further workshop with Councillors required.
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q4 2019.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Contractor appointed – on site
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Tender Q4 2019.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Completed	Completed
Dungarvan Ballinroad	21	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	On site
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q4 2019
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Tender preparation	Stage 3 Q4 2019
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Tender	Tender award Q4

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				2019.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going – under Repair and Lease Scheme
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress. Phase 1 completed.
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019.
Kilmacthomas	16	Comeragh	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019
Mount Esker, Ballytruckle	13	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019
Estuary Heights, Shandon, Dungarvan	20	Dungarvan/Lismore	Construction	1 <sup>st</sup> phase completed.
Railway Gardens, Lismore	17	Dungarvan/Lismore	Approval	Department approval received
Mount Suir, Carrickphierish	18	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going throughout 2019
Repair and Lease	166	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	53	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	16	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	On-going. Works tender Q3 2019 Remaining properties acquired by CPO
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q3 2019
Buy & Renew – Manor Court	4	Metropolitan	Tender Stage	In progress
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress

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### Total Units in WCCC Projects 700

#### 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.
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
The Paddock's <i>Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland</i>	9	Metropolitan	Construction	In progress
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
Fairfield Park <i>Circle VHA</i>	40	Metropolitan	Construction	In progress

### Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 157

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

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September 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	16	0	0	16
Newly vacant	4	0	2	6

### 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 fourteen (14) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target eighteen (18) individual properties. So far, twelve (12) of these Compulsory Purchase Orders have been confirmed by An Bord Pleanála. 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.

<i>Anti Social Behaviour Report September 2019 Summary</i>	
<b>No of complaints received</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>No of cases closed</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Investigations/monitoring ongoing at 30 September 2019</b>	<b>29</b>

Breakdown of ASB complaints received	1 Jan – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Totals Year to Date
Violence/Harassment/Intimidation	49	10	59
Damage to Property/Graffiti	2	0	2
Noise/General Disturbance	24	5	29
Drugs	6	0	6



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Joyriding	0	0	0
Other Criminal Activity	1	0	1
Other tenancy breach's	36	4	40
Parking/boundary disputes/obstruction of property & common areas	2	0	2
Pet/Animal Nuisance	8	2	10
Rubbish/Maintenance/Illegal Dumping	15	7	22
Children Nuisance	15	5	20
<b>Total ASB Complaints</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>191</b>
Abandoned Houses	2	2	4
Illegal Occupiers	-	1	1
Abandoned Vehicle	2	0	2
<b>Overall Total no. of complaints this period</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>198</b>

Actions taken in respect of 198 complaints above	
Investigations/monitoring in progress	171
Tenancy Notification/Warning Letters Issued	2
Houses Re-possessed	1
Referred to other agencies	1
No of cases closed	23
<b>Total No. of Actions taken</b>	<b>198</b>

<b>Total no. of complaints open at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	<b>175</b>
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### *Estate Management Report September 2019 Summary*

- The Estate Management Team consists of three officers, between which City and County local authority estates are divided as follows;  
Henry Moloney; Dungarvan Town, Waterford City Centre and Gracedieu, Ferrybank.

Tracy Morrissey; Lismore, Cappaquin, Tallow, The Comeragh Area and Tramore.

Vickie Butler ; Ballybeg, Larchville/Lisduggan, Dunmore East and Passage East, St. John's Park, Kilcohan, Sacred Heart and Dunmore Road.

- To date the Estate Management team has worked within all three specific City and County areas to build on old relationships and forge new ones within estates. Working with community partners, councilors and council officials to do so. The primary focus of the team remains in continuing to progress all relationships and to increase our footprint and links with our estates.

- The Spic & Span event at the RSC on September 1<sup>st</sup> saw the culmination of ongoing work by the Estate Management Team in particular after five months of promotion and supports to residents endeavoring to enhance their communities. With approx 3,000 residents at the event and five winners announced live on air by Mayor Pratt, the event was a great success.

- During the Spic & Span Competition the team formed and strengthened links with many estates, we interacted with the vast majority of tenancies/estates during the campaign and plan to build and expand these relationships between now and 2020.

- A programme of initiatives and actions for 2020 is currently being formulated by the Estate Management Officers to ensure the success of this year's initiatives can be built upon and progressed further.

# Seirbhísí Pobail

## Community Services

### Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- During September a total of €232,478.65 was paid for 7 project claims. As at 30<sup>th</sup> September, Waterford LCDC had paid €609,662.40 for 25 project claims to end quarter three 2019.
- Department approval to Local Development Strategy Review has been received.
- September Call for LEADER Projects: Following advertising, meetings were held in Tramore 24<sup>th</sup> September, Dungarvan 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Lismore 25<sup>th</sup> September with a very good turnout particularly in the latter two locations.
- Inter Territorial Project between Portlaoise and Antrim is progressing to application stage.

### Community Festivals and events Grants

A total of €23,500 has been paid to 30<sup>th</sup> September to 11 community groups following submission of their post event reports detailing very successful festivals and events held during the year. Drawdown of grant for a further 2 events is pending with a further 5 groups expected to hold their events by year end.

### Children and Youth:

#### Comhairle na nÓg:

Waterford Comhairle members are now planning for the AGM which is taking place on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Meetings with young people have now fully recommenced after summer break.

#### Pride of Place:

The IPB All Ireland Pride of Place Awards night is taking place on November 30<sup>th</sup> in the Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny. Waterford will have three entries (Deise Day Centre, Alexander Street Residents Association and Waterford Comhairle na nÓg) in three different categories.

### Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the National Forum.

# Seirbhísí Pobail

## Community Services

The Older Persons Council is fully functioning currently and has planned Positive Aging week taking place from September 30<sup>th</sup>. A range of events is taking place across City and County with key note speakers of interest to old people, sports events taking place in association with Waterford Sports Partnership and a host of other activities.

All thematic sub-groups are now fully active with a range of initiatives being undertaken by the membership.

### **Healthy Waterford:**

Healthy Waterford – an LCDC sub committee - made an application for Healthy Ireland Round 3 funding for the period July 2019 to June 2021, totalling €184,000. A further €62,050 was applied for under the Community Mental Health Fund to support actions to improve the mental health and well-being of people in the community and to tackle loneliness and isolation.

### **Community Enhancement Programme 2019**

The Department of Rural & Community Development allocated Waterford Council €9,162 under the Community Enhancement Shed Fund, which was ring-fenced for Men's & Women's Sheds. Seven applications were approved by the LCDC on the 12<sup>th</sup> September and the groups shall receive their grant once they return the signed terms and conditions form.

### **Migrant Integration Strategy**

The Migrant Integration Forum continues to meet and is supported by the inter-agency task group led by Waterford City & County Council.

Waterford LCDC, along with partner agencies, is preparing a three-year strategy to promote the integration of migrants who live and work in our city and county. The purpose of the strategy is to make Waterford a more welcoming and inclusive place, and to eliminate all forms of prejudice and intolerance.

### **PPN**

- 703 groups registered with the PPN: 565 Community pillar; 114 Social Inclusion pillar; 24 Environment pillar.
- PPN Plenary meeting to be held in Dungarvan on 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Community & Voluntary Awards to be held in Dungarvan on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

# Seirbhísí Pobail

## Community Services

### JPC:

Next meeting shall be the annual public meeting to be held in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

### Social Inclusion:

#### SICAP

The 2020 SICAP Annual Plan will be before the LCDC for approval in mid December. In addition, the 2019 Case Study will be submitted to Pobal by October 4th 2019. The Case intends to focus on Collaboration and Community Development in the county area, particularly the activities around Shandon, Dungarvan and the work progressing at Shandon House with partners such as WWETB.

Care and Repair programme being operated by WAP in Metro area. Extension into county area currently being planned - Tallow/Cappoquin as pilot.

#### TIG

The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group is meeting regularly. It is intended to progress the Yellow Flag Programme in three Waterford schools.

# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In September 41,515 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 42,856 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for September was 20957.

In September 320 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- Summer Stars Reading Adventure certificate and medal presentations in primary schools for all participants across the library service.
- Further presentations on Facebook and Twitter for Business and an outreach to the National Learning Network open evening as part of the Work Matters at your Library promotion.
- Launch of the Well Festival of Arts & Wellbeing (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.) programme of events in Garter Lane Arts Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> September with local media coverage and an interview on WLR FM. This programme includes free events in all Library branches.
- Commencement of Digital Skills tablet classes scheduled for the autumn across the library service as part of the 'Getting Citizens Online' initiative on behalf of the Department of Communications Climate Action and Environment.
- Public information talks on the online Revenue service and new PAYE system were held on 5<sup>th</sup> September in Ardkeen and Dungarvan Libraries. Organised by the Waterford Wexford Adult Educational Guidance Service.
- Activities and events in library branches for Culture Night on 20<sup>th</sup> September including two 'Culture-for-Kids' events in Central Library that were televised on the national RTÉ News.
- Waterford Harvest Festival supported with a Beeswax Wrap Making workshop in Central Library.

# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

#### Upcoming Events in October include:

- Series of talks across the library service organised by the Waterford Older People's Council for Positive Ageing Week (30<sup>th</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019).
- Well Festival of Arts & Wellbeing with 17 free events scheduled across all library branches.
- Children's Book Festival with events scheduled across the library service as part of the Right to Read programme.
- Beeswax Wrap Making workshops scheduled across the library service by the Waterford Environmental Awareness Officer as part of the national Reuse Month in October.
- Commencement of Phase 3 of Healthy Ireland at your Library with a talk from psychotherapist and bestselling author Stella O'Malley in Ardkeen Library on 5<sup>th</sup> October and an Understand Together Dementia Champions Café in Dungarvan on 25<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Waterford Europe Direct Information Centre S.E. Regional Soapbox Competition will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Large Room, City Hall with the topic 'Climate change is not my problem'.
- Waterford Writers Weekend supported with an event in Central Library.
- Maths Week events scheduled across the library service.

#### Library Development:

- 3D Printer was installed in Central Library with hardware and software training for library staff.
- IPA Prevention and Management of aggression and violence training for library staff.
- CALMAST Maths Week workshop training for library staff.
- Disability Inclusion Training organised by the WCYCYS for library staff.

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## Arts & Culture

- Tender awarded for the Dormant Accounts Funded project of a Story Collector Oral History Project in West Waterford.



**Culture Night – Comic & Puppet Workshop in Central Library**



**Bringing your garden back to nature with Mary Reynolds EDIC at Central Library**



# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### ARTS

- The Waterford Gallery of Art quietly opens its doors in November with 'Aspects' curated by Dr. Éimear O'Connor. The official launch is scheduled for the New Year.
- GOMA Gallery of Modern Art Waterford in association with Imagine Arts Festival hosts Rosemary Higbee | Retrospective: 1923-2019. This important Artist (whose family was from Gracedieu in the City) returned to Ireland to lecture in Art from the early 70s. The exhibition runs from October 16<sup>th</sup> and will have its official opening on October 26<sup>th</sup> by Waterford artist Ben Hennessey.
- Rogue Gallery and Studios presents Janie Kavanagh's debut solo exhibition 'Eye Wander' from Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Janie is the Artistic Director of Rogue and sees the exhibition taking viewers to the inner space where ideas are born. She describes 'Eye Wander' as an odyssey for the eyes, mind and soul.
- The City Arts Office is up and running in its new home and is compiling Grant applications.
- Culture Night (September 20<sup>th</sup>) was a big success with events in the City, Dungarvan, Tramore, Bunmahon and elsewhere.
- Music Generation Waterford is continuing its expansive programme all over Waterford.
- The Waterford Film Centre, in the City's Cultural Quarter, is busy shooting a 'short' based around the crew of one of the Apollo Missions. A whole space capsule has been built in the studios with the help of Will Fahy from Outpost Creations.
- The Theatre Royal has launched an extensive and exciting Winter Season with concerts, pantomime and drama. Along with Garter Lane it is also developing impressive and strong Youth and new audiences programmes.
- Garter Lane Arts Centre too has a large theatre art and Cinema programme. Ollie Breslin's film Well, Who Cares; two new plays - Memoirs of a Ghost by Derek Flynn and Jim Nolan's Red Iron - all developed with the aid of the Arts Service. At the start of October, in conjunction with the Arts Office, it kicked off its Waterford Young Critics project.
- The John Dwyer Trad Festival, the Waterford Writers Weekend and Imagine festival all take place at the end of this month. Bookings are currently open for the recording of RTE Radio 1's Sunday Miscellany in the Theatre Royal.
- Arts in Education projects throughout our primary schools have restarted around the city and county. We are working with Lismore Castle Arts on the TY 'Artifice' programme in various secondary schools.

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 18th September 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	6
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	236
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines previous years)	132
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

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

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – \*\*\*\*\* 2019

No of Complaints	2299
Legal Actions	4
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	4
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	23
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	105
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	27
Section 14 Directions	18
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	2
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	0
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.	0
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	1 Prosecution & 17 Regulation 25 Notices

### Environmental Education & Awareness

#### Green Flag Programme

Green Schools assessment visits have commenced again for the new school year. A Green Schools Seminar was well attended on 18<sup>th</sup> September by schools participating in the Green

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## Environmental Services

Schools programme. This was workshop based to provide teachers with an opportunity to find out more about the theme their school is working on as well as various ways to tackle issues that may arise.

Climate Action Teacher Training for secondary school teachers will take place in Waterford on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This two hour training session will be based on the Climate Action resource that has been developed for teachers in the run up to Climate Action Week, which is from October 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2019. There will be a copy of these resources available for all participants.

### **Community Clean Ups.**

Waterford City & County Council offer assistance throughout the year to the general public to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Coastal communities are being engaged with and supported in conjunction with An Taisce's Clean Coasts programme. Waterford City & County Council support groups and individuals by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal.

### **Anti Litter Awareness**

A Take 3 for the Sea awareness campaign was launched on 13<sup>th</sup> September. The campaign simply asks people to take three pieces of rubbish with them when they leave the beach, waterway or... anywhere! Plaques are being placed at all Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches. A teachers handbook is available on the Council's website for both primary and secondary schools. A presentation will also be made available online shortly for use in class.

### **Waste Prevention**

Reuse Month takes place nationally during the month of October to encourage the reuse of materials and items as a means of waste prevention. A range of events and workshops will take place during this month to raise awareness and engage with people about waste

## Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

### Environmental Services

prevention, including a series of waste prevention workshops in 5 locations across Co. Waterford.

A waste prevention workshops and waste prevention information stand were provided as part of the Harvest Festival 6-8<sup>th</sup> September. An estimate 300 people received advice about food waste prevention and composting at the information stand.

Waterford City & County Council worked with the West Waterford Athletic Club to green their half marathon held along the Waterford Greenway on 14<sup>th</sup> September. By providing reusable water cups it is estimated that this initiative helped in the prevention of over 670 single use plastic bottles/cups being disposed of at the finish. Working with Refill Ireland, tanks of filtered water were provided at the finish line to fill reusable tumblers for all participants. These tumblers were collected in bins to be washed and reused at other events. The water stations along the route were all filled from smaller water containers.

#### **Website**

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)

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## Finance

<b>Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income &amp; Expenditure Summary by Service Division</b>								
<b>Y.T.D. to August 31, 2019</b>								
			<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		18,029,286	25,969,325	69%	18,339,691	26,916,577	68%
B	Road Transport & Safety		21,274,108	37,127,440	57%	13,552,047	25,376,702	53%
C	Water Services		7,274,140	10,999,576	66%	6,874,189	10,653,344	65%
D	Development Management		9,033,668	15,551,330	58%	3,834,682	7,057,971	54%
E	Environmental Services		11,843,454	18,514,025	64%	1,597,420	2,709,121	59%
F	Recreation & Amenity		9,305,896	14,036,054	66%	1,209,976	1,903,039	64%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		673,008	1,029,278	65%	265,969	434,809	61%
H	Miscellaneous Services		10,294,639	13,435,895	77%	9,019,450	11,891,273	76%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG		0	0	0%	12,608,076	18,911,516	67%
RA	Rates		0	0	0%	20,539,048	30,808,571	67%
			<b>87,728,199</b>	<b>136,662,923</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>87,840,548</b>	<b>136,662,923</b>	<b>64%</b>
Surplus/Deficit						112,349	0	

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Summary of main collections August 2019 YTD								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Aug 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Aug 2019	Gross Bal 31-7-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
<b>Rates</b>	7,648,089	31,095,541	- 2,578,389	36,165,241	21,296,104	14,869,137	59%	68%
<b>Loans</b>	1,995,885	2,081,647	6,063	4,083,595	2,089,362	1,994,233	51%	100%
<b>Rents</b>	3,712,413	8,979,627	8,431	12,700,471	9,260,890	3,439,581	73%	103%
<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>			-	8,740,610	-	6,128,527		14,869,137
			<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>			200,725	111,514	245,331	1,436,663		1,994,233
			<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>			131,906	107,174	173,126	3,027,375		3,439,581
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>								
Days in Overdraft in Mar:								
Nil		5	Cost - € Nil	€341.89	Average Value when in O/D : N/A		€	1,331,080.28