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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

1. North Quays

1.1 Sustainable Transport Bridge

Roughan and O'Donovan consulting engineers and Knights Architects are progressing the detailed design for the sustainable transport bridge. Associated approvals such as a foreshore licence, section 50 application, bridge order, etc. will be issued to the various department in the coming weeks.

1.2 Transport Hub

Detailed design on the new transport hub as well as preliminary design for flood defence works are commencing.

1.3 SDZ Access Infrastructure

Detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area is well advanced. Tender documentation for demolition works have been issued on etender, closing date for submission of tenders is 12 noon, 4th December 2019.

Tender documents for service diversions are due to be issued shortly.

1.4 SDZ Development

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

2.0 Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Nov 2018 Cumulative Figure	At end of Nov 2019 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	435	285
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	29	36
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	25	31
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€619,833	€703,315
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	1,271	1,732
Value of Measure 2 support given	€353,786	€494,197

2.1 Local Enterprise Office Waterford calls on start-ups to apply for its 2020 Desk Programme

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Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office Waterford is inviting submissions from those with a business idea or are in start-up phase to apply for its 2020 Desk Programme. The Desk programme will provide free desk space at one of Ireland's most exciting innovative co-working hubs, Boxworks Co Work Space, along with an appointed LEO business advisor for six months from January 2020. The inaugural programme proved a big success with three start-up businesses making Boxworks their home earlier this year.

Closing date for applications to the LEO Desk Programme is 4pm, Thursday, December 19th 2019.

3. Rural Development

3.1 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2018

All 8 projects in progress – claims made to DRCD in November.

3.2 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2019

5 applications (Fenor, Lemybrien, Cappoquin, Dunhill and Bunmahon) being progressed in 2020.

3.3 FLAG

3 applications (Ecological Study at Riverstown; Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area; Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan) are nearing full completion.

4. Tourism

4.1 Launch of Tourism Analysis and Marketing Plan

The Tourism Analysis and Promotional Plan for Waterford City and County was launched on Tuesday 12th November along with the new Visit Waterford website.

4.2 Waterford Greenway

Waterford City and County Council and Fáilte Ireland jointly organised a very successful Learning Journey and Greenway conference based in Dungarvan and along Waterford Greenway on 25th and 26th November 2019. Staff of other Local Authorities, state agencies, DTTAS and Fáilte Ireland learned about the experience of the development of Waterford Greenway in the context of their own Greenway developments.

4.3 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects are in progress or substantially complete :

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Economic Development

Measure 1: Dunmore East Cliff Walk minor works and upgrade-now complete.

Measure 2:

Tramore Nature Park-substantially complete.

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:

Measure 1 - 6

Measure 2 - 4

Measure 3 – 1

Measure 1 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019:

Minister Ring approves over €1.8 million for 109 projects across the country under the 2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. Waterford receives funding for 4 projects worth over €60,000.00 from Dept of Rural and Community Development.

Waterford			
Waterford EuroVelo 1 Route Development	Install EuroVelo signage along the extent of Waterford Greenway to link remainder of route.	Waterford EuroVelo 1 Atlantic Coast Route: Youghal Bridge to Passage East via	€14,000.00
Walk Waterford: Trails brochure and Promotion	Videography and photography of at least 20 trails including drone footage and editing.	Countryside - Co. Waterford	€16,000.00
Waterford Cycling Trails	Signage improvement and upgrade and print of Waterford Cycling brochures.	Road Cycling Trails, Co. Waterford	€14,153.60
Lady Louisa's to Roundhill Walk Upgrade Works	Installation of drainage stone and land drain. Hedge/grass cutting and removal of vegetation.	Lady Louisa's Walk, Lismore	€15,960.00

Awaiting outcome of determination on Measure 2 and 3 applications.

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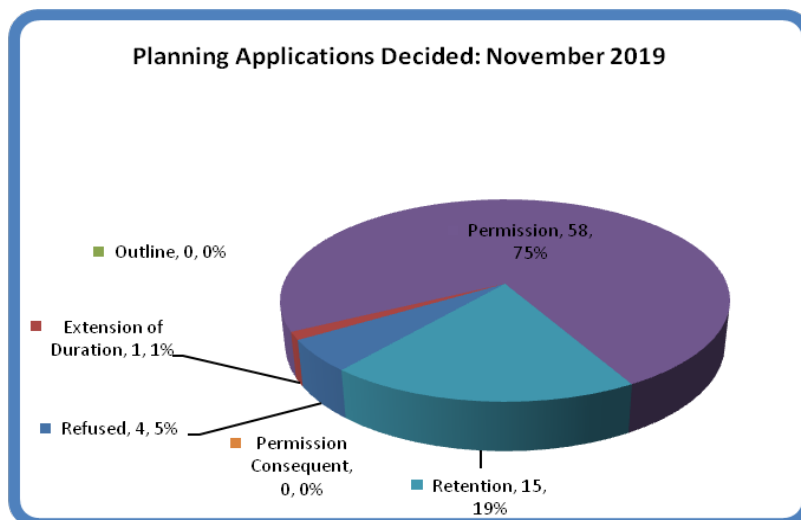
Planning

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

82 planning applications were received countywide in the month of November. In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to the end of November, 899 planning applications have been received countywide. This compares with 813 received in the same period in 2018, which represents a year on year. increase of 10.6%.

Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of November 2019, 58 planning decisions were made. Of these, 52 applications were granted and 6 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 89.7 %. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 530 preplanning applications were received up to the end of November 2019, this compares with 573 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

Forward Planning

Review of the County Development Plan

The Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy was adopted by the Southern Assembly on Friday the 29th of November and becomes operative from the 31st of January 2020. The review of the Development Plan will now commence in Quarter 1 2020, and the Planning Department will be reverting to Council prior to commencement of the process.

Planning SPC

The final Planning SPC meeting in 2019 was held on the 3rd December. Topics considered included:

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Planning

- *Conclusion of the discussion on City & County Development Plan Visioning. This will inform the initial public consultation process underpinning the new plan and the Strategic Issues Paper,*
- *Unitary Development Plan process, timeline and topics for inclusion in the Strategic Issues Paper,*
- *Principles underpinning the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (WMATS) being prepared in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA),*
- *Principles underpinning the Kilbarry Framework Plan and associated Area Based Transport Strategy (ABTA),*
- *Topics for SPC consideration 2020.*

There will be a significant number of issues to be considered by the SPC in 2020 which will be driven by the development plan content and process, draft guidance from the Dept of Housing, Planning & Local Government and other National framework documents.

Conservation Grant Schemes

In 2019, the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht allocated €214,000 towards built heritage conservation projects in Waterford. Since 2016 Waterford has received over €900,000 in funding from the Department for this purpose.

In 2019, grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) amounted to €114,000. This grant fund in turn generated €330,000 in the local economy across 14 no. conservation projects including repairs and repointing of walls, repairs of windows, rainwater goods, repair works to thatch houses. The works generated 860 days of employment for a variety of skills such as plasterers, stonemasons, thatchers, joiners, scaffolders, architects and engineers.

In 2019 grant funding under the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) amounted to €100,000. This focussed on works to publically owned properties in Cathedral Square/Greyfriars which generated 753 days of employment.

Paul Kelly

Planning Department

3rd December 2019

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2019

The 2019 road works programme for strengthening and surfact dressing is substantially completed and any remaining jobs will be complete by the end of November. The footpath repair programme is ongoing.

National Primary & Secondary Roadworks

N25 Killaneen to Lemybrien West surface replacement was completed in October at a cost of €2.7 million. N72 Military Road will be completed before the end of the year however a further section on the N72 from Dungarvan to Cappoquin will start in January 2010 and will be completed by the end of the month. Cappagh to Boherwilliam works are complete. Tallow Bridge Phase 1 and 2 are also substantially complete.

Winter Maintenance Plan

The winter maintenance season is underway and full details of the Plan for the coming months is available on the website.

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 November. 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	36	14	9	0
Comeragh	2	3	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	16	8	2	0
Total for November	54	25	12	0
Year to date	692	387	165	9
<i>Total for November 2018</i>	42	39	19	3
<i>Total for 2018</i>	798	457	174	22

Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	November 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for November 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	19	105	7	99

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.

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Application/Notification	November 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	Total for November 2018	Total for 2018
Commencement Notices	16	323	27	231
Completion Certificates	25	229	22	236
Disability Access Certificates	14	74	5	71

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for November are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Radiation Monitoring Workshop Dublin	9 th Nov	2 members.
Mass Parade	10 th Nov	25 members.
Search Responder's Course Kilkenny	9 th & 10 th Nov	1 Instructor assisting in running course.
Boat Exercise, River Blackwater	10 th Nov	1 Boat and 2 Support Vehicles
Avian Flu Workshop with Dept of Agriculture Newbridge Co Kildare	14 th Nov	2 members.
Attending Road Safety Authority Memorial in Granville Hotel	17 th Nov	3 members.
Missing Person Search Stradbally	18 th & 19 th Nov	8 members.
Avian Flu Seminar, Mallow , Co. Cork	23 rd Nov	3 Boat Crew attended
National Radiation Monitoring Exercise	24 th Nov	2 Radiation Monitoring Teams , Communications Support, 2 Survey Response Vehicles
Boulta Point to Point Horse Racing, Tallow	24 th Nov	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulance & 4 support Vehicles
Auxiliary Fire Service Instructors Course Roscrea	27 th , 28 th & 29 th Nov	1 Instructor.

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Emergency Services

Winterval	23 rd , 24 th , 29 th & 30 th Nov	35 members.
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Housing Applications

Housing applications	November 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	November 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	101	949	107	973
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	136	N/A	122	1251
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	74	674	56	662
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	73	606	56	677

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during November 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during November 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	0	7	0	0	18
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	13	54	4	2	73
Metropolitan	21	183	20	5	245
Voluntary Bodies	2	10	3	0	14
Totals	36	254	27	7	350

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 455 There have been 117 refusals on properties to date.

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Housing Loans applications

2019 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/ deferred for 6 months
November	6	1	4	0	7
YTD	70	1	46	17	7

Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
November	1	0	1	2	4
YTD 2019	51	14	10	27	18
YTD 2018	57	16	17	11	23

4 Tenant Purchase sales closed in November –
1 in Waterford City South, 2 in Waterford City East, 1 in Dungarvan.

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	November 2018 HAP tenancies	November 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	35	42	5	3132	1948

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Inspection of private rented dwellings

2019	Total
HAP	37
Compliant	8
Non-Compliant	29
Re Inspection	18
RAS	9
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	9
Re Inspection	2
LTL	22
Compliant	4
Non-Compliant	18
Re Inspection	11
Other	23
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	23
Re Inspection	0
MTR	2
Total	93

In November 2019, Waterford City & County Council carried out 209 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 11 properties have 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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved November 2019	Value of applications to November 2019	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	3	23093.58	46	468724.88
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	9	48352.48	114	603260.88
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	12	53572.52	105	470621.15
Total	24	125018.58	265	15426906.91

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Homeless Services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
November - Cases presented up to and including 30 th November 2019	76	71
Cumulative number of cases presented	656	717

Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation	November 2019	November 2018
Singletons / Individuals availing of homeless accommodation (excluding families)	72	126
Families Availing of Homeless Accommodation (Family Breakdown below)	10	15
Individuals with Dependent Children	7	4
Families with No Dependent Children	0	4
Families with Dependent Children	3	7

Note:

- The reduction in figures is as a result of increased supports to homeless clients to help them exit emergency accommodation and increased resources on homeless prevention.
- Waterford Council has ceased the use of B&Bs/Hotels as a means of emergency accommodation and are working in partnership with Homeless Service providers in providing alternative temporary supported accommodation in standard housing.

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	Construction in Progress
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Awarded	Tender awarded. To commence Q1 2020
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Completed	Completed
Dungarvan Ballinroad	21	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	On site
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q1 2020
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Tender preparation	Stage 3 Q4 2019
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Tender	Tender award. To commence Q4 2019.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going – potential Repair and Lease Scheme
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress. Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 Q. 4 2019
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	2 nd phase completed. All phases Q4, 2019
Railway Gardens, Lismore	17	Dungarvan/Lismore	Construction	In progress
Mount Suir, Carrickphierish	18	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Brideview Close, Tallow	2	Dungarvan/Lismore	Completed	Completed
Barnes Lane, The Glen	2	Metropolitan	Completed	Completed
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going throughout 2019
Repair and Lease	166	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going
Leasing	53	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going

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Buy and Renew – Barker Place	16	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Construction in progress
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q4 2019
Buy & Renew – Manor Court	4	Metropolitan	Tender Stage	In progress
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress

Total Units in WCCC Projects 704

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	Cost revisions being considered
Dunhill Gleann Ealach	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 Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	9	Metropolitan	Construction	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 Circle VHA	40	Metropolitan	Construction	Dwellings completed

Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 157

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Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

October 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	6	0	2	8
Newly vacant	8	1	2	11

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 fifteen (15) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target eighteen (19) individual properties. So far, thirteen (13) 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.

Estate Management

The Councils Estate management team continue to support a large number of residents groups and proactively encourage the formation of new groups where none currently exist, the estate managers are now finalising their plans for 2020 which will focus on improving the overall living experience and physical appearance of their estates ,a number of initiatives/projects will be delivered by the Estate management team during 2020 to include,
Litter awareness campaigns
Presentation of estates
Good neighbour initiatives
Spick & Span 2020

Tenancy management & ASB

The Tenancy management & Anti social behaviour unit are continuing to proactively investigate and identify solutions to a broad range of complaints received from Council tenants.

The complaints include;

Noise nuisance issues

Acts of vandalism

Criminal damage

Neighbour disputes

Abandoned houses

Suspected subletting of Council properties

The unit is working closely with other state agencies and interdepartmental groups , this approach is proving very valuable and yielding significantly improved results when resolving issues .

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There are currently a number of houses throughout the LA area being monitored following reports of abandonment or subletting along with active investigations into various reports of anti social behaviour.

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Community Services

Pride Of Place Awards 2019

Alexander Street were crowned winners at the 2019 IPB Pride of Place awards in Kilkenny on Saturday night the 30th November 2019, winning Category 1 (Urban Neighbourhoods/Villages with a population under 1000),

Pride of Place is an All-Island competition whereby local authorities from across the island nominate groups in their communities who they feel have made a significant contribution to improving their neighbourhood, working collectively.

‘Homely, convivial and happy’ are words that the judges used to describe the small city community of Alexander Street, with the residents group considered an ‘undoubtedly crucial part of this charming enclave’.

Alexander Street Residents Association have addressed many issues and concerns of the local community, e.g. environmental clean ups, illegal parking, traffic hazards etc. and has worked in partnership with Waterford City & County Council Estate Manager in helping to identify solutions.

The group has undertaken community enhancement projects, organized social events for the older residents and puts on a fantastic flower display every year.

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Libraries

In November 45192 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 46396 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for November was 20922.

In November 418 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- LIT Young Writers Festival Waterford (15th – 16th November) supported with 7 events hosted in Central Library and Carrickphierish Library.
- Science Week (6th – 17th November) with 14 events held across the library service in collaboration with CALMAST, W.I.T.
- Continuation of Digital Skills tablet classes across the library service as part of the ‘Getting Citizens Online’ initiative on behalf of the Department of Communications Climate Action and Environment.
- Library representatives attended the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government award ceremony as Waterford Libraries was shortlisted for the Best Library Service award for the work with the Towers and Tales Festival, Lismore.
- Péacóg Féile Ealaíne don Óige (23rd – 30th Nov.), the art festival and competition for young people was launched by the Mayor of Waterford City and County Council, Cllr. John Pratt in Dungarvan Library.
- Waterford Healthy Ireland at your Library coordinator attended the Social Prescribing Network Ireland Conference held in Waterford on 26th November.

Upcoming Events in December include:

- 34 additional events scheduled throughout December in all Library branches for the ‘Family Time at your Library’ initiative as part of the Right to Read programme.
- Winterval Festival supported with events scheduled in Central and Ardkeen Library including workshops on sustainability run in collaboration with the Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative, Plastic Free Waterford.
- The Waterford EDIC will host a screening in the Omniplex of 6 short films on the impact of the EU on young people and also launch the publication of ‘What’s the story? 25 stories about Ireland and Europe’ in partnership with the European Commission Representation in Ireland and Eclipse Pictures.
- Continuation of the Work Matters at your Library social media series of presentations with a workshop on Canva and Scheduling tools on 11th December.
- Public meeting about the plans for Tramore Town Centre scheduled for 5th December in Tramore Library.

Library Development:

- Staff training on mobile phone video training for social media posts provided by Video Training.
- Staff training on BISA in Podcasting and Oral History.
- All five Dormant Accounts Funded projects commenced throughout the Library service.

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- Mr Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development announced funding amounting to €119,932 destined for a new Open Library in Lismore. This funding will also provide two “Magic Tables” in the Dungarvan and Lismore branches. These interactive tables are proving very popular with the public and are particularly helpful for both younger and older people with dementia, autism and learning difficulties.



ARTS

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is currently hosting it's annual Arts and Crafts exhibition until December 21st 2019.

The Arts Office extends congratulations to Dungarvan poet Clodagh Beresford Dunne on receiving the Clarissa Luard Literature Award in London recently. Assigned to her by Irish novelist Edna O' Brien this prestigious award is worth £10,000 stg.

The year long Writers Incubation project to develop new writing skills concludes in Dungarvan with a reading from the writers on December 6th.

The Lit Anthology funded by the Arts Office was launched during their literature festival for young people in the city.

The city based Waterford Writers Group are launching their anthology this month with support from the Arts Office.

Music Generation Waterford is closing out an active year with a series of performances during December in Waterford. Arts In Education projects continue in the city and county supported by the Arts Office.

GOMA is hosting its fourth annual members open exhibition of fine and applied arts. Running until the 12th of January 2020 it covers the work of studio artists and members of the GOMA Friends scheme.

Rogue Gallery & Studios' Winter Market continues along with the gallery's programme of Life Drawing and Music.

Garter Lane, after it's sold out run of Jim Nolan's Red Iron, Kicked off its busy December programme with the Jolt Dance Week & Symposium - A week-long festival of professional development workshop & discourse for dance artists, leaders in dance, dance programmers, dance funders & local

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authorities. The Arts Centre also continues its Christmas Fair and rounds off the season with David Hennessey's Stage School – 'The Addams Family'.

In the Theatre Royal the Waterford Panto Society are thrilling audiences with 'Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood'.

The Waterford Gallery of Art has extended its opening hours to include Saturdays for the remainder of Winterval. Its open on Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 5pm and Saturdays 11am to 1pm and then 2pm to 5pm.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 27th November 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	12
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	269
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines previous years)	190
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 27th November 2019,

No of Complaints	2,722
Legal Actions	5
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)	36
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	140
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	99
Section 14 Directions	20
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	3
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	3
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.	1
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 Schools Programme

Green Schools assessment visits have commenced and are available for schools. Fifty schools are due to renew or apply for their Green Flag this school year before March 27th 2020. Any school which was unable to send a representative to the annual Green Schools Seminar was offered a visit to their school in order to receive advice, etc.

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

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groups and individuals by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal.

Waste Prevention

Sustainable Christmas workshops are being held in Dungarvan and Waterford to encourage waste prevention, reuse and recycling at Christmas time.

Workshops which are focused on the sustainability of fashion and clothes are being offered to primary schools in December.

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

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Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division						
Y.T.D. to October 31, 2019						
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A Housing & Building	22,721,005	25,969,325	87%	23,412,937	26,916,577	87%
B Road Transport & Safety	29,816,228	37,127,440	80%	19,869,912	25,376,702	78%
C Water Services	8,968,214	10,999,576	82%	8,649,593	10,653,344	81%
D Development Management	11,893,812	15,551,330	76%	5,289,418	7,057,971	75%
E Environmental Services	15,288,989	18,514,025	83%	2,027,927	2,709,121	75%
F Recreation & Amenity	11,563,892	14,036,054	82%	1,580,094	1,903,039	83%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	842,102	1,029,278	82%	431,544	434,809	99%
H Miscellaneous Services	11,690,096	13,435,895	87%	10,295,705	11,891,273	87%
LG Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	15,760,095	18,911,516	83%
RA Rates	0	0	0%	25,673,810	30,808,571	83%
	112,784,338	136,662,923	83%	112,991,035	136,662,923	83%
Surplus/Deficit				206,697	0	

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Summary of main collections Oct 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 Sept 2019	Gross Bal 30-9-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]	
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€		
Rates	7,648,089	31,094,703	-	3,866,667	34,876,125	25,287,160	9,588,965	73%	81%
Loans	1,995,885	2,780,550		6,063	4,782,498	2,794,975	1,987,523	58%	101%
Rents	3,712,413	11,498,787		8,431	15,219,631	11,597,439	3,622,192	76%	101%
Aged Analysis :									
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance	
Rates			-	3,940,124	-	5,648,841		9,588,965	
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans			198,310	110,172	242,378	1,436,663		1,987,523	
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents			190,341	154,652	249,823	3,027,375		3,622,192	
Overdraft Levels									
Days in Overdraft in Oct:Nil		13	Cost - € Nil	€708.00	Average Value when in O/D : N/A			€ 1,135,841.00	