

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

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## Management report to Council 19th March, 2020

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# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### 1. North Quays

1. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the National Transport Authority announced funding of €12.6 million for the North Quays project. The comprises €400,000 for Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) Transportation measures, €6.2 m for the Sustainable Transport Bridge and €6m for Dock Road and Abbey Road Infrastructure works.

#### 2. Tender processes

##### a. Enabling works

Tenders were received on 21<sup>st</sup> February for the proposed utility diversion works contract, these are currently being assessed by Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers. The contract for demolition works is due to be issued shortly.

##### b. Main contract

An open industry event was held on 31<sup>st</sup> January for potential contractors. Roughan & O'Donovan presented the project and this was followed by a Q & A session. A Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) for the main contract was issued on tenders on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

### 3. SDZ Development

Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland submitting their application for the North Quays SDZ on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Further information in relation to the application was requested by the Planning Authority on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### 4. Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure

Detailed design for the Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure are currently being finalised, these works will form part of the main contract.

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### 2. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Feb 2019	At end of Feb 2020
No. of Clients Met	75	82
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	9	3
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	7	2
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€166,438	€40,200
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	219	235
Value of Measure 2 support given	€63,260	€54,395

#### Local Enterprise Office Waterford announces programme for Local Enterprise Week 2020

Waterford Local Enterprise Office has announced a programme of 21 events during Local Enterprise Week 2020, taking place throughout Waterford City and County from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Incorporating the theme of “Making It Happen”, this year Local Enterprise Week will feature a host of informative and engaging workshops, seminars, presentations and advice clinics aimed at local businesses, whether in pre-start, start-up or as an established business looking to grow.

### 3. Rural Development

#### 3.1 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2018

All 8 projects in progress – Final claims to be made to DRCD by end of March 2020

#### 3.2 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) – 2019

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

#### 3.3 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) – 2020

Expression of Interest Process advertised in March 2020

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### 4. Tourism

ORIS 2018 Projects due for completion by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020:

- Tramore Nature Park
- Nire Valley Walks Improvement Works
- Waterford Estuary Trails-Faithlegg, Cheekpoint and Passage East

ORIS 2019 Measure 1 Projects (announced Dec 2019)			
Name of Project	Description of Project	Location of Project	DRCD Funding
<b>Waterford EuroVelo 1 Route Development</b>	Completion of EV1 route development	Waterford EuroVelo 1 Atlantic Coast Route: Youghal Bridge to Passage East via Waterford Greenway	€14,000.00
<b>Walk Waterford: Trails brochure and Promotion</b>	New 'Walk Waterford' brochure. Also, bank of videography and photography Waterford's Trails and outdoor recreation opportunities.	Co. Waterford	€16,000.00
<b>Waterford Cycling Trails</b>	Signage improvement and upgrade and print of Waterford Cycling Trails brochures.	Road Cycling Trails, Co. Waterford	€14,153.60
<b>Lady Louisa's to Roundhill Walk Upgrade Works</b>	Trail upgrade and improvement works.	Lady Louisa's Walk, Lismore	€15,960.00
<b>M1 Sub Total Amount</b>			<b>€60,114.00</b>

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ORIS 2019 Measure 2 Projects (announced 21 Feb 2020)			
Project	Description	Location	DRCD Funding
<b>St. Declan's Way</b>	Upgrade of trail includes fencing, footbridge, maps, brochures and counters.	St. Declan's Way, Cashel, Co. Tipperary to Ardmore Co. Waterford	€43,440
<b>Abbeyside Coastal Walk and Spur from Waterford Greenway</b>	Improvement works to pathways and trail infrastructure.	Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	€66,578
<b>Waterford Greenway Enhancement Works. Dungarvan Designated Campervan parking Area and Greenway Play Trail Enhancement</b>	Development of a camper van parking area. Enhancement of Waterford Greenway play trail.	Rignasillogue, Dungarvan and Waterford Greenway, Co. Waterford	€101,600
<b>Anne Valley Walk Improvement Works</b>	Continued upgrade of trail.	Anne Valley Walk between Dunhill and Annestown, Co. Waterford	€61,516
<b>M2 Sub Total Amount</b>			€273,134
<b>Grand totals</b>			<b>€333,248</b>

### 5. URDF Application

An application is being made under the call for proposals under the URDF. The application will focus on three key areas (outlined below). The deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup> and the application is being developed in collaboration with WIT.

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## Economic Development



# Pleanáil

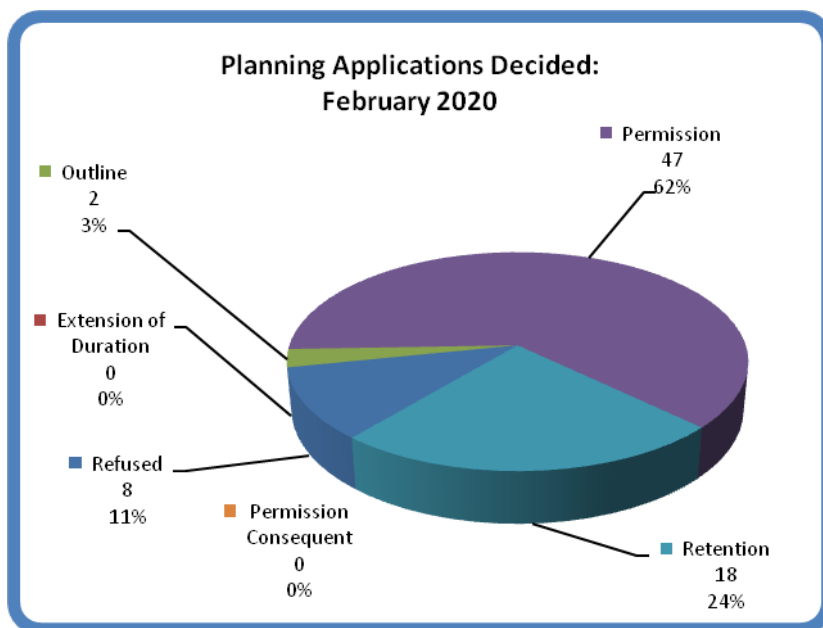
## Planning

### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

63 Planning applications were received in the month of February countywide. This compares with 88 planning applications received in the same month in 2019.

### Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of February 2020, 75 planning decisions were made. Of these, 67 applications were granted and 8 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 89%. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated below:



### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

To date in 2020, 88 pre planning applications have been received. These applications are currently being addressed.



# Pleanáil

## Planning

### **National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF): Consultation Draft.**

It is proposed to hold a workshop with the Plenary Council immediately prior to the March Plenary Council meeting. The workshop will inform the Council of the principles underpinning the NMPF and the key changes proposed in terms of how marine development is planned and managed and the new functions assigned to local authorities. The Consultation Draft of the NMPF is currently the subject of a public consultation process which runs until the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

### **Development Plan**

It is intended that the process to prepare the new unitary Waterford City and County Development Plan will commence the week beginning 23rd March. The initial phase of the plan preparation process will consist of an 8 week period during which written public submissions or observations can be made through an online consultation portal [consult.waterford.ie](http://consult.waterford.ie), via email or in writing to the Senior Planner, Planning Department, Waterford City and County Council. All written submissions should relate solely to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area; however, requests or proposals for the zoning of particular land for any purpose cannot be considered at this Pre-Draft Stage and any such submissions will be returned.

It should be noted that submissions received by the Planning Authority will be published on the consultation portal on <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie> within 10 working days of receipt, along with the name of the person making the submission in accordance with the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2018. Contact details however will not be published and people will be requested not to include personal, confidential or other sensitive information in submissions.

A number of public Information drop-in events are being organised across the city and county which will assist in informing the making of pre-draft submissions by the public. Full details of the location and times for these events will be provided through <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie> and through local press.

At the Planning SPC meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> February a number of issues relevant to the imminent development plan preparation were discussed, principally the servicing of towns and villages, renewable energy, core and settlement strategies and associated general land use zoning. It is intended that these topics, among others, will be discussed in more detail through workshops with the Plenary Council during Q2 & 3 of 2020 with a view to informing the content and policies of the unitary development plan.

### **Conservation Grants**

The closing date for applications under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020 was 5pm on the 27th January. The following is a summary of applications received:

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BHIS – 34 applications for grant aid received by the closing date, the list of successful projects are awaiting approval by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and all applicants will be informed of decision on applications by early March

HSF: 3 applications for grant aid were received under the Historic Structures fund and were forwarded to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for consideration.

### Conservation Works

Works are progressing to restore the signal box in Kilmacthomas, and the railway station, while the new stone work along the platforms is now complete. The tender for the repair of the Glasshouses in Mount Congreve has gone out to tender. It is hoped that works will be completed by the spring of 2021

### Heritage

#### Woodstown Viking Site

A Draft Conservation Management Plan for the Woodstown Viking Site has been completed and will be issued for public consultation in March. The Plan incorporates a strategy for future research on the site, a public engagement and heritage animation strategy and practical management plan. Funding was provided by The Heritage Council for development of the Plan.



#### Decade of Commemorations

Around 130 people attended a conference to commemorate the contribution of Richard Mulcahy in Irish Military History on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Large Room of City Hall. Richard Mulcahy was born in 70 Manor Street. Speakers included John Bruton, David McCullagh, Pat McCarthy, Pat Taaffe, Kate Manning and Jim Ryan. The conference was organised by Archivist Joanne Rothwell and Heritage Officer, Bernadette Guest.



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## Planning

### Dunhill Heritage Audit

Funding was allocated by the Creative Ireland Programme to carry out a Heritage Audit of Dunhill with the aim of informing a heritage tourism plan for the area to enhance pride of place, sense of place and attract visitors to stay in the area. The audit involved a community consultation meeting in November and final report was completed in December.



### World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day was celebrated in the Anne Valley and Dungarvan on February 2<sup>nd</sup> last when around 50 people attended guided walks with Paddy Dwan and the West Waterford Eco-Group. The walk in Dungarvan focused on wintering birdlife in Dungarvan Harbour and over 15 species were observed. The Anne Valley walk looked at the constructed wetlands and how they benefit pollution control, wildlife and amenity.



# Bóithre agus Iompar

## Roads and Transportation

### Road Works Programme 2020

All District Councils have met and agreed their respective Road Works Programmes for 2020. The works programme being finalised by the Machinery Yard and has commenced in the Comeragh area.

### Winter Maintenance Programme

Gritting and salting of roads continued during January with crews out on 18 nights during the month of February.

### NTA - Sustainable Transport Measures Grants 2020 Allocations

The NTA have allocated funding of €15,175,000 to WCCC for the following Sustainable Transport Measures projects for 2020 as follows:-

WIT to CC Green Route - Contra-Flow Bus Lane	€750,000
Inner Ring Road (R709) Cycle Infrastructure Design	€75,000
Bilberry to CC Cycle Route	€1,550,000
Waterford SDZ Transportation Measures	€400,000
Dunmore Road Multi-Modal Transport Corridor Review Study	€100,000
Sustainable Transport Bridge	€6,200,000
Dock Road and Abbey Road Infrastructure Works	€6,000,000
Signals and Bus Priority	€100,000

# 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 February. 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	31	22	15	1
Comeragh	2	7	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	16	25	3	0
<b>Total for February</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Total for February 2019</i>	<b>46</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Total for 2019</i>	<b>734</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>11</b>

### Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	February 2020	2020 Year to date	<i>Total for February 2019</i>	<i>Total for 2019</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	7	19	6	113

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

### 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.

<b>Application/Notification</b>	<b>February 2020</b>	<b>Cumulative Total for 2020</b>	<i>Total for February 2019</i>	<i>Total for 2019</i>
Commencement Notices	20	49	18	339
Completion Certificates	13	33	9	236
Disability Access Certificates	3	7	4	83

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

### Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for February are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Personal Survival Course in the National Maritime College Cork.	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6 Members attended.
Manual Handling Course.	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10 Members attended.
Manual Handling Course.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10 Members attended.
Manual Handling Course.	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10 Members attended.
Tallow Point to Point Horse Racing	09 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First Aid Support with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles
Manual Handling Course.	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10 Members attended.
Charity Road Race, Kilmacthomas	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First Aid and Communications Support and Response Vehicles
Manual Handling Course.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10 Members attended.
River Blackwater Boat Exercise	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7 members, boat and 2 support vehicles
Search Responders Course.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	12 Members Attended.
All Services Exercise.	29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Members of the City Unit with teams from Kilkenny and Kildare.

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## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	February 2019	Total Number of Applications Year 2019	February 2020	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2020
Applications received	93	193	117	245
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	167	285	117	245
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	95	157	63	138
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	65	124	63	138

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during February 2019	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2019	New Tenancies during February 2020	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2020
Comeragh Municipal	1	18	0	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	13	80	4	5	5
Metropolitan	41	254	33	1	38
Voluntary Bodies	0	32	12	0	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>62</b>



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### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 525 There have been 139 refusals on properties to date.

### Housing Loans applications

2020 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
February	5	2	3	1	1
YTD	7	3	7	5	1

### Tenant Purchase applications

2020 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
February	12	1	5	6	1
YTD 2020	14	7	6	6	2
YTD 2019	59	17	12	30	21

1 Tenant Purchase sales closed in February – Waterford City South.

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	February 2019 HAP tenancies set up	February 2020 HAP tenancies set up	February 2020 no. of Active HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative no. of HAP Tenancies Set up to date	Cumulative no. of Active HAP Tenancies at this date
HAP Tenancies	55	59	2	3,285	1,963

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### Inspection of private rented dwellings

February	Total
HAP	25
Compliant	3
Non-Compliant	22
Re Inspection	5
RAS	7
Compliant	3
Non-Compliant	4
Re Inspection	3
LTL	39
Compliant	12
Other	16
Compliant	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

### Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aid Grants

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved February 2020	Value of applications to February 2020	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2020 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	15	167781.18	17	185184.18
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	6	35731.16	17	99283.06
Housing Aid for Older People	7	31048.38	13	61597.93

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Maximum €8,000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>234560.72</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>346065.17</b>

### Homeless Services

Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS) (Opened 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019)	Feb 2020	Feb 2019
Number of callers seeking services in WIHS upto 21.02.20 (3,379 calles in total in 2019)	387	61
Number of presentations to WCCC Homeless Services upto 21.02.20 (1,219 presentation in total in 2019)	128	23
Number of Formal Homeless Assessments up to 21.02.20	78	72
Emergency Accommodation (EA)	Feb 2020	Feb 2019
Number of Single Persons currently in EA	77	100
Number of Families currently in EA	8	22
Number of children currently in EA	21	39

Exits from Emergency Accommodation (EA)	February - Singles	February - Families
Number of exits from EA	13	1
Number of exits from EA to a new tenancy	4	0

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HAP Place Finder Service (Commenced Nov 2018)	Feb 2020	Cumulative
Number of approval letters issued 1 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 (257 approval letters issued to 31/12/2019)	28	284
Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies set up (117 tenancies set up to 31/12/2019)	12	140

Housing First Programme	Tenancies
Number of Housing First tenancies in place (Target = 30 by June 2021)	19

Homeless preventions, supported exits and sustained tenancies continue to be the priorities for Homeless Services in 2020. This will be achieved by continuing our partnership and collaborative working with the HSE and the various Homeless Service Providers in Waterford and by utilising our various projects in WIHS including our Homeless Prevention & Support Service, Advice & Information Service, Tenancy Support & Sustainment Service and the Housing First Service.

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### 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. Brought to Council workshop
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q1 2020.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Completed	Completed
Dungarvan Ballinroad	21	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in Progress
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q1 2020
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Tender	Tender Q1 2020
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Mount William, Williamstown Rd	65	Metropolitan	Turnkey	Stage 1 approved
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going – potential Repair and Lease Scheme
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Construction	34 Units completed. 21 units in progress
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q1 2020
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Part 8 approved. Tender Design

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Kilmacthomas	16	Comeragh	Tender Design	Part 8 approved. Tender Design
Mount Esker, Ballytruckle	13	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 recommenced Q2 2020
Estuary Heights, Shandon, Dungarvan	20	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Completed	Completed
Railway Gardens, Lismore	17	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Construction	Construction in Progress
Mount Suir, Carrickphierish	18	Metropolitan	Completed	Completed
Brideview Close, Tallow	2	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Completed	Completed
Barnes Lane, The Glen	2	Metropolitan	Completed	Completed
Part V	26	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery On-going 2019 – 16 2020 – 10 (est)
Repair and Lease	151	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2019 – 41 2020 – 60 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Leasing	130	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2019 – 30 2020 – 50 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Buy and Renew –	16	Metropolitan	On site	11 units completed

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Barker Place				5 units in progress
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2020
Buy & Renew – Manor Court	4	Metropolitan	Completed	Completed
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress
<b>Total Units in WCCC Projects 847</b>				

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Cost revisions being considered. 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	Construction in progress
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Construction in progress.
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress. Completion Q2, 2020.

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<i>Respond!</i>				
Fairfield Park <i>Circle VHA</i>	40	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 157				

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

February 2020	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	15	2	3	20
Newly vacant	9	0	1	10

### 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 sixteen (16) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target twenty (20) individual properties. So far, fifteen (15) 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.



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## Community Services

### Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- 19 Expressions of Interest received from the open targeted Call process arising from meetings held in Tramore, Dungarvan and Lismore seeking applications for the LEADER Programme.
- It is expected that there will be approximately €900,000 in applications arising from the above expressions of interest.
- 1 Open Targeted Meeting has been advertised in the papers and on websites for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March. The meeting will be in Dungarvan, and will focus on Community owned office space and Cultural Tourism.
- Review meetings were held in Clonea Power and Bunmahon in late February for local groups following the LEADER funded training before Christmas.
- A meeting was held with a development group in Cheekpoint regarding their next steps in applying for LEADER Funding.
- Payments proceeding well.

### St Patrick's Day Parade Waterford City

This year's theme is 'Passion for Our Planet'. Henry Moloney Snr. is the Grand Marshall.

### Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2020

Closing date was Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. It is hoped to have an allocation recommendation report on the agenda for the March meeting.

### Comhairle na nÓg:

The young people continue to meet regularly and are finalising their project for 2020 with a focus on Climate Change being pursued.

### Pride of Place:

Planning continues for the 2020 The IPB All Ireland Pride of Place Awards. Apart from Dunhill Tourism Walking Trail, Waterford entrants will not be confirmed until later in the year.

### Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National and Regional Age Friendly Programme continues through the National Forum and the recently formed Regional structure.

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## Community Services

All thematic sub-groups are now fully active with initiatives/projects identified and being undertaken by the membership.

### **Healthy Waterford:**

Projects under Healthy Ireland Round 3 underway. Funding received is supporting initiatives including active community initiatives, disability actions, social farming and mental health.

### **Waterford Migrant Integration Strategy**

A draft three-year strategy has been developed and was adopted by the LCDC at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December with a recommendation that the Plenary Council adopt same. The matter is being considered at the March Plenary meeting.

### **PPN**

714 groups registered with the PPN: 572 Community pillar; 117 Social Inclusion pillar; 25 Environment pillar.

### **JPC:**

The next JPC meeting shall be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in City Chamber at 5pm, Garda Commissioner Harris shall be attending.

### **Social Inclusion:**

### **SICAP**

Final approval of the SICAP 2020 Plan and approval to the 2019 Annual Performance Review is on the April LCDC meeting agenda.

### **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 February 45,564 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 42,173 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for February was 21,408.

In February 397 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- Library 'Open Day', held on 29<sup>th</sup> February with events such as coffee mornings, library tours and special story time as part of the national 'Your Library – Take a Closer Look' campaign to encourage everyone to discover/ rediscover their Library #LeapIntoLibraries.
- Work Matters at your Library social media workshop for business, held in partnership with LEO.
- Reader in Residence programme of events which were held throughout the Library service including Literacy through Lego workshops funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund and part of the Library Right to Read initiative.
- Fighting Words pilot which was held Central Library as part of the Dormant Accounts Funded Reader in Residence.
- The completion of an art programme for Migrant families which was funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund.
- Healthy Ireland events held across the Library service including Mindfulness, Pilates, and HSE training courses (Positive living with Chronic Illness, Recovery College, Aging with Confidence) and Tusla Waterford Family Support Drop in Service in Cappoquin Library.

Upcoming Events in March include:

- Seachtain na Gaeilge events which will run across the Library service and will include author readings, art workshops, bingo, story time, information stands and creative writing classes.
- International Women's Day events which will include an exhibition in association with NCCWN Waterford Women's Centre and Global Women's conference hosted by Europe Direct Information Centre.
- Events to celebrate St. Patrick's day which will include arts and crafts workshops and story time.
- Continuation of Work Matters at your Library social media workshop for business, held in partnership with LEO.

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## Arts & Culture

- Continuation of Reader in Residence programme of events throughout the Library service, including Lego sessions as well as Playdoh and story time funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund and part of the Library Right to Read initiative.
- Continuation of Fighting Words programme as part of the Dormant Accounts Funded Reader in Residence.
- Continuation of Healthy Ireland programme of events scheduled across the Library service including mindfulness, social prescribing and Tusla Waterford Family Support Drop in Service in Cappoquin Library as well as exercise sessions in Dunmore East and Kilmacthomas libraries.

### Library Development:

- National and local promotion of 'Your Library – Take a Closer Look' communications campaign with national and local radio, cinema, digital and social media coverage inviting people to #TakeACloserLook at their Library service. Dungarvan library featured in the RTE Radio One 'Countrywide' program and libraries across the county were featured in local press.
- Library staff from across the Library service attended training in Podcasting and Local Studies scanning equipment.
- A library representative attended Child Protection training with the LGMA.

## ARTS

Recipients of the Waterford ArtLinks Bursaries have been announced. Decisions are available on [ww.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://ww.waterfordcouncil.ie). This will support Waterford artists to undertake courses, workshops and training to assist with their professional development.

The Arts Office national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2020 has just opened for entries with an April closing date. This was launched at a special anniversary event at the Molly Keane Writers Retreat, Ardmore.

Arts In Education programmes are ongoing in the city and county. Music Generation Waterford is running a full music programme for the year. Some of the Arts Festivals are getting underway for a busy Festival year ahead.

The Waterford Gallery of Art is showing the 'Aspects' exhibition curated by Dr. Éimear O' Connor and showcasing works from the Art Collection. See [waterfordarts.com](http://waterfordarts.com) for opening hours. The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is in the closing stages of 'Ann Martin, Narrative Artist'.

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### Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – 28th February 2020.

Legal Action Initiated	4
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	61
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines previous years)	20
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – 28th February 2020

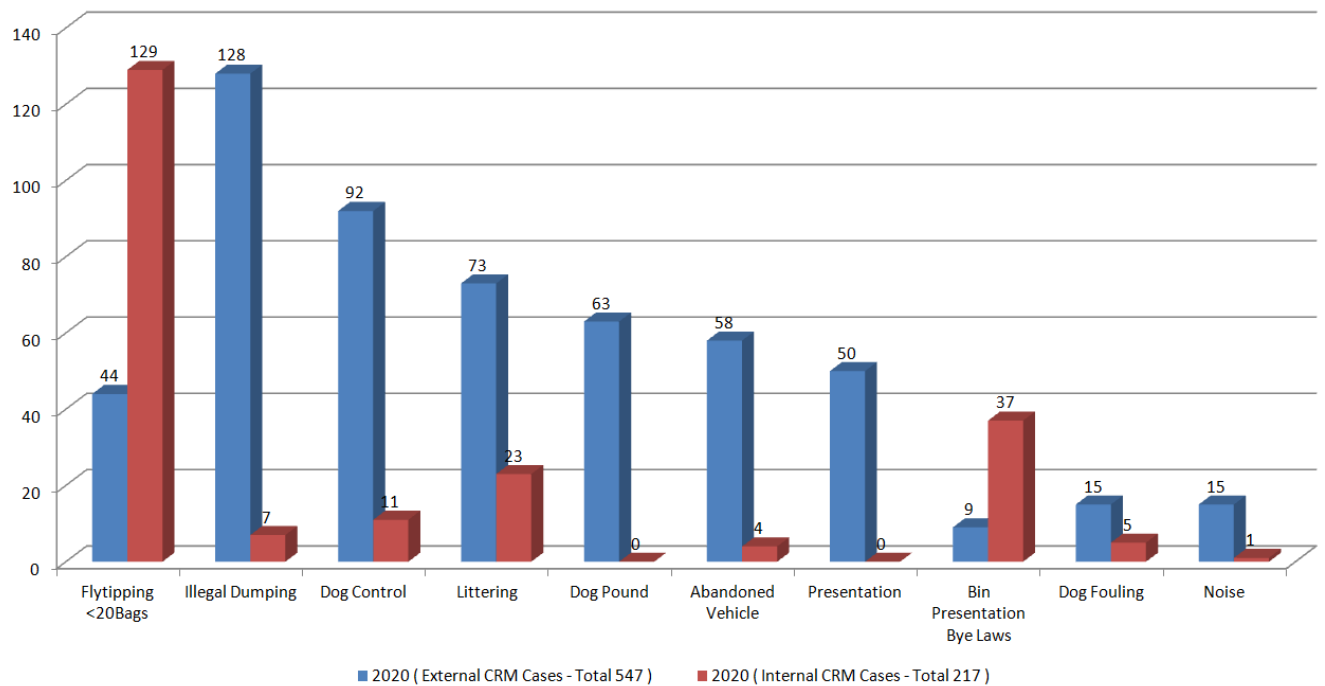
No of Complaints	607
Legal Actions	1
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	0
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	10
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	35
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	4
Section 14 Directions	2
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	0
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.	1
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	0

The following graph indicates the top ten categories of CRM cases assigned to the Environment Department in January & February 2020. CRM cases notified to Waterford City & County Council by the public are recorded as "external CRM cases" and are shown in blue on the graph. Cases which

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originated from environmental enforcement staff are recorded as "internal CRM cases" and are shown in red on the graph. Environmental enforcement officers continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, dog fouling, fly-tipping, and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. The Waterford City & County Councils Dog Wardens continue to investigate all dog control issue throughout the City & County.



### Environmental Education & Awareness

#### Local Waste Prevention Grant

This grant supports communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas, and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups. Waterford City and County Council is offering community groups an opportunity this year to promote waste prevention, creating an opportunity to look at waste differently and to determine if we can handle our resources better and encourage a circular economy. Previous examples of funded projects include up-cycling community workshops creating sustainable products from waste, food waste prevention, repair/up-cycling events for Re-Use Month (October annually), bicycle repair workshops and projects that encourage the elimination of single use plastic within a community setting. The application form is available on our website [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) or from the Environment Section, Waterford City and County Council, phone no.: 0761 10 20 20. The Grant Application Form should be completed and returned to the Environment Section for consideration by the closing date 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

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### Local Anti Litter Awareness Grant

The Local Anti Litter Awareness Grant has been advertised in local newspapers and through social media channels. This grant is idea for groups who are interested in receiving funding for public education and awareness initiatives regarding litter or graffiti. Previous grants aided those holding a cleanup, running an event or creating an information board. Application form are available on the [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) website or by phoning 0761 10 20 20. The grant application form should be completed and returned to the Environment Section for consideration by the closing date 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### National Tree Week

The Tree Council of Ireland, Coillte and Waterford City and County Council are again partnering for National Tree Week which takes place 21<sup>st</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme is "Healthy Trees Healthy Planet" to promote tree health and the important role trees play in protecting our planet by taking on climate change and providing natural renewable resources. It also references the health benefits, both physical and mental, that trees and forests provide. Native tree saplings such as oak, birch, alder, and rowan will be available for collection through the offices of Waterford City and County Council in Waterford & Dungarvan. Schools and community groups are urged to first register their events with the Tree Council ([www.treecouncil.ie](http://www.treecouncil.ie)) and then contact Waterford City & Council to obtain saplings (*subject to availability*).

### Talks on recycling/waste prevention

Two talks about recycling/waste prevention were given in February, with another two planned for March and two for April. The groups to which talks are given range from active retirement groups and women's groups to scout groups, with group numbers varying between 10 – 70.

### Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns groups are working towards entering this year's competition. Waterford City & County Council have been providing information and advice on projects completed in their area for inclusion in applications. Tramore was also been chosen to take part in Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition.

### Green Schools Programme

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As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, work is ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Renewal visits for the next flag and first time assessments are also underway and will continue until the deadline of 27th March. These renewal visits cover topics such as energy, water, biodiversity, etc. while the first time assessment addresses litter and waste.

### **National Spring Clean**

National Spring Clean is now in its 21st year and will take place in April this year. The campaign encourages every sector of society to actively participate and take responsibility for litter, by carrying out clean ups in their own local environment. Bags, litter pickers, gloves and high visibility vests are provided by Waterford City and County Council for any group, school or individual carrying out a cleanup during National Spring Clean, or any other time of the year. National Spring Clean has been coordinated by An Taisce since 1999 in partnership with the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government. The size and scale of National Spring Clean has grown steadily and significantly over the years.

### **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.

### **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

### Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to January 31, 2020

		<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	1,482,752	29,535,621	5%	1,652,720	31,511,289	5%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,154,315	42,241,585	5%	734,260	30,460,877	2%
C	Water Services	758,638	10,966,994	7%	604,034	10,544,024	6%
D	Development Management	1,168,630	16,954,281	7%	449,561	7,950,992	6%
E	Environmental Services	1,022,229	19,224,337	5%	54,789	2,799,943	2%
F	Recreation & Amenity	922,175	14,480,800	6%	79,222	1,819,371	4%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	54,718	1,058,043	5%	18,276	489,290	4%
H	Miscellaneous Services	592,574	9,521,645	6%	237,126	6,085,213	4%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	1,576,046	18,912,564	8%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	2,784,144	33,409,740	8%
		<b>8,156,030</b>	<b>143,983,305</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8,190,178</b>	<b>143,983,305</b>	<b>6%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					34,148	0	

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Summary of main collections Jan 2020 YTD								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Jan 2020	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Jan 2020	Gross Bal 31-01-2020 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2020 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	9,218,555	33,705,110	-	42,923,665	566,787	42,356,878	1%	2%
Loans	2,020,256	269,769	-	2,290,025	271,584	2,018,441	12%	101%
Rents	3,790,581	1,275,081	-	5,065,662	1,306,033	3,759,629	26%	102%
<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>
Rates			33,705,110	-	4,500,000	4,151,768		42,356,878
			<b>0 to 3 mths</b>	<b>4 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>Greater than 12 mths</b>		
Loans			209,440	116,356	255,982	1,436,663		2,018,441
			<b>Less than 4 weeks</b>	<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<b>7-12 weeks</b>	<b>Greater than 12 wks</b>		
Rents			234,321	190,386	307,547	3,027,375		3,759,629
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>								

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