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Management Report to Council

Month Year (Gaeilge)

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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

| Indicator | At end of June 2018 Cumulative Figure | At end of June 2019 Cumulative Figure |
|---|--|--|
| No. of Clients Met | 260 | 150 |
| No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support | 12 | 22 |
| No. of clients securing Measure 1 support | 8 | 19 |
| Value of Measure 1 support approved | €143,170 | €487,846 |
| No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support | 582 | 833 |
| Value of Measure 2 support given | €160,396 | €229,092 |

Waterford's companies take Regional titles at Enterprise Awards

Waterford's VirtualVet, was awarded the accolade of being the overall Regional (South) winner at the National Enterprise Awards which took place on May 29th at Dublin's Mansion House.

VirtualVet, an innovative GDPR compliant data management company, founded by Sinead Quealy represented the county at the recent National Enterprise Awards. The company tracks drug usage in animals in the food chain and reduces the risk of misuse and overuse of animal remedies in food production.

Conor Walsh of ENCON recently won the IBYE Regional Final for Best Established Business in Cork and will now represent Waterford in the National finals in Google HQ, in Dublin in Sept. ENCON has specialised in the Retrofit Market for almost ten years now developing a foothold in the Energy Efficient Construction Sector.



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Economic Development

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Town & Village 2018

All 8 projects in progress

Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS)- 2019

12 applications were submitted on June 28th 2019 for consideration under the 2019 TVRS - seeking an overall allocation of €1.28m

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Call for Category 1 - capital projects which are ready to commence at the date of application is currently open. The deadline for the receipt of applications is 12 noon on 6th August 2019.

Applications under Category 2 - projects which require further development to reach Category 1 readiness – will be invited later in 2019.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects are in progress - Dunmore East Cliff Walk under measure 1 and Tramore Nature Park, Hurthill/Miinaun Walk and Nire Valley received Measure 2 funding.

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 application submitted in 2019 call: Ecological Study at Riverstown; Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area and Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan.

North Quays

1. Three planning related developments for the North Quays are expected in the coming weeks. The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland propose to submit their application for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone. An Bord Pleanála is expected to make a decision on the Sustainable Transport Bridge planning application. Waterford City and County Council is proposing to commence a Part 8 Planning application for a Transportation Hub.
2. Waterford City and County Council's consultant Roughan and O'Donovan, are progressing detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the

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Economic Development

North Quays area.

3. Ground investigations works is currently progressing on Mount Misery and the South Quays areas. CCTV and pre-condition surveys that will also feed into tender documentation and detailed design works are commencing **early July**.

Waterford Airport

An application made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for €5m in funding to match the commitment of €5m from the Private Sector and €2m from the Local Authorities has been approved.

Tourism

The Council tourism marketing & promotional plan and new visit Waterford website have been completed.

Mount Congreve

Notice of proposals to carry out works associated with above development of Mount Congreve House and Gardens has been advertised. The objective of the works is to develop Mount Congreve House and Gardens in to a world class visitor experience.

GAA World Games

The **2019 GAA World Games**, initial stages will be played out at the Sports Campus of Waterford Institute of Technology in Carriganore from July 28 to August 1, with the finals taking place on August 2 at Croke Park. Admission is free to the week long festival of games in both WIT Arena, Carriganore and Croke Park, The games will commence with an opening parade in the City on Sunday 28th July. In keeping with the tradition of other GAA festivals, visiting teams will be twinned with local clubs throughout Waterford to enhance the social and cultural element of the Games.

Pleanáil

Planning

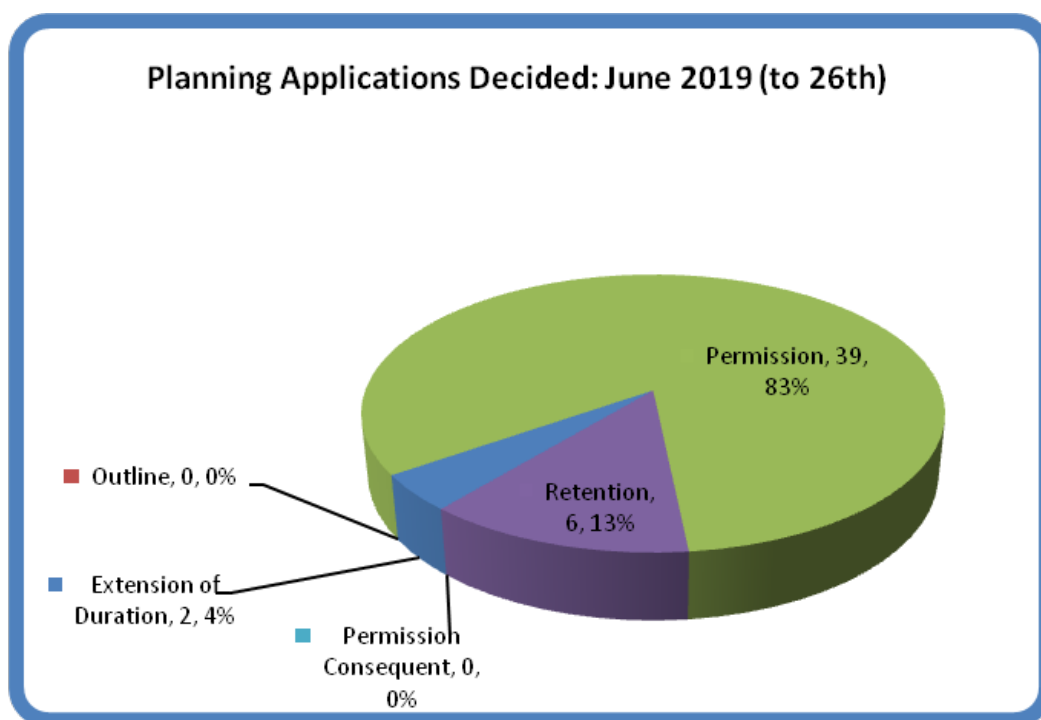
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

85 Planning applications were received in the month of June (to 26th) countywide. This compares with 55 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to date, 467 Planning Applications have been received countywide to the 25th of April. This compares with 435 received in the same period in 2018.

Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of June 2019 (to 26th), 56 planning decisions were made. Of these, 47 applications were granted and 9 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 83.9 %. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 299 preplanning applications were received up to the 18th of June 2019, this compares with 298 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

Pleanáil

Planning

Forward Planning

Vacant Sites Register (VSR)

Waterford City & County Council's VSR was established on January 1st 2017 in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended. There are currently 18

sites which stand entered on the Register. It should be noted that currently appeals have been made to the Valuation Tribunal against the market valuation assigned by Waterford City and County Council on two vacant sites. Demand notices have issued for payment of the levy for 2018 and the Planning Authority has commenced a review of the Register with a view to making additions to it in 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. Work is progressing on the technical assessment of the landscape and when finalised, it is proposed to hold workshops with each District Council to progress the study to a draft LCA.

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 strategy for Waterford City and County, considering in detail the retail function in the County. The review will be informed by consultation with the general public, key stakeholders and household/shoppers surveys and in this regard written submissions are invited during the period 24th June to 19th July either directly to the Planning Section or via the [Council website](#). It is intended that the review will be completed by end of 2019 in time to inform the City and County Development Plan.

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Roads and Transportation

ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 2019 - UPDATE

2019 Surface Dressing Programme - period 20th May to 31st July

Approximately 60km of local and regional road included in this year's programme.

Overall progress to date - 65% of planned jobs complete as follows:-

Metro (East, West & city) – complete

Comeragh (East, West & South) complete

Dungarvan North – complete

Dungarvan South - commencing 2nd July 2019 and planned progress through Dungarvan South, on to Lismore East and finishing in Lismore West by programme end 31st July.

2019 Strengthening Programme - period March to October

(excluding surface dressing period of May, June & July)

Approximately 27 km of local and regional roads included in this year's programme.

Overall Progress – 56% of planned jobs complete as follows:-

Comeragh - West, East and South - all jobs completed except 3.

Dungarvan Lismore - Lismore West, Lismore East and Dungarvan South all complete except regional roads and one other job..

Dungarvan North – planned for August/September.

Metro - East and West – planned for September/October.

The Machinery Yard have commenced the road strengthening works in Dungarvan/Lismore and the Comeragh districts.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2019

(For private roads not in charge or maintained by the Council)

The Department of Rural and Community Development has announced the funding allocation for Waterford of €258,802. Applications have been approved by the Department and works must be completed for draw down of funding by 13th September.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME 2019/20

(For local public roads taken in charge and maintained by the Council)

This Scheme covers strengthening, road surfacing, drainage and footpaths and a requirement that the immediate benefactors pay a contribution towards the costs of the works. The options are as follows:-

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Roads and Transportation

- Where the local community contribution is monetary only a minimum contribution rate of 15% will apply
- Where the local community contribution comprises works only the minimum contribution rate will be 30%
- Where the local community contribution is a combination of monetary and works then the minimum rate is set on a pro rata basis between 15% and 30%.

Application forms and further details are available to download from the website, Roads Section of www.waterfordcouncil.ie **or** by contacting the **Roads Department** at telephone number 0761 10 2023. Completed applications forms should be returned to **Deirdre Moore, Roads, Water and Environment, Waterford City and County Council, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford** and the latest date for receipt of applications is **4pm Friday, 14 August, 2019.**

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 May & June. 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 | 118 | 33 | 29 | 2 |
| Comeragh | 4 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Dungarvan/Lismore | 14 | 14 | 5 | 0 |
| Total for May & June | 136 | 58 | 34 | 2 |
| Year to date | 338 | 197 | 78 | 5 |
| <i>Total for May & June 2018</i> | 131 | 58 | 21 | 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 | May & June 2019 | 2019 Year to date | Total for May & June 2018 | Total for 2018 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Fire Safety Certificates | 14 | 40 | 7 | 99 |

Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below.

| Application/Notification | May & June 2019 | Cumulative Total for 2019 | Total for May & June 2018 | Total for 2018 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Commencement Notices | 29 | 100 | 30 | 231 |
| Completion Certificates | 19 | 59 | 16 | 236 |
| Disability Access Certificates | 2 | 17 | 11 | 71 |

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for May & June are as follows

| Activity | Date | Service Provided |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan | 02 nd May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Specsavers Charity Walk, Greenway and Walton Park Party | 05 th May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan | 09 th May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Pieta House Darkness into light Walk in the City. | 11th May. | 3 Ambulances and crews, 3 jeeps, 2 minibuses & 1 van plus in total 24 members. |
| Make a Wish cycle from Tramore to Waterford and back. | 12th May. | 1 Ambulance & crew, 4 members. |
| Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan | 16 th May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Mount Congreve Open Day | 19 th May | 1 Ambulance & crew & 1 jeep, 9 members in total. |

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Emergency Services

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| Comeragh Cycle Club Summer Race, Kilmacthomas | 21 st May | First Aid Support, Response Vehicle |
| Touraneena 5km Road Race | 24 th May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Lyons Club Charity Cycle, from Waterford to Kilmacthomas along the Greenway | 26 th May | 1 Ambulance & crew & 1 jeep, 7 members in total. |
| Lyons Club Charity Cycle, from Dungarvan to Kilmacthomas along the Greenway | 26 th May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Motor Bike Gathering, the Prom, Tramore | 26 th May | 1 Fire Engine & jeep & 11 members |
| Comeragh Cycle Club Summer Race, Kilmacthomas | 28 th May | First Aid Support, Response Vehicle |
| Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan | 30 th May | First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle |
| Daytripper Waterside Car Park. | 31 st May | 4 Ambulances & crews & 24 members in total |
| Daytripper Waterside Car Park. | 01 st June | 4 Ambulances & crews & 28 members in total. |
| Daytripper Waterside Car Park. | 02 nd June | 4 Ambulances & crews & 23 members in total. |
| Comeragh Cycle Club Summer Race, Kilmacthomas | 04 th June | First Aid Support, Response Vehicle |
| Comeragh Cycle Club Summer Race, Kilmacthomas | 11 th June | First Aid Support, Response Vehicle |
| Comeragh Cycle Club Summer Race, Kilmacthomas | 18 th June | First Aid Support, Response Vehicle |

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| Waterford Viking Marathon | 22 nd June | 7 Ambulances, 7 4x4 jeeps, 2 Minibuses, 1 Van, 1 Radio Control Vehicle, 4 Bikes and 56 members. |
| Comeragh Cycle Club Summer Race, Kilmacthomas | 25 th June | First Aid Support, Response Vehicle |
| 1848 Tri Colour Celebrations Citizen Ceremony in WIT Arena. | 28 th June | 1 Ambulance & crew, 4 members. |
| 1848 Tri Colour Celebrations The Mall. | 30 th June | 1 Ambulance & crew and 16 members. |
| Farronshoneen Colour Run in aid of youth centre. | 30 th June | 1 Ambulance & crew, 3 members. |

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Housing

Housing Applications

| Housing applications | May and June 2018 | Total Number of Applications Year 2018 | May and June 2019 | Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019 |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Applications received | 183 | 499 | 136 | 507 |
| Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant | 95 | 288 | 103 | 376 |

Housing Allocations

| District | Tenancies during May and June 2018 | Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018 | New Tenancies during May and June 2019 | Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer | Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Comeragh Municipal | 2 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 14 |
| Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal | 3 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 44 |
| Metropolitan | 31 | 96 | 50 | 6 | 166 |
| Voluntary Bodies | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Totals | 37 | 121 | 81 | 25 | 227 |

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system from September, 2016 is 357
There have been 79 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 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| May & June | 9 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| YTD | 36 | 2 | 27 | 15 | 7 |

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Tenant Purchase applications

| 2019 Tenant Purchase | Applications received | Applications awaiting further info | Applications refused | Applications approved | Sales Closed |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| May & June | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| YTD 2019 | 22 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 7 |
| YTD 2018 | 57 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 23 |

Housing Assistance Payment

| Housing Assistance Payment | May and June 2018 HAP tenancies | May and June 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 | 103 | 116 | 33 | 2,835 | 1,858 |

Inspection of private rented dwellings

| May & June | No |
|--------------------------|-----|
| RTB Register | 2 |
| Compliant | 0 |
| Non-Compliant | 2 |
| HAP | 136 |
| Compliant | 6 |
| Non-Compliant | 130 |
| Re Inspection | 20 |
| RAS | 20 |
| Compliant | 10 |
| Non-Compliant | 10 |
| Re Inspection | 11 |
| Long Term Lease | 7 |
| LTL Re-inspection | 0 |
| Other | 3 |
| Mortgage to Rent | 1 |
| Total | 169 |

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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 May & June 2019 | Value of applications to May & June 2019 | Cumulative number of applications approved | Cumulative value of 2019 applications |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000 | 10 | 135143.84 | 17 | 173786.60 |
| Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000 | 23 | 119589.02 | 53 | 274290.31 |
| Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000 | 17 | 77205.56 | 41 | 188164.58 |
| Total | 50 | 331938.42 | 111 | 636241.49 |

Homeless services

| Cases presented seeking Homeless services | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|------------|------------|
| May & June - Cases presented (up to and including 26 th June 2019) | 137 | 149 |
| Cumulative number of cases presented | 327 | 296 |

| 102 individuals (not including families) in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 26th June 2019 | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation | May/June 2019 | May/June 2018 |
| Single Adults with dependent children | 12 | 18 |
| No. of Families with no dependent children | 1 | 4 |
| No. of Families with dependent children | 5 | 5 |

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

In total 6 adults and 7 children (composed of 3 Lone Parents, 1 Couple and 1 Singleton)

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 10 adults

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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. Further workshop with Councillors required. |
| Summerland Square Waterford | 12 | Metropolitan | Tender Design | Tender Q3 2019. |
| Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn | 5 | Metropolitan | Construction | Contractor appointed – on site |
| Larchville | 5 | Metropolitan | Tender Preparation | Tender Q3 2019. |
| Portlaw Coolfin | 12 | Comeragh | Completed | Completed |
| Dungarvan Ballinroad | 21 | Dungarvan-Lismore | Construction | On site |
| Tramore An Garran | 50 | Metropolitan | Planning | Tender Q3 2019 |
| Doyle Street | 4 | Metropolitan | Tender preparation | Stage 3 Q3 2019 |
| Slievekeale | 58 | Metropolitan | Tender | Tender award Q3 2019. |
| Clarendon Court | 24 | Metropolitan | CPO | Negotiations with owners on-going |
| Lacken | 55 | Metropolitan | Approval | Construction in progress. Phase 1 delivery Q3 2019. |
| Ballynaneashagh | 20 | Metropolitan | Appraisal/Design | Design in progress. |
| Ballygunner | 65 | Metropolitan | Appraisal/Design | Design in progress. |
| Kilmacthomas | 16 | Comeragh | Appraisal/Design | Stage 1 Approved Stage 2 Q3 2019 |
| Mount Esker, Ballytruckle | 13 | Metropolitan | Appraisal/Design | Stage 1 Approved Stage 2 Q3 2019 |
| Estuary Heights, Shandon, Dungarvan | 20 | Dungarvan/Lismore | Construction | 1 st phase delivery Q3, 2019 |
| Part V | 10 | Countywide | Various Stages | On-going throughout 2019 |
| Repair and Lease | 133 | Countywide | Various Stages | |
| Leasing | 42 | Countywide | Various Stages | |

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|---|----|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| Buy and Renew – Barker Place | 16 | Metropolitan | Tender Preparation | On-going. Works tender Q3 2019 Remaining properties acquired by CPO |
| Buy & Renew – The Forge | 6 | Metropolitan | On-going | 4 units completed |
| Buy & Renew – Thomas Court | 11 | Metropolitan | Tender Preparation | Works Tender Q3 2019 |
| Buy & Renew – Manor Court | 4 | Metropolitan | Tender Stage | On-Site Q3 2019 |
| Buy & Renew – Countywide | 8 | Countywide | Tender Preparation | Works Tender Q3 2019 |
| Total Units in WCCC Projects 736 | | | | |

| 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 withdrawn. New application pending |
| 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 | Tender Preparation | Stage 3 approved. Q3 2019. commencement |
| Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i> | 10 | Metropolitan | Design Stage | Awaiting progress from AHB. To commence on site Q3 2019 |
| Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i> | 69 | Metropolitan | Appraisal | Construction in progress |
| Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 117 | | | | |

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Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

| May & June 2019 | Metro | Comeragh | Dungarvan / Lismore | TOTAL |
|--|-------|----------|------------------------|-------|
| Handed Over / Works Completed in April | 17 | 2 | 9 | 28 |
| Newly vacant in May & June | 14 | 1 | 2 | 17 |

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 thirteen (13) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target forty (40) 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.

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Community Services

Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- 40 project grants with a grant value of €1,674,414.71 have been paid out to 33 applicants from the start of the programme to end June 2019.
- Three projects approved at May LCDC meeting with a total LEADER investment of €159,199.75
- 8 Projects for Review at the July LCDC Meeting – Recommended Total - €340,392.50
- May Call for LEADER Projects (Community Hubs): Meetings were held in Tramore, Kilmacthomas, Dungarvan and Lismore. They were advertised on Facebook, and in the local papers.
- 18 eligible EOIs following the May Call received for Evaluation Committee consideration in September and LCDC Local Action Group consideration in October 2019.
- Next Call September 2019: Enterprise, Tourism and Training
- Training to commence in late August for Copper Coast.
- Training to Commence in late August for groups wishing to participate in the Community Hubs Call.
- Training has completed on Water Conservation and recycling in Cappoquin and Tramore. 9 Community Groups participated.
- Inter Territorial Project between Portlaw and Antrim Progressing.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Waterford Comhairle members are in the final stages of completing their project on their chosen topic of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Currently the short film is being edited and will be ready in time for judging as their project has been submitted for the 2019 IPB Pride of Place awards and will be judged on July 1st.

Pride of Place:

As well as Comhairle na nÓg, Waterford will have two other entries in the 2019 Pride of Place competition: Deise Day Centre, Dungarvan and Alexander Street, Waterford City. All judging is taking place on July 1st (Alexander Street in Waterford City entry) and July 2nd Comhairle na nÓg (a.m.) and Deise Day Centre, Dungarvan (p.m.).

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the national forum.

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Community Services

The Older Persons Council has had its inaugural meeting on Friday June 14th. The meeting was vibrant, very enthusiastic and motivated.

The afternoon of June 14th saw the first Waterford Age Friendly Expo take place in City Hall. There were approx 90 attendees present to visit the numerous stands on display and listen to the speaker present on the day. The event was a huge success and hopefully the first of many of these events.

The Alliance plans to meet before July 12th to firm up on plans for the year now that the OPC has been fully formed.

Healthy Waterford

Seminar held in WIT on 14th May: ***'Designing Communities: the importance of place in promoting health and wellbeing'***. Application for Round 3 funding to be made in July 2019.

Community Festival Grants 2019

Drawdown of grants awarded commenced during the year, and 7 Community festival grantees received funding totalling €19,350 to end June.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2019

All groups have received their grant payment with the exception of 5 groups who have not sent in their bank details to date.

Community Enhancement Programme 2019

140 applications were received with an amount sought of €624,000. The Department has allocated Waterford €144,499 under this scheme. The Assessment Group held their meeting on the 20th June and their recommendations shall be put forward to the LCDC for approval at their July meeting.

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Community Services

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. Both groups will contribute to the development of Waterford's Migrant Integration Strategy. Funding is currently being sought to engage a consultant to assist with the necessary research and production of the strategy.

National Community Weekend

Applications were sought by LCDC from residents associations in local authority estates for grants to host events over the May Bank Holiday Weekend. 10 events hosted.

PPN

641 groups now registered with the PPN.

Social Inclusion:

- The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group is meeting regularly. It is intended to progress the Yellow Flag Programme in three Waterford schools in 2018/2019.
- Delivery of the SICAP programme by Waterford Area Partnership continues. Key Performance Indicators being met.

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Arts & Culture

Libraries

In June 43,081 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 39,566 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for June was 20,468.



In June 363 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- At the end of Quarter 2, the Waterford My Open Library pilot library, Dungarvan welcomed 6,933 visitors and 561 people took part in open library induction tours and obtained My Open Library membership.
- A total of 14 Cruinniú na nÓg events took place with activities in all library branches.
- Summer Stars Reading Adventure launched on 15th June as part of the Right to Read programme across the library service with events in Dungarvan and Ardkeen Libraries.
- Phase 2 of Healthy Ireland at your Library events programme completed.
- Continued promotion of Work Matters at your Library with social media for business workshops.
- Immrama Festival of Travel Writing supported with the Molly Keane writing awards in Lismore Library and the East meets West art group exhibition in Cappoquin Library with participating artists from both sides of the county.
- Promotion of Library services at the Age Friendly Expo in City Hall hosted by the Waterford Older Persons Council.
- Co-hosted the Carrickphierish Festival at the Carrickphierish Community Campus in partnership with the Waterford Sports Partnership, Waterford Council and the North Suburbs Community Youth Project.

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Upcoming Events in July include:

- Summer Stars Reading Adventure promotion with events scheduled across the library service.
- Commencement of Dog's Trust awareness summer workshops across the library service.

Library Development:

- WLR/BEAT Fm radio interviews with Library staff to promote Library Services and upcoming events and activities.
- Continued roll out of new technology: wiring and cabling for new equipment; Library IT Services tender published with closing date for 21st June.
- EDIC manager attended EDIC training and Cross Border meeting in Romania.

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Arts & Culture

ARTS

- Social media campaign and early PR activities have commenced for the Waterford Gallery of Art with a soft opening expected for the start of the Spraoi week end. The Gallery has experienced some minor delays in the final stages of completion but will be fully functional as a Gallery, Arts Office and Community Arts Space by the official opening due around September 19th.
- Culture Night has been announced – it will take place on September 20th all around the County. Councillors are asked to encourage local groups to get involved this year and to communicate with the CN Team that can be contacted through the Arts Service.
- Music Generation Waterford is continuing its expansive programme all over Waterford. It will soon be forming a new advisory committee (L.E.M.P).
- GOMA Waterford will feature the work of Tom Climent with the exhibition Transmission.
- Rogue Gallery & Studios are on the look-out for a new base due to the imminent announcement of funding for both the North Quays and the Michael Strett Developments. In the meantime they are continuing with the Subculture and exhibition programme
- The Waterford Film Centre, in the City's Cultural Quarter, is busy working on two separate projects: 'Who Cares' by veteran arts producer Ollie Breslin and a Science Fiction short that will include the build of a 60's style Soviet space capsule (by Will Fahy of Outpost Creations) in the Forum Studios. Both works are supported by the Arts Film Programme.
- Waterford Young Critics – a partnership between WC&CC and Garter Lane held a month long residency in 'A Little Room' in the Cultural Quarter recently. Their programme continues through the Summer.
- Summer in the City is up and running featuring music, street acts and all kinds of entertainment.
- The Theatre Royal has a busy programme ahead – some highlights include a Young People's Programme, Natty Wailer, Robert Plant's new band (Sold Out within 30 minutes of tickets going on sale!) and a run of Rigor Mortis and Ghosting.
- Garter Lane's programme includes the annual Waterford Youth Arts production, An exhibition – 'I Remember Nothing, I Remember This' by Peter Nash as well as partnering the National Youth Orchestra at WIT and the Chapterhouse summer plays. Spraoi happens at the August Bank Holiday weekend in the City while All Together Now Festival of Music and Arts takes place at Curraghmore Estate.
- The national Molly Keane Creative Writing award has been won by Fiona Ennis, Butlerstown, Co. Waterford, a lecturer in WIT. Details of the national Waterford Poetry

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Arts & Culture

Prize have just been announced with a September 2nd closing date, the winners will be announced at the Waterford Writers Weekend in October.

- Festival season in Waterford is now underway, with many local authority supported festivals taking place over the next number of weeks. Summer in the City has a strong programme in place with good audiences to date.
- The Arts Office has awarded bursaries for the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Drama League of Ireland Summer School, Blas Traditional Summer School and Molly Keane Writers retreat. Full details of the recipients are on waterfordarts.com

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is opening its Summer Group exhibition on June 27th.

- All Arts in Education projects for the first part of the year have now been completed with a new tranche ready to start in September.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

| 1 st January 2019 – 27th June 2019. | |
|---|-----|
| Legal Action Initiated | 6 |
| On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution) | 126 |
| On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017) | 56 |
| No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20 | 4 |

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

| 1 st January 2019 – 27th June 2019 | |
|---|--|
| No of Complaints | 1522 |
| Legal Actions | 3 |
| 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) | 14 |
| Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices) | 70 |
| Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up) | 25 |
| 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

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

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Environmental Services

materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal. Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie

Harvest Festival of Food

The Environment Section of Waterford City & County Council will have an information stand re food waste prevention and composting at this Festival of Food in Waterford in September. At the stand information will be provided relating to food waste prevention, recycling, composting, etc. Waste prevention workshops will also be carried out over the festival.

Green Schools programme

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, a total of 33 visits for Green Flags were carried out with both primary and secondary schools in Co. Waterford. A Green Schools awards ceremony took place in May in Kilkenny to award successful schools with their Green Flag. Successful schools include two secondary schools achieving their first Green Flag this year. Schools have been celebrating by holding Green Flag raising ceremonies at their schools in recent weeks.

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Recycling talks

Talks continue to be provided to interested groups with two more scheduled to be carried out in the coming month. These workshop explain what items can be recycled in an effort to encourage recycling.

Tidy Towns.

Judging has commenced in the National Tidy Towns competition. Groups are focusing on maintaining their local areas to the highest standards. Advice continues to be given to groups who are already planning and working towards 2020.

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

| Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-05-2019 | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | | |
| Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019 | Accrued ytd to May 2019 | Write Offs and Vacancies | Total for Collection [1+2-3] | Collected ytd to May 2019 | Gross Bal 31-5-2019 [4-5] | % Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4] | % Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)] | |
| | € | € | € | € | € | € | € | |
| Rates | 8,068,089 | 31,107,736 | - 1,532,327 | 37,643,498 | 12,181,994 | 25,461,504 | 32% | 41% |
| Loans | 1,995,885 | 1,291,979 | - | 3,287,864 | 1,425,505 | 1,862,359 | 43% | 110% |
| Rents | 3,712,413 | 5,502,519 | - | 9,214,932 | 5,745,089 | 3,469,844 | 62% | 104% |
| Aged Analysis : | | | | | | | | |
| | | Less than 1 mth | 2 to 6 mths | 7 to 12 mths | greater than 12 mths | | | Net Balance |
| Rates | | - | 17,745,246 | 2,599,434 | 5,116,824 | | | 25,461,504 |
| | | 0 to 3 mths | 4 to 6 mths | 7 to 12 mths | Greater than 12 mths | | | |
| Loans | | 129,859 | 56,732 | 151,305 | 1,524,464 | | | 1,862,359 |
| | | Less than 4 weeks | 4-6 weeks | 7-12 weeks | Greater than 12 wks | | | |
| Rents | | 160,764 | 167,871 | 236,211 | 2,904,997 | | | 3,469,843 |
| Overdraft Levels | | | | | | | | |
| Days in Overdraft in Mar: Nil | | Cost - € Nil | | Average Value when in O/D : N/A | | | | |

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Finance

| Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Y.T.D. to May 31, 2019 | | | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | | | |
| | Expenditure € | Adopted Full Year Budget € | % Budget Spent to date | Income € | Adopted Full year Budget € | % Budget Raised | |
| A | Housing & Building | 11,034,289 | 25,969,325 | 42% | 10,632,347 | 26,916,577 | 40% |
| B | Road Transport & Safety | 12,066,382 | 37,127,440 | 32% | 7,233,310 | 25,376,702 | 29% |
| C | Water Services | 4,564,129 | 10,999,576 | 41% | 3,995,643 | 10,653,344 | 38% |
| D | Development Management | 5,184,824 | 15,551,330 | 33% | 2,238,637 | 7,057,971 | 32% |
| E | Environmental Services | 7,060,704 | 18,514,025 | 38% | 963,545 | 2,709,121 | 36% |
| F | Recreation & Amenity | 5,464,351 | 14,036,054 | 39% | 708,895 | 1,903,039 | 37% |
| G | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 423,365 | 1,029,278 | 41% | 162,068 | 434,809 | 37% |
| H | Miscellaneous Services | 6,123,771 | 13,435,895 | 46% | 5,342,037 | 11,891,273 | 45% |
| LG | Local Property Tax / GPG | 0 | 0 | 0% | 7,879,800 | 18,911,516 | 42% |
| RA | Rates | 0 | 0 | 0% | 12,836,905 | 30,808,571 | 42% |
| | | 51,921,815 | 136,662,923 | 38% | 51,993,187 | 136,662,923 | 38% |
| Surplus/Deficit | | | | | 71,372 | 0 | |