

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

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## 5. Monthly Management Report 14th February 2019

### Management Report to Council

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# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Jan 2018	At end of Jan 2019
No. of Clients Met	45	40
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	0	0
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	0	0
Value of Measure 1 support approved	0	0
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	37	92
Value of Measure 2 support given	€13,244	€30,803

No Evaluation Committee meeting took place in January 2019. Next meeting is February 2019

### Rural Economic Development

#### **Town & Village 2017 Update**

Nine Towns and Villages received funding under the 2017 scheme- all schemes will be complete and claimed for by March 2019.

#### **Town & Village 2018**

Nine Applications were allocated funding and Cappoquin was included in a DRCD pilot programme to look at increasing residential occupancy in Rural Towns & Villages – works being progressed on all schemes at present.

#### **Town & Village 2019 Update**

Waterford Council has called an Expression of Interest for the 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme in advance of National scheme being announced. – closing date 28/2/2019.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018**

The following projects received funding and are being implemented in early 2019 - Dunmore East Cliff Walk under measure 1 and Tramore Nature Park, Hurthill/Miinaun Walk and Nire Valley received Measure 2 funding.

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## Economic Development

### FLAG 2018

3 projects completed from 2018 programme and further 3 application submitted in 2019 call: Ecological Study at Riverstown; Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area and Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan.

### North Quays:-

1. The CPO lands for the North Quays SDZ are now in Waterford City and County Council ownership. An additional small section of land to the east of Frank Cassin Wharf is also being compulsory purchased, detailed were published 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
2. Part VIII planning procedures. At the Metropolitan District meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, members resolved to proceed with the development as per the amendments and recommendations for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure CE Report and also as per the recommendations for the Rock Face Stabilisation and Railway Protection Works CE Report.
3. An application for the Sustainable Transport Bridge was submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, closing date for submissions is 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

### Waterford Airport

An application has been 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.

### Tourism

The Council has appointed Crowe Consultants to produce a tourism marketing & promotional plan for Waterford City & County. It is expected that the plan will be ready early in 2019.

### Waterford Greenway 2018

The visitor numbers attained in 2017 were sustained in 2018.

Pedestrians:	128,689
Cyclists:	<u>154,814</u>
2018 Total unique visitor trips on Waterford Greenway:	283,503

NB: Please note that this figure represents an *estimation* of unique visitor trips on Waterford Greenway in 2018 based on eco counter data from selected locations together with origin and destination data gathered from the findings of the '2017 Waterford Greenway Baseline Intercept Survey'.

A snapshot of some of the promotional highlights of Waterford Greenway in 2018

# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

Animation of Waterford Greenway-Events and Festivals:

- Valentine's Day Promotion, February 2018
- Waterford Greenway's First Birthday Celebrations, March 2018
- Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus Waterford Greenway Cycle, July 2018
- The **Spooky Tunnel Experience**, Ballyvoyle Tunnel, Halloween 2018
- In 2018 over 20 events organised by different groups took place along Waterford Greenway this included everything from Charity cycles and half marathons to traditional Irish music and outdoor choral performances. The presence of events and experiences greatly add value to a visit to the Waterford Greenway and encourage repeat visit-every time you visit you might experience something slightly different!

Expos and trade shows:

The Visit Waterford, Waterford Greenway team and businesses have been in attendance at a number of trade shows and expos promoting Waterford Greenway and all that Waterford has to offer. In 2018 Waterford Greenway was promoted at:

- Holiday World
- The Outdoor Revolution Show
- The Active Retired Show
- The Over 50's Show
- Entente Florale Showcase
- Altogether Now Festival

Awards and accolades for Waterford Greenway:

Waterford Greenway has been nominated for and received a number of awards and accolades in 2018/early 2019, all of which go towards recognising the fantastic work that has gone into the development of this amenity by Waterford City and County Council. It is also recognition of the work and support of the many agencies, groups, businesses, communities and landowners that made the development of the Waterford Greenway possible. Awards and award nominations include:

<i>LAMA All Ireland Community and Council Awards</i>	<i>February 2018</i>	<i>Best Tourism Initiative and Overall Grand Prix award.</i>
<i>PRCA Awards for Excellence in Public Relations 2018</i>	<i>June 2018</i>	<i>For Official Launch of the Waterford Greenway 2017 (WCCC in conjunction with Springboard PR).</i>
<i>Entente Florale</i>	<i>September 2018</i>	<i>Jury Chair's Award for the Mitigation of Climate Change 2018</i>
<i>Irish Tourism Industry Awards</i>	<i>February 2019</i>	<i>Finalist for Best Ireland's Ancient East Tourism Experience (Large).</i>
<i>Irish Independent Travel Awards</i>	<i>Jan/Feb 2019</i>	<i>Ireland's Best Adventure (Winner).</i>

# Pleanáil

## Planning

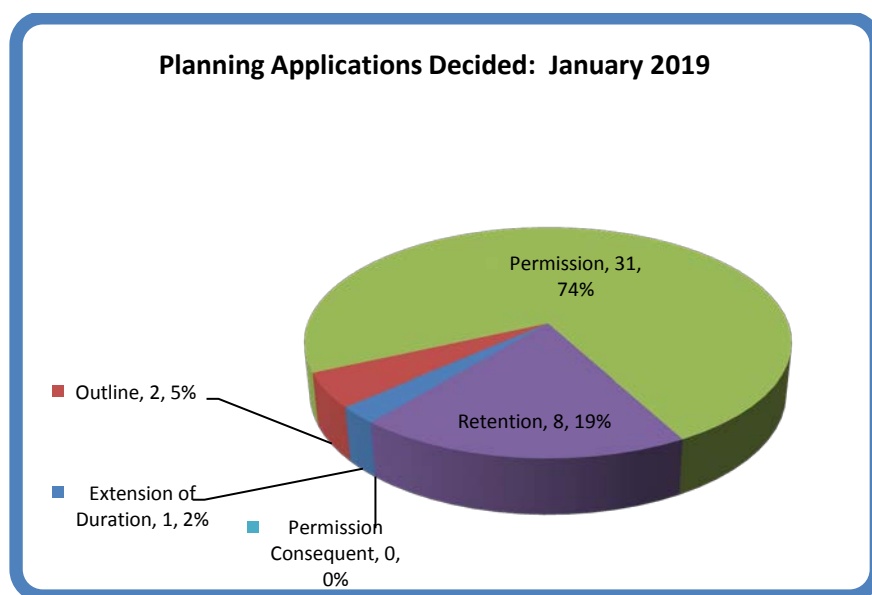
### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

47 Planning applications were received in the month of January countywide. This compares with 59 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

In terms of 2018 activity, 892 Planning Applications were received countywide in the 2018 calendar year. This compares with 908 received in 2017.

### Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of January 2019, 50 planning decisions were made. Of these, 42 applications were granted and 8 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 84%. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 595 preplanning applications were received in 2018, this compares with 515 received in 2017.

To date in 2019, 60 pre planning applications have been received. This applications are currently being addressed.

### Forward Planning

#### Planning SPC

The SPC meeting of 11th December consisted of a discussion of a Draft Shopfront and Signage Policy and a proposal to amend existing Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) within Waterford City.

# Pleanáil

## Planning

The February SPC meeting will consider the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region in terms of the public consultation process which concludes on Friday the 8th of March.

In addition, the integration of climate change into development planning in the context of the forthcoming review of the Waterford City and County Council Development Plan will be considered.

### **Transboundary Consultation - Proposed Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Plant, Wales**

The consultation period for the above has been extended to Friday the 15th of February 2019. Full details as to how to comment are available on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie).

### **Conservation Grant Schemes**

The closing date of the Historic Structures and Built Heritage Investment Scheme was the 29th of January. The submissions will be evaluated and grant funding for the year is due be announced by the Department in early March.

## Bóithre agus Iompar

### Roads and Transportation

#### Road Works Programme 2019

Workshops have been arranged for each District to agree the Road Works Programme 2019 and will be held prior to the February District meetings as follows (*note Metropolitan date*):-

WORKSHOP DATES/TIMES	
Dungarvan/Lismore District	11th Feb 1.00 pm - 2.00pm (break tea/sandwiches before main meeting at 2.30pm)
Metropolitan District	<b>15th February</b> - City drive around/followed by workshop - full details to be confirmed.
Comeragh District	25th February 4.00 pm

#### Winter Maintenance Programme

Gritting and salting of roads continued during January with crews out on 11 nights during the month.



## Bóithre agus Iompar

### Roads and Transportation

#### 2019 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations

The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport recently announced the 2019 grant allocation for all local authorities. The total allocation for 2019 for Waterford City and County Council is €15,549,475 broken down over the following categories:-

<b>Waterford City and County Council</b>	
<b>Restoration Improvement</b>	€7,118,00
<b>Restoration Maintenance</b>	€1,109,00
<b>Supplementary Restoration Maintenance</b>	€438,00
<b>Discretionary Grant</b>	€2,997,50
<b>Specific Improvement</b>	€500,00
<b>Bridge Rehabilitation</b>	€422,50
<b>Safety Improvement Works</b>	€299,00
<b>Speed Limits</b>	€90,97
<b>Training Grant</b>	€47,50
<b>Drainage Works</b>	€677,50
<b>Community Improvement Scheme</b>	€628,00
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>€14,327,97!</b>
<b>2019 Specific Improvement Grant</b>	
<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Fingerpost - Junction of R665 with R671	€500,00
<b>2019 Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional &amp; Local Roads</b>	
<b>Total allocation</b>	<b>€422,50!</b>
<b>2019 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads</b>	
<b>Total allocation</b>	<b>€299,000</b>

# 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 January. 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	42	21	6	0
Comeragh	3	5	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	14	15	4	0
<b>Total for January</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Total for January 2018</i>	<b>48</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Total for 2018</i>	<b>798</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>22</b>

### Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	January 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for January 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	4	4	5	99

# 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>January 2019</b>	<b>Cumulative Total for 2019</b>	<i>Total for January 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Commencement Notices	26	26	30	231
Completion Certificates	15	15	10	236
Disability Access Certificates	5	5	4	71

### Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for January are as follows

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>
General training resumes in City units after Christmas break.	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Training
Operation transformation walk in Kilmacthomas.	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Ambulance & Crew.
Communications and Off Road Exercise, Castledermot Co Kildare	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Communications and Off Road Driving
Certified Lantra 4X4 off road driving course in Castledermot Co. Kildare.	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7 Members.
Dungarvan Point to Point Horse Racing,	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First Aid Support with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles
Missing Persons Search Instructor Course in Belvedere House & Gardens Westmeath	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	2 members sent to qualify.

# Tithíocht

## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during January 2018	Cumulative No. of Applications 2018	Applications during January 2019	Cumulative No. of Applications 2019
Applications received	58	58	100	100
Applications validated	98	98	118	118
Applications approved	50	50	59	59

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during January 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during January 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	0	8	0	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	3	56	9	2	9
Metropolitan	7	195	25	2	25
Voluntary Bodies	4	10	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 251. There have been 31 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
January	7	3	1	0	17
YTD	7	3	1	0	17

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### Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
January	2	1	1	0
YTD 2019	2	1	1	0
YTD 2018 & 2019	38	13	19	14

1 Tenant Purchase sale closed in January in Waterford City East.

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	January 2018 HAP tenancies	January 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	64	45	4	2,578	1,840

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

Jan-19	No of Inspections
PRTB Register	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
HAP	59
Compliant	6
Non-Compliant	53
RAS	10
Compliant	6
Non-Compliant	4
LTL	8
Other	5
Total	78

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved January 2018	Number of applications to January 2019	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	0	0	0	0
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	18057.67	3	18057.67	3
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	28281.00	5	28281.00	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>46338.67</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>46338.67</b>	<b>8</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
January Cases presented (up to and including 31.01.19)	79	91
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>91</b>

<b>117 People in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019</b>		
Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	January 2019	January 2018
Individuals with dependent children	10	15
Families with no dependent children	3	0
Families with dependent children	5	10

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

In total 9 adults and 7 children (composed of 5 families)

**Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 11 adults**

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### Capital Projects

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
The Glen Waterford	17	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Approved. Part 8 process to commence Q1 2019 following workshop with Councillors.
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q1 2019.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 approved. Part 8 process completed. Tender Q1 2019
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Tender Q1 2019.
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Q1 2019 Completion
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Construction to commence on site Q1 2019
Tramore An Garra	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q1 2019
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Site investigation in progress.
Kilrush	39	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed
Carrickphierish	31	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Airport Road	33	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender process in progress.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	CPO annulled. To be re-advertised Q1 2019
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Approval	Construction in progress.
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Stage 1 Approved.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Stage 1 Approved.
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	92	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	30	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew –	16	Metropolitan	Tender	On-going. Works tender Q1

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Barker Place			Preparation	2019 Remaining properties acquired by CPO
Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Refurbishment	To be completed Q1 2019
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2019
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2019
<b>Total Units in WCCC Projects 629</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>
Dungarvan, Shandon Co- operative Housing <i>Ireland</i>	20	Dungarvan- Lismore	Construction	Unlikely to be resolved by AHB.
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. Tender Q1 2019.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	To commence on site Q1 2019
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
<b>Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 137</b>				



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### Housing Maintenance

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

Works complete	14 units
Works commenced/underway	18 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	27 units
Newly vacant	9 units
In Regeneration programme	9 units

### 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 ten (10) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target forty (40) individual properties. So far, 9 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

### Social Inclusion:

- LCDC reviewing SICAP 2018 outputs at February meeting. 2019 Plan approved in principle by LCDC.
- The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group is meeting regularly. It is intended to progress the Yellow Flag Programme in three Waterford schools in 2018/2019.

### Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- €1.9m Target Allocation for LEADER funding in Waterford in 2019.
- €1.8m Payment Target for LEADER Funding in 2019.
- Targeted Call for Applications launched in late January in the local newspapers, websites and Facebook .
- 6 Projects from October LEADER Call to be evaluated by LCDC in February.
- LCDC Rural Co-ordination subgroup – with reps from WCCC, WLP and WAP – have met on a number of occasions and a co-ordinated approach for 2019 has been agreed and mapped out between the parties.
- LEADER Transnational Projects with Co. Antrim will progress in 2019. Themes: Coastal regeneration and coastal heritage.
- WCCC have engaged a consultant to carry out a midterm review of the Local Development Strategy (LEADER) which will involve the possible redrawing of budget heads to meet local demand. This review is in train, and will be completed by the end of February 2019.

### Comhairle na nÓg:

The 35 young people that make up the 2019 Waterford Comhairle Work have begun progressing working on their chosen topic of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Meetings in January have been very well attended with a broad array of distinct skills being demonstrated including audio/visual IT expertise which will be invaluable in delivering a comprehensive project. Team building events are currently being run by the coordinator with a view to having all members fully integrated into the group as soon as possible.

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## Community Services

### Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the national forum. Development of the Older Persons Council continues with the latest meeting taking place on December 14<sup>th</sup> with a full report issued to the Alliance on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The most recent Alliance meeting took place on that date where reports from all thematic heads present were presented detailing achievements from 2018 and plans for 2019. All thematic heads to have 2018 achievement/2019 planning template completed by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Healthy Waterford

Action Plan for 2019 drafted. Key action is the organisation of a seminar on the built environment planned for May.

### Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2019

The “Waterford City & County Council Supporting Communities Fund 2019” has been advertised in the local papers and on the Council website for the three strands; Sports & Recreation Fund, Residents Association Fund and Community Activity Fund. Guidelines and application forms are available on our website and at both Customer Service Desks. Closing date for all applications is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February and late applications shall not be accepted. All 475 applicants who have previously applied for Community grants have received a letter or email with the application form and guidelines attached.

At present 12% of applicants who received the fund in 2018 are not eligible to apply this year as they have not sent in their receipts from last year after been sent numerous reminders to submit same.

Applications will be assessed in March and an eligible applicants list shall be put to the Council in April for approval.

### JPC

The next JPC meeting is due to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March in City Chamber. At the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December Cllr. Eddie Mulligan was elected as Chair and Cllr. Lola O’ Sullivan elected as Vice Chair. The Strategic Oversight Group next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### Migrant Integration Strategy

Following a series of preliminary meetings, a number of volunteers from a variety of migrant groups have opted to sit on the Migrant Integration Forum. A workshop took place on 12th January where training on administration and governance was delivered and elections for executive roles were held. The official Forum launch will take place on Monday 4th February, Minister David Stanton will attend and speak at the event. All councillors have been invited to attend.

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### Waterford Sports Partnership

The **WSP Strategic Plan 2018-2022** was launched by John Treacy, CEO Sport Ireland in the Medieval Museum on 13<sup>th</sup> December last. Dormant Account Funding for a community sports hub in west Waterford announced

### St Patrick's Festival 2019

The theme for the 2019 Parade has been selected: "*Colour, Culture & Community*". Application forms now on line. This year's parade was launched in January by the Mayor together with members of Children's Group Link who are celebrating their 40th year participating in the parade.

# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Arts report

The new Waterford Art Gallery is moving towards its completion with a handover planned for March 15. Apart from the building, funds are being invested in a restoration and conservation programme for the Waterford Art Collection. Many of the pieces that have been conserved are to feature in the opening exhibition 'Aspects' curated by the Dr Éimear O'Connor.

Goma Gallery has announced a new set of additional professional studio spaces. These will open later this month. Rogue Gallery and Studios will be starting a new Improvised theatre course with 'Imp-Rogues'.

In the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan 'Soul' by Waterford artist Denise McAuliffe Hutchinson is on show. Also showing is 'Market 19' a selection of works by various artists based in the South East.

Following a selection process, Waterford musicians have commenced a year-long Musician in Healthcare Apprenticeship programme to enable them to work in healthcare settings.

Music Generation continues its expansive, cross city and county programme. It starts a new initiative in collaboration with Waterford Youth Arts and the Waterford Film Centre with recordings and broadcasting of young bands and musicians.

### Libraries

In January 48,004 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 50,508 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for January was 20,144.

In January 458 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- The Waterford My Open Library pilot library Dungarvan welcomed 318 of visitors and 111 people took part in Open Library induction tours and obtained My Open Library Membership in January.
- Healthy Ireland at Your Library events programme continues.

Upcoming Events in February include:

- Healthy Ireland at Your Library events programme continues.

Library Development:

- Staff attended First Aid Training and Fire Warden training.

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## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 30th January 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	5
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	28
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	3
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 30th January 2019

No of Complaints	257
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	1
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	4
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	20
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	1
Section 14 Directions	0
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	1
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

### Environmental Education & Awareness

#### **Community Clean-Ups**

Waterford City & County Council continues to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local

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## Environmental Services

environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; 2019 is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of National Spring Clean.

Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, [eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie).

### **Green Flag Programme**

School visits and assessments are now taking place again for this school year. There are 50 schools due to renew or apply for their Green Flag this school year. The assessment deadline for both renewals and first time assessments is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **Local Litter Awareness Grant**

This grant facilitates community and school clean ups during the year as well as supporting awareness projects to be carried out around Co. Waterford. This grant will be advertised in early February, with a deadline of mid March for applications. This will enable projects to begin from the second quarter of 2019.

### **Local Waste Prevention Grant**

A waste prevention budget is set out in the Southern Region Waste Management Plan and amounts to €16,194.15 in Waterford City & County Council annually (it was agreed regionally to allocate a minimum spend of €0.15/inhabitant on local prevention projects). This grant will be advertised in February with a closing date for application in March.

### **Dog fouling**

The Green Dog Walker programme will be launched on February 7<sup>th</sup> and aims to boost pledges by dog owners to clean up after their pets. Litter talks will be available to schools and community groups as part of this.

### **Food Waste Prevention**

Stop Food Waste workshops will begin in early February. The Stop Food Waste Challenge is a series of four weekly workshops that set out to reduce food waste by at least 1/4 and by doing so saving the householder as much as €60 a month. Reusable vegetable bags will be launched at the first of

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### Environmental Services

these workshops to encourage the use of reusable bags further and educate householders about single use plastic packaging.

#### 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 December 31, 2018							
		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	25,684,837	25,728,776	100%	26,462,640	26,933,915	98%
B	Road Transport & Safety	33,503,672	27,765,615	121%	22,097,469	16,314,408	135%
C	Water Services	10,941,785	10,904,203	100%	10,551,580	10,561,906	100%
D	Development Management	15,317,150	15,569,383	98%	7,574,738	7,198,496	105%
E	Environmental Services	18,630,680	17,860,060	104%	2,673,671	2,568,762	104%
F	Recreation & Amenity	13,658,437	13,616,202	100%	1,936,533	2,016,708	96%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,138,842	1,225,510	93%	523,178	445,494	117%
H	Miscellaneous Services	14,283,912	13,213,938	108%	12,897,837	10,870,294	119%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	18,911,516	18,911,516	100%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	29,604,412	30,062,188	98%
		<b>133,159,315</b>	<b>125,883,687</b>	<b>106%</b>	<b>133,233,574</b>	<b>125,883,687</b>	<b>106%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					74,259	(0)	

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### Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-12-2018

	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2018	Accrued ytd to Dec 2018	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Dec 2018	Gross Bal 31-12-2018 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
<b>Rates</b>	8,291,500	29,694,041	- 4,391,584	33,593,957	25,360,762	8,233,195	75%	100%
<b>Loans</b>	1,926,637	3,939,245	- 16,137	5,849,745	3,917,913	1,931,831	67%	100%
<b>Rents</b>	3,567,007	13,048,289	11,038	16,626,335	13,033,513	3,592,822	78%	100%
<b>Aged Analysis</b>								
			<b>Less than 1 mth</b>	<b>2 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>greater than 12 mths</b>		<b>Net Balance</b>
<b>Rates</b>			0	3,334,444	2,202,380	2,696,371		8,233,195
			<b>0 to 3 mths</b>	<b>4 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>Greater than 12 mths</b>		
<b>Loans</b>			135,228	61,819	260,797	1,473,987		1,931,831
			<b>Less than 4 weeks</b>	<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<b>7-12 weeks</b>	<b>Greater than 12 wks</b>		
<b>Rents</b>			161,677	154,491	244,312	3,032,342		3,592,822
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>								
	Days in Overdraft in Dec 18 days		Cost - €4,756		Average €3.0m			