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Management Report to Council

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Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of August 2018 Cumulative Figure	At end of August 2019 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	358	200
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	19	22
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	15	19
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€355,995	€487,846
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	673	917
Value of Measure 2 support given	€223,869	€280,916

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Town & Village 2018

All 8 projects in progress

Town and Village Renewal Scheme – 2019

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

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects are in progress or substantially complete :

Measure 1:

Dunmore East Cliff Walk-substantially complete.

Measure 2:

Tramore Nature Park-in progress.

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

Nire Valley Walks maintenance and improvement works-in progress.

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Economic Development

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. SDZ Development

The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland propose to submit their application for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone. The application was expected in July but the Developer is currently reviewing the environmental aspects of the planning application to ensure all issues raised as part of the pre-planning process are fully addressed.

2. Sustainable Transport Bridge

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) requested further information from WCCC on 11th July 19 regarding the vessel protection system. WCCC responded to ABP on 21st Aug 19 and are currently awaiting their decision.

3. Transport Hub

The Part 8 application for Transport Hub commenced 26th July 2019. All submission/observations are to be submitted by 06th Sept 2019, followed by preparation of CE Report for Council meeting.

4. SDZ Access Infrastructure

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 North Quays area.

Ground investigations works are now completed for both Mount Misery & South Quays areas to inform the Cliff stabilisation and South Plaza designs. CCTV and pre-condition surveys are well advanced and will inform detailed design works and feed into tender documentation. Tender documentation for service diversions and demolition works are currently being prepared.

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Economic Development

Tourism

Mount Congreve

An application for funding under Rural Regeneration and Development Fund has been made to Develop '*One of the Great Gardens of the World*' as a world-class visitor attraction and economic driver for the regeneration and development of rural Waterford and the South-East.

Waterford Greenway

- New picnic tables and hydration stations installed during summer 2019.
- New brochure has been printed and distributed.
- Updated web page on www.visitwaterfordgreenway.com and continued promotion on social media.
- Continuing to support numerous community events on the Greenway e.g. Greenway Grazing, West Waterford AC/Eurofins Half Marathon, Back to Kilmac Cycle, Halloween Spooky Tunnel Experience 2019, Beat the Train etc.

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Planning

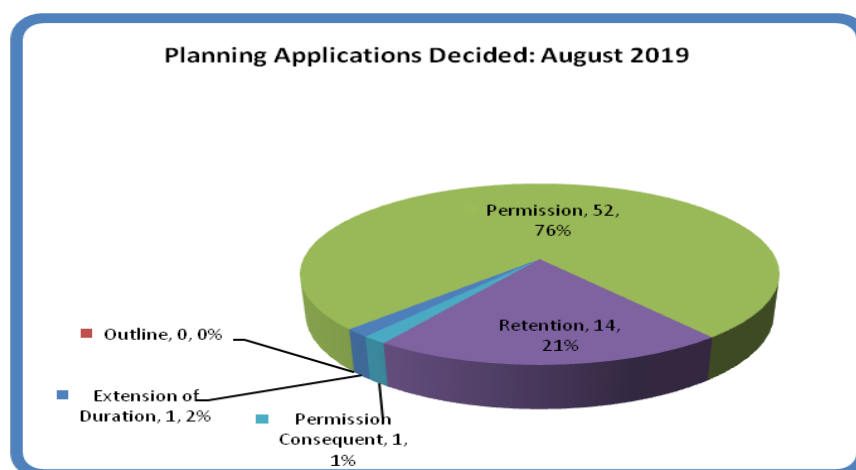
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

96 Planning applications were received in the month of July countywide, with 59 applications received in August up to the 23rd.

In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to date, 622 Planning Applications have been received countywide to the 23rd of August. This compares with 584 received in the same period in 2018.

Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of August 2019, 76 planning decisions were made. Of these, 68 applications were granted and 8 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 89.5 %. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 379 preplanning applications were received up to the end of August 2019, this compares with 414 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

Forward Planning

Vacant Sites Register (VSR)

Waterford City & County Council's VSR was set up 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. A review of the register is nearing completion with a view to making additions thereto in 2019.

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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 it is proposed to hold workshops with each District Council in September 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 functions of Waterford City, Dungarvan and Tramore. Public consultation has taken place during the period 24th June to 19th July. A total of 14 submissions were received. Shopper and floorspace surveys have been completed and a household survey will take place over the coming weeks to fully inform the review. It is intended that the review will be completed by end of 2019 in time to inform the next city and county development plan.

Heritage and Conservation

Heritage Week

Heritage Week 2019 ran from August 17th-25th with over 40 events taking place across Waterford City & County including Wild Child Day (Heritage events for children) on August 21st and Water Heritage Day on August 25th filmed by Eco-Eye. All events were very well attended this year.

Biodiversity Funding

Funding has been allocated from the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht for biodiversity projects including a Nightjar Survey in the Knockmealdowns, Swift Nesting boxes, Native Honey Bee Nesting Boxes, River Clodiagh Pearl Mussel Project and Wildlife Information Sign on the Cunnigar.

Decade of Commemorations

The Waterford Commemoration Committee has commissioned a research assistant to collate a database of events and incidents related to the War of Independence that took place in Waterford January 1919-June 1922. Members of the public are invited to send stories of their local events to archivist@waterfordcouncil.ie where they will be mapped on GIS and published as a Story Map later in the year.

Launch of Waterford Writers Map Viewer and Wall Chart

Professor Pádraig Ó Macháin, Head of the Irish Department in UCC, launched a new on-line storymap and wallchart depicting the Irish language writers of the Déise at an event in Ring College

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on 20th August during Heritage Week. The map viewer can be accessed on <http://bit.ly/Scribhneoiri-na-nDeise>) and is based on the work of Nioclás Mac Craith (1923–2018), historian and scholar from Rinn Ó gCuanach.

Woodstown Viking Site

Abarta Heritage has been appointed to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Woodstown Viking Site. The Plan will incorporate a strategy for future research on the site, a public engagement and heritage animation strategy and practical management plan.

Funding has been provided by The Heritage Council for support of the Plan and a draft plan will be available in early November. The 4th Viking Heritage Day at Woodstown on the Greenway took place on August 25th and included a public consultation stand on the Woodstown Viking site.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

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

Irish Walled Towns funding

Works have commenced on the Watch Tower on the City Walls to make the building accessible to the public. Works are to be completed in November.

Blackfriars

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

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 2019

SURFACE DRESSING PROGRAMME

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

STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME

Approx 27 km of local and regional roads were included for road strengthening.

Programme Period – March to October (excluding surface dressing period of May, June and July) 60% complete. Outstanding works programmed for September/October.

LIS SCHEMES

LIS Department approved schemes are 100% complete.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME 2020/21

This scheme was advertised and applications are now being assessed for submission to the Department for approval.

CLÁR 2019

A total of 18 projects were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for consideration - 3 projects have been successful as follows:-

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

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Fire Service Operational Activity:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of July & August. 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	116	39	24	1
Comeragh	9	16	5	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	12	19	7	0
Total for July & August	137	74	36	1
Year to date	479	273	115	6
<i>Total for July & August 2018</i>	211	84	24	4
<i>Total for 2018</i>	798	457	174	22

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Emergency Services

Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	July & August 2019	2019 Year to date	Total for July & August 2018	Total for 2018
Fire Safety Certificates	18	61	18	99

Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below.

Application/Notification	July & August 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	Total for July & August 2018	Total for 2018
Commencement Notices	58	240	68	231
Completion Certificates	32	98	18	236
Disability Access Certificates	16	44	10	71

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Housing Applications

Housing applications	July and August 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	July and August 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	182	681	161	668
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	N/A	N/A	193	850
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	116	443	113	457
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	125	413	106	485

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during July and August 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during July and August 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	0	6	3	2	17
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	20	34	11	8	55
Metropolitan	36	132	16	9	182
Voluntary Bodies	0	5	3	0	7
Totals	56	177	33	19	261

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 389 There have been 98 refusals on properties to date.

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Housing Loans applications

2019 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
July & August	15	1	11	4	7
YTD	52	3	30	21	7

Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
July & Aug	15	2	7	10	3
YTD 2019	37	13	9	23	10
YTD 2018	57	16	17	11	23

3 Tenant Purchase sales closed in July/August

1 in Waterford City South, 1 in Tramore & 1 in Waterford City West

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	July & August 2018 HAP tenancies	July & August 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	83	112	38	2,947	1,896

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Inspection of private rented dwellings

July & August	No
RTB Register	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
HAP	35
Compliant	5
Non-Compliant	30
Re Inspection	12
RAS	12
Compliant	8
Non-Compliant	4
Re Inspection	9
Long Term Lease	76
Compliant	15
Non-Compliant	33
Re-inspection	59
Other	36
Mortgage to Rent	1
Total	161

In July and August 2019, Waterford City & County Council carried out 357 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 65 properties have had improvement works carried out to meet the standards for rented accommodation.

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved July & Aug 2019	Value of applications to July & Aug 2019	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	11	122549.49	28	296336.09
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	20	101829.80	73	376120.11

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Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	25	107303.89	66	295468.47
Total	56	331683.18	167	967924.67

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
July and August - Cases presented (up to and including 22 nd August 2019)	147	170
Cumulative number of cases presented	433	409

89 individuals (not including families) in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 22nd August 2019

Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation	July & Aug 2019	July & Aug 2018
Single Adults with dependent children	8	13
No. of. Families with no dependent children	1	2
No. of Families with dependent children	5	5

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

In total 3 adults and 1 child (composed of 1 Lone Parent and 2 Singletons)

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 11 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 – under Repair and Lease Scheme
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Approval	Construction in progress. Phase 1 completed.
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q3, 2019.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q3, 2019.
Kilmacthomas	16	Comeragh	Planning	Part 8 – Q3, 2019
Mount Esker, Ballytruckle	13	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q3, 2019
Estuary Heights, Shandon, Dungarvan	20	Dungarvan/Lismore	Construction	1 st phase completed.
Railway Gardens,	17	Dungarvan/Lismore	Approval	Department approval

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Lismore				received
Mount Suir, Carrickphierish	18	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going throughout 2019
Repair and Lease	166	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	50	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	16	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	On-going. Works tender Q3 2019 Remaining properties acquired by CPO
Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Completed	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 703				

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	Construction	On site
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.

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Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 117				

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

July & August 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	14	1	8	23
Newly vacant	14	0	6	20

Compulsory Purchase Orders

In compliance with the Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan, Waterford City & County Council have an ongoing programme to deal with property vacancy that currently involves fourteen (14) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target eighteen (18) individual properties. So far, twelve (12) of these Compulsory Purchase Orders have been confirmed by An Bord Pleanála. These properties have all been identified as vacant, in private ownership and are located countywide. It is proposed to extend the initiative to reduce vacancy to all areas of the county.

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Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- As of 5th August, Waterford LCDC had approved 51 projects and had paid out €1,903,480 in project payments. As a percentage of project budget (34%), this was the highest amount of any LCDC in the country.
- Projects Received from the May Call - Total Value €730,000
- 1 Food Project received from the May Call – Total Value €180,000
- September Call for LEADER Projects: Meetings to be held in Tramore, Dungarvan and Lismore. They will be advertised on Facebook, and in the local papers.
- Inter Territorial Project between Portlaw and Antrim progressing. To come to application Stage in November.

Children and Youth:

Comhairle na nÓg:

Waterford Comhairle members completed their project on their chosen topic of Mental Health and Substance Abuse at the end of June. The project was entered into the 2019 IPB Pride of Place awards and was judged on July 1st. The short film was well received by the judges who found it both informative and relevant.

National Play Day and National Recreation Week were held in June/July.

Pride of Place:

All three 2019 entrants were judged on July 1st (Alexander Street in Waterford City entry) and July 2nd Comhairle na nÓg (a.m.) and Deise Day Centre, Dungarvan (p.m.). The judges were impressed with the scope and variety of Waterford's three entries. All groups are now waiting expectantly for the awards night taking place on November 30th in Kilkenny.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

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

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The Older Persons Council held its inaugural meeting on Friday June 14th. The members are fully motivated and are now preparing for engagement with the thematic sub-groups with work beginning in earnest in September.

The Alliance last met on July 8th where the plans for the upcoming period were discussed in detail. Reports were delivered by all thematic group heads. All available OPC members attended this meeting (approx 18 members) due to it being the first one held post OPC formation but going forward approx. 3 OPC members will be nominated as reps to sit on the Alliance.

Healthy Waterford:

Waterford LCDC has been allocated €184k under the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 to implement a programme of work for the period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021, subject to Departmental budget approval. The Healthy Waterford LCDC subcommittee is currently completing programme of work templates for submission by 20th September. On 22nd August a further €62,050 was allocated by the Department of Health to the LCDC to support actions to improve the mental health and well-being of people in the community and to tackle loneliness and isolation. The Healthy Waterford committee will coordinate a submission for this fund.

Community Enhancement Programme 2019

The LCDC approved 79 applicants under the CEP 2019 and the grant is being paid out when groups return the signed Terms & Conditions form.

The Department of Rural & Community Development also allocated Waterford Council €9,162 under the Community Enhancement Shed Fund, which was ring-fenced for Men's & Women's Sheds. Seven applications were received and shall go before the LCDC on the 12th September for their approval.

Migrant Integration Strategy

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

Waterford LCDC, along with partner agencies, is preparing a three-year strategy to promote the integration of migrants who live and work in our city and county. The purpose of the

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strategy is to make Waterford a more welcoming and inclusive place, and to eliminate all forms of prejudice and intolerance.

Consultants have been engaged to assist with the necessary research and production of the strategy. As part of this process, two surveys are currently underway and are available on the Council's website:

A survey of migrants (first and second generations) who live or work in Waterford (available in various languages).

A survey, open to all, to measure attitudes to various nationalities, ethnic and social groups in Waterford

Sport:

Bike Week:

- In all, 63 events took place in June across the City and County taking in a wide geographical area from Youghal Bridge to Faithlegg and Cheekpoint.
- 52 groups were involved in organising these events in conjunction with Waterford City & County Council, Waterford Sports Partnership, and An Taisce Green Schools.
- In total, 3428 people directly took part in Bike Week organised events and initiatives. Feedback from those involved has been extremely positive and many continue to cycle for transport, recreation or both.

PPN

- 670 groups registered with the PPN.
- PPN Plenary meeting to be held in Dungarvan on 30th October
- Community & Voluntary Awards to be held in Dungarvan on 21st November. Nominations now open.

JPC:

Next meeting to be held in Waterford City on 2nd September. Public meeting to be held in Dungarvan in November.

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Social Inclusion:

SICAP

Mid year progress by Programme Implementer Waterford Area Partnership assessed by LCDC at July meeting. Key Performance Indicators 1 & 2 were both on target to be achieved by year end. Budgets were in line with expectations. Mid year review formally approved.

TIG

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

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Arts & Culture

Arts Report September 2019

Details of the Waterford Writers Weekend for October have been announced and the writing workshops are already well booked. The Arts Office has brought RTE Radio 1's Sunday Miscellany back for a second year. The closing date has just passed for the national Waterford Poetry Prize.

The application process is currently underway for funding from the Arts Council for 2020.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is in the final period of its Summer Group exhibition. GOMA is opening it's Robert Downey exhibition on September 4th.

The Waterford Gallery of Art has completed installation on the Ground Floor and the first floor. The City Arts Office has moved from the to the Gallery.

The Arts Grants process for 2020 applications starts later this month.

Culture Night (September 20th) is at its final planning stage in Waterford.

Music Generation Waterford is continuing its expansive programme all over Waterford.

Libraries

In August 43006 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 52828 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for August was 20749.

In August 235 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- 38 events and activities took place across the library service as part of the Summer Stars Reading Adventure promotion (Right to Read campaign).
- Continued promotion of Work Matters at your Library with 12 'Getting a Job' presentations across the library service.
- Pop-Up Library Tent at the 'All Together Now' Festival (1-3 Aug.) which received approx. 2000 visitors over the three days and included a programme of children's activities and a public reading from award winning author, Niamh Boyce.
- National Heritage week (17-25 Aug.) programme of 12 events across the library service.
- Europe Direct Information Centre, Work Matters and Waterford Library promotion stand at The Iverk Show on 24 Aug which received approx. 2000 visitors.

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Upcoming Events in September include:

- Summer Stars Reading Adventure certificate and medal presentations in primary schools for all participants across the library service.
- Further presentations scheduled as part of the Work Matters at your Library promotion.
- Launch of the Well Festival of Arts & Wellbeing (7th – 12th Oct.) programme of events in Garter Lane Arts Centre on 16th September. This programme includes free events in all Library branches.
- Commencement of Digital Skills tablet classes scheduled for the autumn across the library service as part of the 'Getting Citizens Online' initiative on behalf of the Department of Communications Climate Action and Environment.
- Public information talks on the online Revenue service and new PAYE system to be held on 5th September in Ardkeen and Dungarvan Libraries. Organised by the Waterford Wexford Adult Educational Guidance Service.

Library Development:

- Maintenance contract for all new public facing technology was awarded to Interleaf and work on the project has commenced.
- Waterford Libraries were shortlisted in the Best Library Service Category for the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for the Towers and Tales Schools' programme.
- WLR radio interview with Library staff member to promote Library Services and exhibition of vintage electrical appliances in Ardkeen Library.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1 st January 2019 – 31st August 2019.	
Legal Action Initiated	6
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	183
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	94
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1 st January 2019 – 31st August 2019	
No of Complaints	2097
Legal Actions	4
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	4
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	17
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	87
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	26
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 Environment Action Fund 2019

Formerly known as the Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund, this grant has been released for projects focusing on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change. A wide variety of projects have been supported in previous years, such as community gardens, compost schemes, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity projects, educational initiatives, etc. A list of previously funded projects can be viewed at <https://dcaae.gov.ie/en->

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ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness/local-agenda-21-partnership-fund/Pages/default.aspx

The Community Environment Action Fund 2019 has been widely advertised on local newspapers and through social media.

Applications must be made to the Environment Section, Waterford City and County Council no later than 5pm on 27th September 2019. Further information and application forms are available online at www.dccae.gov.ie or www.waterfordcouncil.ie

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.

Green Flag Programme

Green Schools assessment visits have commenced again for the new school year.

A Green Schools Seminar will be held on 18th September at the Park Hotel, Dungarvan for all schools participating in the Green Schools programme. The informal seminar is workshop based and offers an ideal opportunity to find out more about the theme each school is working on as well as various ways to tackle issues that may arise. Representatives from both Waterford City & County Council and An Taisce will be present to clarify the support that is available to schools as they progress through the programme.

Climate Action Teacher Training for secondary school teachers has been secured for Co. Waterford, as part of the Green-Schools Climate Action Programme. This 2 hour training session will take place on 3rd October and will be based on the Climate Action resource that has been developed for teachers in the run up to Climate Action Week, which is from October 14th-20th 2019. There will be a copy of these resources available for everyone in the audience!

Anti Litter Awareness

A Take 3 for the Sea awareness campaign will be launched in early September. The campaign simply asks people to take three pieces of rubbish with them when they leave the beach, waterway or... anywhere! Plaques will be placed at all Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches. A schools resource and competition will be launched alongside this in order to get as many schools and families involved in this as possible.

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Waste Prevention

October is "Reuse Month" a national initiative to encourage the reuse of materials and items as a means of waste prevention. A range of events and workshops will take place during this month to raise awareness and engage with people about waste prevention. Full details of events will be advertised closer to the time.

A waste prevention workshops is taking place as part of the Harvest Festival 6-8th September. Participants will learn how to prevent waste in their daily lives and make a reusable food wrap on the day, to eliminate the use of single use wraps such as cling film and tin foil. A waste prevention information stand will be in John Roberts Square on 8th September as part of the Harvest Festival also.

Waterford City & County Council is working with the West Waterford Athletic Club to green their running events. For their half marathon along the Waterford Greenway on 14th September, they will be using reusable water cups instead of plastic bottles. Working with Refill Ireland, they will have tanks of filtered water at the finish line to fill reusable tumblers for all participants. These tumblers can be collected in bins to be washed and reused at other events. The water stations along the route will be filled from smaller water containers. No Race bag of goodies will be distributed to participants; race t-shirts can be collected at the end of the race instead, thus further reducing waste.

Waterford Energy Bureau

Better Energy Communities Scheme 2019

WCCC/ WEB have received grant funding from Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) under the "Better Energy Communities Scheme 2019". Projects included within the application include heat pump installation in central library, Plaza flood lighting upgrades, lighting upgrades at Ardkeen Shopping Centre, Londis Store, Carbally Community Centre roof, Kinsalebeg school insulation upgrades, Clashmore Gaa Club, Piltown Community Centre upgrades and two dairy farm solar photo voltaic installation.

Housing Estate Lighting Guidelines

New housing estate lighting design guidelines are currently under development and are expected to be completed by November.

Public Lighting

Tender Documents are being prepared for the retro fitting of 16,000 public lights within Waterford. WCCC public lights are being included within a tender for all counties within the southern region. Funding has been received for to complete the retro fitting from the Department of Communication,

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Climate Action and Environment under the Climate Action Fund. Retro fit works are expected to commence in 2020.

Home Energy Grants / Upgrades

To date over 12,707 homes or 24% of the housing units in Waterford have received upgrades under the SEAI private homes energy upgrades the home energy grants and the free energy upgrades for fuel poor housing. Of this total 8,407 housing units received grant funding and 4,300 housing units received free energy upgrades. Currently there are a range of grants available for energy efficiency measures which include heat pump installation, heating system control system, solar water heating, solar photo voltaic electric grant, attic, cavity / external wall insulation measures. Further details on energy grants for businesses and farms are available from the SEAI WEB site <https://www.seai.ie/>.

Support Scheme for Renewable Heat

The “Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment”, has launched a “Support Scheme for Renewable Heat” (SSRH). This scheme includes grant funding for air-source heat pumps for businesses and farmers and tariff payment for biomass boilers, biomass / anaerobic digestion CHP’s and anaerobic digestion boilers. More information about the SSRH scheme operated by SEAI and can be accessed at the following link [Support Scheme for Renewable Heat - Guide to Completing the Application Form](#)

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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Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division								
Y.T.D. to July 31, 2019								
			EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
			Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building		16,249,305	25,969,325	63%	16,554,874	26,916,577	62%
B	Road Transport & Safety		17,880,101	37,127,440	48%	11,070,699	25,376,702	44%
C	Water Services		6,273,230	10,999,576	57%	5,956,032	10,653,344	56%
D	Development Management		8,011,819	15,551,330	52%	3,493,234	7,057,971	49%
E	Environmental Services		10,502,328	18,514,025	57%	1,403,410	2,709,121	52%
F	Recreation & Amenity		8,162,854	14,036,054	58%	1,109,704	1,903,039	58%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		583,696	1,029,278	57%	251,621	434,809	58%
H	Miscellaneous Services		9,106,981	13,435,895	68%	8,025,980	11,891,273	67%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG		0	0	0%	11,031,820	18,911,516	58%
RA	Rates		0	0	0%	17,971,666	30,808,571	58%
			76,770,314	136,662,923	56%	76,869,040	136,662,923	56%
Surplus/Deficit						98,726	0	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-07-2019

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	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to July 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to July 2019	Gross Bal 31-7-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	7,648,089	31,095,541	- 1,732,225	37,011,405	20,078,826	16,932,579	54%	65%
Loans	1,995,885	1,818,016	-	3,813,901	1,797,110	2,016,791	47%	99%
Rents	3,712,413	7,894,628	8,431	11,615,472	8,011,595	3,603,877	69%	101%
Aged Analysis :								
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance
Rates			-	10,400,761	-	6,531,818		16,932,579
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths		
Loans			203,622	113,123	248,871	1,451,175		2,016,791
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks		
Rents			159,641	129,708	209,528	3,105,000		3,603,877
Overdraft Levels								
	Days in Overdraft in Jul: Nil		Cost - € Nil		Average Value when in O/D : N/A			