

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

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## 6. Management Report Plenary - 14th November, 2019

### Management Report to Council

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# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### North Quays

#### 1.1 Sustainable Transport Bridge

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

#### 1.2 Transport Hub

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

#### 1.3 SDZ Access Infrastructure

Roughan and O'Donovan are well advanced with the detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area. Tender documentation for service diversions and demolition works are due to be issued in November.

#### 1.4 SDZ Development

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

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## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Oct 2018 Cumulative Figure	At end of Sept 2019 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	413	260
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	23	29
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	19	26
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€438,920	€640,565
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	1158	1485
Value of Measure 2 support given	€311,485	€434,874

### 2.1 . National Women’s Enterprise Day

Waterford Local Enterprise Office celebrated this year’s National Women’s Enterprise Day. This year the theme was ‘Making It Happen’, aimed at inspiring and educating the next generation of female business leaders through networking, interactive workshop on developing your leadership competencies followed by inspirational speaker, Clare Dillon (Microsoft). 1,681 female entrepreneurs attended 17 National Women’s Enterprise Day events across Ireland on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. The #NWED hashtag potentially reached 1.7 million social media accounts across the campaign.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### 3.1 . National Women’s Enterprise Day

All 8 projects in progress with full claims to be made before year-end.

### 3.2 . and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2019

12 applications were submitted for consideration under the 2019 TVRS. The Depa

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## Economic Development

Department of Rural & Community Development indicated that it was not possible to fund all of the applications received and many of the towns and villages which were successful received funding under the TVRS for the first time.

Five of the applications benefitting Fenor, Lemybrien, Cappoquin, Dunhill and Bunmahon were successful to the tune of €500,000.

On average only 5-6 projects were supported in each county.

### 3.3 FLAG

3 applications submitted in 2019 call are nearing full completion:

- Ecological Study at Riverstown
- Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area
- Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan

## 4. Tourism

### 4.1 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.

### 4.2 Destination Towns

An application for funding under Failte Ireland's Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital investment Programme 2019 has been made for visitor orientation and wayfinding.

### 4.3 Waterford Greenway

Very successful Halloween 'Spooky Tunnel' Experience organised once again during the

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## Economic Development

October mid-term 2019. Footfall counter at Ballyvoyle Tunnel showed an increase of 22% over the 2018 figure up from 15,697 to 19,226 in 2019.

Waterford Greenway helped promote other successful Halloween events organised by other groups, which helped animate the Greenway during the October mid-term including 'Wicked Woods' event at Carriganore Woods, WIT; the Spooky Express at Waterford and Suir Valley Railway and Halloween events at Coach House Coffee in Kilmacthomas and Mount Congreve

### 4.4 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

#### 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.

#### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2019

11 applications were submitted under the 2019 funding call as follows:

Measure 1 - 6

Measure 2 - 4

Measure 3 - 1

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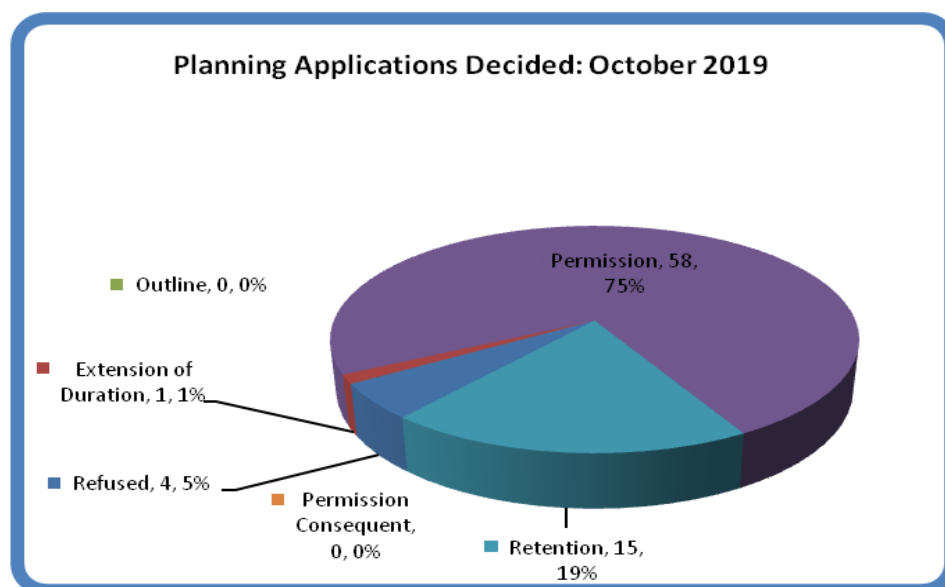
## Planning

### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

98 planning applications were received countywide in the month of October. In the 2019 calendar year to the end of October, 817 planning applications have been received countywide. This compares with 738 received in the same period in 2018.

### Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of October 2019, 78 planning decisions were made. Of these, 74 applications were granted and 4 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 94.9%. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 497 preplanning applications were received up to the end of October 2019, this compares with 456 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

### S254 Licences - Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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## Planning

S254 provides for the application to a Planning Authority for licences for structures under, on or along a public road. S254 governs the provision of licences for structures such as advertising signage, vending machines, hoardings and fences, cables and wires etc. The S254 legislation also includes for the licensing of over ground electronic communications infrastructure (and any associated physical infrastructure). A number of such applications have been made to the Planning Authority for licences for mobile and mobile broadband infrastructure over recent months.

In considering an application for a licence, the Planning Authority shall have regard to:

- a) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
- b) any relevant provisions of the development plan, or a local area plan,
- c) the number and location of existing appliances, apparatuses or structures on, under, over or along the public road, and
- d) convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians.

The S254 legislation does not provide for submissions from the public as part of the decision making process. However, any person can make appeal the decision of the Planning Authority to the Board. All applications for licences are published to the Council's planning lists and the planning search enquiries site in addition to the associated decisions.

### Forward Planning

#### Planning SPC

It is intended to hold the final two Planning SPC meetings for the current year on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The first meeting has focussed on informing a vision for the unitary development plan and identification of goals to inform the plan with a specific focus on climate change, natural and built environment, environment/amenity and culture. The final meeting in December will set out a timeframe for the unitary development plan, identify areas of the development plan with which the SPC wish to engage in 2020 and consider the context and principle



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## Planning

planning issues to be addressed in formulating new spatial strategies for the Kilbarry/Ballybeg area of Waterford City and the City North West area.

### **Development Plan Strategy Papers**

With the process for making a new unitary Development Plan due to commence in Q1 2020, a number of strategy documents are at a stage of near completion which will inform elements of the Development Plan. These include the Retail Strategy Review, a Stage 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the Landscape Character Assessment. Additional strategies i.e. Core Strategy, Housing Strategy, Settlement Strategy, Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy and a Green Infrastructure Strategy will be required to fully inform the Development Plan, along with Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment. All these will be undertaken in time to inform the draft Development Plan. A timetable for the Development Plan process will be set out in January 2020.

## **Bóithre agus Iompar**

# **Roads and Transportation**

### **Roads Progress Report to end of October 2019**

#### **Road Works Programme 2019**

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

#### **National Primary & Secondary Roadworks**

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

#### **Winter Maintenance Plan**

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

#### **LIS schemes**

LIS Department approved schemes are 100% complete.

#### **Community Involvement Scheme 2020/21**

Applications received have been reviewed and a submission has been made to the Department for approval.

#### **Clár 2019**

The following 3 schemes were approved for funding and are now underway.

## Bóithre agus Iompar

### Roads and Transportation

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 October. 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	55	23	15	2
Comeragh	4	3	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	7	18	2	0
<b>Total for October</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Total for October 2018</i>	<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</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	October 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for October 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
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# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

Fire Safety Certificates	3	85	13	99
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### 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	October 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	Total for October 2018	Total for 2018
Commencement Notices	27	307	41	231
Completion Certificates	22	204	18	236
Disability Access Certificates	6	60	13	71

### Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for September are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Advanced Driving Instructors Workshop Phoenix Park	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	One member.
Level 2 Power Boat Course provided for Wexford & Kilkenny members.	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 Instructors & 3 boats.
Solas Run/Walk for Life.	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 Ambulances, 3 Jeeps & 28 Members.
GAA Football County Final, Fraher Field, Dungarvan	Sun 20th	First Aid Support, 1 Ambulance and 1 Response Vehicle

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

Communications Exercise across the County.	Sat 26th	4 Response Vehicles
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# Tithíocht

## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	October 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	October 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	80	848	113	866
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	N/A	N/A	115	1129
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	58	538	54	606
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	69	534	62	621

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during October 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during October 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	0	7	0	0	18
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	5	41	8	2	69

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Metropolitan	19	162	25	5	225
Voluntary Bodies	2	8	1	0	11
Totals	26	218	34	7	323

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 420 There have been 110 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
October	7	1	5	3	1
YTD	64	5	42	17	1

### Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
October	9	8	0	1	3
YTD 2019	50	16	9	25	14



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YTD 2018	57	16	17	11	23
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3 Tenant Purchase sales closed in October – 2 in Dungarvan, 1 in Waterford City South.

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	October 2018 HAP tenancies	October 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	55	93	41	3090	1943

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

2019	Total
<b>HAP</b>	<b>51</b>
Compliant	6
Non-Compliant	45
Re Inspection	26
<b>RAS</b>	<b>7</b>
Compliant	2
Non-Compliant	5
Re Inspection	2
<b>Long Term Lease</b>	<b>29</b>
Compliant	4
Non-Compliant	25
Re-inspection	20
<b>Other</b>	<b>9</b>
Compliant	0
Non-compliant	9
Re-inspection	0
<b>MTR</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

In October 2019, Waterford City & County Council carried out 266 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 13 properties have had improvement works carried out to meet the standards for rented accommodation.

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## Housing

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved October 2019	Value of applications to October 2019	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	11	102297.44	43	445631.30
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	22	121273.51	105	554908.40
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	8	35035.44	93	417048.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>258606.39</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1417588.33</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
October - Cases presented up to and including 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 (includes 12 for end of Sept 2019)	85	83
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>799</b>

Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation	October 2019	October 2018
Singletons / Individuals availing of homeless accommodation (excluding families)	85	126
Families Availing of Homeless Accommodation (Family Breakdown below)	12	20

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## Housing

Individuals with Dependent Children	6	13
Families with No Dependent Children	0	4
Families with Dependent Children	6	3

Note:

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

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

In total 0 adults and 0 children

**Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 5 adults**

## Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	17	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Approved. Further workshop with Councillors required.
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q4 2019.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Advertised
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Completed	Completed
Dungarvan	21	Dungarvan-	Construction	On site

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Ballinroad		Lismore		
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q4 2019
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Tender preparation	Stage 3 Q4 2019
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Tender	Tender award Q4 2019.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going – under Repair and Lease Scheme
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress. Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 Q. 4 2019
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019.
Kilmacthomas	16	Comeragh	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019
Mount Esker, Ballytruckle	13	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q4, 2019
Estuary Heights, Shandon, Dungarvan	20	Dungarvan/Lismore	Construction	1 <sup>st</sup> phase completed. All phases Q4, 2019
Railway Gardens, Lismore	17	Dungarvan/Lismore	Approval	Stage 1 approved
Mount Suir, Carrickphierish	18	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress
Brideview Close, Tallow	2	Dungarvan/Lismore	Construction	Construction in Progress
Barnes Lane, The Glen	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going throughout 2019
Repair and Lease	166	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	53	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew –	16	Metropolitan	Tender	Construction in

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Barker Place			Preparation	progress
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q4 2019
Buy & Renew – Manor Court	4	Metropolitan	Tender Stage	In progress
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress
<b>Total Units in WCCC Projects 704</b>				

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Dunhill Gleann Ealach	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning refused
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road <i>Focus Ireland</i>	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB
The Paddock's Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	9	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
Fairfield Park Circle VHA	40	Metropolitan	Construction	Dwellings completed

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## Housing

### Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 157

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

October 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	6	0	3	9
Newly vacant	12	2	2	16

#### 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.

# Seirbhísí Pobail

## Community Services

### Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- The Department of Rural & Community Development have allocated Waterford LCDC an additional €500,000 under LEADER. This is a performance related allocation.
- Community Training has commenced in the Copper Coast and in Clonea Power/Comeragh Area.
- The September Call was divided into 2 Calls, one for non-construction related projects, deadline the 31/10/2019, and the second for construction related projects, closing the 21/11/2019. Under the first deadline, 5 Project Applications totalling €280,000 were received.
- There will be three enterprise/tourism projects before the LCDC at the November meeting totalling €340,000.
- The September Call also had a Bio Diversity section, and there is significant project interest in this area. These projects have to be submitted in December.

### Community Festivals and events Grants

A total of €23,500 was paid by 30<sup>th</sup> September to 11 community groups following submission of their post event reports detailing very successful festivals and events held during the year. Drawdown of grant for a further 2 events is pending with a further 5 groups expected to hold their events by year end.

Closing date for festival grants for 2020: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### Children and Youth:

#### Comhairle na nÓg:

The AGM of Waterford Comhairle took place on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The event in was very well attended and a great success. Selection of new members will begin shortly.

The tender for the provision of Comhairle na nÓg coordination services for the next four years has been placed on eTenders with a closing date of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Community Services

### **Pride of Place:**

The IPB All Ireland Pride of Place Awards night is taking place on November 30<sup>th</sup> in the Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny. Waterford will have three entries (Deise Day Centre, Alexander Street Residents Association and Waterford Comhairle na nÓg) in three different categories. Representation from all three entrants will be present on the evening.

### **Waterford Age Friendly Programme:**

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

All thematic sub-groups are now fully active with a range of initiatives being undertaken by the membership.

The Waterford programme is participating in the Healthy Ireland Round 3 Regional action where a Positive Age Seminar is taking place in Kilkenny on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The appointment of a South East Regional Age Friendly programme manager to assist the County level programme managers has taken place.

### **Healthy Waterford:**

Healthy Waterford – an LCDC subcommittee - made an application for Healthy Ireland Round 3 funding for the period July 2019 to June 2021, totalling €184,000. A further €62,050 was applied for under the Community Mental Health Fund to support actions to improve the mental health and well-being of people in the community and to tackle loneliness and isolation. Results of application awaited.



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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.

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

Two public consultation meetings being held – Waterford City on 4<sup>th</sup> November and Dungarvan on 5<sup>th</sup> November, as well as a consultation meeting with stakeholders on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### PPN

- 703 groups registered with the PPN: 565 Community pillar; 114 Social Inclusion pillar; 24 Environment pillar.
- PPN Plenary meeting held in Dungarvan on 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Community & Voluntary Awards to be held in Dungarvan on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### JPC:

Next meeting shall be the annual public meeting to be held in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Assistant Commissioner Finn shall be in attendance to discuss proposed changes to Garda divisions.

### Social Inclusion:

#### SICAP

The 2020 SICAP Annual Plan will be before the LCDC for approval in principle in mid December. The 2019 Case Study was submitted to Pobal on October 4th 2019. The Case focused on Collaboration and Community Development in the county area and showcased the activities around Shandon, Dungarvan and the work progressing at Shandon House with partners such as WWETB.

The annual engagement meeting with Pobal took place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and was attended by the LCDC SICAP subcommittee membership in addition to staff from Waterford Area Partnership.

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### Community Services

Care and Repair programme being operated by Waterford Area Partnership in Metro area. Extension into county area currently being planned - Tallow/Cappoquin as pilot. WCCC supporting the initiative.

#### TIG

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

# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In October 46447 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 38537 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for October was 21159.

In October 430 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- A series of talks across the library service organised by the Waterford Older People's Council for Positive Ageing Week (30<sup>th</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019).
- Well Festival of Arts & Wellbeing (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October) with 17 free events across all library branches.
- 30 events with guest entertainers were held across the library service throughout the month of October for the Children's Book Festival as part of the Right to Read programme.
- Beeswax Wrap Making workshops were run across the library service by the Waterford Environmental Awareness Officer as part of the national Reuse Month in October.
- Commencement of Phase 3 of Healthy Ireland at your Library with a talk from psychotherapist and bestselling author Stella O'Malley in Ardkeen Library on 5<sup>th</sup> October and an Understand Together Dementia Champions Café in Dungarvan on 25<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Waterford Europe Direct Information Centre S.E. Regional Soapbox Competition was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Large Room, City Hall with the topic 'Climate change is not my problem'.
- Waterford Writers Weekend was supported with an event held in Central Library.
- Maths Week (12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October) events took place across the library service.
- Summer Stars Reading Adventure certificate and medal presentations in primary schools for all participants across the library service.
- Introduction to 3D Printing courses for secondary school pupils funded by Creative Waterford commenced in Dungarvan and Central Library.
- Further presentations on Instagram and LinkedIn for Business as part of the Work Matters at your Library promotion.

### Upcoming Events in October include:

- LIT Young Writers Festival Waterford (15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November) supported with 6 events scheduled in Central Library.
- Science Week (6 – 17<sup>th</sup> November) events scheduled across the library service.
- Continuation of Digital Skills tablet classes scheduled across the library service as part of the 'Getting Citizens Online' initiative on behalf of the Department of Communications Climate Action and Environment.

### Library Development:

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## Arts & Culture

- On 1<sup>st</sup> October, Minister Michael Ring, Dept. of Rural and Community Development officially launched the National Age Friendly Libraries Recognition Programme and presented 48 participating Libraries, including Dungarvan Library with their Age Friendly Charter.
- Tender awarded for the Dormant Accounts Funded projects including a Reader in Residence, an Art programme for Migrant Families and an After School Programme.

### ARTS

- Over 200 people visited the new Waterford Gallery of Art in Waterford's Cultural Quarter on Saturday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> October when Dr Eimear O'Connor, the curator of the Aspects exhibition was onsite to give talks on the collection and the exhibition. The Gallery is now open to the public every Thursday and Friday from 11am until 5pm. Contact email for tours is [waterfordgallery@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:waterfordgallery@waterfordcouncil.ie)
- GOMA and Rogue Studios and Galleries are busy putting their Christmas programmes into place. More information to follow.
- The Theatre Royal has a busy and exciting Christmas programme. See [www.theatreroyal.ie](http://www.theatreroyal.ie) for more information.
- The world premiere of Jim Nolan's play The Red Iron commences in Garter Lane on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. This new play has been supported by Waterford City & County Council's Theatre Practitioner in Residence grant scheme.
  - The Countywide Schools Arts programme is currently underway.
  - The annual Christmas Art and Craft exhibition takes place in the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan from mid November to the end of December.
  - A successful Waterford Writers Weekend took place at the Imagine Festival. RTE Radio1 recorded Sunday Miscellany in the Theatre Royal and it will be broadcast mid November featuring writers and musicians from the region.

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## Environmental Services

### Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

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

Legal Action Initiated	6
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued ( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	256
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines previous years)	186
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

### Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

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

No of Complaints	2531
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)	27
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	124
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	99
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.	
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	1 Prosecution & 17 Regulation 25 Notices

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### Climate Action Charter

The Climate Action Charter which was signed by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Richard Bruton, T.D., and the Minister of State Sean Canney T.D. and all 31 Local Authorities on the 29th October commits local government to driving forward meaningful climate action in their communities, through the actions set out in the [Climate Action Plan](#) .

The Charter commits Local Authorities to several actions that will ensure that they play a key leadership role locally and nationally in delivering effective climate action.

Details of the Climate Action Charter are included in the following link [Climate Action Charter - Press Release](#)

### Environmental Education & Awareness

#### Green Schools Programme

Green Schools assessment visits have commenced and are available for schools until March 2020. A Green Schools Seminar was held on 18<sup>th</sup> September and was well attended by schools participating in the Green Schools programme. The seminar provided teachers with an opportunity to find out more about the theme their school is working on as well as various ways to tackle issues that may arise.

A Green Schools Climate Action Teacher Training Workshop for secondary school teachers and a workshop on water took place during October. Both of these workshops included information about the Take 3 for the Sea teaching materials produced for schools by WCCC and launched last month.

#### 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.

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### **Waste Prevention**

Reuse Month which aims to encourage the reuse of materials and items as a means of waste prevention took place nationally during the month of October. A range of events and workshops took place during the month to raise awareness and engage with people about waste prevention. These events including 10 waste prevention workshops in locations across Co. Waterford, from Tallow to Passage East. These workshops were focused on reducing the use of plastics by making reusable food wraps and provided a good basis to talk about the wider issue of waste prevention and reuse. Approximately 225 people attended these workshops, across a broad range of ages and backgrounds.

Waterford City & County Council are currently working with businesses in Tramore to encourage the use of 2Go Cups, a deposit and return scheme for reusable coffee cups. Over 90% of single use cups currently go to landfill. Each 2GoCup can be used for at least 3 years thereby saving the landfilling of single use cups. The aim of this pilot programme is to make Tramore the first town in Ireland to eliminate single use cups.

### **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

<b>Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income &amp; Expenditure Summary by Service Division</b>							
<b>Y.T.D. to September 30, 2019</b>							
			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>INCOME</b>		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
A	Housing & Building	19,753,625	25,969,325	76%	20,171,768	26,916,577	75%
B	Road Transport & Safety	26,459,425	37,127,440	71%	17,821,180	25,376,702	70%
C	Water Services	8,136,568	10,999,576	74%	7,794,748	10,653,344	73%
D	Development Management	10,626,177	15,551,330	68%	4,583,638	7,057,971	65%
E	Environmental Services	13,561,195	18,514,025	73%	1,881,559	2,709,121	69%
F	Recreation & Amenity	10,525,326	14,036,054	75%	1,427,642	1,903,039	75%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	778,809	1,029,278	76%	355,108	434,809	82%
H	Miscellaneous Services	11,595,425	13,435,895	86%	10,241,851	11,891,273	86%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	14,183,640	18,911,516	75%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	23,106,428	30,808,571	75%
		<b>101,436,550</b>	<b>136,662,923</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>101,567,562</b>	<b>136,662,923</b>	<b>74%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					131,012	0	



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## Finance

	Summary of main collections Sept 2019 YTD							
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Aug 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Sept 2019	Gross Bal 30-9-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
<b>Rates</b>	7,648,089	31,094,703	3,480,000	35,262,792	23,389,449	11,873,343	66%	75%
<b>Loans</b>	1,995,885	2,379,350	6,063	4,381,298	2,410,952	1,970,346	55%	101%
<b>Rents</b>	3,712,413	10,283,075	8,431	14,003,919	10,384,371	3,619,548	74%	101%
<b>Aged Analysis :</b>								
			< 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	> 12 mths		<b>Net Balance</b>
<b>Rates</b>			-	5,744,816	-	6,128,527		11,873,343
			<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>			192,126	106,737	234,820	1,436,663		1,970,346
			<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>			189,495	153,965	248,713	3,027,375		3,619,548
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>								€
Days in Overdraft in Sept: Nil		15	Cost - € Nil	€1,439.30		Average Value when in O/D : N/A		1,964,277.00

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