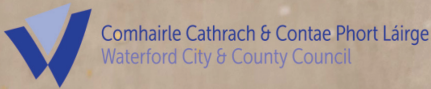


MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH & CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL.



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Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate Mayors Official Engagements September 2022

SATURDAY 1st:	Launch of InvincABLE Fitness- Unit 4D Six Cross Roads, Business Park.
SUNDAY 2nd:	
MONDAY 3rd:	
TUESDAY 4th:	
WEDNESDAY 5th:	
THURSDAY 6th:	Toys4Engineers at SETU Arena. 80 years of bringing classical music concerts to the people of Waterford- Large Room, City Hall.
FRIDAY 7th:	Official opening of Mayors Walk Pharmacy- 59 Mayors Walk.
SATURDAY 8th:	
SUNDAY 9th:	Solas Cancer Support Centre. Run/Walk for Life- The Millennium Plaza.
MONDAY 10th:	
TUESDAY 11th:	
WEDNESDAY 12th:	
THURSDAY 13th:	
FRIDAY 14th:	100th Anniversary of Garda Síochána in Waterford- Lady Lane & The Large Room, City Hall. Followed by Gala Dinner in The Tower Hotel. Invitation to the PSAI Opening- Medieval Museum.
SATURDAY 15th:	Music Generation Waterford's Exhibition- The Index Gallery, Central Library.
SUNDAY 16th:	
MONDAY 17th:	National Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony- Lyrath Estate Hotel.
TUESDAY 18th:	Metropolitan Mayor School Visits day 1.
WEDNESDAY 19th:	
THURSDAY 20th:	Metropolitan Mayor School Visits day 2. Bim Conners- Mayoral Reception- Mayors Parlour. Launch of Winterval 2022- Garter Lane, Waterford.
FRIDAY 21st:	Metropolitan Mayor School Visits day 3. Tánaiste Leo Varadkar Photo to Launch affordable housing. Dunhill Expo in the Ecopark- Dunhill. Arch Club - Mayoral Reception- Mayors Parlour. Opening of newly refurbished tennis court-Causeway Tennis & Bowls Club- Attended by Declan Doocey.
SATURDAY 22nd:	
SUNDAY 23rd:	
MONDAY 24th:	
TUESDAY 25th:	Metropolitan Mayor School Visits day 4. UCC Governing Body- UCC Cork. Presentation Secondary School Awards Night October 2022- Presentation Secondary School.
WEDNESDAY 26th:	Draíocht Phort Láirge- Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford.
THURSDAY 27th:	Metropolitan Mayor School Visits day 5. National Age Friendly Awards- Dromoland Castle.
FRIDAY 28th:	Metropolitan Mayor School Visits day 6. Launch of Sláintecare Healthy Communities- Cill Barra Sports Center. Waterford Businesses in the inaugural Waterford Digital Awards- Dooleys Hotel.
SATURDAY 29th:	South! Always South- Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford.
SUNDAY 30th:	Official start of the Nire Valley Drop MTB Challenge- Community Centre in Ballymacarbry.
MONDAY 31th:	

Attended by Mayor:

Attended by Deputy Mayor:

Attended by Mayor of the Metropolitan District:

Attended by Metro Deputy:

Attended by a Representative:

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

North Quays

There has been significant interaction, assessment and commercial interrogation between the Council, ISIF and a private SDZ developer. ISIF and the private developer are currently progressing a joint venture in respect of development of the SDZ site, subject to their internal approval mechanisms. A sale agreement is currently being prepared for the Council to dispose the site to the development company.

The North Quays Final Business Case was submitted for approval in August, and following consultations with the funding agencies, a formal review process has now been completed with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the National Transport Authority and the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform. It is anticipated that a cabinet decision will be made in early November on approval to proceed with the award of the main contract (comprising sustainable transport corridor, transport hub and access infrastructure).

CONTRACTS:

South Plaza enabling works - Suir Plant Civil Engineering Ltd is completing all enabling works on the South Plaza area. Post works part of the site will be made available for Winterval activities.

Rock Stabilisation contract - Works ongoing by Cumnor Construction Ltd to be completed by February 2023.

Abbey Road footpath widening contract - Mallwood Construction has been appointed and plans to commence works shortly.

Pump station contract - David Walsh Civil Engineering has been appointed and proposing to commence works in November 2022.

Pump station enabling contract – tender assessment ongoing.

Local Enterprise Office

LEO Figures year to date (2022) and comparison of current month with previous year

Indicator	At end of Oct 2021	At end of Oct 2022
Measure 1		
<i>No. of Clients applying</i>	27	10
<i>No. of Clients securing</i>	26	10
<i>Value of support approved</i>	€733,251	€253,317
Measure 2		
<i>No. of clients receiving</i>	2,098	1,698
<i>Value of support given</i>	€627,577*	€307,586

*2021 Figure includes €171k for Trading On-Line Vouchers (now accounted for separately as below) and €140k for Client Stimulus Fund (a one-off Covid support scheme)

Support

Trading Online Voucher 58

<i>No. of Approvals</i>	
<i>Value of Approvals</i>	€129,623

Figures not included in cumulative table.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE DAY 2022

Returning to a traditional live format after two virtual years, Waterford Local Enterprise Office teamed up with successful female entrepreneurs to celebrate this year's National Women's Enterprise Day in the beautiful surroundings of Faithlegg House Hotel on October 13th for an evening of networking and learning.

Our Leading Light for the event was Frances O'Reilly of DogDry. Frances developed drying coats for dogs using an innovative design and was established in February 2021. The product has been awarded for innovation by the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland and Frances became an Enterprise Ireland client within a year of start-up.

Following a delicious two course buffet meal, we had a panel discussion featuring female business owners Frances O'Reilly of Dog Dry; Margaret Julian of GDPR Audits and Network Waterford President, Kamila Bystrzonowska of Momo Restaurant and Karen Tompkins of The Treasure Vox.

'Our Future, Our Way' event was supported by Waterford Chamber, Waterford Micro Business Network and Network Waterford and was just one of a number of events that was held nationally on October 13th to mark National Women's Enterprise Day.



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Communications

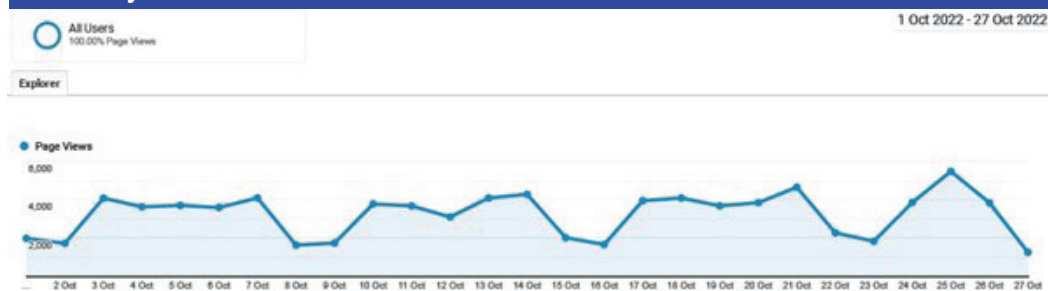
Public relations

Public Relations: 12 Press releases issued in November 2022. Mayoral Speeches: 4 prepared for November 2022.

Social Media Stats (WCCC and Shop Waterford FB/ Twitter/ LinkedIn combined): 2022

	Reach	+/- Previous month	% Change	Followers	+/- Previous month	% Change
January	799,327			40,863		
February	865,418	66,091	27%	41,064	201	1.9%
March	924,139	58,721	6.8%	41,700	636	1.5%
April	740,040	-125,378	-13.56%	42,280	1,116	2.7%
May	427,208	-312,832	-42.3%	42,610	430	1%
June	814,680	23,341	2.9%	42,966	356	0.8%
July	689,393	-125,287	-15.4%	43,392	426	1.0%
August	699,485	10,092	1.5%	43,985	593	1.4%
September	755,126	66,277	9.5%	44,325	933	2.2%
October*	547,968	-	-27.4%	44,641	316	0.7%

Web Analytics: 1st October -27th October 2022



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8. /media/planninglists/index.htm	2,512 (2.87%)	2,028 (2.87%)	00:02:50	1,196 (2.74%)	79.35%	67.64%	€0.00 (€0.00)
9. /departments/planning/index.htm	2,447 (2.80%)	1,914 (2.71%)	00:00:30	679 (1.55%)	22.97%	15.69%	€0.00 (€0.00)
10. /departments/housing/index.htm	1,922 (2.20%)	1,584 (2.25%)	00:00:39	653 (1.49%)	38.74%	26.64%	€0.00 (€0.00)

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TRAILS

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Currently implementing 18 projects around the county, funded under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) between 2019 and 2022. The scheme funds the ongoing maintenance of existing trails and outdoor recreation amenities, development of new and enhanced amenities as well as promotional activities. A new Project Development Measure was also initiated under the 2021 scheme. It is anticipated that projects funded under ORIS 2022 will be implemented throughout 2023.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC

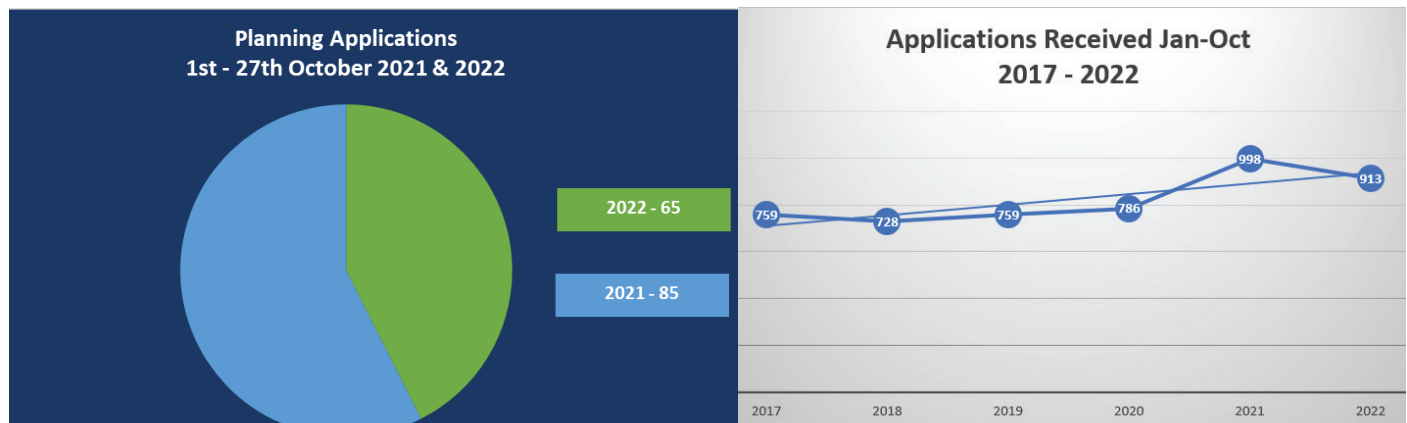
The Economic Development & Enterprise SPC scheduled an additional meeting on 27th October at which the Draft Waterford Economic Strategy was approved.

Pleanáil / Planning

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – COUNTYWIDE

63 Planning applications were received countywide in from 1st-27th October 2022. This compares with 85 planning applications received for the same period in 2021 and 81 in 2020.

A total of 913 planning applications were received in the year to 27th October 2022. This compares to 998 planning applications which were received up to 27th October 2021.



FORWARD PLANNING SEPTEMBER PLENARY REPORT REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Section 48 Development Contributions Scheme	
Prepare draft scheme	September to mid-October
Public consultation on draft scheme	Mid October to end November (not less than 6 weeks period)
Prepare and submit CE Report to council	Early December to late December (not less than 4 weeks period)
Council to consider CE Report	Late December to early February (not more than 6 weeks period)
Resolution to make the scheme	On or before 12th of February 2023

Heritage Officer Report

HERITAGE WEEK AWARDS

The Copper Coast Geopark were the worthy winners of the County Heritage Award for Waterford announced at the National Heritage Week Awards by the Heritage Council in Dublin last week. The award was given in recognition of the diverse programme hosted for Heritage Week 2022 celebrating the Copper Coast's geological story, mining heritage, a coastal walk and tours of new material in their visitor centre. Following inclusion in Lonely Planet's top 100 places to visit in the world the geopark is set for a great increase in visitors next summer.



Heritage Officer Report

Water Quality Regional Committee Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the SE Regional Operational Committee on Water Quality was held on October 10th involving state agencies, local authority staff and local farmers to discuss issues affecting water quality in the South East Region and in Co Waterford.

Chaired by Director of Services, Fergus Galvin of Waterford City and County Council and supported by the Local Authority Waters Programme the Operational Committee is one of five committees which supports Ireland's efforts to address the decline in water quality and protect public health. Issues discussed at the meeting included the protection of bathing and shellfish waters and public health along the Waterford coastline and actions that Irish Water are undertaking to protect water quality.

Decade of Commemorations

Research is almost complete for the GIS Story Map on Civil War events in Waterford and a new website Waterford-1916to1922 is being developed which will host all material relating to the Decade of Commemorations Programme in Waterford from the past 8 years including history publications, school resources and talks by the local authority and community organisations. Documentary films on the Siege of Waterford, Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War and internment at Ballykinlar are nearing completion and will be screened in the coming months.

Conservation Officer Report

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme BHIS and Historic Structure Fund for 2022 is concluded. WCCC received some extra funding. In all 25 projects are being supported over 2000 days of employment for various trades and skills such as joiners, thatchers, roofers, plasterers, stonemasons, leaded and stained glass specialists etc. The Guide for Medieval Waterford – walls and towers will be ready by mid November.



Tithíocht / Housing

Housing Applications

Housing Applications				
<i>* inc files from carried forward</i>	Oct 2021	Year 2021	Oct 2022	Year to date 2022
Applications received	57	727	57	811
Applications assessed *	75	893	31	814
Applications Validated*	28	470	29	360
Approved for social housing supports following interview	29	475	35	375

Housing Allocations

Housing Allocations					
	New Tenancies Oct 2021	Cumulative Tenancies 2021	New Tenancies Oct 2022	Refusal of new Tenancies	Cumulative Tenancies 2022
Total	43	464	32	5	428

CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL) SCHEME

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 1,113 There have been 339 refusals on properties.

Housing Loans applications

Housing Loans applications					
<i>2022 Housing Loans</i>	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with housing agency/Deferred for 6 months
October	7	6	4	1	7
Year to date	70	6	45	12	7

Tenant Purchase applications

Tenant Purchase applications					
<i>2022 Housing Loans</i>	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
October	9	1	4	4	0
YTD 2022	60	3	20	29	20
YTD2021	68	1	7	58	16

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment					
	Oct 2021 HAP Tenancies	Oct 2022 HAP Tenancies set up	2022 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	25	21	-14	4,487	1,808

Inspections of Dwellings

Inspections of Dwellings	
HAP	26
HAP Non- Compliant	25
Total	26

In Oct, Waterford City & County Council carried out 177 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock.

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

Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aid Grants				
Grant Scheme amount	No of applications approved Oct 2022	Value of applications Oct 2022	Cumulative number of applications approved 2022	Cumulative value of 2022 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	3	€22,610.00	104	€1,476,790.46
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	2	€12,000.00	76	€408,569.25
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	7	€40,863.00	114	€621,705.61
Total	12	€75,473.00	294	€2,507,065.32

Housing Grant Applications Received & Validated:	Housing Grant Applications Incomplete & Returned:	Housing Grant Applications Approved
0	9	12

Homeless Services

Homeless Services			
Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS)	1st-23rd Oct 2022	Cumulative 2022	Total 2021
Number of Callers to WIHS seeking a service	183	3,084	3,516
Assessments by a Homeless Officer	53	800	760

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Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation

	23rd Oct 2022	23rd Oct 2021
Number of Single Persons	42	54
Number of Families	18	13
Number of Adults in Families	23	16
Number of Children	35	32

HAP PlaceFinder Service

	1st-23rd Oct 2022	Cumulative 2022
Number of Assessments by the Homeless HAP Officer	26	290
Number of HAP PlaceFinder Tenancies HUB Complete	10	110

Housing First Programme

	Tenancies 2022
Number of Tenancies in place at 23rd Oct 2022 with Housing First supports..	33

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects

Project Type	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Total WCCC Projects	288	Countywide	Various Stages	
Part V	26	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery On-going 2021 – 10 (est)
Repair and Lease	151	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2020 – 41 2021 – 50 (est) 2022 – 50 (est)
Leasing	130	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2020 – 30 From end of 2021 scheme closed to new applicants
Buy & Renew- Countywide	48	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress – Refurbishment Contractor Framework Appointed

Total units including WCCC Projects: 643

There are 130 units in progress under the Housing Capital Schemes for Approved Housing Body projects.

REFURBISHING OF HOUSES BECOMING VACANT FOR RE LET:

September 2022	Total
Handed over/	
Works completed	7
Newley Vacant	12

Waterford City and County Council have been allocated an initial target of 76 houses for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting works for 2022 by the Department of Housing. 92 Units approved by the Department for Refurbishment in 2022.

Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Rolling Call to allocate final LEADER Budget Remaining. Total available €210,000
Strong interest in the Call. Projects to go before the LCDC in December 2022.
One Technical Assistance Project approved by the LCDC - €20,000
LEADER Payments progressing well. Very few decommitments.
Fab Lab progressing
EOI for the next LEADER Programme should be advertised early November.

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG:

The young people held their AGM in the Park Hotel Dungarvan on October 11th. IN excess of 100 young people attended from most secondary schools and a number of youth projects. The day proved to be very successful with a lot of interest in joining the Comhairle. Progress on 2022 activities is being made weekly by the young people and these are reviewed regularly by the steering committee members.

WATERFORD AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME:

Work continues through the Thematic sub-groups to progress the objectives of the AF Strategy.
Preparation of the new strategy document continues. The consultation phase has been completed with the next step being the creation of a discussion document for review by the steering committee and relevant stakeholders. Completion is on target for January 2023.

HEALTHY WATERFORD:

Healthy Waterford Committee met on the 10th, 20th and 26th of October. This also coincided with national and regional engagements on the 5th, 25th and 26th of October. The main objectives of the meetings were to present the new national framework for round four of Healthy Ireland funding and design a planning framework to assist the committee in picking the key outcomes that would be included in the local implementation. Work is continuing on developing the plan and having consultation with key stakeholders to contribute to the planning phase. Other pieces of work aligned with the planning phase are an online application form, city & county profile, City/County Health Risk Summary & communications plan. The funding for 2023 has been agreed at €75,000.

KEY DATES FOR HEALTHY IRELAND

- Application Portal opens 7th November 2022
- Deadline for Submissions 27th January 2023 (Extension)
- Appraisal of Submissions February/March 2022
- Revised Grant Agreement end of Q1

The committee also decided on offering €30,000 worth of grants to community and voluntary groups through the Expression of Interest for Future funding report. Groups were selected based on projects that best aligned with the current funding available. 43 groups will now be invited to the grant stage.

KEY DATES FOR GRANTS

- Documents to be returned by 4th of November.
- Final review between 7th – 9th of November & assessment group
- LCDC approval 10th of November
- Issue offer letter & T&C's 11th November
- Return of acceptance form 16th November

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REPORT 25/10/2022

- Over 789 views of the survey
- 182 responses = 18% conversion rate.
- Community & Voluntary make up 43% of respondents with Sports clubs 31% and registered charity 25%.
- 36% of respondents are city/town based organisations while 47% are rural based organisations.
- The supports mainly revolve around physical activity 25%, mental health 26% and spaces and places for health and wellbeing 23%
- 43 groups were selected for the next stage.
- The remaining groups will be considered for future funding opportunities should they arise.

Additional work in engaging with community and voluntary groups is ongoing and this is seen as a key aspect of the coordinators role in getting a good understanding of the needs of communities and groups throughout the county.

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP:

The Local Community Safety Plan draft is in it's final stages with Focus Group interactions completed and a section of the Community not online, captured with the assistance of the Libraries. A first draft is expected during the month of November.

Two Councillor vacancies exist on the WLCSP.

We had four applications for the Community Safety Innovation Fund 2022.

We are also informed that the 2023 funding call for the Community Safety Innovation Fund, will be early in 2023, with a 50% increase in funds available and that further applications are welcome from the WLCSP.

The Education, Training & Awareness and Building Community Capacity Working Group is meeting on Thursday 27th October 2022 and the Crime & reducing Criminality and Safe Environment & Infrastructure Working Group is meeting on the 3rd November 2022

Twelve Members of the WLCSP will attend the Beyond Borders, an All Island Community Safety Conference organised by Department of Justice on 16th & 17th November 2022 in Newry and Dundalk.

The next meeting of the WLCSP is on Monday 7th November at 7pm in the Civic Offices Dungarvan.

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM:

The Ukrainian CRF is in place to assist with housing, supporting and integrating Ukrainian refugees into our communities. All key agencies are working in collaboration to provide services and supports to all Ukrainians arriving into Waterford. To date just over 841 Ukrainian refugees have been received into Waterford Council run Rest Centres in Dungarvan and Waterford City, with 687 exits, of which 608 have been matched with pledged and other accommodation sourced by Waterford Council. Waterford Area Partnership are supporting those who have moved with integration into our communities.

PRIDE OF PLACE:

Waterford's main entry for the 2022 competition is the Surprise Surprise Group having won the 2021 PPN awards. Judging took place on August 29th . Gala awards taking place on January 21st 2023 at the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin

SOCIAL INCLUSION:

MIGRANT INTEGRATION

Various initiatives being followed up on to progress the Strategy adopted by Council in 2020.

SICAP

Work in ongoing with Waterford Area Partnership continuing to implement the SICAP programme on behalf of the LCDC with 79 local community groups and 953 individuals in Waterford expected to benefit in 2022.

TIG

The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group continues to meet regularly by way of Zoom.



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. Emergency response has continued uninterrupted throughout the Covid 19 crisis with significant precautionary measures put in place to ensure the safety of fire crews and the community served.

Fire Service Operational Activity:				
Area	Fires	Special Services	False alarm/ Good intent	False alarm /Malicious
Total for October	52	37	20	0
Year to date	582	410	184	0
Total for October 2021	51	36	15	0
Total for 2021	571	359	143	3

FIRE SAFETY:

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

Fire Safety:				
	Oct 2022	2022 YTD	Oct 2021	2021 YTD
Fire Safety Certificates	3	68	10	60

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.

Building Control:				
Applications received	Oct 2022	2022 YTD	Oct 2021	2021 YTD
Commencement Notices	27	271	23	352
Completion Certificates	20	180	10	195
Disability Access Certs	3	44	6	57

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Civil Defence activities during the month of October 2022 continues with assistance in the response to the urgent needs of the Displaced Persons (DP's) fleeing from the effects of the Ukraine Crisis.

- Logistical support & Transport of over 52 Ukraine related calls
- Transportation to Medical appointments such as Hospital Visits, GPs, Dentists etc

In Community support and Events we attended:

- Solas Run for Life, Ambulance & First Aid Support.
- Missing Persons Search, Boat Units and Search Teams deployed, Search ongoing.
- Imagine Arts Festival, Ambulance & First Aid Support
- National Radiation Monitoring Survey Exercise, Survey teams deployed throughout the City & County.
To test Mobilisation Procedures, Communications, Documenting Grass & Soil Samples, Logistical support to get the Samples & Readings to the Environmental Protection Agency Labs for analysis.

The Civil Defence volunteers are also working on retraining and recertifying their core skills in their different service area's like Communications, First Aid, Search etc.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement Statistics

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS:

1ST JANUARY 2022 – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE LITTER POLLUTION ACTS 1997 (AS AMENDED)	
Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	146
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	110
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	1

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTS 1996 (AS AMENDED)	
No of Complaints	2161
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	12
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	24
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	34
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	182
Section 14 Directions	23
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	1
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	7
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.	2
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	0

CLIMATE ACTION

Commercial Rates Energy Credit Scheme

Businesses and industry accounts for approximately 41% of county Waterford's carbon emissions. A successful transition to a carbon neutral county and city requires businesses to play their part. With that in mind, the Council put in place an Energy Credit Scheme this year for rate payers. Businesses who attended a short training on energy efficiency and downloaded the information on the energy saving supports available, were eligible to receive a credit on their rates account. The scheme was open to businesses with an annual rates bill of less than €10,000, and all hospitality businesses. 953 businesses participated in the scheme.

Local Climate Action Plan

. In November we will complete a Climate Change Risk Assessment and Baseline Emissions Inventory.

Climate Adaptation Strategy Report

A progress report on how the Council is meeting the goals set out in the Waterford Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2023 was sent to the Department of Environment, Climate Action and Communications at the start of this month. The Council has increased the number of actions ongoing to prepare for Climate Change to 78 from 52. These actions have been taken by Roads, Planning, Heritage, Fire Services and HR.

Reduce Your Use Campaign

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) are collaborating on the Reduce Your Use energy efficiency campaign for public bodies. This campaign is now mandatory for public bodies. This campaign aims to reduce the public sector's energy consumption over the winter period by 15% to help combat rising energy costs. The Council has designated November as Reduce Your Use month and will implement the following initiatives:

Heat

- Establish maximum period for heating, air conditioning and all utilities. Switch-off heating and utilities during out of hours periods.
- Requirement for internal space heating temperature of all public buildings to be consistent with the minimum recommended temperatures for heating. In most (though not all) cases, this will be 19 degrees.
- Requirement to shut off all heat in office buildings at least 1-2 hours before the buildings close.

Light

- Requirement not to have external/window/feature display lighting (i.e., non-security/safety lighting) between 5pm and 7pm and to reduce unnecessary lighting at other times.

Time

- Appropriate to hours of public services and hours of work, introduce new operational control conditions. Challenge core and extended hours of business, minimise and lockdown controls outside these hours.
- Reduce electricity use at peak times whenever possible.

Tracking

- Implement own Energy Efficiency Assessment of all buildings as a minimum, plan to undertake an energy audit by external expert – SEAI/OPW can provide template and guidance to complete.
- Introduce an out-of-hours walk-through audit, to be conducted by security, facilities personnel or by other arrangement.
- Facility Teams to conduct own Operations and Maintenance Audit, assuring condition, settings and upkeep of plant. Focus on plant conditions, set-points, control, maintenance, register of opportunity input.
- Facility team to introduce own process for operational control and measurement.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

• WCCC have prepared an "Energy Saving Booklet", for dissemination to 35,000 houses in Waterford. The booklet highlights energy savings that can be made by homeowners and what funding is available for energy upgrades. Booklet is to be circulated between the 11th and 17th of November.

• WCCC are open to partner with community groups to include buildings within the 2022 "SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme". Funding of between 30% is available for businesses and 50% for community projects. Community building upgrades can include insulation, heating system, renewable energy technologies etc. Measures included within funded measures include window / Door Upgrades, solar PV, Insulation Upgrades, heat pump upgrades etc.

• WCCC are supporting communities in joining the "Sustainable Energy Communities" initiative, where funding is available through SEAI, for the development of "SEC Master Plans" and funding is available for energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy installations.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Schools

The Tom Murphy Litter Competition for Secondary Schools was expanded to include all secondary schools in Waterford city and county this year. 15 secondary schools entered the competition and received litter pickers, high visibility vests, gloves and bags to allow them to carry out litter picks of their designated area. Schools are busy carrying out clean ups between now and the end of November, with some schools carrying out 3 clean ups a week with different classes.

Judging will take place by an adjudicator from IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) in the coming weeks. The prizegiving and presentation of certificates of participation will take place in the Mayors Parlour in early December.

The Green Schools Seminar took place online on 5th October. Most teachers found online events to be a convenient way to take part. The Environmental Awareness Officer is available to visit schools to give advice on the programme.

Waterford primary schools are participating in Picker Pals litter programme once again this school year. This programme is most suitable for 1st and 2nd class children but has classes participating up to 4th and 5th class also. It teaches about litter and involves activity based learning to promote a keen sense of responsibility for the environment.

Waste Prevention

Reuse Month took place during the month of October. The Environment Department created a toolkit for swap events to encourage reuse and repair; this toolkit will provide tips, posters and social media posts to enable community groups, schools, etc to reuse items by running swap events for items such as sports equipment, clothes, musical instruments, school supplies and more. This is available on the Council website and information has been sent to community groups, schools, sports groups, etc.

The Environment Department continues to work with 2GoCup to encourage the use of the deposit return reusable cups at cafes. 10 cafes are taking part in a three month pilot initiative with deposit return reusable cups that cost €1 each. It is hoped that these 10 cafes will then encourage other cafes to accept and move towards reusable cups.

Waterford is taking part in the Commercial Waste Campaign run by the Regional Waste Management Office, a waste audit project was commissioned in small food businesses. As part of this, a waste characterisation is completed, then the commercial waste assets are deployed and a follow up review is done two months later. Each business is also encouraged to give feedback on their experiences. Two businesses in Waterford have agreed to take part in this survey.

New Solid Fuel Regulations

As advised in the September Report new Solid Fuel Regulations have been approved by the Government and will come into force on 31st October 2022.

All updated FAQ documents will also be available on www.gov.ie/cleanair from 1st November.

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Arts Report

- The Waterford Writers Weekend has a busy festival programme in place. The winners of the national Waterford Poetry Prize will be announced and available online on the Imagine Festival website.
- A rural arts network pilot project is taking place currently, a partnership between Waterford and Cork County Council. Initially working with 12 artists in the West Waterford/East Cork area. It's aim is to identify needs of these artists to live and work within their local communities and to identify possible long term network projects..
- The Artist in Schools scheme is running in various primary schools in the city and county at present.

Libraries

In October, Waterford City & County Libraries were hives of activity. We celebrated Arts, Culture, Community and Literacy. Our comfortable spaces hosted families, researchers, and various clubs and organisations.

Statistics; unfortunately our monthly statistics are not available on the date this report is due.

<i>New Members January to October 2022</i>	6,646
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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER:

- In partnership with Imagine Arts Festival Waterford Central Library hosted events on October 28th by children's author Carmel Kelly on pioneering suffragette Anna Haslam as well as poet Lani O'Hanlon and Dalal Sayed in conversation about Dalal's memoir.
- Over 42 events were held in Libraries and Schools for Children's Book Festival with over 1270 children from across the County celebrating the joy of reading with Waterford Library staff, facilitators and beloved authors.
- Over 2,000 Summer Stars medals were distributed this month to students who took part in our reading challenge. Library staff visited local schools and some families came in together to pick up the coveted medals
- The Music Generation Imagine exhibition was launched on October 15th by the Mayor of Waterford City & County Council John O'Leary, this was followed by fantastic performances by young musicians from the Wind and Brass Band as well as the young harpists who performed for International Day of the Harp.
- Reuse month saw Beeswax wrap making workshops and a sustainable living workshop. A Clothes Swap took place in partnership with Slí, Waterford Sustainable Living Ireland and Ella Ryan Environmental Officer with over 77 attendees.
- The 2022 Press Photographer of the Year Awards exhibition was on show during October.
- Pop up Activator Pole workshops were held with 24 participating this month. These popular workshops are held in association with Waterford Sports Partnership.
- Lego clubs are running weekly. These inclusive events help whole families to engage with the Library and the community, overall there were 106 attendees in October.

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- Healthy Ireland at your Library provided a Webinar on 'Raising intuitive eaters' on Saturday 22nd October and a weekly chair yoga session every Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Midterm crafts and story time activities will take place in branches.
- Science Week November 9th to 13th
- Healthy Ireland at your Library events including Creative mindfulness workshops, Gendercare Information event, Looking after your Pelvic Floor and an Autism information session.
- Poetry Workshops by David McLoughlin using material from the archives as part of the Poetry as Commemoration programme.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT:

- The Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Cllr John O'Leary launched the Get That Job series of videos produced by Work Matters at the Library in association with Matrix recruitment, these are aimed at helping job seekers who are looking for that first job, to change career, to up skill or for ways to improve their CV.
- Library staff sourced materials to create a Home Energy Audit kit which will enable more people in the community to check energy usage, heating efficiency and other issues.



Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Cllr John O'Leary with Library Assistant Annie Birney and Sinéad Cummins Assistant Librarian and Work Matters Coordinator launching the Get That Job video series.

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Environmental Officer Ella Ryan & Executive Librarian Fiona Foskin launching our Home Energy audit devices.



Ella Ryan, Environmental Officer, Executive Librarian Fiona Foskin, Usomine Oshiohwemoh, Sarah Keane Slí Waterford and Acting Senior Executive Librarian Sinéad O'Higgins at the clothes swap.



International Harp Day concert. The Local Studies room.



Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Cllr John O'Leary launching the Imagine Exhibition. Pictured with Arts Officer Connor Nolan and members of Music Generation bands and Music Generation staff.



The BFG visiting for Children's book festival.

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Airgeadas / Finance Revenue Account

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A Housing & Building	24,181,343	32,461,813	74%	25,901,801	35,042,973	74%
B Road Transport & Safety	27,965,041	46,030,418	61%	18,271,017	33,445,608	55%
C Water Services	7,986,684	11,141,683	72%	7,585,781	10,674,030	71%
D Development Management	16,503,768	17,678,810	93%	9,832,596	8,494,376	116%
E Environmental Services	15,426,365	20,905,703	74%	2,106,783	2,878,907	73%
F Recreation & Amenity	11,019,045	14,951,207	74%	1,246,600	1,750,939	71%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	738,058	1,182,814	62%	331,309	501,962	66%
H Miscellaneous Services	7,689,413	9,360,886	82%	5,425,985	5,744,486	94%
LG Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	14,751,387	19,668,516	75%
RA Rates	0	0	0%	26,633,652	35,511,536	75%
	111,509,719	153,713,333	73%	112,086,910	153,713,333	73%
Surplus/Deficit				577,192	0	

Collections

Airgeadas
Finance

Summary of main collections Sept 2022 YTD

	A Gross Bal as at 1-1-2022	B Accrued ytd to Sept 2022	C Write Offs and Vacancies	D Waivers & Credits	E Total for Collection [1+2-3] €	F Collected ytd to Sept 2022 €	G' Gross Bal 31-09-2022 [4-5] €	Specific Provision	[6] % Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4] €	[7] % Collected ytd re 2022 Accrual [5/(4-1)]		
Rates	6,132,653	35,338,680	-	988,846	-	1,042,998	39,439,489	27,320,177	12,119,312	2,123,073	73%	77%
Loans	1,702,320	2,522,885	-	-	-	-	4,225,205	2,691,046	1,534,159	-	64%	107%
Rents	3,938,392	12,041,623	-	2,403	-	-	15,977,612	11,776,636	4,200,976	-	74%	98%

Aged Analysis :

	Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance
Rates	-	-	9,150,582	2,968,730	12,119,312
Loans	0 to 3 mths 175,317	4 to 6 mths 64,150	7 to 12 mths 109,391	Greater than 12 mths 1,185,301	1,534,159
Rents	Less than 4 weeks 171,613	4-6 weeks 116,379	7-12 weeks 126,678	Greater than 12 wks 3,786,306	4,200,976

Overdraft Levels

Days in Overdraft in Aug 22'	0	Cost -	0	€0.00	verage Value when in O/D : N/A	€	-
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