



# MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate

### Plenary Mayor November Engagements

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04 9:00 Construction Industry Federation South East Construction Summit-Tower Hotel	05	06
07	08	09 10:00 Opening- Lisa Kane Artists- Meagher Quay	10 11:00 Tree Planting - Mercy Primary School	11	12 18:30 Irish in Civil War Book Launch- Book Centre Waterford	13 10:30 Mass- Ballybricken Church  12:00 Photo at Waterford Crystal
14 10:00 Waterford Branch Royal Legion Annual Remembrance Service- Christ Church Cathedral	15	16	17	18 17:00 Winterval- Christmas Tree Lights- Broad Street	19 12:00 Awards- Mercy Convent Secondary School 13:30 Recording for Sanofi - Mayors Parlour	20 13:00 Winterval Photo Call and Interview with WLR
21	22	23	24	25	26 13:30 Memorial Tree Planting -Peoples Park 17:00 Dungarvan Christmas Lights	27 19:00 History of the Factory and pubs League Book Launch- The Tower Hotel
28	29 12:30 Photocall Mount Congreve Signing of Contracts -Mount Congreve	30 11:00 Photocall & Opening- Suir River Walk - May Park				

#### Notes:

#### 13th Of November:

10:30 Mass- Ballybricken Church Waterford Branch Royal British Legion Annual Remembrance .  
12:00 Photo at Waterford Crystal for Waterford Referees Society.

Mayors attended

Deputy Mayors attended

Metropolitan Mayor attended



All meetings in December are to be On Line.

## Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

### North Quays

- a. **SDZ Developer.**
  - i) Ongoing engagement with private developers to review options and markets for SDZ site.
- b. **Main contract.**
  - i) On 10<sup>th</sup> November the main construction tender for the Waterford North Quays infrastructural contract comprising the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works was issued on etenders, with a return date of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- c. **Planning applications.**
  - i) The plans and particulars for the western flood defence planning application that was submitted to An Bord Pleanála is on public display until 7th December 2021.
- d. **Tender stage - advanced contracts/ enabling works.**
  - i) Tender for the Rock Stabilisation works to the north of Plunkett Station are expected to be returned 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
  - ii) Work has commenced on the Greenway access ramp at Abbey Bridge.
  - iii) The south Plaza enabling works and relocation of the Ferrybank pump station are proposed to commence in January 2022

### Greenways Development

1. **Bilberry to City Centre Greenway Link**
  - Works are continuing on site and have been concentrated on site clearance works, diversion of existing services, public lighting installation and selection and confirmation of Sub-Contractors (Steelwork and piling, stone masons, paving etc).
  - Road Closure of Bilberry Road to facilitate drainage works is in place until end of year and further road closures will be required in 2022 to complete the works.
  - Expected contract duration remains at 18 months.
2. **Tramore to Waterford Greenway Link – Feasibility Study**
  - First phase of works in accordance with NTA Project Approval Guidelines i.e. ‘Scope & Purpose’ is continuing.
  - Anticipated duration for completion of the study is 9/12 months.

### Rural Economic Development

- **Town & Village 2019** – all 5 projects completed and grant funding claims to be submitted to Department.
- **Town & Village Accelerated Measure 2020** - all 16 projects completed and grant funding claims submitted to the Department.
- **Town & Village 2020** – initial claims for grant funding submitted for 3 projects.
- **Town & Village 2021** –Pending an announcement from Department regarding Waterford’s 8 submissions.
- **Town & Village Renewal Scheme Streetscape Measure 2021**- projects being progressed with local communities.

### Trails

- €562,140 allocated to four different projects across Waterford under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

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### Local Enterprise Office

LEO Figures year to date (2021) and comparison of current month with previous year											
Indicator	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Aug-21	Sept-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Nov-20
<b>Measure 1</b>											
No. of clients applying	0	6	6	6	15	23	23	27	27	27	34
No. of clients securing	0	6	6	6	14	22	22	26	26	26	32
Value of support approved	-	€137,308	€137,308	€137,308	€337,777	€629,104	€629,104	€733,251	€733,251	€733,251	€680,151
<b>Measure 2</b>											
No. of clients receiving	219	375	659	1,052	1,317	1,363	1,592	1,918	2,089	2,250	2,991
Value of support given	€20,147	€81,907	€137,884	€298,202	€397,047	€448,324	€522,768	€590,583	€627,577	€682,665	€1,332,784

Support		Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Aug-21	Sept-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
<b>Trading Online Voucher</b>	No. of Approvals	34	46	53	67	78	85	88
	Value of Approvals €	€66,364	€88,941	€100,101	€135,113	€156,108	€171,240	€176,240
<b>LEO Client Stimulus Scheme</b>	No. of Approvals	37	43	49	53	54	57	57
	Value of Approvals €	€95,552	€110,176	€125,263	€135,053	€137,753	€140,453	€142,648
<b>Figures included in cumulative table</b>								

### Shop Waterford, Support Local 2021

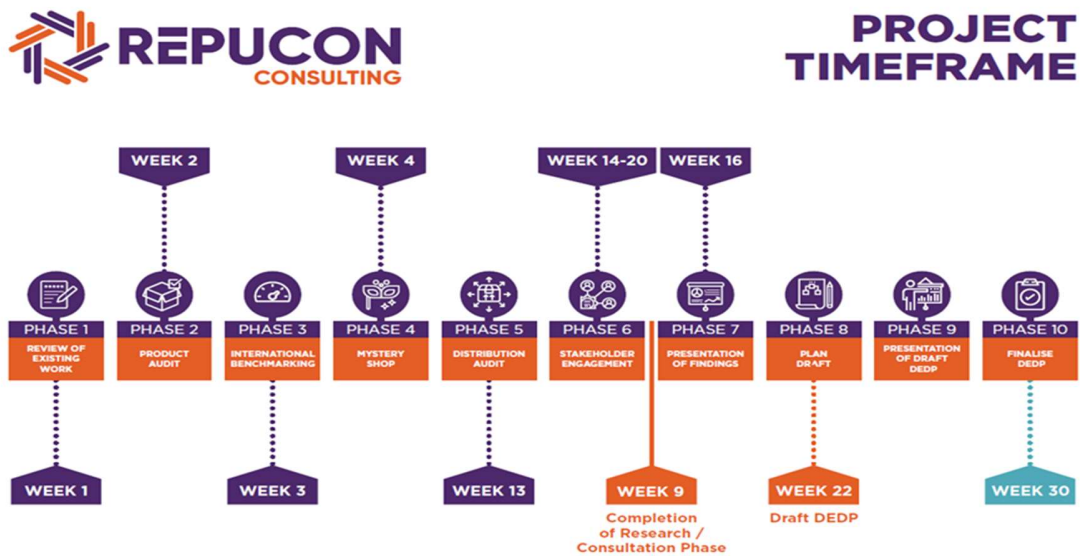
During November the Local Enterprise Office launched its 'Shop Waterford, Support Local' Campaign on radio, print and social media to encourage support of local businesses in the run up to Christmas. This is supported by Waterford City and County Council, Waterford Chamber, Dungarvan Chamber and Waterford City Centre Management Group and the aim is to highlight the vast array of retail and gift options available from businesses throughout the County whether shopping online or in person.



## Tourism

### Fáilte Ireland Destination Experience Development Plan

Fáilte Ireland is developing a five-year sustainable **Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP)** for Waterford City and County as part of the Ireland's Ancient East region. As part of this process, Fáilte Ireland hosted an online international tourism conference on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The event featured tourism experts from several international destinations, who shared their insights on how international tourism destinations are preparing for the future and also their views on global tourism best practice.



## Communications

### Public relations

- Waterford Silver Museum Donation
- Solar Panel Installation at Dungarvan Depot
- €4.2 million Housing for All funding – Manor Hill
- NQ Procurement Phase
- Tramore Public Realm / Christmas lighting in Tramore
- Mount Congreve Contract
- Pride in Parish Larchville / Lisduggan Community initiative
- Library Opening Hours
- Communities light up for Road Safety week
- Fine for unregulated waste collector
- Green Flag Awards for Kilbarry and Greenway
- Suir River Walk completion
- Dungarvan Christmas Lights turned on
- Change of Customer Service Number – 0818
- Planting of Remembrance Tree
- ESRI Stand-out Success Award in 3D GIS (Geographic Information Systems)



Image: Solar panel installation, Dungarvan Depot

## Media Campaigns

### WLRfm Ad campaigns in November

- Winterval OB
- Shop Waterford / Shop Local in association with LEO Waterford
- Library opening hours / Drop In campaign
- Williamstown Golf Club Opening hours
- 0818 Customer Service Number change (English and Irish Version)

### National Radio Campaign – Waterford Best Place to Live campaign

- Cork's Red FM w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Limerick Live 95 w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Galway Bay w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Dublin 98fm w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Beat 102-103 w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- WLRfm w/c November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Newstalk w/c November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

### Beat Radio Campaign in association with Regional LAs

- Support / Shop Local campaign
- Covid Safety campaign in association with HSE

### Local Press advertising:

- Library Services Campaign
- Shop Waterford Campaign
- 0818 Customer Service Number change (English and Irish Version)

### Plus:

- Notifications regarding public road infrastructure (roadworks / diversions), Arts development notifications / COVID-19 safety awareness messages / Recruitment campaigns

### Network Chamber Magazine

- 2 page feature – Waterford's Decarbonisation Plan

### Sector Magazine

- Excellence in Public Sector Community Award

### Social Media Stats (combined WCCC and Shop Waterford FB / Twitter combined)

Followers 39, 825 + 302 (+1%)  
Reach / Impressions 724,124 +102,303 (+16.5%)

Due to changes being introduced by COMREG, Waterford City and County Council's main contact number has now changed

De bharr athruithe atá tugtha isteach ag COMREG, tá príomh-uimhir theagmhála Chomhairle Cathrach agus Contae Phort Láirge athraithe anois go

**Waterford City and County Council**

**Customer Service**

**NEW**

**contact number**

**08 18 10 20 20**

**Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Phort Láirge**

**Seirbhísí Custaiméirí uimhir theagmhála**

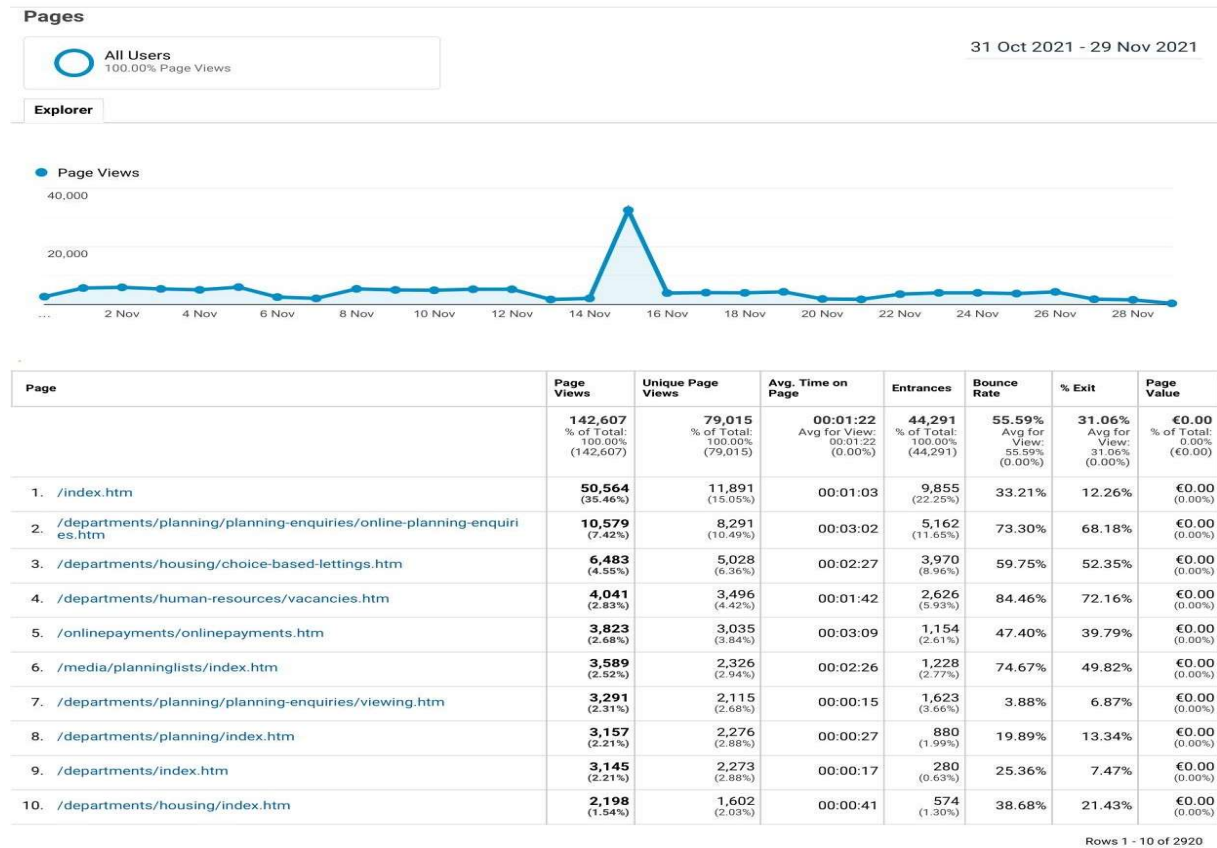
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### Waterford CCC Website Traffic



### Economic Development & Enterprise SPC

The Economic Development & Enterprise SPC met on 24<sup>th</sup> November and the focus of the meeting was a presentation from WIT on the South East Economic Monitor and a workshop on the development of the Waterford Economic Strategy.

An introductory event for the development of the new Local Economic & Community Plan for Waterford is being held in December. The dates for meetings of the SPC in 2022 will be agreed once the timeline for the preparation of the new LECP is outlined.

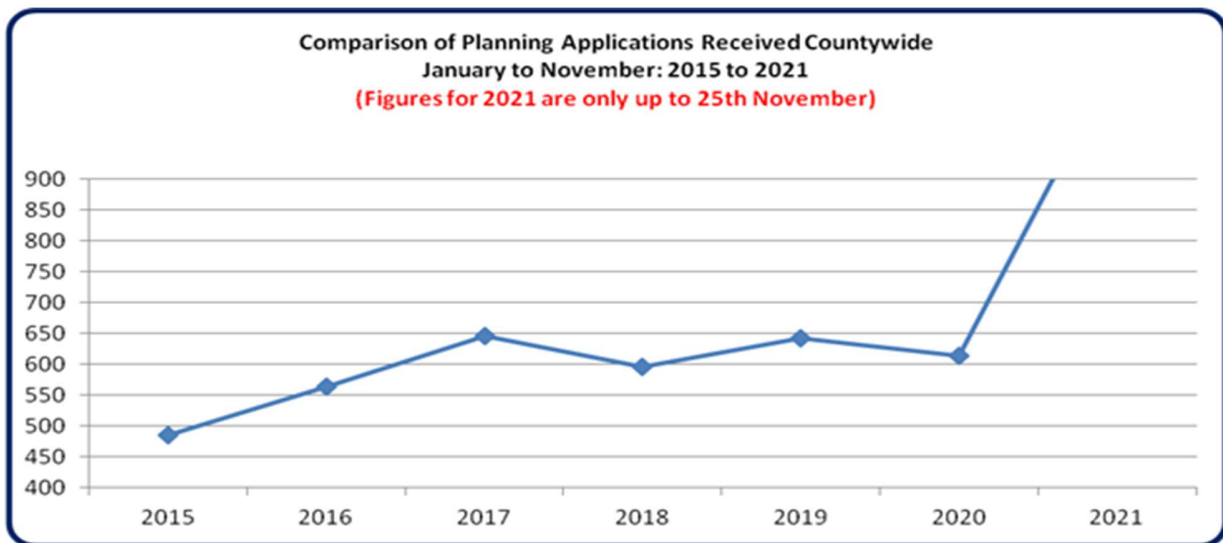


## Pleanáil / Planning

### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

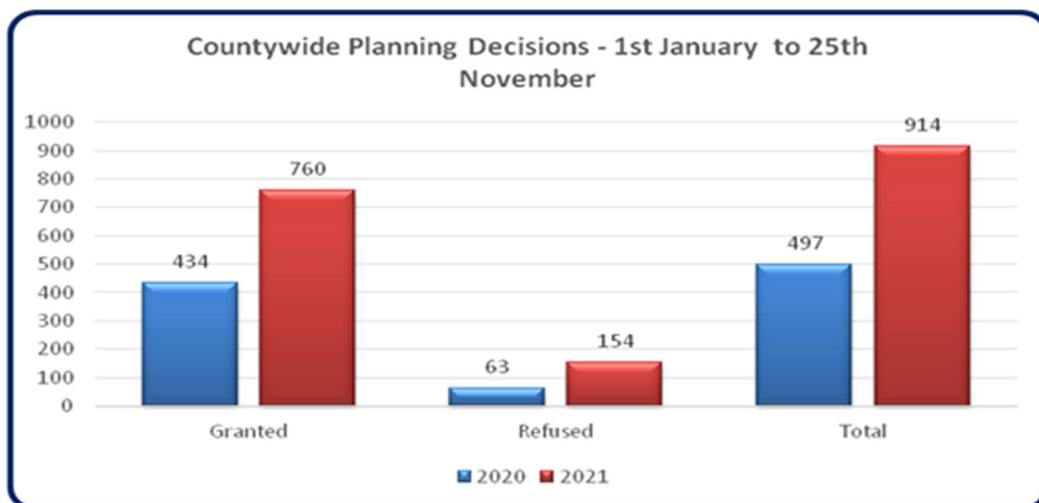
97 Planning applications were received in the month of November countywide (to 25<sup>th</sup> November). This compares with 93 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2020. In October, 90 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 94 received in October 2020.

A total of 1098 planning applications were received in the year to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This compares to 874 planning applications which were received to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.



### Planning Decisions

112 applications were decided from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 compared to 147 for the same period in 2020. The number of applications which have been decided to date in 2021 has increased significantly, as seen below.



## Forward Planning December Plenary Report

### Update on preparation of the draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The Chief Executive Report on the draft development plan public consultation phase has now been submitted to the elected members on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and is available for public view on the [consult.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://consult.waterfordcouncil.ie) website. The report was accompanied by a schedule of workshops to discuss and consider the report which will be held with the elected members before mid February 2022. Following the initial workshop with the plenary council on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, the schedule of workshops will be updated in order to facilitate additional time to consult with the members in their municipal districts and this amended schedule will be circulated once available. The table below outlines the timeline for the development plan preparation with the current phase identified (between week 70 and 82).

Further to Section 12(5)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, no later than the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the members of the council may, having considered the CE Report and the draft plan, make a resolution to accept or amend the draft plan. Where any amendment is considered to be a material alteration to the draft plan a further round of public consultation will be required, subject to SEA and AA as necessary as per the timeline below.

Stage in the Development Plan Process	Duration	Target
Public Notice of Formal Commencement of Process		Commenced 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Initial Public Consultation – Strategic Issues Paper	Not less than 8 weeks - <b>Week 8</b>	Closed 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Chief Executives Report on Pre-Draft Consultation	Within 16 weeks of public notice - <b>Week 16</b>	Presented 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Direction from Elected Members	Within 10 weeks of receiving the CE Report - <b>Week 26</b>	Adopted 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Presentation of Working Draft to the Elected Members	Within 12 weeks of members direction - <b>Week 38</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Consideration, amendment and adoption (making) of Draft Plan	Within 8 weeks of receipt of Working Draft - <b>Week 46</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021
Publish notice of commencement of public consultation	Within 2 weeks of Draft being made - <b>Week 48</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Public Consultation on Draft Plan	Not less than 10 weeks - <b>Week 58</b>	Closes on 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Chief Executives Report on Public Consultation	Within 22 weeks of public notice - <b>Week 70</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
Consideration and adoption (making) of Material Amendments	Within 12 weeks of receiving the CE Report - <b>Week 82</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Publish notice of commencement of public consultation	Within 3 weeks of passing of resolution - <b>Week 85</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
Public Consultation on Material Amendments	Not less than 4 weeks - <b>Week 89</b>	Closes on 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Chief Executives Report on Public Consultation	Within 8 weeks of public notice - <b>Week 93</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Consideration of Chief Executives Report and Adoption of Plan	Within 6 weeks of receiving the CE Report - <b>Week 99</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Publication of notices and coming into operation of the Plan	Plan comes into operation 6 weeks later - <b>Week 105</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Planning SPC

A meeting of the Planning SPC was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Issues discussed included the CE Report on the draft plan, public consultation phase and how the draft development plan will address issues such as the delivery of water/waste water services for rural villages, dereliction and regeneration.

## Heritage

### Waterford Commemorations Programme

Approximately €30,000 was allocated to Waterford's commemoration of the centenary of 1921. Projects included the development of a commemoration website [Waterford2016to2023.ie](http://Waterford2016to2023.ie), a GIS Story Map on the War of Independence in Waterford, publications on the East Waterford Brigade and the Big House 1921-1923 and a community grant scheme which was awarded to 8 projects as follows;

1. Research, design and printing of *The Revolutionary Pat Keating of Comeragh* by Kilrossanty Remembers.

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2. Exhibition and Website on the Pickardstown Ambush by Carbally Community Development.  
<https://www.pickardstown-ambush.ie/>

3. Publication of booklet on the Pickardstown Ambush by Tramore Heritage Group.

4. Waterford Council Trade Union- Seminar on the *Role of Labour in the Revolutionary Period* involving talks by ;

Therese Moriarty: [https://youtu.be/9Q\\_-Bge6Evo](https://youtu.be/9Q_-Bge6Evo)

Dr. Pat McCarthy: <https://youtu.be/IXOsa0jwDEw>

Dr. Kieran Allen: <https://youtu.be/8QwD5I38hvs>

Plenary Session: <https://youtu.be/prcKUPRJXOw>

5. *Interview with a Rebel* Film by Historian James Doherty as part of Imagine Arts Festival.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAmiSCRufXs>

<https://www.imagineartsfestival.com/index.php/whats-21/imagine-arts-festival/film-radio-play/interview-rebel>

6. Research, design and printing of *The Ballyvoile Ambush- A Centenary Study* by Ballyvoile Community Group.

7. Publication of recollections booklet by the Déise Day Care Centre.

8. Waterford Harbour Gun Running in the War of Independence- Talk by Dr. Pat McCarthy on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Commemorations Committee are now planning the 2022 programme of events to mark the centenary of the Civil War.

### Community Monuments Fund

Waterford City and County Council received an allocation of over €100,000 under the Community Monuments Fund towards conservation repairs of Knockboy Medieval Church, Molana Abbey, analysis of Ground Radar Data at the Woodstown Viking Site, repair of historic stonework at Kilgobinet Church and a Conservation Management Plan for Ardmore Graveyard. All projects are complete and the 2022 Community Monuments Fund is open for application until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Wetland Survey

The 2021 Waterford Wetland Survey has been completed mapping 35 wetland sites across the county including coastal lagoon, blanket bog, wet woodland and wet grassland. Funding was received from the Biodiversity Action Plan Fund. There are over 200 wetland sites in Waterford which are very important for wildlife, carbon sinks and flood attenuation but unfortunately are under continual threat of drainage and reclamation. These sites will be protected as sites of biodiversity interest in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

## Conservation

Funding for built heritage

In 2021 built heritage in Waterford received over €433,000 in funding.

- The Built Heritage Investment Scheme provided €136,800 for 15 project including, repairs of windows, roofs, chimneys etc and 7 thatch roofing projects. Provided 755 days of employment
- The Historic Structures Fund provided funding for 3 large projects at Curraghmore House, Lismore Castle and Mount Melleray €165,000. Provided 433 days of employment
- The Historic Towns Initiative, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Heritage Council funding was €77,500
- The Irish Walled Towns Network provided €10,000
- Also the Cappoquin Facade Improvement works provided €45,000 for projects which included restoration projects of historic shopfronts and windows

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- “Stitch in time” grants administered by the council for small repair works also funded repairs to 6 thatch house roofs

**Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2022** details have been announced. All application forms are available on the Council website. If you have any queries or know of anyone or group who might be interested please contact [rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie). The closing date for all applications is 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

### **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022 Waterford has been allocated €182,400**

This Scheme aims to support a significant number of labour-intensive, small-scale conservation projects across the country and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.

### **The Historic Structures Fund 2022 will be structured as follows:**

Funding for the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is being made available as part of *Project Ireland 2040*. Total funding available nationally under the Historic Structures fund in 2022 will be **€4 million**.

**1. Stream 1** will offer grants from **€15,000 up to €50,000** and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.

**2. Stream 1, Historic Shopfronts sub-stream** – As in 2021, to incentivise the conservation of historic shopfronts each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use. Local Authorities are also invited to make an additional application for Irish-language shopfronts.

**3. Stream 2** will offer a small number of grants from **€50,000 up to €200,000** for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where:

a. A clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated, or

b. A clear residential benefit has been demonstrated (such projects must be advanced through the planning process as necessary)

A grant of over €200,000 may be awarded in exceptional circumstances where a case is made by the applicant in relation to the significance of the project and the works proposed.

**4. Vernacular Structures Stream** - In the context of the forthcoming strategy for built vernacular, the pilot stream for vernacular structures introduced in 2021 will be retained, with funding of €50,000. The purpose of the stream is to support conservation repairs and small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in local authority Records of Protected Structures or otherwise legally protected. Such structures may be located within an Architectural Conservation Area. All local authorities can apply for funding for specific projects of between €5,000 and €10,000 for eligible projects.

## Tithíocht / Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	Nov 2020	Total Number of Applications Year 2020	Nov 2021	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2021
Applications received	100	1042	62	789
Applications assessed (incl carried forward from previous month(s))	123	1230	72	965
Applications validated (incl carried forward from previous month(s))	91	761	15	485
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	91	621	24	499

### Housing Allocations

District	New Tenancies during Nov 2020	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2020	New Tenancies during Nov 2021	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2021
<b>3 Districts</b>	21	207	35	8	413
<b>Voluntary Bodies</b>	63	89	2	0	31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>444</b>

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 927. There have been 253 refusals on properties.

### Housing Loans applications

2021 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
<b>Nov</b>	8	0	0	0	8 with agency
<b>YTD</b>	77	0	18	19	8

### Tenant Purchase applications

2021 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
<b>Nov</b>	8	0	2	6	3
<b>YTD 2021</b>	68	0	7	58	16
<b>YTD 2020</b>	51	3	18	30	11

Tenant Purchase sales closed in Nov - 3

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### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Nov 2020 HAP tenancies	Nov 2021 HAP tenancies set up	2021 no. of Active HAP set up	Cumulative no. of HAP Tenancies Set up	Cumulative no. of Active HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	71	33	-31	4,188	2,028

### Inspections of Dwellings

2021	Nov-21
HAP	6
(HAP) Non-Compliant	6
LTL	14
(LTL) Compliant	5
(LTL) Non-Compliant	9
MTR	1
(MTR) Non-Compliant	1

RAS	1
(RAS) Non-Compliant	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

In November, Waterford City & County Council carried out **218** planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections **54** properties has 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 Nov 2021	Value of applications Nov 2021	Cumulative number of applications approved 2021	Cumulative value of 2021 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	9	€87,370.65	39	€533,705.17
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	8	€43,004.38	44	€228,253.40
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	9	€37,702.80	64	€274,421.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>€168,077.83</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>€1,036,380.15</b>

### Homeless Services

Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS) Opened 25/2/19)	Nov 2021	Nov 2020
Number of callers seeking services in WIHS 1 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Up to the end of 2020, the Service has had over 7,100 visitors since opening on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019).	263	252
Number of presentations to WCCC Homeless Services 1 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 (1,671 presentations in total in 2020)	90	69
Number of Formal Homeless Assessments 1 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> November	66	50
Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation (EA) on:	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020
Number of Single Persons in EA	62	54
Number of Families in EA	10	14
Number of children in EA	26	39

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HAP Place Finder Service (6/11/18 to 25/11/21)	Nov 2021	Cumulative
<b>Number of approval letters issued 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (565 approval letters issued to 31/12/2020)</b>	14	856
<b>Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies HUB Complete (312 tenancies set up to 31/12/2020)</b>	12	469
<b>Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies currently being processed (as at 25/11/2021)</b>	9	N/A

Housing First Programme	Tenancies
<b>Number of Housing First tenancies in place at 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Target = 30 by December 2021)</b>	30

Homeless preventions, supported exits and sustained tenancies continue to be the priorities for Homeless Services in 2021. This will be achieved by continuing our partnership and collaborative working with the HSE and the various Homeless Service Providers in Waterford and by utilising our various projects in WIHS including our Homeless Prevention & Support Service, Advice & Information Service, Tenancy Support & Sustainment Service, HAP PlaceFinder and the Housing First Service.

#### Capital Projects

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects</b>
<b>Total Units in WCCC Projects 777</b>
<b>Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects</b>
<b>Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 88</b>
<b>Housing Efficiency Retrofit (60 Units in Total for 2021)</b>
<b>Total Units in Efficiency Retrofit 59</b>

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

November 2021	TOTAL
<b>Handed Over / Works Completed</b>	14
<b>Newly vacant</b>	10

## Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

### Rural Development Programme:

- The October LCDC Meeting approved nearly €400,000 in projects.
- Of the €400,000, €166,000 was from the EURI Fund.
- Letters of Offer have issued, and they have been signed and returned.
- The December LCDC will have five Projects for Review. Total potential allocation of €400,000 again.
- The Works Projects (Buildings) from the September call will be evaluated in January.
- Potential project allocation of €450,000 for the Works Projects.
- There will be a Targeted Open Call for LEADER Projects in January 2022.
- This maybe the last Call of this programme unless there are additional funds.
- The Four Office Blocks part funded by LEADER are nearing completion. The Economic Unit of WCCC has agreed to match fund the marketing budget from Enterprise Ireland to the tune of €20,000.
- Payments from LEADER/RDP1420 are continuing to progress well, with no de-commitments in recent months.

### Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme 2021:

The LCDC recommendations were submitted to the Minister on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, we are still awaiting notification of the Minister's approval. Once the Minister approves the allocations, the Department shall issue a press release detailing all the awardees under the scheme. The successful applicants shall then be sent a letter of offer from Waterford LCDC.

### Community Activities Fund 2021:

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD, on 11<sup>th</sup> November announced a €9 million fund to support community groups impacted by COVID-19. Waterford City & County has been allocated €288,997. **The once-off fund will be allocated under the Department's Community Enhancement Programme and will be administered locally by the LCDC.**

**The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, with their running costs such as utility or insurance bills, as well as with improvements to their facilities, such as to carry out necessary repairs and to purchase equipment.** The Waterford scheme shall be launched in the first week of December and the closing date to submit applications will be the 14<sup>th</sup> January.

### Comhairle na nÓg:

Progress on 2021 activities is being made weekly by the young people and these are reviewed regularly by the steering committee members. One of the main projects for 2021, the Communitree app is beginning imminently. Phase one of the multi-annual tree planting programmes has been completed at the WIT Arena with Comhairle members now working closely with WCCC, WIT and the Lions club with a new planting site having been identified in Cherrymount, Waterford City.

### Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

The Alliance met on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with a comprehensive review of all activities undertaken year to date. Work continues through the thematic sub-groups to progress the objectives of the AF Strategy. The AF Business



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Recognition Programme for Waterford City and County is progressing. Preliminary work on preparing a new 5 year strategy has begun.

### **Healthy Waterford:**

Current priorities include: Oversight of Healthy Ireland projects and active travel/ active communities. Extension of Healthy Ireland Round 3 funding deadline to end of March 2022. Round 4 of the Healthy Ireland Fund and programme expected to commence in May 2022.

### **Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP):**

The Council through the LCDC has been tasked with the oversight and implementation at local level of elements of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. These include the employment of a SHCP Local Development Officer; the setting up of a SHCP Local Implementation Team (LIT) which has commenced and the Enhancement Funding Scheme. An application for €250k funding was successful and projects will be commencing shortly.

### **Local Community Safety Partnership:**

The Steering and Oversight Group of the CSP had their first meeting in November, the group intends to meet regularly to oversee the development of the Plan. As Waterford is a pilot project its progress is being consistently evaluated by CES, and the first evaluation meetings took place in November. The CSP also commenced the process of securing a consultant for the development of the Community Plan. The next meeting of the Partnership will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **Covid 19 Community Response Forum:**

The CRF – various agencies and organisations working together to address Covid-related issues - continues to meet on a monthly basis.

### **Pride of Place:**

The 2021 National Awards will take place in Killarney on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022, subject to Covid restrictions. Waterford's main entry for the 2022 competition will be the Surprise Surprise Group having won the 2021 PPN awards.

### **Migrant Integration:**

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

### **SICAP**

Waterford Area Partnership continue to implement the SICAP programme on behalf of the LCDC with 79 local community groups and 953 individuals in Waterford expected to benefit in 2021. Priorities for 2022 and the remainder of the Programme have been determined by the LCDC and the Annual Plan 2022 has been developed by WAP and agreed by the LCDC.

### **TIG**

The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group continues to meet regularly by way of Zoom. Needs Analysis being finalised.

## 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 November. 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.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
<b>Total for November</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total for November 2020</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total for 2020</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>16</b>

### **Fire Safety:**

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

Applications Received	November 2021	2021 Year to date	Total for November 2020	Total for 2020
<b>Fire Safety Certificates</b>	6	66	11	84

### **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	Nov 2021	Cumulative Total for 2021	Total for Nov 2020	Total for 2020
<b>Commencement Notices</b>	22	333	21	285
<b>Completion Certificates</b>	18	183	16	224
<b>Disability Access Certificates</b>	6	53	3	45

## Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement Statistics

1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

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

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	197
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	76
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

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

No of Complaints	2390
Legal Actions	1
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	0
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	15
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	75
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	146
Section 14 Directions	29
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	0
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

#### Deposit Return Scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans.

The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan T.D., has signed the [legislative regulations](#) for a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Ireland for plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which will come into force next year.

The Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations, Statutory Instrument no. 599, provide the framework within which the Minister may approve a scheme operator. The regulations also set out the obligations that will fall to producers, retailers and return point operators under the scheme.

The introduction of a DRS scheme will assist in reducing single use plastics, help Ireland meet EU targets and promote a wider circular economy. A Deposit Return Scheme is a system used to incentivise consumers to return their empty beverage containers for recycling or reuse. The DRS being introduced in Ireland is focused on plastic bottles and aluminium cans, to ensure that more of these are captured for recycling and to avoid these being discarded as litter.

In drafting the regulations, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has worked closely with representatives from the beverage industry who will fund and operate the scheme. A commitment to establish a DRS was part of the Programme for Government and the timeline for its establishment was set out in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy, published in September 2020.

The next step is the appointment, by the Minister, of an approved body to operate the scheme. Further engagement is also required with stakeholders, to fix the rate of the deposit to be paid on in-scope bottles and cans.

The scheme is expected to become operational across the country in Quarter 3 of 2022.

### **Environmental Education & Awareness**

#### **Waste prevention**

October was National Reuse Month. A full calendar of events was scheduled around the country, from online tutorials and workshops to videos and podcasts. As part of this, Waterford City & County Council ran a competition with Secondary schools competition to tackle the high number of single use plastic water bottles used in their community. Classes attended an online workshop to learn more about the issue and encourage local businesses to offer water refills and encourage local businesses to sign up to appear on the Refill Tap Map in order for their school to be in with a chance to win a contactless water dispenser (funded by the EPA's LAPN grant) and reusable bottles for their school. St Augustine's College, Dungarvan was the winner of this competition and hope to have their water dispenser installed before Christmas, with De La Salle College, Waterford winning a runners up prize of reusable bottles.

We continue to work with Sports Clubs to reduce the number of single use plastic bottles at their club grounds too by taking a pledge to reduce single use plastic. By signing up to Refill's Tap Map, sports clubs can receive a free sign for their tap and be in with a chance to win 100 branded reusable bottles for their members. If you are involved in or know of any clubs that would like to join the fight against plastic at their club, please contact Ella Ryan at [eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie) or phone 087 2281438.

Workshops continue to be offered online for the moment. A workshop on the topic of how to have a sustainable Christmas is taking place on November 29th with discussion on food waste prevention, recycling and reducing packing at Christmas time taking place alongside a demonstration on how to make a Christmas wreath from your garden materials. This event has been fully booked, as has the waiting list. We are currently taking bookings for a 5-week interactive Sustainable Gardening Course for community groups or individuals interested in reducing their impact on the environment, beginning in January. Topics covered include reducing your waste, growing your own vegetables, planting for pollinators, alternative to chemicals and much, much more. This course is online and booked out quickly when we last held the course in early 2021. A place can be requested at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sustainable-gardening-course-waterford-city-county-council-registration-201968442047>

#### **Green Schools**

This year's Green Schools Seminars were held online on in November, with a seminar for each theme i.e. litter & waste, energy, water, travel, biodiversity, etc. Anyone who couldn't attend their seminar on the night can access the presentation afterwards and receive advice via telephone/Zoom. Schools continue to work on the programme, receiving advice and workshops online for the moment.

#### **Litter**

Waterford City & County Council offers assistance throughout the year for groups/individuals who volunteer to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas.

Picker Pals – 36 school classes will take part in this litter education programme this school year. Aimed at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes, Picker Pals combines storytelling, environmental learning and real world action in the local community. Picker Packs are created from old sails gathered from sailing clubs. This encourages students and their families to take action against litter and to become more conscious of the sources and types of litter locally.

## Ealaíona & Cultúr / Arts & Culture

### **Libraries**

In November, all 12 library branches were open to all for browsing, reading, newspapers, studying, public computer access and printing services. Services are offered in line with changing National Guidelines to ensure safe services to patrons and staff. During the month, 13,872 people visited Waterford libraries and borrowed 22,194 items and 6,516 online resources including eMagazines, eBooks and eAudiobooks. Active membership for November was 10,859 and during the month 65 service wide activities and events took place including:

- Science Week ran across the Library Service from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November with over 250 students participating in Online workshops with Arran Towers.
- Diverse Creative’s exhibition ran until 5<sup>th</sup> November in Central Library.
- EDIC sponsored events including ‘Soapbox’ public speaking competition. A panel of expert judges picked our local winners, Ross Anderson in the 16 & under category and Shane Burke in the 17 & over category, both from Dungarvan CBS. They will now go on to the national competition on the 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- Design Thinking workshop held virtually by Central Library on 3<sup>rd</sup> November with 24 attendees.
- Healthy Ireland Events ‘Mental Health and Wellbeing’ (15 attendees), Nutrition workshop with Aoife Hearne (34 attendees), Exercise and Nutrition workshops for school (240 children attended), What to feed your 4-9 year old (15 attendees) .
- The True Cost of Fashion – Exhibition by Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative – Central Library Index Gallery November 7<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- NALA Online event with The Art Hand ‘Céad Míle Fáilte’ art project: Art workshops celebrating migrant families in Ireland.

Upcoming Events in December:

- ‘Family Time at your Library’ events to run throughout December.
- Christmas online activities throughout December.
- Healthy Ireland at your Library ‘The Five Ways to Wellbeing’ webinar with Mental Health Ireland on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- Librarian Tracy McEneaney is to give her expertise on books for children on the Claire Byrne show on the 29<sup>th</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Library Development:

- The Healthy Ireland Funded ‘First Time Parents Club’ completed its successful second round of workshops in partnership with Barnardos and St. Brigid’s FCC.
- In November there were 49 new subscriptions to the Touch Type Read Spell Software and there are 20 schools with 4,333 users of ‘Times Tables Rock Stars’ Software both funded through Dormant Account Funding.
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**Library images from November include:**

Book Cover Design by WETNS at Carrickphierish for ,  
‘A Butterfly Lion.’

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Young artists picking up Prizes from Halloween Art Competition in Lismore Library.



Study spaces ready for use in Carrickpherish.



The True Cost of Fashion – What our clothes really cost the planet - Exhibition - Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative – November 7<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>.



EDIC Soap Box Regional Winners Pictured left to right: Mr P O'Dwyer (teacher), Shane Burke (winner of 17 and over), Ross Anderson (winner of 16 and under) & Mr Sheehan (Principal)



### Arts

The Arts Practice, Venues and Festival grants have undergone an adjudication process and are awaiting a workshop with Councillors this month.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is opening it's Christmas exhibition for the month of December with a focus on local artists. The Waterford Gallery of Art will also be open in the lead up to the festive season.

Recipients of the bursaries to attend the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, the artists' workplace in Annaghmakerrig have been announced. Full details on [waterfordarts.com](http://waterfordarts.com)

The final arts festivals of 2021 have taken place with the Waterford Film Festival and The Lit concluding a successful annual line up.

Ben Hennessey is exhibiting in GOMA.

The Waterford Gallery of Art continues its exhibition of work from the Waterford Collection.

## Airgeadas / Finance

### Revenue Account

<b>Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income &amp; Expenditure Summary by Service Division</b>							
<b>Y.T.D. to October 31, 2021</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	24,551,133	29,905,750	82%	26,361,418	32,231,369	82%
B	Road Transport & Safety	40,526,605	46,501,378	87%	29,953,622	34,342,105	87%
C	Water Services	8,806,937	10,831,808	81%	8,408,041	10,419,107	81%
D	Development Management	14,567,391	16,894,259	86%	7,813,742	8,467,777	92%
E	Environmental Services	15,028,381	19,210,509	78%	1,743,065	2,847,343	61%
F	Recreation & Amenity	11,411,888	14,454,154	79%	1,182,872	1,806,387	65%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	878,802	979,517	90%	490,541	528,623	93%
H	Miscellaneous Services	17,315,740	9,620,230	180%	13,550,274	4,668,005	290%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	16,387,515	19,665,016	83%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	27,851,558	33,421,873	83%
		<b>133,086,877</b>	<b>148,397,605</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>133,742,648</b>	<b>148,397,605</b>	<b>90%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					655,771	0	

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Collections

Summary of main collections Oct 2021 YTD										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G'		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2021	Accrued ytd to Oct 2021	Write Offs and Vacancies	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Oct 2021	Gross Bal 31-10-2021 [4-5]	Specific Provision	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2021 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€		€	€	€		€	
<b>Rates</b>	11,042,246	33,549,986	- 1,064,274	- 9,030,176	34,497,782	22,831,356	11,666,426	3,200,000	73%	68%
<b>Loans</b>	1,912,249	2,794,267	- 1,391		4,705,125	2,869,173	1,835,952		61%	103%
<b>Rents</b>	4,364,161	12,312,085	- 20,942		16,655,304	12,548,458	4,106,846		75%	102%
<b>Aged Analysis :</b>										
				<b>Less than 1 mth</b>	<b>2 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>greater than 12 mths</b>			<b>Net Balance</b>
<b>Rates</b>				-	-	7,500,953	4,165,473			11,666,426
				<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>				165,351	72,376	137,947	1,460,278			1,835,952
				<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>				97,891	82,615	134,803	3,791,537			4,106,846
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>										
Days in Overdraft in Oct	4		Cost -	185	€1,039,082	Average Value when in O/D : N/A			€	-