



WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

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Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate

Meetings

All council meetings, CPG and SPC's to continue as remote meetings for the month of September pending revision of the guidelines.

Mayoral Calendar August 2020 – Plenary Mayor except where listed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Waterford Residential Care Centre	Tramore Pier Assoc	Official Launch of Spraoi	13	IWTN – Illen to New Ross
15	Waterford Disability Network	17	18	19	Into the Spotlight in Theatre Royal	21
22	Prism at Waterford Courthouse	24	Downs Syndrome Ireland Graduation	26	Kiely Gaule Opening – Metro Mayor	Dunmore East Bluegrass Festival – Metro
29	ARTE.TV Daniel Hope viewing Archives	31				

Electoral Register

A radio advertising campaign will be carried out from 4th to 11th of September to encourage voters to check their details on the Electoral Register and to notify us of any updates or changes.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

North Quays

SDZ Developer.

- i) Work is ongoing on reappraisal of the proposed North Quays development.

Main contract.

- i) 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 is being finalised for the issue of tender documentation to contractors at the end of September.

Planning applications.

- i) A Part 8 planning application for greenway access provision at Abbey Bridge has commenced, the CE Report will be presented to the Metropolitan Council at the September Council meeting, dated 21st September 2021.
- ii) A planning application for the western flood defence works has been prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála, the application is currently being reviewed by Iranród Éireann.

Tender stage - advanced contracts/ enabling works.

- i) The Tender Assessment Reports for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station and South Plaza enabling works are complete and meetings held with each preferred contractor with a view to commencing both contracts shortly.
- ii) The tender for the Rock Stabilisation works to the north of Plunkett Station are due to be issued on etenders imminently.

Ongoing contracts.

Construction works to the Ferrybank section of the South East Greenway has commenced.

URDF: City Centre

- Awaiting URDF funding approval
- Development Partner engagement has commenced with WIT
- Stakeholder engagement has commenced with targeted property owners
- Preliminary scoping of project/s has commenced

RRDF: Mount Congreve

Project Element	Current status
Waste Water Treatment Plant	Contractor approved by RRDF, Works to commence on site mid September
New Visitor Facility and House	Tender process commenced, Tender to be returned early September
Orientation, Wayfinding, Interpretation & Play packages	Tendered process commenced, Tender to be returned early September
Ancillary works Car Park, Glasshouse, Gardens	On going

Bilberry to City Centre Greenway Link

- Preferred tenderer (John Craddock Ltd) has been selected and approval from the NTA to appoint and proceed to construction phase has been received.
- The 'Letter of Intent' will has been issued to the preferred/recommended tenderer as well as letters to those who were unsuccessful.
- The project 'Standstill period' of 14 days has expired and there were no formal challenges received from any of the unsuccessful tenders.
- Chief Executive Orders and 'Letter of Acceptance' to the successful tenderer John Craddock Ltd will be issued this week and formal contract signing will follow. Contract sum is €6,837,511.08 ex VAT.
- It is expected that site works will commence in September with an 18 month contract duration.

Tramore to Waterford Greenway Link – Feasibility Study

- The Tender notice for Consultants was published on eTenders on July 12th with a return date of 10th August.
- Following a number of requests, the tender submission date was extended to August 20th 2021.
- Two tenders were received and are currently being assessed.
- Following completion of Tender assessment and approval from NTA, it is expected to make formal appointment of Consultants in September 2021.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC

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	Aug-20
Measure 1								
No. of clients applying	0	6	6	6	15	23	23	17
No. of clients securing	0	6	6	6	14	22	22	17
Value of support approved	-	€137,308	€137,308	€137,308	€337,777	€629,104	€629,104	€375,485
Measure 2								
No. of clients receiving	219	375	659	1,052	1,317	1,363	1,592	2,058
Value of support given	€20,147	€81,907	€137,884	€298,202	€397,047	€448,324	€522,768	€835,002

Support		Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Aug-21
Trading Online Voucher	No. of Approvals	34	46	53	67
	Value of Approvals €	€66,364	€88,941	€100,101	€135,113
LEO Client Stimulus Scheme	No. of Approvals	37	43	49	53
	Value of Approvals €	€95,552	€110,176	€125,263	€135,053
<i>Figures included in cumulative table</i>					

Waterford receives €240,000 for remote working under the Connected Hubs Scheme

Waterford is one of 117 remote working projects to receive €8.8 Million in grants, announced on Thursday July 22nd by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD. Waterford City and County Council, in partnership with Boxworks, WorkLabs, Waterford City Enterprise Centre, Dungarvan Enterprise Centre and Dunhill Ecopark have been awarded €240,890.

The investment will see significant upgrades to five hubs across Waterford in Dungarvan, Ballyphilip, Ballynaneashagh and two hubs in Waterford City. The proposed works within the five hubs include improved and more efficient remote working spaces, installation of privacy booths, energy savings and improvements. The funds will also be used to make the constantly evolving workplace even more viable for business in Waterford.




Full details of the 117 projects approved for funding by the Minister under the Connected Hubs Scheme are available on www.gov.ie. ConnectedHubs.ie is a part of the Our Rural Future initiative by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The project is being delivered by the Western Development Commission.

Rural Economic Development

Trails - Waterford City and County Council Launches its Membership of Leave No Trace: In late July, Deputy Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Councillor Seánie Power joined Johnny Brunnock, Trails Officer and Ella Ryan, Environment Awareness Officer, Waterford City and County Council to mark Waterford City and County Council's membership of Leave No Trace Ireland. As part of a collaborative initiative between Environmental Awareness and our Tourism and Trails sections, Waterford City & County Council is asking for the public's help in ensuring the county's beaches, parks and beauty spots are amongst the cleanest in Ireland this summer, as the local authority launched their membership of Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace promotes responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. As more of us seek the beauty and pleasure of outdoor recreation this year, our combined effect on the environment increases. Litter, water pollution, disturbance of vegetation, wildlife, livestock, etc. are all markers of the need to protect our county's nature.



Communications

Social Media Analytics: June-August 2021						
Channel	Followers	Reach/ Impressions	Engagement*	Engagement rate	Stories (NEW)	Unique Views
	16,617	811,304	56,385	6.94%	8	1,706
	11,900	479,000	21,920	4.57%		
	1,538	1,749	61	2.1%		

*Accumulated data 01.06.2021-19.08.2021

Social Media Top Stories: June-August 2021			
Month	Story	Reach	Engagement
June	City Hall Pride	82,007	1,622
June	Green your picnic	19,428	1,236
July	Explore More Waterford	29,709	430
July	Successful rescue Bunmahon	21,116	668
August	Waterford 2040 (Twitter)	24,600	58
August	Customer Services Re-opening	9,137	79

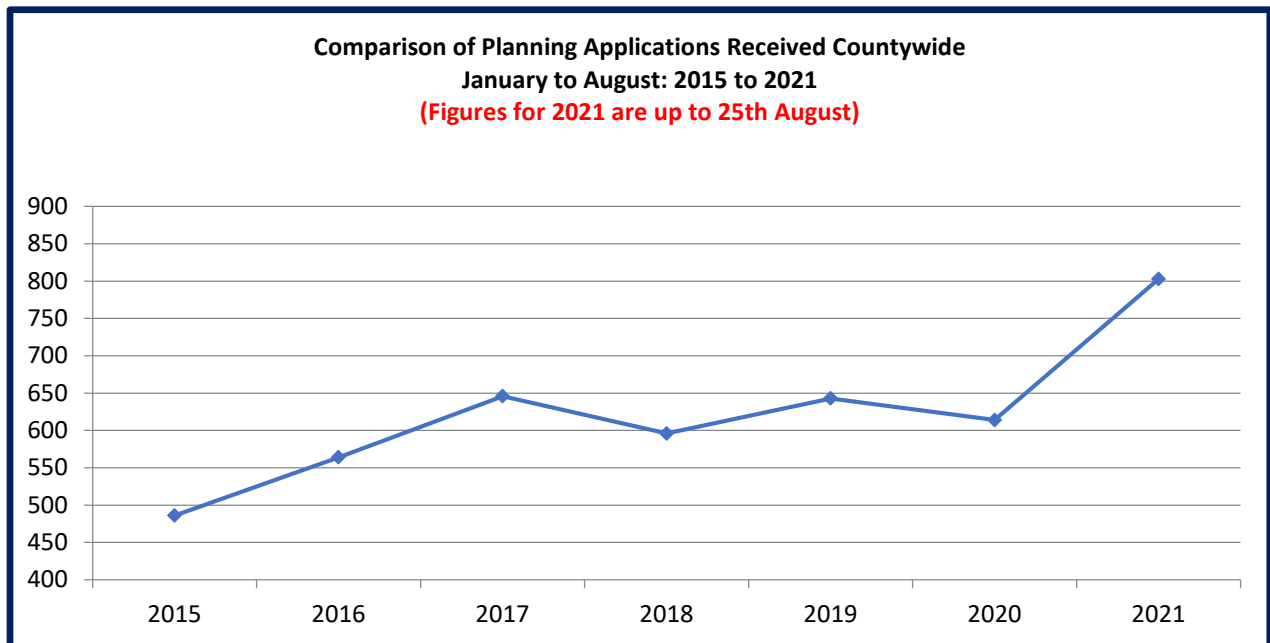


Pleanáil / Planning

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

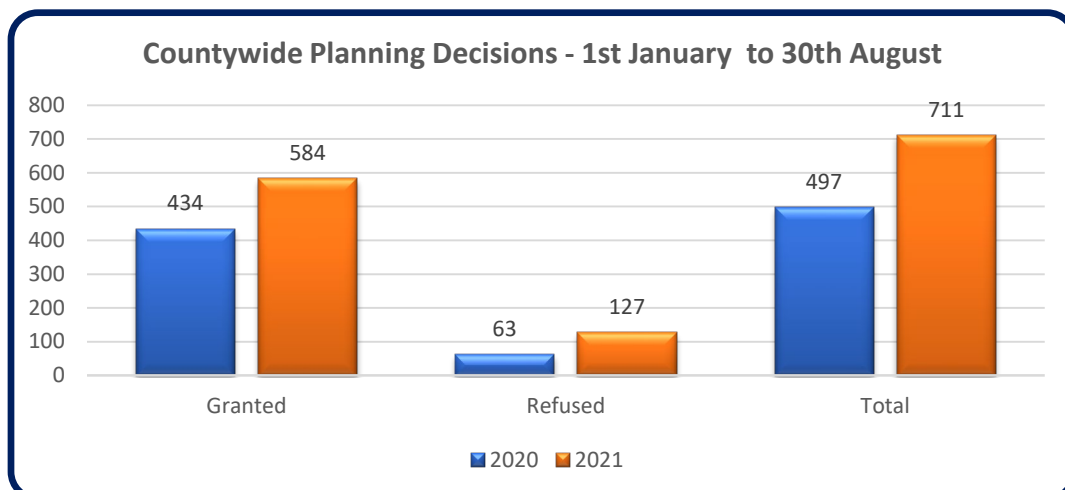
56 Planning applications were received in the month of August countywide (to 25th August). This compares with 93 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2020. In July, 116 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 107 received in July 2020.

A total of 803 planning applications were received in the year to 25th August 2021. This compares to 593 planning applications which were received to the 25th of August 2020.



Planning Decisions

196 applications were decided from the 1st of July to 30th August 2021 compared to 183 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

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

The draft development plan has now been prepared and has just completed the statutory period of public consultation. At time of writing this report (30th August) circa 400 submissions have been received covering a broad range of policy issues and land use zoning provisions of the Draft Development Plan.

It is now intended to review all the written submissions received and prepare a Chief Executive Report which will be submitted to the Plenary Council for discussion by the end of November. This Report will summarise the submissions received and give the response and recommendation of the Chief Executive to the various issues raised and in particular the submissions received from the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Southern Regional Assembly. A series of workshops will be arranged over the period late November 2021 to mid-February 2022 to facilitate further debate with the Plenary/Municipal Council on the submissions received and any amendments arising to the Draft Development Plan.

Activity	Duration	Start	Finish
Development Plan Preparation Period.	Max 104 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Fri 15/07/22
Pre Draft Plan Public Consultation. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Mon 14/09/20
Prepare CE Report on submissions and submit to Plenary Council. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 14/09/20	Mon 09/11/20
Liaise and discuss with Plenary Council and obtain Resolution on CE Report. NOW COMPLETED	10 wks	Mon 09/11/20	Mon 18/01/21
Prepare a Draft Dev Plan. NOW COMPLETED	12 wks	Mon 18/01/21	Mon 12/04/21
Submit Draft Dev Plan to Plenary Council and obtain Resolution. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 12/04/21	Mon 07/06/21
Notice of preparation of Draft Dev Plan. NOW COMPLETED	2 wks	Mon 07/06/21	Mon 21/06/21
Public Consultation on Draft Dev Plan. NOW COMPLETED	10 wks	Mon 21/06/21	Mon 30/08/21
Prepare CE Report on submissions received and submit to Plenary Council for consideration.	12 wks	Mon 30/08/21	Mon 22/11/21
Resolution of Plenary Council on CE Report and Draft Dev Plan.	12 wks	Mon 22/11/21	Mon 14/02/22
Notice of Material Alterations if necessary.	3 wks	Mon 14/02/22	Mon 07/03/22
Final Public Consultation on Material Alterations.	4 wks	Mon 07/03/22	Mon 04/04/22
Prepare C.E. Report on submissions.	8 wks	Mon 04/04/22	Mon 30/05/22
Plenary Council to consider CE Report and make Resolution.	6 wks	Mon 30/05/22	Mon 11/07/22
New Dev Plan comes into force.	6 wks	Mon 11/07/22	Mon 22/08/22

Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement service of Waterford City & County Council continues to operate throughout the current lockdown as planning enforcement is deemed as an essential service. The following figures show the work undertaken countywide in 2021 up to 30th August:

- Enforcement cases under active investigation – 104
- Warning letters issued – 86
- Enforcement Notices Issued – 13.

Heritage and Conservation

Heritage Week 2021

Heritage Week ran from Saturday 14th August– Sunday, 22nd August with a programme of 30 events in Waterford detailed on HeritageWeek.ie. Nationwide featured the conservation project on Knockboy Church in Ballinamult with interviews with local community group, stonemason, archaeologists and WCCC Heritage Officer.

Biodiversity Funding

A webinar on the Waterford Swift Survey was hosted by Birdwatch Ireland on June 21st to encourage community involvement in the survey funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The survey has recorded 47 nest sites to date and final report will be completed in October. Further sightings can be emailed to swifts@birdwatchireland.ie.

New Placenames Website

Waterford City & County Council's Placenames Committee launched a new Waterford Placenames website - www.deiselogainm.ie - as a celebration of the importance of the naming of places, or toponymy, and as a showcase of the rich cultural heritage of the Placenames of the Déise. The website contains information on the work of the Placenames Committee and is a useful resource for developers seeking suitable names for estates, for schools who want to learn about their local placenames and for researchers of placenames in general.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Further to previous updates, 18 projects around the city and county have received funding under the scheme. Works are currently proceeding and due to be completed by the end of September

Bóithre agus Iompar / Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme Update

The road works programme is substantially complete at this stage with 98% of Surface Dressing and 80% of Strengthening works now finished. Works are currently underway in the Comeragh district and it is expected that the programme will be fully completed by early October.

CLÁR 2021 Approved Schemes Announced

The CLÁR programme (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) 2021 approvals have been announced by Minister Humphreys. Out of a total of 12 projects submitted under Measures 1 & 2 only 3 projects have been approved, which is a disappointing outcome for all of the other communities and schools that made applications. These applications can be resubmitted should additional funding become available.

The schemes approved are all Measure 1 programmes as follows:-

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures

Villierstown School/Tidy Towns €49,500

Kilbrien Community Centre €45,000

Agligh School/Tidy Towns €49,500

Tithíocht / Housing

Housing Applications and Allocations

Housing Applications

Housing applications	July+Aug 2020	Total Number of Applications Year 2020	July + Aug 2021	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2021
Applications received	203	788	126	593
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	283	847	152	717
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	126	515	78	401
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	120	451	70	397

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during July +Aug 2020	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2020	New Tenancies during July+Aug 2021	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2021
Council Districts	35	125	71	25	297
Voluntary Bodies	3	22	24	0	0
Totals	38	137	95	25	297

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 859. There have been 14 refusals on properties .

Housing Loans and Tenant Purchase Applications

Housing Loans applications

2021 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
July + Aug	13	1	0	0	23
YTD	57	5	16	17	23

Tenant Purchase applications

2021 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
July + Aug	17	9	1	7	0
YTD 2021	53	13	5	27	12
YTD 2020	61	2	21	34	13

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0 Tenant Purchase sales closed in July + Aug -

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	July + Aug 2020 HAP tenancies	July + Aug 2021 HAP tenancies set up	2021 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	97	61	48	4097	2108

Inspections of Dwellings

2021	July + Aug-21
Turnkey & Part 5 Housing	2
Compliant	2
Non-Compliant	0
LTL	18
Compliant	4
Non-Compliant	14
<i>of which were Re Inspections</i>	8
MTR	2
(MTR) Non-Compliant	2
CAS	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
<i>of which were Re Inspections</i>	0
Total	23

In July & August, Waterford City & County Council carried out 448 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 73 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 July+ Aug 2021	Value of applications July + Aug 2021	Cumulative number of applications approved 2021	Cumulative value of 2021 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	4	€47,489.00	15	€253,463.18
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	3	€9,846.93	15	€78,608.45
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	14	€63,874.35	32	€117,177.63

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Total	21	€121,210.28	62	€449,249.26
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Homeless Services

Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS) (Opened 25 th June 2020)	July 2020	July 2021	Aug 2020	Aug 2021
Number of callers seeking services in WIHS. (Up to the end of 2020, the Service has had over 7,100 visitors since opening on 25th February 2019).	345	410	349	269
Number of presentations to WCCC Homeless Services (1,671 presentations in total in 2020)	105	139	123	90
Number of Formal Homeless Assessments	76	89	54	66
Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation on the last night of each month	July 2020	July 2021	Aug 2020	Aug 2021
Number of Single Persons in EA	65	57	67	52
Number of Families in EA	13	10	15	12
Number of children in EA	41	29	43	31

HAP Place Finder Service	July+ Aug 2021	Cumulative (06.11.18 to 31.08.21)
Number of approval letters issued 1st July to 27th August 2021 (565 approval letters issued to 31/12/2020)	42	784
Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies HUB Complete 1st July to 27th August 2021 (312 tenancies set up to 31/12/2020)	22	440
Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies currently being processed (as at 27/08/2021)	12	N/A

Housing First Programme	Tenancies
Number of Housing First tenancies in place at 25th June 2021 (Target = 30 by December 2021)	29

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.

Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

Rural Development Programme:

- The EURI (European Union Regeneration Initiative) fund which supports recovery in rural areas post Covid-19 was approved and launched by the Government. €0.5m allocated to Co. Waterford
- A New Targeted Call for Projects under the LEADER Transitional Fund was issued in the local newspapers and on the websites of WLP Clg, WCCC, PPN, and on Facebook.
- The next Call will be at the end of November. It will be from the EURI Fund.
- Payments are progressing well on the RDP1420
- There will be four projects for approval at the October 2021 LCDC Meeting.
- The May Call had significant interest. These projects are seeking €700,000 in total in LEADER Funds. These 5 projects should be back in for the September Call, with a decision in December/January.

Community Enhancement Programme 2021.

All successful applicants have returned their signed terms and condition forms and have received their grant payment.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Progress on 2021 identified activities is being made weekly by the young people. Meetings between the young people and coordinator continue to be held regularly with the hope of a return to face to face meetings once Covid restrictions allow. The first phase of the multi-annual tree planting programme has been completed at the WIT Arena with additional sites being identified currently.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Work continues through the Thematic sub-groups to progress the objectives of the AF Strategy. The multi-annual work plan submitted by all subgroups and approved by the Alliance is now being progressed. The next meeting of the AF Alliance is taking place on September 1st

Healthy Waterford:

Funding received is supporting initiatives including active community initiatives, disability actions, social farming and mental health.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme:

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) is a new initiative, led by Sláintecare and Healthy Ireland in the Department of Health, in partnership with cross-sectoral, national and local stakeholders. The goal of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people living in the most disadvantaged communities in Ireland.

Under the SHCP, socially disadvantaged areas in Waterford City have been designated for interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in these areas. The purpose of the Programme is to reduce health inequalities by addressing the wider social determinants of health in communities experiencing high levels of deprivation.

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) and under the Enhancement Funding Scheme, the submission for funding of projects that would positively impact on the health and wellbeing of those who live within the Programme Area.

Local Community Safety Partnership:

The second meeting of the Partnership will take place on 7th September at 7pm.

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 Pride of Place judging schedule has been announced:

Rathgormack North Waterford Community Development September 10th 10.30am – Virtual judging

Gracedieu Combined Residents Association September 27th 11.45am – Virtual judging

Deise Women’s Shed: Friday October 8th 10am-12noon – Council Chamber Dungarvan – subject to Covid 19 protocols

Social Inclusion:

Migrant Integration:

Work progressing on implementing Strategy.

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.

Mid Programme Review commencing shortly.

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 months of July and August. 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
Total for July and August	90	81	24	1
Year to date	463	277	113	3
<i>Total for July and August 2020</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>4</i>
Total for 2020	707	455	182	16

Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	July and August 2021	2021 Year to date	<i>Total for July and August 2020</i>	<i>Total for 2020</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	15	47	7	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	July and August 2021	Cumulative Total to end of June for 2021	<i>Total for July and August 2020</i>	<i>Total for 2020</i>
Commencement Notices	Information unavailable	183	43	285
Completion Certificates	Information unavailable	128	35	224
Disability Access Certificates	Information unavailable	21	6	45

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities during the month of June & August 2021 consisted mostly of Covid-19 Response duties.

Essential Tasks undertaken were:

- PPE training.
- Vehicle preparation.
- Vehicle Cleaning and Decontamination.
- Mission Planning and Communications.
- Patient Transportation for cancer treatments.
- Vaccination Center Transport Requests and Coordination of Humanitarian Requests for Transport.

Patient Transportation was provided by Civil Defence volunteers to members of the community with no other available means of transport. This was only made possible by the cooperation and dedication of Civil Defence Volunteers.

Transportation tasks included to and from:

- Clinical appointments (e.g. doctors, dental, radiotherapy, etc).
- Hospital Appointments in South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel, Cork CUH, Waterford UHW and Whitfield.
- Vaccination Center Transport's to WIT Arena.
- Admin support for Irish Blood Transfusion Clinic, Woodlands Hotel 9 days 16 members.

At all times stringent measures were put in place to ensure the safety of Civil Defence volunteers and those members of the community served.

Where feasibility Training has resumed on line via Zoom.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement Statistics

1st January 2021 – 31st August 2021

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	155
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	55
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

No of Complaints	1807
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)	11
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	64
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	102
Section 14 Directions	24
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

Environmental Education & Awareness

Litter

“Bag it Bin it”

The Bag it, Bin it regional anti-dog fouling campaign continues to evolve. The social media posts have progressed to the effects of dog fouling on others, most recently on children. We have been working with Waterford Childcare Committee on this message. The Bag it Bin it message has been produced in stencils for footpaths, and community groups, residents associations, Tidy Towns groups, Foroige, Eco Groups, etc have been borrowing these stencils to get this message out to local communities over the summer months. These communities have received help in creating videos, social media content, stencils on footpaths, awareness days and dog litter counts, etc. A comprehensive education pack will be sent to schools in September, complete with lesson plans for teachers, worksheets for pupils and a song.

Litter Clean-ups

Waterford City & County Council continue to receive regular requests for clean up materials and collection of 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.

Leave No Trace

Waterford City & County Council's membership of Leave No Trace was launched recently. Leave No Trace promotes responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. As more of us seek the beauty and pleasure of outdoor recreation this year, our combined effect on the environment increases. We asked for the public's help in keeping our county's beaches, parks and beauty spots clean as we promote the Leave No Trace theme.

Gum Litter Taskforce

Waterford City & County Council are taking part in the Gum Litter Taskforce's campaign once again this year. The campaign looks to build on the success of previous years as the percentage of gum as a proportion of litter has dropped by 64% since the campaign began. The campaign is making a strong return for 2021 after being postponed last year due to COVID-19. This year's campaign will be different in that the national and local authority launch events will be done virtually, and the campaign will have a stronger social media presence in order to reach a wider and younger audience.

Waste

Green Picnic

The Green Picnic campaign will be extended into the autumn and winter months. During the period June to September the Green Picnic campaign asked people to bring their litter home with them and bring reusable items wherever possible. We aim to promote positive and active participation in a campaign that will focus on the theme of reuse and encourage all to take responsibility for their actions and their waste. For the coming months, we will be engaging with Businesses, Secondary Schools, Tidy Towns groups and Sports Clubs to involve them in taking action on reuse also. This will be done via workshops, competitions and resources.

Fast Fashion

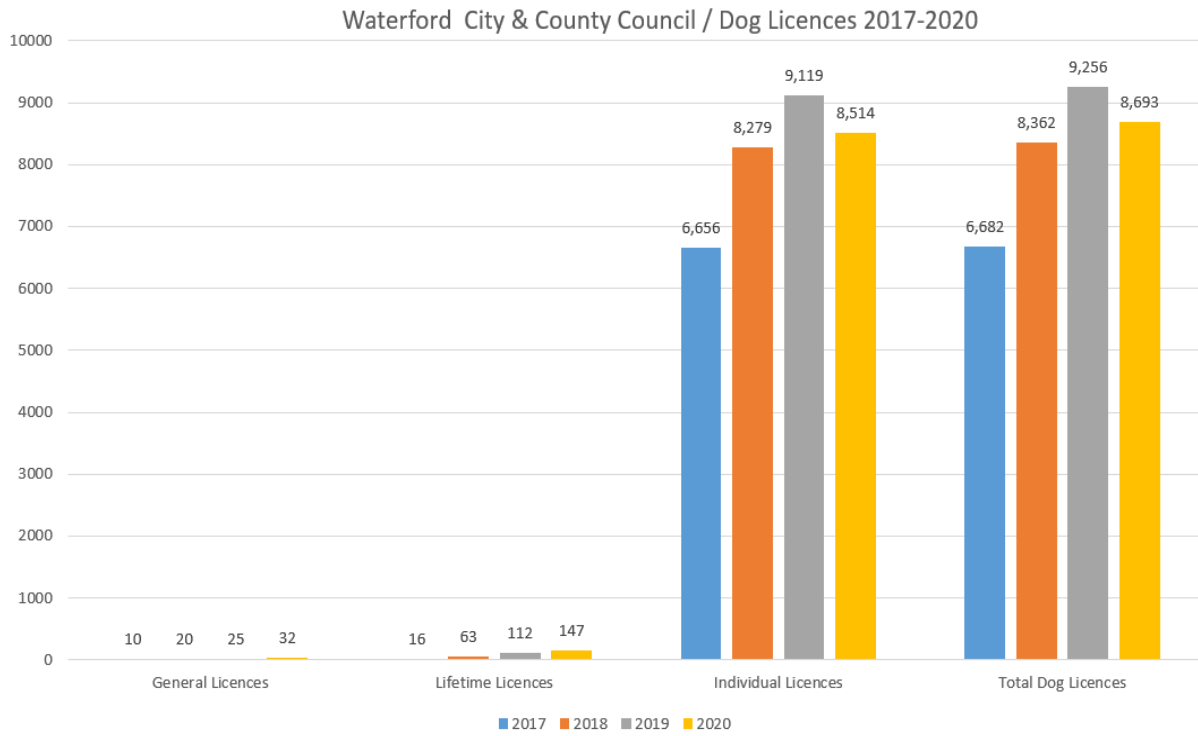
A Fast Fashion resource has been created for use by teachers in Secondary Schools and will be released in September. This includes a teachers pack, presentations for use in class and an online workshop for teachers to inform them about fashion and its effect on the environment. In Ireland, half a tonne of clothing is dumped every minute, producing 12 tonnes of carbon emissions. This resource will allow classes to take action on a range of environmental issues such as waste, climate change and water pollution by discussing issues around fast fashion.

Dog Control Statistics for Year 2020

The 2020 Annual Dog Control Statistics, based on returns from all Local Authorities are available on the following link <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/879d4c-dog-control-statistics/>

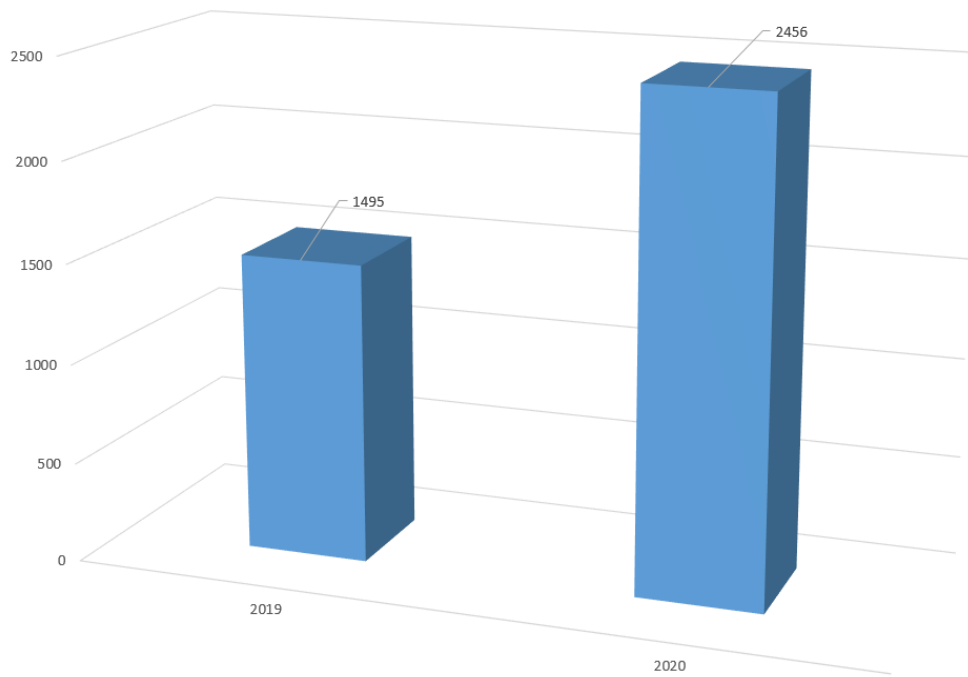
The following graphs provide some context regarding the 2020 figures relating to Waterford:

1. The number of dog licences by type issued in Waterford in period 2017 to 2020. The graph shows an increase in dog licences issued in period from 2017 to 2019 and a reduction in 2020.

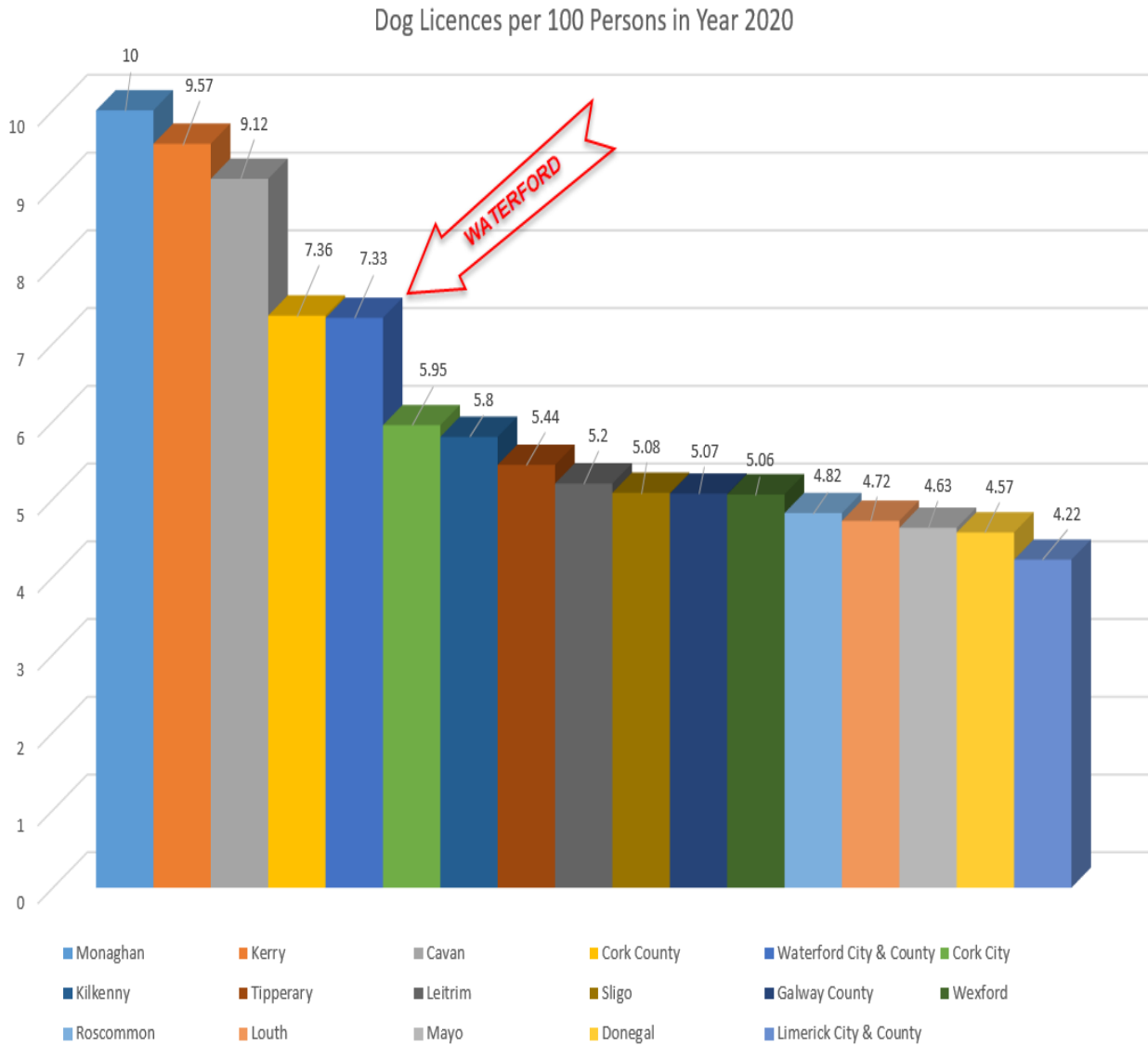


2. *During 2020 the number of dog licences purchased on-line increased by 64%*

Increase of 64.28% in the number of licences issued on-line in Waterford City & County in period from 2019 to 2020

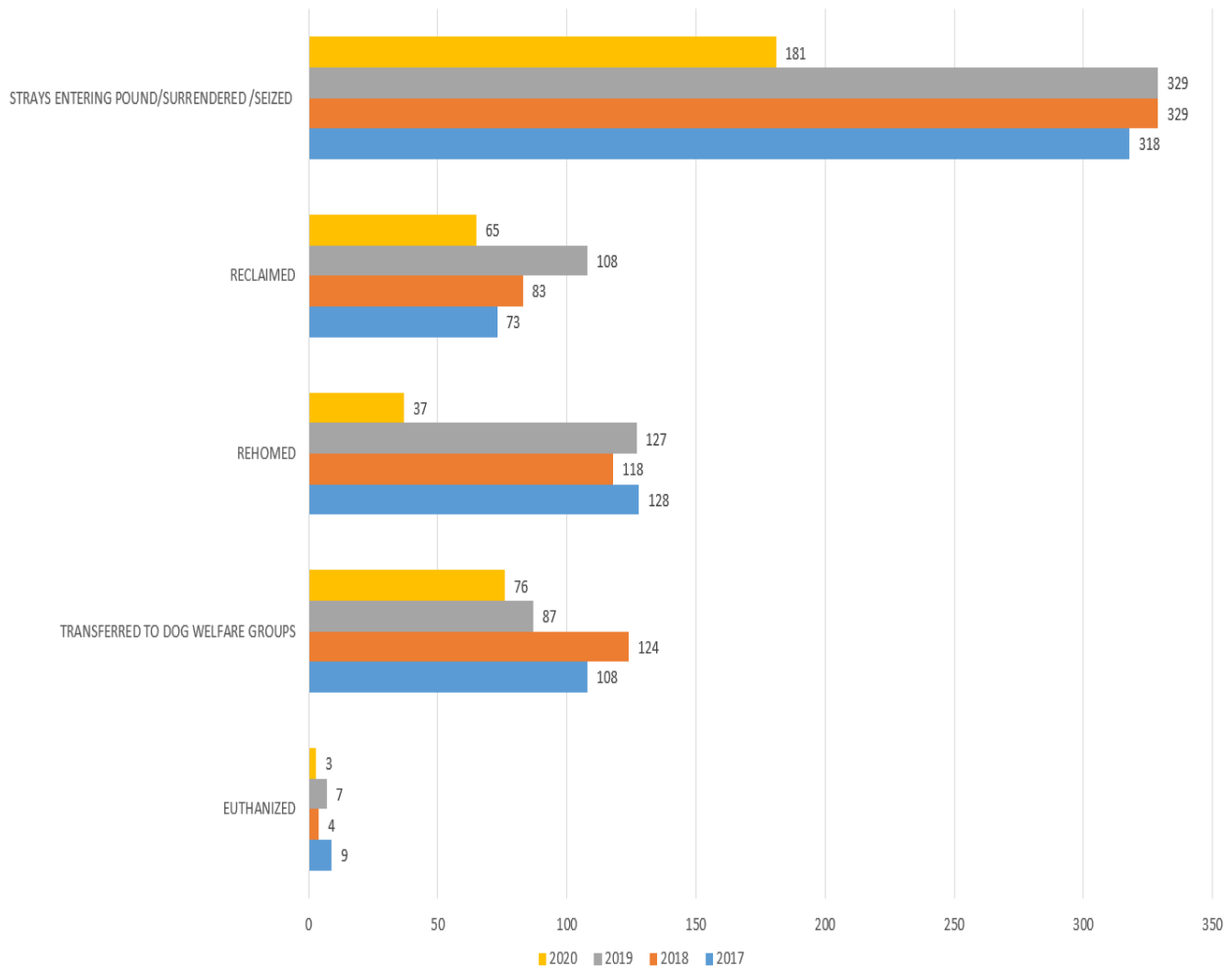


3. *In 2020 Waterford was the fifth highest ranking county based on the number of dog licences per 100 persons. Based on the 2016 Census of Population.*



4. *The graph indicates the total number of stray, surrendered & seized dogs entering the dog pound provided by Waterford City & County Council in the period in period 2017 to 2020.*

Stray / Surrendered / Seized Dogs Entering the Pound in period 2017 to 2020



Nationally the statistics indicate that the number of dogs entering local authority pounds is decreasing year-on-year, down from 9,162 in 2019 to 5,310 in 2020. The figure was 9,961 in 2018 and 11,774 in 2017.

The total number of dogs euthanised in 2020 in local authority pounds was 172, down from 403 in 2019, 778 in 2018, 996 in 2017 and 1,674 in 2016.

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Libraries

In August, all library branches were open for browsing services. During the 11,505 people visited libraries throughout the county and borrowed 19,914 items along with 7,080 online resources including eMagazines, eBooks and eAudiobooks. Active membership of the Library Service for August was 9,886 and during the month 25 service wide activities and events took place including;

- Waterford Libraries have been successful in achieving funding from the following sources in 2021 :
 - Dormant Accounts Funding** (€9,399.41) – funded projects include: Times Tables Rockstars (Maths Digital Literacy) and Sensory Garden for Carrickphierish Library.
 - Healthy Ireland DRCD Funding** for Health Zones & Outdoor Equipment (€5,622.95) –Funded items includes Disinfecting Fogger machines for all branches, outdoor furniture for Lismore, Tallow and Dunmore East Libraries.
 - Public Libraries Design Thinking Pilot 2021** (€1,500) - funded project is a Work Matters at the Library programme to address labour market inclusivity individuals and communities at risk of being disadvantaged, socially excluded or marginalised
- Six Online events in cooperation with Waterford Council Archives and promotion to mark Heritage Week from 14th – 22nd August. Total audiences were 68 attendees at the live online events with 209 views of the videos post event, 652 engagements on Twitter and over 16,500 reached via Facebook.
- The Summer Stars Reading Adventure continues in August with 1144 participants to date with outreach to schools, radio adverts, promotion and online events
- International art exhibition ‘The Vertigo Project’ by Jean Curran currently on display in Dungarvan Library as part of Dungarvan Art Trail running until the end of August
- ‘Seen and Celebrated’ Photography Exhibition in Ardkeen Library running until the end of August
- ‘Meet the Dogs!’ Dogs Trust Ireland Online Talk and Quiz, an audience of 14 attended the live online event.
- Online events including Scrabble club, story time videos and Facebook book club, Work Matters videos and Branch Book club meetings

Upcoming Events in September:

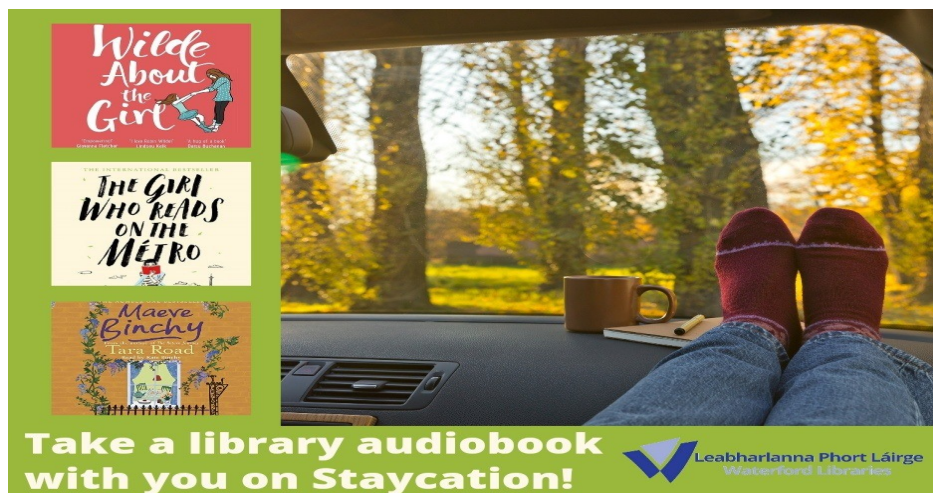
- Culmination Summer Stars Reading adventure; libraries will work with schools throughout the county to award medals and certificates to children who have completed the program
- Events to mark Culture Night on Friday 17th September
- Events to support Poetry Ireland’s ‘Poetry Town’ which runs 10th – 18th September
- Events to support Positive Ageing Week running 27th September to 1st October
- Second Round of the First Time Parents Online group with Barnardos and St. Brigid’s FCC supported by Waterford Libraries

Library Development:

- Re-opening of Tallow and Dunmore East Libraries in August
- Installation of WIFI4EU in branches including Kilmacthomas and Tallow Libraries.

- Preparations for return to school in Carrickphierish Library’s Teacher’s Section.
- Development of ‘Greetings from Waterford’ online postcard collection for Heritage Week, along with workshops and videos promoting County Waterford Heritage
- WLR Interviews with Executive Librarian Tracy McEaney to promote library events and activities as well as features in Local Newspapers.
- Training received included Covid Compliance Champion Training and preliminary work has started on the introduction of the new Library Management System, Spydus.
- Building repairs including garden work and painting of Cappoquin Library underway and MOL preparations continue in Lismore Library

Library images from August include:



‘Borrowbox App eAudiobooks’ graphic, promoted online



‘Summer Stars Reading Challenge’ graphic promoted online and in branch

Arts Report



- The 2021 Arts Grants continue to be administrated and paid.
- Mentoring continues with programmes for film and playwriting.
- Filming by outside companies has been busy over the past couple of months with visits from the UK (BBC), Germany, Holland and more locally.
- WGOA is open and is continuing to exhibit ASPECTS with its later opening hours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
- Partnering Rogue is continuing with plans submitted for the layout of the new Arthouse on Thomas Street. In the meantime Rogue has just finished its *Words to the Wyse* festival of street poetry and gigs in Wyse Park. Rogue’s ongoing art courses as well as a Badge Making course are very active and it’s exhibition: Magic Realism by Lucjan Lawnicki has had ecstatic reviews in the Munster Express, as well as the News & Star.
- Partnering with GOMA Gallery and studios has been busy this summer with a Rikon authored business plan (supported by the Enterprise Office and the Arts Office) being prepared for the Autumn. GOMA’s current exhibition in collaboration with the Arts Office and the Theatre Royal sees two Waterford artists – Dave Curran and Richie Murphy coming together for a reactive collaboration. GOM A will also shortly be launching a new Web Site.



INTO THE SPOTLIGHT
A CELEBRATION OF NEW WATERFORD ART

DAVE CURRAN & RICHIE MURPHY Dave and Richie are modern/contemporary painters who collaborate on paintings by reacting to each other’s brush strokes and colour choices, taking their inspiration from colour, nature and the world around them.

20TH AUGUST – 10TH SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY – FRIDAY, 10AM – 4PM

O’Brien to author a Youth Art report for the South East. This scheme sees 4 counties collaborating along with Waterford Youth Arts and Creative Waterford.

- Waterford Youth Arts have just completed their Waterford partnership collaboration *Romeo and Juliet* directed by Jim Nolan in Wyse Park.



- The Arts Council has agreed a

partnership with Waterford Council for a Visual Arts Coordinator. The appointment will see the authorship of a Visual Arts Strategy and will include management of the Waterford Collection as

well as aiding the management of the Waterford Gallery of Art and exhibitions in the City, Dungarvan and touring.

- The new Art Storage Centre is awaiting quotes prior to work commencing on making the building suitable to accept the Waterford Collection.
- Music Generation completed its AGM recently and is in the process of setting up a Local Music Education Partnership.
- The Arts Office was involved in the successful application for an Outdoor Animation Scheme in partnership with the WCQ, Museums, Architects, Heritage and the Economic Unit. An application for further funding for Artistic Public Realm will be submitted shortly.
- The Culture Night programme is being managed by the Arts Office and is due to be announced in early September. Highlights include Covid safe performances in the WCQ and Viking Triangle as well as events in the major venues.
- A Tender is being drawn-up for the Dungarvan Town Hall Theatre for Lighting and essential H&S work.
- The Waterford Film Centre partnership is extremely busy at the moment with two Council aided films



currently being shot. The WFC are also partnering with Garter Lane Arts Centre for new storage and administration offices as well as other facilities. The WFC also partnered with the Arts Office on new 360 degree filming acquisitions in return for video services.

- Waterfordarts.com continues to be digitally published on the internet – this is a service run from the Arts Office.

- Invitations for Arts Grant applications for 2022 will be going online shortly. The Arts Office is currently working with Submit.com to make the applications as simple as possible. A new Venues Format has been workshopped with the Waterford venues and it too will also be going online. It is hoped adjudications will take place in late October and recommendations going to the Council for the December Plenary.
- Background preparatory meetings to develop a new Arts Strategy are currently under discussion.
- The Arts service was successful in being awarded the grant for the Dept of Arts outdoor performance scheme. An E-tender was put in place and awarded to Showscope Productions of Bray (Co., Wicklow). The result was Anseo Waterford - a major success with over 80 Waterford people being employed over its duration. The event was entirely live streamed and is available to view on Youtube. An edited version will shortly be able to be viewed on Vimeo. The weather wasn't particularly favourable though in Dungarvan. In the City capacity crowds enjoyed both sets of concerts.





The Arts Office supported Ted and Mary O' Regan Arts Bursaries were presented by the Mayor of Waterford City and County, Councillor Joe Kelly, at a ceremony in Garter Lane a couple of weeks ago. This year's winners are visual artist Jack Hogan, musician Robbie Pender, writer Nicola Spendlove and composer Patrick Sullivan.



Spraoi at Kilmacthomas Viaduct with aerial artists.

In The Open – Faoin Spéir is an Arts Council initiative that encourages partnerships between arts organisations and local authorities to create artistic programmes in outdoor spaces. Waterford City & Co Council supported the

application made by Waterford Sprai and is one of only sixteen centres nationally who were successful. The result is partnership with Garter Lane, EveryEvent & WLR FM plus employment for several artists, creatives and technicians and an outdoor animation of the Apple



Market/Michael Street area of the city

Sprai also put a terrific programme in place with alternative events along the Greenway and most recently Prism at Waterford's Courthouse, attracting local and national interest. A magical summer offering supported by Waterford Council.





The Dungarvan Art Trail with Jean Curran’s ‘Vertigo Project’ which continues around vacant premises and some ancillary businesses in Dungarvan continues to the end of August. It has brought visitors specifically to the town to see it.

Dungarvan has been selected as one of twenty Poetry Towns nationally. This initiative is being funded by Poetry Ireland, the Arts Council and the Arts Office, Waterford City and County Council.



There is a week long programme of events and online activities planned for the Town with Poetry at it’s core from 10th to 18th September. Dungarvan’s Poet Laureate has been announced as Áine Uí Fhoghlú, An Rinn, Dún Garbhán and she has been commissioned to write a poem especially for the town. See www.poetrytown.ie for all events.



The summer had it’s share of festivals with some more still to come and all supported by the Council’s Festival Scheme. Plans had to change, some had to go online but artists continued to work and communities enjoyed what was on offer.



The winner of the national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2021 will be announced online as a Culture Night reading on September 17th. The closing date for the national Waterford Poetry Prize is September 1st. Full details on www.waterfordarts.com

ArtLinks supported a discretionary project with artists soprano Róisín O’Grady, Waterford, harpist Siobhan Armstrong, Kilkenny and seán nos singer Cárthach Mac Craith, An Rinn each prominent in their own field. The project brings these musicians together to perform music from Ireland and Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries with performances planned in 2022.



‘Aspects II’ newly conserved works from the Waterford Art Collection and ‘Market 21’ by various artists continue at the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan, open Thursday through Saturday. Admission Free.



Airgeadas / Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to July 31, 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A Housing & Building	17,169,033	29,905,750	57%	18,285,304	32,231,369	57%
B Road Transport & Safety	21,708,048	46,501,378	47%	14,162,473	34,342,105	41%
C Water Services	6,110,005	10,831,808	56%	5,811,245	10,419,107	56%
D Development Management	9,626,877	16,894,259	57%	5,004,933	8,467,777	59%
E Environmental Services	10,125,944	19,210,509	53%	924,107	2,847,343	32%
F Recreation & Amenity	7,922,449	14,454,154	55%	845,380	1,806,387	47%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	539,133	979,517	55%	280,919	528,623	53%
H Miscellaneous Services	11,613,957	9,620,230	121%	8,827,046	4,668,005	189%
LG Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	11,471,259	19,665,016	58%
RA Rates	0	0	0%	19,496,093	33,421,873	58%
	84,815,446	148,397,605	57%	85,108,758	148,397,605	57%
Surplus/Deficit				293,312	0	

4. . MANAGEMENT REPORT PLENARY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Summary of main collections July 2021 YTD										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G'		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2021	Accrued ytd to July 2021	Write Offs and Vacancies	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to July 2021	Gross Bal 31-07-2021 [4-5]	Specific Provision	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2021 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€		€	€	€		€	
Rates	#####	33,549,986	- 110,359	- 6,087,995	38,393,878	18,470,044	19,923,834	3,620,000	53%	55%
Loans	1,912,249	1,924,030	-		3,836,279	1,950,282	1,885,997		51%	101%
Rents	4,364,161	8,561,538	- 26,437		12,899,262	8,699,843	4,199,419		67%	102%
Aged Analysis :										
				Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates				-	14,821,162	-	5,102,672			19,923,834
				0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans				165,048	66,260	167,093	1,487,596			1,885,997
				Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents				105,271	78,250	129,002	3,886,896			4,199,419
Overdraft Levels										
Days in Overdraft in July	0		Cost -		€0.00	Average Value when in O/D : N/A			€	-