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Economic Development

1. North Quays

1.1 Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure

Detailed design for the Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure is progressing, these works will form part of the main contract.

1.2 Flood Defence

Preliminary design for Flood Defence works is commencing.

1.3 Tenders

Enabling works

Tenders have been received for the proposed demolition contract, these are currently being reviewed. Tender documents for service diversion works have been issued and tenders are due to be returned in early February for assessment.

Main contract

The tender process for the main contract will start in early February, commencing with Suitability Assessment Questionnaires (SAQs).

4. SDZ Development

The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland submitted their application for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone on 17th December 2019. All submissions or observations are due by 29th January and decision date of 19th February 2020.

2.0 Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Jan 2019	At end of Jan 2020
No. of Clients Met	40	58
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	0	0
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	0	0
Value of Measure 1 support approved	0	0

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Economic Development

No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	92	120
Value of Measure 2 support given	€30,803	€31,927

No Evaluation Committee meeting took place in January 2020. Next meeting is February 2020.

3. Rural Development

3.1 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2018

All 8 projects in progress – Final claims to be made to DRCD by end of March 2020

3.2 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) – 2019

5 applications (Fenor, Lemybrien, Cappoquin, Dunhill and Bunmahon) are currently being progressed in 2020

3.3 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) – 2020

Expression of Interest Process to be advertised in March 2020

3.4 FLAG

All 3 applications now completed and claims submitted

4. Tourism

Platforms for growth 23019- 2022 A Programme for Tourism investment

The Councils application under this programme to develop a world-class visitor experience in the Viking Triangle on the sorting office site has progressed to Stage 3 of the application process.

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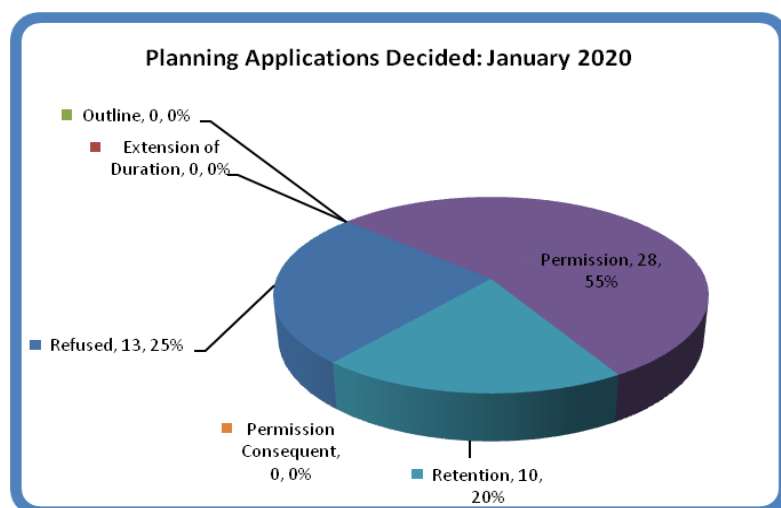
Planning

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

40 Planning applications were received in the month of January (to 29th) countywide. This compares with 52 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of January 2019, 51 planning decisions were made. Of these, 42 applications were granted and 8 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 84%. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

To date in 2020, 40 pre planning applications have been received. These applications are currently being addressed.

Planning SPC

The first SPC meeting of 2020 will now take place on the 25th February having been postponed for the purposes of the General Election. The meeting will consider the Strategic Issues Paper prepared to inform the initial round of public consultation for the preparation of the unitary Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 which is intended to commence in late March 2020. In

Pleanáil

Planning

In addition there will be presentations on the National Marine Planning Framework Consultation Draft and on the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

It is proposed to hold a workshop with the Plenary Council immediately prior to the February Plenary Council meeting. The workshop will inform the Council of the key changes proposed to the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines which relate to sound or noise, visual amenity setback, shadow flicker, consultation obligations, community dividend and grid connections. The Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines are currently the subject of a public consultation process which runs until the 19th February 2020.

Conservation

The closing date for applications under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020 was 5pm on the 27th January. A total of 35 no. applications have been received for grant aid under the BHIS and a further 3 no. applications under the HSF in 2020. Both schemes are administered by Waterford City and County Council. Applications are currently being provisionally assessed by Waterford City and County Council. The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will formally approve projects for funding by 1st of March. Successful applicants must have the works completed by 25th of September 2020. If you have any queries in relation to the scheme please email rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

ROADS PROGRESS REPORT TO END OF JANUARY 2020

Road Works Programme 2020

Workshops have been arranged for each District to agree the Road Works Programme 2020.

Winter Maintenance Programme

Gritting and salting of roads continued during January with crews out on 15 nights during the month.

2020 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations

The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport recently announced the 2020 grant allocation for all local authorities. The total allocation for Waterford City and County Council is €18,570,423 broken down over the following categories:-

Waterford City and County Council - Grant Allocations 2020	
Restoration Improvement	€7,852,500
Restoration Maintenance	€1,183,000
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€732,500
Discretionary Grant	€2,987,000
Specific Improvement	€1,400,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€475,000
Safety Improvement Works	€323,000
Speed Limits	€41,300
Training Grant	€63,000
Drainage Works	€652,623
PSCI Survey Support	€23,000
Community Improvement Scheme	€639,500
Total Allocation	€16,372,423
2020 Specific Improvement Grant	
Scheme Name	Allocation
Fingerpost - Junction of R665 with R671	€1,400,000
2020 Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional & Local Roads	
Total allocation	€475,000
2020 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads	
Total allocation	€323,000

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 January. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues. Good intent false alarms include alarm system malfunctions, alarm systems alerting due to factors other than fire (e.g. steam, dust, power surges, break glass units accidentally set off etc), persons mistakenly observing fires and calls to controlled burning. Malicious false alarms occur where persons deliberately alert the brigade where no emergency exists.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	31	16	6	2
Comeragh	5	6	2	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	18	19	4	0
Total for January	54	41	12	2
Year to date	54	41	12	2
<i>Total for January 2019</i>	59	41	11	0
<i>Total for 2019</i>	734	428	181	11

Fire Safety:

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

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Applications Received	January 2020	2020 Year to date	Total for January 2019	Total for 2019
Fire Safety Certificates	7	7	6	113

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	January 2020	Cumulative Total for 2020	Total for January 2019	Total for 2019
Commencement Notices	25	25	26	339
Completion Certificates	18	18	15	236
Disability Access Certificates	3	3	5	83

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for January are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Irish Wheelchair Assoc Charity Road Race, Kilmacthomas	5 th Jan	First Aid and Response Vehicle
Communications and Off Road Exercise	12 th Jan	Communications and Off Road Driving Familiarisation.

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Emergency Services

Operation Transformation Walk.	18 th Jan	First Aid, Ambulance and 6 crew.
Dungarvan Point to Point Horse Racing	26 th Jan	First Aid Support with 2 Road Ambulances and Response Vehicles.

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Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	January 2019	Total Number of Applications Year 2019	January 2020	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2020
Applications received	100	100	128	128
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	118	118	128	128
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	62	62	75	75
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	59	59	75	75

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during January 2019	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2019	New Tenancies during January 2020	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2020
Comeragh Municipal	0	18	0	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	9	80	1	4	1

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Housing

Municipal					
Metropolitan	25	254	5	4	5
Voluntary Bodies	1	32	7	0	7
Totals	35	384	13	8	13

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 487 here have been 133 refusals on properties to date.

Housing Loans applications

2020 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
January	2	3	4	4	3
YTD	2	3	4	4	3

Tenant Purchase applications

2020 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
January	2	6	1	0	0
YTD 2020	2	6	1	0	0
YTD 2019	59	17	12	30	21

0 Tenant Purchase sales closed in January.

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Housing

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	January 2019 HAP tenancies set up	January 2020 HAP tenancies set up	January 2020 no. of Active HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative no. of HAP Tenancies Set up to date	Cumulative no. of Active HAP Tenancies at this date
HAP Tenancies	45	50	9	3,226	1,961

Inspection of private rented dwellings

2020	Total
HAP	20
Compliant	1
Non-Compliant	19
Re Inspection	1
RAS	11
Compliant	5
Non-Compliant	6
Re Inspection	5
LTL	20
Compliant	10
Other	66
Compliant	32
Total	117
2020	Total

In January 2020, Waterford City & County Council carried out 294 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 115 properties have had improvement works carried out to meet the standards for rented accommodation.

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Housing

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved January 2020	Value of applications to January 2020	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2020 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	2	17403.00	2	17403.00
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	11	63551.90	11	63551.90
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	6	30549.55	6	30549.55
Total	19	111504.45	19	111504.45

Homeless Services

Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS) (Opened 25 th February 2019)	Jan 2020	Jan 2019
Number of callers seeking services in WIHS (3,379 callers in total in 2019)	293	n/a
Number of presentations to WCCC Homeless Services (1,219 presentations in total in 2019)	110	79
Number of Formal Homeless Assessments	70	79

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Emergency Accommodation (EA)	Jan 2020	Jan 2019
Number of Single Persons currently in EA	77	117
Number of Families currently in EA	9	15
Number of children currently in EA	21	27

Exits from Emergency Accommodation (EA)	January - Singles	January - Families
Number of exits from EA	7	2
Number of exits from EA to a new tenancy	3	0

HAP Place Finder Service (Commenced Nov 2018)	Jan 2020	Cumulative
Number of approval letters issued (257 approval letters issued to 31/12/2019)	12	269
Number of HAP Place Finder Tenancies set up (159 tenancies set up to 31/12/2019)	11	170

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Housing First Programme	Tenancies
Number of Housing First tenancies in place (Target = 30 by June 2021)	19

Homeless preventions, supported exits and sustained tenancies continue to be the priorities for Homeless Services in 2020. 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 and the Housing First Service.

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	17	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Approved. Brought to Council workshop
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender Q1 2020.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in Progress
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Awarded	Tender awarded. To commence Q1 2020
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Completed	Completed

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Dungarvan Ballinroad	21	Dungarvan- Lismore	Construction	On site
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q1 2020
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Tender	Tender Q1 2020
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Construction	On site.
Mount William, Williamstown Rd	65	Metropolitan	Turnkey	Stage 1 approved
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going – potential Repair and Lease Scheme
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Construction	34 Units completed. 21 units in progress
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q1, 2020.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q1, 2020.
Kilmacthomas	16	Comeragh	Planning	Part 8 – Q1, 2020
Mount Esker, Ballytruckle	13	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 – Q1, 2020
Estuary Heights, Shandon, Dungarvan	20	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Completed	Completed
Railway Gardens, Lismore	17	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Construction	Commence Q1
Mount Suir,	18	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed

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Carrickphierish				
Brideview Close, Tallow	2	Dungarvan/ Lismore	Completed	Completed
Barnes Lane, The Glen	2	Metropolitan	Completed	Completed
Part V	26	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery On-going 2019 – 16 2020 – 10 (est)
Repair and Lease	151	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2019 – 41 2020 – 60 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Leasing	130	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2019 – 30 2020 – 50 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	16	Metropolitan	On site	11 units completed 5 units in progress
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2020
Buy & Renew – Manor Court	4	Metropolitan	On site	In progress
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress
Total Units in WCCC Projects 847				

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Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Cost revisions being considered. Awaiting progress from AHB.
Dunhill <i>Gleann Ealach</i>	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning refused
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road <i>Focus Ireland</i>	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB
The Paddock's <i>Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland</i>	9	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Construction in progress.
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress. Completion Q2, 2020.
Fairfield Park <i>Circle VHA</i>	40	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 157				

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Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

January 2020	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	0	0	0	0
Newly vacant	15	3	1	19

Compulsory Purchase Orders

In compliance with the Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan, Waterford City & County Council have an ongoing programme to deal with property vacancy that currently involves sixteen (16) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target twenty (20) individual properties. So far, fourteen (14) of these Compulsory Purchase Orders have been confirmed by An Bord Pleanála. These properties have all been identified as vacant, in private ownership and are located countywide. It is proposed to extend the initiative to reduce vacancy to all areas of the county.

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Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- Late January: Open targeted Call process meetings were held in Tramore, Dungarvan and Lismore seeking applications for the LEADER Programme.
- 3 Public Meetings were advertised in the papers and on the websites for the above Call.
- Tourism, Enterprise, Training and Environmental Actions totalling €1.1m are listed under the call as eligible actions to apply for.

Community Festivals and Events Grants

€84,400 was approved for 24 community festival at the January Plenary meeting.

St Patrick's Day Parade Waterford City

The launch of the 2020 St Patricks Day City Parade took place on 16th January, with a group of young climate activists embracing the theme 'Passion for Our Planet'. On-line registration for entries opened to coincide with the launch supported by a media and social media drive.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2020

Application forms are available on the Council website and at both Customer Care desks. Closing date is Friday 28th February, no late applications will be accepted. Applicants who have not submitted their receipts showing expenditure of previous grants received will not be eligible to apply.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The contract for the provision of coordination services for Waterford Comhairle has been awarded to Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Services and will run for a 4 year period. The young people continue to meet regularly and are finalising their project for 2020 with a focus on Climate Change being pursued.

Pride of Place:

Planning for the 2020 The IPB All Ireland Pride of Place Awards has begun already with a national communication meeting having taken place on January 23rd to decide on the categories. Apart from Dunhill Tourism Walking Trail, Waterford entrants will not be confirmed until later in the year.

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Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the National Forum. A new regional structure is now being formed with an Age Friendly regional manager having been appointed.

All thematic sub-groups are now fully active with initiatives/projects identified and being undertaken by the membership.

Healthy Waterford:

Projects under Healthy Ireland Round 3 will be commencing shortly. Funding received will support initiatives including active community initiatives, disability actions, social farming and mental health.

Waterford Migrant Integration Strategy

A draft three-year strategy has been developed and was adopted by the LCDC at its meeting on 12th December with a recommendation that the Plenary Council adopt same. The matter will be considered at the March Plenary meeting.

PPN

714 groups registered with the PPN: 572 Community pillar; 117 Social Inclusion pillar; 25 Environment pillar.

JPC:

The next JPC meeting shall be held on 2nd March in City Chamber, Garda Commissioner Harris shall be attending.

First AGS/JPC Youth Awards will be held in City Hall on 28th February.

Social Inclusion:

SICAP

The 2020 SICAP Annual Plan was approved in principle on 12th December by the LCDC following a recommendation from the SICAP sub-committee that had previously met on November 22nd. The

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sub-committee will meet again on February 4th to review 2019 performance in addition to reviewing the 2020 plan

Final approval of the SICAP 2020 Plan and approval to the 2019 Annual Performance Review will take place at the February LCDC meeting.

TIG

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

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Arts & Culture

Adjudication of the Waterford ArtLinks Bursaries is currently underway. This is to support artists with their own professional development. All offers in respect of the 2020 Arts Practise, Arts Venue and Arts Festivals grants have now issued.

Arts In Education programmes have re-started around the city and county. Music Generation Waterford is running a full music programme for the year.

The Arts Office Literature programme is currently underway with a number of writing courses and opportunities due to be announced at the end of this month.

The Waterford Gallery of Art is showing the 'Aspects' exhibition curated by Dr. Éimear O' Connor and showcasing works from the Art Collection. See waterfordarts.com for opening hours.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is showing 'Ann Martin, Narrative Artist' until mid March.

Libraries

In January 47,246 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 45,913 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for January was 20513.

In January 388 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- Continuation of Healthy Ireland at your Library events held across the Library service including Mindfulness for Exams, Pilates, Healthy Living, Yoga and Social Prescribing meetings.
- First Fortnight, the National Mental Health Art & Culture Festival was supported in collaboration with the Waterford Europe Direct Information Centre and Healthy Ireland at your Library with events in Ardkeen and Central Library and the promotion of the Healthy Ireland Book List.
- Hub Design Event was held in the new digital hub in Waterford Central Library with design speakers from the Graphic/ Visual Communication profession and graduates from the Design in Visual Communication programme in Waterford Institute of Technology (W.I.T.). This event was hosted by the Waterford Europe Direct Information Centre and supported by W.I.T., Waterford Council, IDI, Southern Regional Assembly, Design Works Dublin and Totum Waterford.

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- Art Programme for Migrant Families funded through the Dormant Accounts Fund commenced with workshops taking place in Dungarvan, Cappoquin, Tallow and Central Library.
- Fighting Words Project Training session was held in Waterford Central Library for staff and volunteers for a pilot project in Central Library as part of the Dormant Accounts Funded Reader in Residence.

Upcoming Events in January include:

- Library 'Open Day' on 29th February as part of the national 'Your Library – Take a Closer Look' campaign to encourage everyone to discover/ rediscover their Library #LeapIntoLibraries.
- Continuation of Work Matters at your Library social media for business presentations in partnership with LEO.
- Reader in residence programme of events scheduled throughout the Library service including Literacy through Lego workshops funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund and part of the Library Right to Read initiative.
- Commencement of Fighting Words pilot in Central Library as part of the Dormant Accounts Funded Reader in Residence.
- Continuation of Art programme for Migrant Families funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund.
- Continuation of Healthy Ireland programme of events scheduled across the Library service including Mindfulness, Pilates, and HSE training courses (Positive living with Chronic Illness, Recovery College, Aging with Confidence) and a monthly Tusla Waterford Family Support Drop in Service in Cappoquin Library.

Library Development:

- National and local promotion of 'Your Library – Take a Closer Look' communications campaign with national and local radio, cinema, digital and social media coverage inviting people to #TakeACloserLook at their Library service.
- Library staff from across the Library service attended AsIAM Autism Awareness Training.
- Library staff from across the Library service attended HSE Understanding Trauma and PTSD in the context of the Syrian Refugee Journey.

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Arts & Culture

- Approximately 90% of the new technology equipment has now been rolled out with approximately 80% commissioned.



First Fortnight Tea with Clay



First Fortnight Tea with Clay



Hub Design Event Central Library

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Environmental Services

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2020 – 31st January 2020.

Legal Action Initiated	2
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	41
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines previous years)	6
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1st January 2020 – 31st January 2020

No of Complaints	308
Legal Actions	0
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)	1
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	17
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	2
Section 14 Directions	0
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	1

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at an Authorised Treatment Facility. (European Union End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014 – Fixed Penalty Notice.	
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	0

Environmental Education & Awareness

Green Schools Programme

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, work is ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Renewal visits for the next flag and first time assessments are also underway and will continue until the deadline of 27th March. These renewal visits cover topics such as energy, water, biodiversity, etc. while the first time assessment addresses litter and waste.

Local Litter Awareness Grant

The Local Anti Litter Awareness Grant has been advertised in local newspapers and through social media channels. This grant is idea for groups who are interested in receiving funding for public education and awareness initiatives regarding litter or graffiti. Previous grants aided those holding a cleanup, running an event or creating an information board. Application form are available on the www.waterfordcouncil.ie website or by phoning 0761 10 20 20. The grant application form should be completed and returned to the Environment Section for consideration by the closing date 7th March 2020.

Tidy Towns Competition

Tidy Towns groups around the city & county are working towards entering this year's competition. Waterford City & County Council have been providing information and advice to groups on projects completed in their area for inclusion in applications.

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Local Waste Prevention Grant

This grant supports communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas, and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups. Waterford City and County Council is offering community groups an opportunity this year to promote waste prevention, creating an opportunity to look at waste differently and to determine if we can handle our resources better and encourage a circular economy. Previous examples of funded projects include up-cycling community workshops creating sustainable products from waste, food waste prevention, repair/up-cycling events for Re-Use Month (October annually), bicycle repair workshops and projects that encourage the elimination of single use plastic within a community setting. The application form is available on our website www.waterfordcouncil.ie or from the Environment Section, Waterford City and County Council, phone no.: 0761 10 20 20. The Grant Application Form should be completed and returned to the Environment Section for consideration by the closing date 13th March 2020.

Litter Prevention

Waterford City & County Council Environment Section acting on a suggestion made by Tramore Eco Group has developed a stencil to be used to highlight the amount of litter entering storm drains along riverside or seaside areas in Dungarvan, Waterford and Tramore. The stencil which is bilingual carries the message " Seo Tús Na Farraige Ná Caitear Bruscar" / "The Sea Starts Here Don't Litter" and acts as a reminder on drains that any litter placed in the drain will enter the sea. RTE News filmed the stencils first being placed in Tramore, interviewing members of Tramore Eco Group and Ms. Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer with Waterford City & County Council.

2GoCup Campaign

The 2GoCup campaign in Tramore is progressing, with three coffee shops now committed to taking part in this initiative. The campaign is currently being promoted on social media channels and we expect that others will participate in the 2GoCup campaign.

In order to increase awareness of this campaign Waterford City & County Council would welcome your support by sharing the graphics and short videos on your social media as they appear on our social media channels.

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Community Clean Ups.

Waterford City & County Council offer assistance throughout the year to the general public to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Coastal communities are being engaged with and supported in conjunction with An Taisce's Clean Coasts programme. Waterford City & County Council support groups and individuals by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal.

Waterford Energy Bureau

Renewable Energy Technology

WCCC/ WEB have completed projects funded under the SEAI "Better Energy Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI)" under the "Better Energy Communities Scheme 2019", which included heat pump installation at libraries at Ladylane, Dungarvan and Lismore. The library buildings are now powered exclusively from renewable energy technology and are no longer dependant on fossil fuel for the provision of heating and hot water to the buildings. Other projects funded included Plaza Waterford lighting upgrades, lighting upgrades at Ardkeen Shopping Centre, Londis Store, Carbally Community Centre roof installation, Clashmore Gaa Club, Piltown Community Centre upgrades and two dairy farm solar photo voltaic installation.

Public Lighting

A new public lighting specification has been completed for the City and County including led lighting with dimming profiles in new housing estates. The new design guidelines will bring standardization in regards to lighting design for WCCC.

Tender Documents are been tendered for the retro fitting of 16,000 public lights within Waterford. WCCC public lights are being included within a tender due to be advertised in March for counties within the southern region. Funding has been received for to complete the retro fitting from the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment under the Climate Action Fund. Retro fit works are due to begin in late 2020 following the completion of the tender process.

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Environmental Services

Home Energy Upgrades

To date under the SEAI private homes energy upgrades via the home energy grants and the free energy upgrades for fuel poor housing over 24% of the housing units in Waterford have received upgrades which equates to 12,707 homes. Of this sum 8,407 housing units received grant funding and 4,300 housing units received free energy upgrades. Currently there are a range of grants available for a range of energy efficiency measures which include heat pump installation, heating system control system, solar water heating, solar photo voltaic electric grant, attic, cavity / external wall insulation measures. Further details on energy grants for businesses and farms are available from the [SEAI](#) website.

Support Scheme for Renewable Heat

The “Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment”, has launched a “Support Scheme for Renewable Heat” (SSRH). This scheme includes grant funding for air-source heat pumps for businesses and farmers and tariff payment for biomass boilers, biomass / anaerobic digestion CHP’s and anaerobic digestion boilers. The SSRH scheme is operated by SEAI and open to applications. Further information is available from the [SEAI](#) website.

Website

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at www.waterfordcouncil.ie

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Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division							
Y.T.D. to December 31, 2019							
EXPENDITURE			INCOME				
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
A	Housing & Building	27,265,695	25,969,325	105%	28,353,718	26,916,577	105%
B	Road Transport & Safety	39,867,497	37,127,440	107%	27,589,817	25,376,702	109%
C	Water Services	10,746,374	10,999,576	98%	10,467,298	10,653,344	98%
D	Development Management	14,408,827	15,551,330	93%	6,297,390	7,057,971	89%
E	Environmental Services	18,540,009	18,514,025	100%	2,715,193	2,709,121	100%
F	Recreation & Amenity	13,835,526	14,036,054	99%	1,858,080	1,903,039	98%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,015,299	1,029,278	99%	471,802	434,809	109%
H	Miscellaneous Services	14,154,664	13,435,895	105%	12,372,979	11,891,273	104%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	18,912,115	18,911,516	100%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	31,119,544	30,808,571	101%
		139,833,891	136,662,923	102%	140,157,936	136,662,923	103%
Surplus/Deficit					324,045	0	

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	[1] Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	[2] Accrued ytd to Dec 2019	[3] Write Offs and Vacancies	[4] Total for Collection [1+2-3]	[5] Collected ytd to Dec 2019	Gross Bal 31-12-2019 [4-5]	[6] % Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	[7] % Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	7,648,089	31,088,747	3,000,000	35,736,836	28,437,314	7,299,522	80%	91%
Loans	1,995,885	3,438,736	6,063	5,440,684	3,425,614	2,015,070	63%	100%
Rents	3,712,413	14,024,276	8,702	17,745,391	13,957,780	3,787,611	79%	100%
Aged Analysis :								
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance
Rates			-	-	2,258,527	5,040,995		7,299,522
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths		
Loans			208,226	115,681	254,499	1,436,663		2,015,070
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks		
Rents			243,275	197,661	319,299	3,027,375		3,787,611
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in Dec	2		Cost -	€117.54		Average Value when in O/D : N/A		€ 1,225,761.00