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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Economic Development & Planning Department – Plenary Report: January 2020

1. North Quays

1.1 Sustainable Transport Bridge

Detailed design for the Sustainable Transport Bridge is progressing. Documentation for Foreshore licence, Section 50 application, Bridge Order, etc. is currently being finalised for issue.

1.2 Transport Hub

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

1.3 SDZ Access Infrastructure

Detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area is continuing. Tenders have been received for the proposed demolition contract works, these are currently being reviewed by Roughan O'Donovan, consulting engineers.

Tender documents for service diversion works are due to be issued shortly.

1.4 SDZ Development

The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland submitting their application for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone on 17th December 2019.

2.0 Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Dec 2018 Cumulative Figure	At end of Dec 2019 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	452	310
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	29	36
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	25	31
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€619,833	€703,315
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	1501	2144
Value of Measure 2 support given	€381,077	€567,861

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Student Enterprise Programme 2019

- 689 secondary school students from 13 secondary schools took part in our Student Enterprise Programme.
- 230 primary school children from 8 primary schools took part in our LEAP Programme.

"Celebrating You, Celebrating Yule "

The Local Enterprise Office in conjunction with WLR held its 'Celebrating You, Celebrating Yule' event last Thursday 12th December 2019 in The Pigeon Loft in Coach House Coffee. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate 2019 and start planning for 2020. A selection of LEO clients featured in a panel discussion emcee'd by WLR's Damien Tiernan.



3. Rural Development

3.1 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2018

All 8 projects in progress – claims made to DRCD in November.

3.2 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) - 2019

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

3.3 FLAG

3 applications (Ecological Study at Riverstown; Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area; Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan) are nearing full completion.

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4. Tourism

4.1 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects are in progress or substantially complete :

Measure 1: Dunmore East Cliff Walk minor works and upgrade-now complete.

Measure 2:

Tramore Nature Park-substantially complete.

Faithlegg-Cheekpoint-Passage East Local Walks development-in progress.

Nire Valley Walks maintenance and improvement works-in progress.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2019

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

Measure 1 - 6

Measure 2 - 4

Measure 3 - 1

4 projects under measure 1 successful;

EuroVelo 1, Atlantic Coast Route	€14,000,
Walk Waterford Brochure, promotional photography and videography	€16,000
Waterford Cycling Trails	€14,153
Lady Louisa's Walk, Lismore	€15,960

Awaiting outcome of determination on Measure 2 and 3 applications.

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Planning Applications Received – Countywide

On an annual basis, applicants tend to lodge planning applications in a flurry prior to Christmas so as to achieve a start in the spring. As a result, Christmas week is traditionally the busiest week of the year in the Planning department and 2019 has been no exception. 100 planning applications were received in the month of December 2019. This compares with 79 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

The planning applications received during the Christmas period are being processed at the time of writing, and a definitive annual figure will be available in early January. It is envisaged that planning applications in 2019 will be in the region of 1,006, which will represent a year on year increase from the 892 applications received in 2018.

Planning Decisions 2019 - Countywide

In the full calendar year of 2019, 805 planning decisions were made. This compares with 731 decisions which were made in 2018. In 2019, 725 applications were granted and 80 refused, representing a grant rate of 88.9%. The grant rate in 2018 was 92.2%.

Pre Planning Update- Countywide

The purpose of pre-planning is to afford the opportunity to an applicant for planning permission, to seek advice from the planning authority concerning policy and planning procedures in relation to the proposed development. A total of 550 pre-planning enquiries have been received this year up to the 16th December 2019. The volume of enquiries in 2019 will show a marginal decrease on 2018. (596 pre planning applications were received for entire year of 2018.) Meetings were arranged throughout the year between applicants and the District Planners on a weekly basis.

Waterford North Quays

A planning application was lodged on the 17th of December, for development of lands on the 7.8 hectare site known as Waterford North Quays, Dock Road, Ferrybank, Waterford. The applicant is Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland Limited. The application relates to development in Waterford North Quays Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) and is subject to Waterford North Quays Planning Scheme 2018. As previously detailed, the proposed development comprises a mixed use development of 129,302sqm gross floor area. A ten year permission has been applied for. The application is currently subject to a validation process, with updates being published to the Council's website www.waterfordcouncil.ie

The planning application is available for inspection at our offices in the Menapia Building, the Mall, Waterford [and is also displayed online](#), with public submissions being invited up to the 29th of January 2020.

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Forward Planning

Planning SPC

The first SPC meeting of 2020 will take place on the 4th February. The meeting will consider the Strategic Issues Paper being prepared to inform the initial round of public consultation for the preparation of the unitary Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 - 2028. In addition there will be presentations on the National Marine Planning Framework Consultation Draft and on the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

The schedule for the remaining SPC meetings in 2020 will be determined by reporting periods associated with the development plan preparation process; however it is likely that meetings will be held in June, September and November.

We will be reverting to the Plenary council in February in terms of communication and workshops relation to the Development Plan Process. In the interim, I enclose details of the broad schedules and timing with regard to the process.

Plan Making Training

The Office of the Planning Regulation (OPR) and the Association of Irish Local Government has arranged for planning training for elected members which has been scheduled to take place in Waterford City on Saturday, 15 February 2020. Comprehensive training will be provided for the elected members across a number of pertinent areas including:

- The draft Development Plan Guidelines which are anticipated to be published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government early in the New Year;
- The OPR's Plan Evaluation Methodology which will be published for consultation early in the New Year;
- The environmental aspects of the plan-making process; (including SEA, AA, Flood Impact Assessment, Climate Change, etc) and
- The procedural considerations including initiation of plan-making/variation processes, notices of motion, zoning submissions, voting in the chamber, quorums, lobbying, etc.

The venue for the training will be confirmed shortly and members notified accordingly.

Short term letting

Regulations were introduced last July which are aimed at addressing the impact on the private rental market by the use of residential homes for short-term tourism type letting in areas of high housing demand. Accordingly the new provisions will only apply in areas designated as "**rent pressure zones**" under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, as amended. Waterford City South LEA and Waterford City East LEA are the sole areas in the County designated as rent pressure zones to date.

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Short term letting in areas outside the designated rent pressure zones are not impacted in any way by the new regulations.

Under the new arrangements applicable in rent pressure zones, short term letting is defined as the letting of a house or apartment, or part of a house or apartment, for any period not exceeding 14 days.

Homesharing (the letting of a room or rooms in a person's principal private residence) will continue to be permissible on an unrestricted basis and be exempted from the new planning requirements. Homesharers will be allowed to sub-let their entire principle private residence (house or apartment) on a short term basis for a cumulative period of 90 days where they are temporarily absent from their home. Where the 90 day threshold is exceeded, change of use planning permission will be required.

If you homeshare your principal private residence in a rent pressure zone and wish to avail of the new planning exemptions, you will need to register this with your local authority and fulfil specified reporting obligations. However, where a person owns a property in a rent pressure zone which is **not** their principal private residence and intends to let it for short-term letting purposes, s/he will be required to apply for a change of use planning permission unless the property already has a specific planning permission to be used for tourism or short-term letting purposes.

Full details are available by accessing the following link:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/private-rented-housing/new-regulation-short-term-letting>

To address the area, funding has been made available from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and in December, Waterford was notified that our application for funding has been successful. As a result of the successful funding application, we will be moving to staff a unit to address the area in early 2020.

Conservation

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has announced two funding schemes for Protected Structures - the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020. As a result of these and similar schemes, between 2016 and 2019 the owners of protected structures in Waterford have received over €900,000 in Department funding.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020:

The BHIS scheme seeks to leverage private capital for investment in small-scale, labour-intensive projects and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of Protected Structures and in certain cases, the

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conservation of structures within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA). Waterford has been allocated €114,000 for 2020. Funding awards made under the scheme will be between €2,500 and €15,000, with applicants matching in full the grants being awarded.

The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020:

The primary focus of this fund will be on conservation and enhancement of structures either on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) or eligible for inclusion on RPS or structures located within an ACA where the conservation and enhancement is for the benefit of communities and the public. The funding will enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support.

Both schemes will be administered by Waterford City and County Council. Details of the schemes, the criteria, list of qualifying works and the application forms for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020 and Historic Structures Fund 2020 are now available on www.waterfordcouncil.ie. Completed application forms and a photograph of the structure should be submitted by email to rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie by 5 pm on 27th of January 2020. 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

Current Public Consultations: Department of Housing Planning and Local Government

The following consultations are currently open and submissions have been invited:

Public Consultations	Consultation details:	Open/ close dates:	Link to consultation
General Scheme of the Housing and Planning and Development Bill 2019	Proposed legislative reforms to the judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, including reforms of the standing rights to bring judicial review proceedings in planning cases and also the special legal costs rules relating to such judicial review challenges.	Open Monday, December 9, 2019 Closing Monday, January 27, 2020	https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/public-consultation-general-scheme-housing-planning-and-development-bill
Review of Building Regulations Part L (Conservation of Fuel and Energy) and European Union (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations	EU Directives have introduced requirements for electrical vehicle recharging infrastructure. The Directive also requires installation of building automation and control systems in certain buildings and self-regulating devices for the separate regulation of temperature in each room.	Open Thursday, December 5, 2019 Closing Wednesday, February 5, 2020	https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/building-standards/energy-performance-buildings/public-consultation-review-building

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	m or designated zone of certain buildings.		
revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines	A review of the 2006 Wind Energy Development Guidelines has been undertaken with the current review addressing a number of key aspects of the Guidelines including sound or noise, visual amenity setback, shadow flicker, consultation obligations, community dividend and grid connections.	Open Thursday, December 12, 2019 Closing Wednesday, February 19, 2020	https://www.houov.ie/guidelines/energy/public-consultation-revised-wind-energy-development-guidelines
Draft National Marine Planning Framework	The Draft NMPF is Ireland's first marine planning framework and it applies to a broad range of marine activities including aquaculture, offshore renewable energy, sea fisheries and tourism. It provides a long-term framework for effective management of marine activities and more sustainable use of our marine resources.	Open Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Closing Friday, February 28, 2020	https://www.houov.ie/planning/marine-planning/public-consultation-draft-national-marine-planning-framework
Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) - Article 17	<p>The Marine Strategy Framework Directive is implemented in 6-year cycles commencing in 2012. The Initial Assessment addressing Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the directive was published and reported to the European Commission in 2013.</p> <p>The Department is now in the 2nd implementation cycle and is in the process of revising the Initial Assessment under Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Directive. The views of the public are now sought in relation to the draft update.</p>	Open Friday, December 20, 2019 Closing Friday, June 26, 2020	https://www.houov.ie/water/water-quality/marine-strategy/public-consultation-marine-strategy-framework-directive-200856

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Provisional Development Plan Timeline



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Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2020

Workshops have been arranged for each District to agree the Road Works Programme 2020 and will be held prior to the February District meetings as follows (notification and confirmation will issue prior to meetings):-

Road Works Programme - Workshop Dates/Times	
Dungarvan/Lismore District	10th Feb 1pm - 2pm (break tea/sandwiches before main meeting at 2.30pm)
Metropolitan District	17th February - 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm (tea coffee prior to District Meeting at 5 pm)
Comeragh District	19th February 9.30 - 10 .30 am (tea coffee prior to District Meeting at 11 am)

Winter Maintenance Programme - December

Gritting and salting of roads continued during December with crews out on 13 nights during the month.

2020 National Roads Allocations

The TII recently announced the 2020 grant allocation for all local authorities. The total allocation for 2020 for Waterford City and County Council is €7,501,367 broken down over the following categories:-

TII - 2020 National Roads Allocations - WCCC	
IMPROVEMENT WORKS	
National Primary - HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€140,00
National Primary - Minor Works	€750,00
National Primary - Pavement	€2,170,00
National Secondary - Pavement	€1,695,00
BOTH National Primary & National Secondary - Fencng Retrofit 2020	€25,00
BOTH National Primary & National Secondary - LA Eng Support	€2,070,00
BOTH National Primary & National Secondary - Pavement	€300,00
Total Improvement	€7,150,00

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Allocations		
MAINTENANCE		Allocation
National Primary - Maintenance		€217,397
National Secondary - Maintenance		€84,170
BOTH National Primary & National Secondary - LA Eng Support		€49,800
Total	Maintenance	€351,367
Allocations		

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Emergency Services

Emergency Services (Note all statistics are up to 21st December 2019.)

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 December. 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	15	16	10	1
Comeragh	2	1	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	8	10	0	0
Total for December	25	27	10	1
Year to date	722	415	176	10
<i>Total for December 2018</i>	48	50	21	3
<i>Total for 2018</i>	798	457	174	22

Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	December 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for December 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	4	109	10	99

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Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below.

Application/Notification	December 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	<i>Total for December 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Commencement Notices	12	335	16	231
Completion Certificates	20	249	16	236
Disability Access Certificates	8	82	5	71

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for December are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Winterval.	1 st , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 13 th , 14 th , 15 th , 19 th , 20 th , 21 st , 22 nd , & 23 rd .	First Aid Cover ! Ambulance & 1 Minibus. 34 Members.
Missing Persons Search (22yr old Mother & 18mth baby).	3 rd	3 Members & 3 4X4.
St Bridgets Senior Citizens Christmas Party.	9 th	1 Minibus & driver.
Handicapped Childrens Christmas Part Faithlegge Hotel.	17 th	2 Minibuses, 1 4X4 & 4 Members.
Lions Club Hamper Packing & St Vincent de Paul Delivery of same.	21 st	25 Members.

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Housing Applications

Housing applications	December 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	December 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	47	996	104	1077
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	N/A	N/A	104	1355
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	87	761	56	718
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	50	656	57	734

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during December 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during December 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	1	8	0	1	18
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	2	56	7	4	80
Metropolitan	12	195	9	3	254
Voluntary Bodies	0	10	18	0	0
Totals	15	269	34	8	384

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 471 here have been 125 refusals on properties to date.

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Housing Loans applications

2019 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
December	5	4	1	18	9
YTD	75	4	47	18	9

Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
December	8	3	2	3	3
YTD 2019	59	17	12	30	21
YTD 2018	57	16	17	11	23

3 Tenant Purchase sales closed in December – 2 in Dungarvan – Lismore, 1 in Tramore.

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	December 2018 HAP tenancies set up	December 2019 HAP tenancies set up	December 2019 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	33	44	4	3176	1952

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Inspection of private rented dwellings

2019	Total
HAP	5
Compliant	1
Non-Compliant	4
Re Inspection	1
RAS	4
Compliant	3
Non-Compliant	1
Re Inspection	3
LTL	6
Compliant	6
Other	53
Compliant	53
Total	68

In December 2019, Waterford City & County Council carried out 297 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 10 properties have 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 December 2019	Value of applications to December 2019	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	6	50632.96	52	519357.82
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	3	14200.00	117	617460.88
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	6	28394.82	111	499015.97
Total	15	93227.76	280	1635834.67

Homeless Services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
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December - Cases presented up to and including 31 st December 2019	55	50
Cumulative number of cases presented	850	870

Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation	December 2019	December 2018
Singletons / Individuals availing of homeless accommodation (excluding families)	85	<i>135</i>
Families Availing of Homeless Accommodation (Family Breakdown below)	12	<i>31</i>
Individuals with Dependent Children	10	<i>14</i>
Families with No Dependent Children	0	<i>5</i>
Families with Dependent Children	2	<i>12</i>

Note:

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

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

In total 0 adults and 0 children

Waiting List for Emergency Accommodation = 0

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Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	17	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Approved. Further workshop with Councillors required.
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Tender Design	Tender 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
Dungarvan Ballinroad	21	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	On site
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q1 2020
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Tender	Stage 4 Q1 2020
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Construction	On site.
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	In progress
Mount Suir, Carrickphierish	18	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Brideview Close, Tallow	2	Dungarvan/Lismore	Completed	Completed
Barnes Lane, The Glen	2	Metropolitan	Completed	Completed
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	On-going throughout 2019
Repair and Lease	166	Countywide	Various Stages	Delivery on-going 2019 – 41

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				2020 – 60 (est) 2021 – 50 (est)
Leasing	53	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	On site
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	In progress
Total Units in WCCC Projects 704				

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
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	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
Fairfield Park <i>Circle VHA</i>	40	Metropolitan	Construction	Dwellings completed
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 157				

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Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

December 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed	6	1	3	10
Newly vacant	10	0	3	13

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 fifteen (15) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target eighteen (19) individual properties. So far, thirteen (13) 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:

€424,939.76 was paid during the period October – December '19 for 8 projects. A total of €2,620,086.06 has been paid under the programme to year end 2019.

Community Festivals and Events Grants

The festival grant allocation was agreed at the Plenary meeting in December in advance of the Members' festival grants workshop planned for 6th January.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2020

This will be advertised in newspapers and on Council website & social media in the last week of January. Application forms shall be available from 27th January online and at both Customer Care desks. Closing date will be Friday 28th February, no late applications will be accepted.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The tender for the provision of Comhairle na nÓg coordination services for the next four years closed on November 1st. Assessment of tenders received is complete and the contract has been awarded to Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Services resulting in a continuation of the service that has been in place for the past three years.

Pride of Place:

The IPB All Ireland Pride of Place Awards night took place on November 30th in the Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny. This year, Waterford had three entries (Deise Day Centre, Alexander Street Residents Association and Waterford Comhairle na nÓg) in three different categories. Both the Deise Day Centre and Alexander Street Residents Association won their respective categories.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

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

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

The Alliance met on 10th December 2019 where all thematic sub-groups leads gave updates all groups showing progress to their stated targets/goals.

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Healthy Waterford:

In December, notification was received that the Healthy Waterford (LCDC subcommittee) application for Healthy Ireland Round 3 funding for the period July 2019 to June 2021 was successful and grant aid of €237,757 allocated. This 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 February Plenary meeting.

PPN

703 groups registered with the PPN: 565 Community pillar; 114 Social Inclusion pillar; 24 Environment pillar.

JPC:

The next JPC meeting shall be held on 2nd March in City Chamber. The JPC Steering & Oversight Committee shall meet on 28th January to set out the JPC Action Plan 2020.

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.

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.

St Patrick's Day Parade Waterford City

The theme for 2020 parade is 'Passion for our Planet' and Mr. Henry Moloney Snr has been nominated as Grand Marshall to lead the parade.

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Arts

Waterford City & County Council's application to the Arts Council for 2020 programmes has been successful and we look forward to a productive year in all artistic disciplines in the year ahead.

ArtLinks Bursaries are now open to artists in all art forms in Waterford. This is a partnership of the four Local Authority Arts Offices in Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. It is supported by the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon. The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 4pm.

Grants for the 2020 Arts Practise, Arts Venue and Arts Festivals grants are due to go before Councillors this month.

Music Generation Waterford (MG Waterford) is now recruiting members for two new youth Ensembles starting in Lismore in January 2019. The ensembles will operate for children between the ages of 8 – 16 years old with something to suit everyone's musical standard. Young Musicians from the City and County are now invited to audition and register for each Ensemble. The closing date for applications for the Music Generation West of Waterford Guitar Ensemble is Friday, 11 January 2019, while registration for the Ukulele Ensemble will close the following week, Friday 18 January, 2019. For more information see musicgenerationwaterford@wwetb.ie

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 installing their New Year Exhibition 'Ann Martin, Narrative Artist' shortly.

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Arts & Culture

Libraries

In December 33669 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 39705 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for December was 20816.

In December 353 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- 45 events were held throughout December in all Library branches for the 'Family Time at your Library' initiative as part of the Right to Read programme and Library Ireland Week.
- The Winterval Festival was supported with events held in Central and Ardkeen Library including a series of workshops for primary school groups by the Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative, Plastic Free Waterford.
- Sustainable Christmas Workshops by the Waterford Council's Environmental Officer were held in Dungarvan, Central and Ardkeen Library.
- The Waterford EDIC hosted a screening in the Omniplex of 6 short films on the impact of the EU on young people and also launched the publication of 'What's the story? 25 stories about Ireland and Europe' in partnership with the European Commission Representation in Ireland and Eclipse Pictures.
- Continuation of the Work Matters at your Library social media series of presentations with a workshop on Canva and Scheduling tools on 11th December.
- Public meeting about the plans for Tramore Town Centre on 5th December in Tramore Library.
- Library Representative attended the South East 50 Plus Expo in the Tower Hotel, Waterford.
- Waterford Older People's Council Information Stand held in Central Library.

Upcoming Events in January include:

- Continuation of Healthy Ireland at your Library events programmed across the Library service including Mindfulness for Exams, Pilates, Healthy Living and Yoga.
- First Fortnight, the National Mental Health Art & Culture Festival will be 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.
- Waterford Institute of Technology Design Industry event in the new Hub space in Central Library hosted by the Waterford Europe Direct Information Centre.
- Art Programme for Migrant Families funded through the Dormant Accounts Fund commencing in January with workshops taking place in Dungarvan, Cappoquin, Tallow and Central Library.
- Fighting Words Project Training session for staff and volunteers for pilot project in Central Library as part of the Dormant Accounts Funded Reader in Residence.

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Arts & Culture

Library Development:

- Waterford Council's Innovation Week supported with promotion of the My Open Library Service and ebook/eaudiobook services available in Waterford Libraries.
- Interleaf commenced work on set up of new technology throughout Library service.
- Promotion of Library service on WLR radio interviews for Family Time at your Library and the '12 Days of Christmas' themed Crochet & Knitting group's window display in Portlaw Library.



Daves Jungle Family Time
Carrickphierish Library



Joe Brennan Family Story Time
Carrickphierish Library



Photography of Robert Shorthall
Index gallery at Central Library



Harry Potter Experience
Central Library

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 20th December 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	12
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	282
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines previous years)	190
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 20th December 2019,

No of Complaints	2,896
Legal Actions	5
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	4
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	36
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	143
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	48
Section 14 Directions	20
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	3
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	3
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.	1
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	1 Prosecution & 17 Regulation 25 Notices

Public Consultation Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment is seeking views on the development of a new Waste Action Plan for Ireland as part of the move to a more Circular Economy where resources are kept in use for as long as possible and then recycled or reused at the end of their service life.

This consultation will enable Ireland develop a new waste policy / circular economy plan to meet the emerging challenges and build on the targets set out in the Climate Action Plan.

Consultation documents together with details of how to make a submission are available on the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment website.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/consultations/Pages/Public-Consultation-Waste-Action-Plan-for-a-Circular-Economy.aspx>

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 assessments for the next flag have already commenced and will continue until the end of March 2020. A total of fifty one schools are due to be assessed for a Green Flag before the 27th March 2020 deadline.

Local Litter Awareness Grant

In order to facilitate community and school clean ups during National Spring Clean and over the summer, this grant will be advertised in local newspapers and through social media channels in early February, with a deadline of early March for applications. This will enable grants to be paid to successful applicants in April.

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Awards

The Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) awards are due to take place in early January, ranking towns and cities across Ireland in a litter league. Waterford was ranked 8th overall in 2018 out of 40 towns, retaining its cleanest city status.

Local Waste Prevention Grant

A waste prevention budget is set out in the Southern Region Waste Management Plan and amounts to €16,194.15 for Waterford City & County Council (it was agreed regionally to allocate a minimum spend of €0.15/inhabitant on local prevention projects). In 2018 30% of this waste prevention budget was allocated as a small grant to communities for waste prevention projects. This grant will be advertised once again in late January with a closing date for application of early March.

Waste Prevention

Christmas reuse workshops were held in December in Ardkeen Library, Central Library and Dungarvan library. These theme workshops proved to be very popular, booking out quickly. A total of 51 adults attended overall.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

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.

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

Summary of main collections Nov 2019 YTD								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Nov 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Nov 2019	Gross Bal 30-11-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	7,648,089	31,088,747	4,253,333	34,483,503	26,686,146	7,797,357	77%	86%
Loans	1,995,885	3,050,621	6,063	5,052,569	3,110,435	1,942,134	62%	102%
Rents	3,712,413	12,623,087	8,702	16,344,202	12,791,622	3,552,580	78%	101%
Aged Analysis :								
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance
Rates			-	-	2,148,516	5,648,841		7,797,357
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths		
Loans			181,970	101,094	222,407	1,436,663		1,942,134
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks		
Rents			168,066	136,553	220,586	3,027,375		3,552,580
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in Nov: Nil		0	Cost - € Nil	€0.00		Average Value when in O/D : N/A		

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**Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
Y.T.D. to November 30, 2019**

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	24,645,186	25,969,325	95%	25,452,504	26,916,577	95%
B	Road Transport & Safety	35,351,697	37,127,440	95%	24,497,292	25,376,702	97%
C	Water Services	9,853,875	10,999,576	90%	9,450,462	10,653,344	89%
D	Development Management	13,086,803	15,551,330	84%	5,635,237	7,057,971	80%
E	Environmental Services	17,032,895	18,514,025	92%	2,443,429	2,709,121	90%
F	Recreation & Amenity	12,605,804	14,036,054	90%	1,777,593	1,903,039	93%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	934,657	1,029,278	91%	432,477	434,809	99%
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,712,912	13,435,895	95%	11,196,330	11,891,273	94%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	17,335,560	18,911,516	92%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	28,260,720	30,808,571	92%
		126,223,829	136,662,923	92%	126,481,604	136,662,923	93%
Surplus/Deficit					257,775	0	