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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of April 2018	At end of April 2019
No. of Clients Met	144	125
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	4	12
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	3	9
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€75,350	€241,225
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	442	574
Value of Measure 2 support given	€131,785	€125,657

Local Enterprise Office announces Waterford's Best Young Entrepreneurs

Daniel Connolly, Abby Wood and Conor Walsh named as Waterford's best young entrepreneurs.



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Economic Development

As part of a nationwide search launched by Minister Heather Humphreys and Minister Pat Breen to find Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneurs (IBYE) for 2019, the winners and runners-up were announced at an awards ceremony in Dooley's Hotel, hosted by Local Enterprise Office Waterford on Friday, April 26th.

Chosen from 18 local finalists the winners and runners-up share a €50,000 investment fund and will go on to represent Waterford at the Regional Finals in June.

MC for the evening's proceedings was WLRfm's Damien Tiernan.

The 'Best New Idea' category, with a €7,000 investment fund, was won by WIT student Daniel Connolly, founder of Defynd. Defynd is an online platform which will allow students to search words and terms and receive a list of academic definitions from published literature. The runner-up award and €3,000 investment fund went to Bryan Hurley of Needy Insights.

Abby Wood was the winner of the 'Best Start-Up Business' category and a €15,000 investment fund. Abby's business, The Content Lab, works with digital agencies to create innovative content strategies. Ivan Kiersey of Freezin' Friesian was runner-up and received a €5,000 investment fund.

Meanwhile, the title of 'Best Established Business', with an investment fund of €15,000, went to Conor Walsh of Encon. For over ten years in the retrofit market, Encon has been delivering retrofit homes, making them energy efficient and affordable to run. The runner-up in this category, scooping a €5,000 investment fund was Stephen Lynch of Momentum Events.

Conor was also awarded the title of Waterford's 'Best Young Entrepreneur'.

IBYE, now in its fifth year, is a nationwide youth enterprise initiative to help 18-to-35 year olds with an innovative business idea, new start-up or established business. In 2019, 1,644 young entrepreneurs entered IBYE, which is an initiative of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and supported by Enterprise Ireland and local authorities.

The county winners from Waterford will now progress to the regional finals. In all, 24 national finalists will be selected at regional finals across the country to compete for the overall title of "Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur."

At the IBYE national final on Sunday 15th September, which takes place at Google's European Headquarters in Dublin, a €100,000 investment fund will be awarded to winners.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Town & Village 2018

All projects in progress

Town and Village Renewal Scheme - 2019

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Economic Development

The Council had earlier sought expressions of interest with the intent to submit 12 applications, project proposals currently being developed.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Call for Category 1 - capital projects which are ready to commence at the date of application is currently open. The deadline for the receipt of applications is 12 noon on 6th August 2019.

Applications under Category 2 - projects which require further development to reach Category 1 readiness – will be invited later in 2019.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects are in progress - Dunmore East Cliff Walk under measure 1 and Tramore Nature Park, Hurthill/Miinaun Walk and Nire Valley received Measure 2 funding.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2019

Funding CAL under the 2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme is now open.

FLAG 2018

3 application submitted in 2019 call: Ecological Study at Riverstown; Opportunity Study – Copper Coast Area and Creaden Head Archaeological Forward Plan.

North Quays

1. The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland has engaged it's key advisors; this include the leasing agency Cushman & Wakefield and full design team for the North Quays Development. Their latest press release, issue 9th April, details the current status of the SDZ development and is available on www.waterfordnorthquays.ie.
2. Waterford City and County Council's consultant Roughan and O'Donovan, are progressing detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area. They are currently reviewing the seven submissions made to An Bord Pleanála as part of the Sustainable Transport Bridge planning application, as well as progressing preliminary design for the Transportation Hub. A planning application for the Transportation Hub is planned for July 2019.
3. Ground investigations and a CCTV survey for certain specific areas are due to commence shortly and this will be followed by precondition survey work.

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Waterford Airport

An application has been made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for €5m in funding to match the commitment of €5m from the Private Sector and €2m from the Local Authorities.

Tourism

The Council has appointed Crowe Consultants to produce a tourism marketing & promotional plan for Waterford City & County. The plan will be ready at the end of May.

Pleanáil

Planning

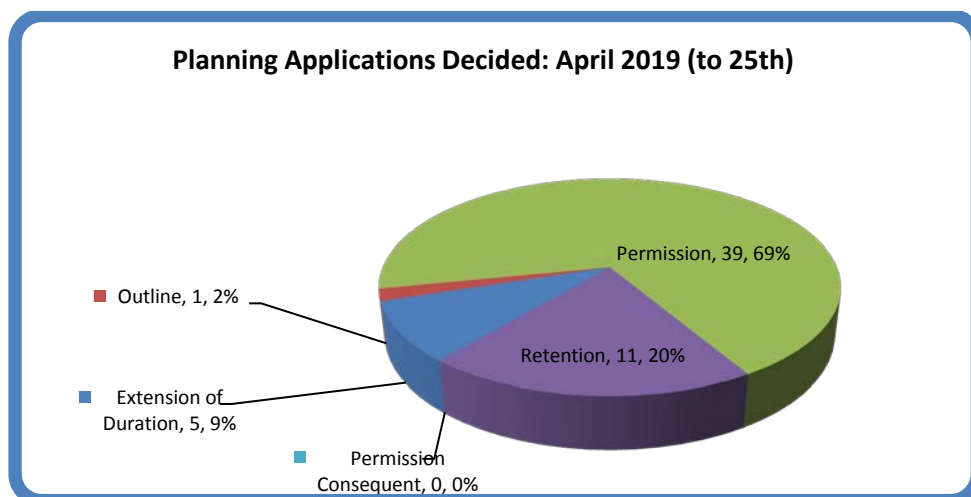
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

69 Planning applications were received in the month of April (to 25th) countywide. This compares with 65 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to date, 282 Planning Applications have been received countywide to the 25th of April. This compares with 279 received in the same period in 2018.

Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of April 2019 (to 25th), 63 planning decisions were made. Of these, 56 applications were granted and 7 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 88.9 %. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 189 preplanning applications were received up to the 23rd April 2019, this compares with 182 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

Forward Planning

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The most recent SPC meeting took place on the 10th April last. The committee were given an overview of the submission made by Waterford City and County Council to the draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. The meeting also offered an update on the status of the Vacant Sites Register and a synopsis of the relevant heritage issues and policies which will inform the next City and County Development Plan, having regard to changes in legislation and relevant guidance currently in place and in particular the Water Framework Directive.

Pleanáil

Planning

Vacant Sites Register (VSR)

Waterford City & County Council's VSR was set up on January 1st 2017 in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended. A total of 29 sites were entered on the Register between July and September 2017.

As the VSR requires on-going maintenance, updates are made to the Register on a regular basis due to altered status of sites and procedural steps being taken as per the legislation, Waterford City & County Council's Register has undergone various amendments with three sites having their entry on the VSR removed due to appeal decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála, and a further eight sites were removed from the VSR due to the commencement of construction and/or use of the site in question.

As a result, as of March 2019, there are currently 18 sites which stand entered on the Register. It should be noted that currently appeals have been made to the Valuation Tribunal against the market valuation assigned by Waterford City and County Council on two vacant sites. Demand notices will issue in the coming weeks for the payment of the levy for 2018 and the Planning Authority has commenced a review of the Register with a view to making additions to it. Details of the register are online and accessible through the following link: <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/planning/vacant-sites-register.htm>

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)

The Planning Department, together with landscape specialists CAAS, have commenced the process of preparing a new Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) to inform the forthcoming Development Plan. An initial round of consultation took place with the Plenary and District Councils in late 2018. Work is progressing on the technical assessment of the landscape and it is envisaged that once this is completed further consultation will take place with the Council.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

Consultants JBA have been appointed to undertake a SFRA to inform the Development Plan. Stage 1 of this process is complete and work is under way to inform Stage 2 in terms of identifying lands which are not subject to flooding within settlements.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2019

The Machinery Yard have commenced the road strengthening works in Dungarvan/Lismore and the Comeragh districts.

Local Improvement Scheme 2019

(For private roads not in charge or maintained by the Council)

The Department of Rural and Community Development has announced the funding allocation for Waterford of €258,802. Applications have been submitted to the Department for approval.

Clár 2019

Applications have been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for approval under the following Measures:-

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measure (per 2018)

Measure 2: Play Areas (including MUGAs) (per 2018)

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

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 April. 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	35	24	9	2
Comeragh	1	6	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	12	16	0	0
Total for April	48	46	9	2
Year to date	195	118	42	3
<i>Total for April 2018</i>	43	43	15	1
<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	April 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for April 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	6	23	<i>10</i>	<i>99</i>

Building Control:

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Emergency Services

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	April 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	Total for April 2018	Total for 2018
Commencement Notices	29	100	30	231
Completion Certificates	19	59	16	236
Disability Access Certificates	2	17	11	71

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for April are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Emer Casey Charity Run Youghal Co Cork	04th April	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicle
Dungarvan Cycle Race	07th April	First Aid Support , Communications with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles
Boat Exercise Blackwater	13th April	River Familiarisation, Communications.
Land & River Search for missing person.	18 th to 27 th April.	3 Boats, 3 Jeeps, 25 members.
Easter Bunny Fun Run Waterford City in aid of Crumlin Childrens Hospital.	21 st April	1 Ambulance & crew.
Mt Congreve Easter Egg Hunt.	21 st April	2 Jeeps & first aid crews.
Mental Health and Suicide Awareness 50k Charity Cycle, Lemybrien	21st April	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle

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Aglish Fun Run	22nd April	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle
West Waterford Festival of Food	27 th & 28 th April	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicle
River & 1 st aid cover for Commissioning of LÉ George Bernard Shaw Naval Service Vessel.	30 th April	1 boat & crew + 1 Ambulance & crew.

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Housing Applications

Housing applications	April 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	April 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	82	316	78	371
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	N/A	N/A	76	472
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	63	208	40	247
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	56	193	74	273

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during April 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during April 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	3	4	0	1	1
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	6	11	0	6	27
Metropolitan	24	65	6	4	116
Voluntary Bodies	0	4	0	0	3
Totals	33	84	11	11	147

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 324. There have been 11 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
April	6	2	9	6	5
YTD	27	6	21	9	20

Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
April	4	4	0	1	2
YTD 2019	14	9	1	2	5
YTD 2018 & 2019	49	16	17	11	21

2 Tenant Purchase sales closed in April –

1 in Waterford City South and 1 in Tramore/Waterford City West

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	April 2018 HAP tenancies	April 2019 HAP tenancies set up	2019 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	46	55	8	2,719	1,825

Inspection of private rented dwellings

April	No
RTB Register	1
Compliant	0

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Non-Compliant	1
HAP	36
Compliant	1
Non-Compliant	35
Re Inspection	2
RAS	14
Compliant	6
Non-Compliant	8
Re Inspection	8
Other	32
Total	83

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved April 2019	Value of applications to April 2019	Cumulative number of applications approved	Cumulative value of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	2	6473.48	7	38642.76
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	7	38521.63	30	154701.29
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	4	23351.42	24	110959.02
Total	13	68346.53	61	304303.07

Homeless services

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Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
April - Cases presented (up to and including 26/04/2019)	73	75
Cumulative number of cases presented	223	252

100 individuals (not including families) in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 26th April 2019		
Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation	April 2019	April 2018
Single Adults with dependent children	10	11
No. of Families with no dependent children	3	0
No. of Families with dependent children	3	6

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

In total 3 adults and 1 child (composed of 1 Single Parent and 1 Couple with no children)

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 13 adults

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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 Q2 2019.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Tender issued Q 1 2019
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Tender Q2 2019.(May)
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Completed
Dungarvan Ballinroad	21	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	On site Q2 2019
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q2 2019
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Q3 2019
Kilrush	39	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed
Carrickphierish	31	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Airport Road	33	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender award Q3 2019.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	Negotiations with owners on-going
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Approval	Construction in progress. Phase 1 delivery Q2 2019.
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Design in progress.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Design in progress.
Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	3 units in Tramore Q2 2019.
Repair and Lease	133	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	42	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	16	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	On-going. Works tender Q2 2019 Remaining properties acquired by CPO

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Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Refurbishment	4 units Completed
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q2 2019
Buy & Renew – Manor Court	4	Metropolitan	Tender Stage	On-Site Q2 2019
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q2 2019
Total Units in WCCC Projects 687				

Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Dungarvan, Shandon <i>Co-operative Housing Ireland</i>	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Unlikely to be resolved by AHB. Applicant has responded under turnkey Expression of Interest
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Dunhill <i>Gleann Ealach</i>	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning withdrawn. New application pending
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	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 approved. Tender Q2 2019.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	To commence on site Q2 2019
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 137				

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Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

April 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed in April	14	0	6	20
Newly vacant in April	6	1	4	11

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 thirteen (13) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target forty (40) individual properties. So far, twelve (12) 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:

- Three projects approved at April LCDC meeting with a total LEADER investment of €189,000.
- May Call for LEADER Projects. Meetings in Tramore, Kilmacthomas, Dungarvan and Lismore. They will be advertised on Facebook, and in the local papers.
- 9 eligible applications following the January call received for Evaluation Committee consideration in May and LCDC Local Action Group consideration in July 2019.
- Training to commence in late May for Copper Coast.
- Training to Commence in late May for groups wishing to participate in the Community Hubs Call.
- Training has commenced on Water Conservation and recycling in Cappoquin and Tramore. 12 – 14 Community Groups participating.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The 35 young people that make up the 2019 Waterford Comhairle are continuing to work on their chosen topic of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, meet regularly and are enjoying a full programme of activities. Their project has been submitted for the 2019 IPB Pride of Place awards.

Pride of Place:

As well as Comhairle na nÓg, Waterford will have two other entries in the 2019 Pride of Place competition: Deise Day Centre, Dungarvan and Alexander Street, Waterford City.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the national forum. The Older Persons Council Steering Group have completed their OPC recruitment road show with hugely successful events having taken place in Waterford, Tramore, Dungarvan, Kilmacthomas and Lismore with in excess of 300 attendees in total. Work on forming the Older Persons Council is currently underway.

Reports from all thematic heads are currently being received and the Waterford plan for 2019 will be submitted to the national programme by end of April.

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Healthy Waterford

Seminar to be held in WIT on 14th May: *'Designing Communities: the importance of place in promoting health and wellbeing'*.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2019

Payments are being processed for all approved applicants. All groups shall have received their grant payment by end of May.

Community Enhancement Programme 2019

This Programme has been advertised and application forms are available on the Council website and Customer Care Desks. The CEP 2019 will fund projects that seek to enhance facilities and communities in disadvantaged areas. Closing date for applications is Thursday 30th May and no late applications shall be accepted. Eligible applications shall be assessed during June and the Assessment Group shall put forward their recommendations for approval to the LCDC meeting in July.

Migrant Integration Strategy

The Migrant Integration Forum continues to meet and is supported by the inter-agency task group led by Waterford City & County Council. Both groups will contribute to the development of Waterford's Migrant Integration Strategy. Funding is currently being sought to engage a consultant to assist with the necessary research and production of the strategy.

National Community Weekend

Applications were sought by LCDC from residents associations in local authority estates for grants to host events over the May Bank Holiday Weekend. 10 events being hosted.

PPN

641 groups now registered with the PPN.

Social Inclusion:

- The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group is meeting regularly. It is intended to progress the Yellow Flag Programme in three Waterford schools in 2018/2019.
- Delivery of the SICAP programme by Waterford Area Partnership continues.

Arts Report

- Music Generation Waterford is continuing its expansive programme all over Waterford. It will soon be forming a new advisory committee (M.E.P).
- There are a number of Poetry events taking place in Waterford City & County for Poetry Day Ireland on May 2nd. Modwords are partnering with the Arts Service and there are Arts Office supported events in Dungarvan and Cappoquin.
- The national Bealtaine Festival – Celebrating Creativity as we Age starts on May 1st with a strong programme in the Libraries, Garter Lane and the County. The main Waterford Bealtaine event is a commission between the national Bealtaine organisers, Waterford & Wexford local authorities titled Liminal States. See www.bealtaine.ie

Arts Office Bursaries are currently open for the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Drama League of Ireland Summer School, Blas Traditional Summer School Bursary. Irish Youth Choir and Irish Youth Orchestra Summer Schools and Molly Keane Writers retreat. Full details on waterfordarts.com

- Submissions are open for the Waterford Film Festival taking place in November.
- Dance Artist in Residence, Dee Grant and Theatre Director in Residence, Jim Nolan are finalising their 2019-2020 County-wide programmes.
- The Waterford Art Gallery is proceeding well with a handover of keys due for May 20th.
- The Rogue Gallery and Studios is hosting a solo exhibition, 'Autonomous Minds, Part II' by Waterford painter and Rogue resident artist Aidan Dunne from May 2nd until June 20th. The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is hosting works by Iryna Harty, Seán Hardie and Maeve Doherty.
- The Waterford Film Centre, in the City's Cultural Quarter, is open for membership, see <https://www.waterfordfilmcentre.com/members>

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Libraries

In April 46,185 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 40,826 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for April was 20477.

In April 416 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- Easter events and activities across the library service.
- Spring into Story time events across the library service.
- World Autism day was marked in Tramore and Dungarvan Libraries.
- West Waterford of Festival of Food supported by 4 events in Dungarvan Library.

Upcoming Events in May include:

- Bealtaine Festival of creativity as we age programme of events across the library service.
- Promotion of Street Feast 2019 (www.streetfeast.ie) in all library branches and on social media.
- Participation in the national Green Ribbon Campaign throughout the month of May to encourage people in Ireland to end mental health stigma (www.seechange.ie) with packs of green ribbons available in all library branches.
- Extension of Healthy Ireland at your Library Phase 2 events across the library service.
- Poetry Day Ireland events across the library service.

Library Development:

- Continued roll out of new technologies to branches: Smart TV set ups, roll out of new staff PCs.
- Adoption of “Code of Behaviour for the protection and safeguarding of Children in Waterford City and County Council Libraries”, which reinforces our existing policies regarding children visiting our libraries.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 25th April 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	6
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	70
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	28
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 22nd February 2019

No of Complaints	934
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	2
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	11
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	48
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	6
Section 14 Directions	18
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	1
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 prosecution & 17 Regulation 25 Notices

Environmental Education & Awareness

West Waterford Festival of Food

The Environment Dept. of Waterford City & County Council provided an information stand at the West Waterford Festival of Food in Dungarvan. At this stand information was provided relating to food waste prevention, recycling, composting, etc. An estimated 530 people were engaged with on

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the day. Food measures for rice and spaghetti were distributed on the day to encourage householders to become more aware of their cooking habits, as well as information on how to prevent food waste. Reusable vegetable bags will be launched at the first of these workshops to encourage the use of reusable bags further and educate householders about single use plastic packaging. There was good interest in the information and display regarding home composting also.

Green Schools programme

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, assessment visits for the next flag were ongoing during February and March. A total of 33 visits for Green Flags were carried out with both primary and secondary schools in Co. Waterford. A Green Schools awards ceremony will take place on 22nd May in Kilkenny to award successful schools with their Green Flag. Successful schools include two secondary schools achieving their first Green Flag this year.

Community Clean Ups

National Spring Clean took place throughout the month of April. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc took part by holding a cleanup of their local area. Waterford City & County Council offer assistance throughout the year to the general public every spring/summer season 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 supported them by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal. Waterford City & County Council continues to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Waterford City & County Council would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in the numerous clean ups over the last month and who continue to take pride in their local area.

Food Waste Prevention

A series of Stop Food Waste workshops have now been completed in Tramore. The Stop Food Waste Challenge is a series of four weekly workshops that set out to reduce food waste by at least 1/4 and by doing so saving the householder as much as €60 a month. It is hoped to roll out this workshop to other areas of Co Waterford later in 2019.

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Waterford Energy Bureau

Better Energy Community Scheme

A funding application has been submitted to the SEAI under the Better Energy Communities scheme for energy efficiency upgrades / renewable energy installations. Funding of 50% has been sought for community buildings which include Carbally, Ballinroad and Piltown Community Centre's. Clashmore Primary School, Clashmore Kinsalebeg GAA club, The Central Library, Waterford and the libraries in Dungarvan and Lismore.

LED Public Lighting

A successful funding application has been submitted to the Department Of Communication, Climate Action and Environment for the retro fitting of LED public lighting. Approximately 16,000 public lights will be retro fitted in Waterford. WCCC have partnered with other LA's in submitting the funding application via the Road Maintenance Office (RMO). The application was submitted under the Climate Action Fund Programme. Works on LED retrofitting are expected to begin in late 2020.

Climate Change Adaptation Plan

The WCCC Climate Change Adaptation Plan is currently being prepared and will be submitted to Council before going for public consultation.

Climate Action Fund Programme

A funding application was submitted to the Department Of Communication, Climate Action and Environment for the installation of 6 fast vehicle charging points and 12 regular charging points. The application was submitted under the Climate Action Fund Programme. The application was submitted via the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO). This application was unsuccessful.

Energy Upgrade Of Housing Units

Works have been completed on two housing units at Patrick Street Tramore. The Housing Units have an "A3" energy rating with heating & hot water being provided by an air-water heat pump.

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Environmental Services

Energy Upgrade Of Waterford Integrated Homeless Services Building

Works on a public access building for Waterford Integrated Homeless Services on Parnell Street has been completed and the building has been opened. The buildings heating system and the thermal performance of the building have been improved. LED lighting has also been installed throughout the building.

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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Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to March 31, 2019

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A Housing & Building	5,975,446	25,969,325	23%	6,183,396	26,916,577	23%
B Road Transport & Safety	5,707,901	37,127,440	15%	2,813,704	25,376,702	11%
C Water Services	2,466,965	10,999,576	22%	2,357,843	10,653,344	22%
D Development Management	3,448,738	15,551,330	22%	1,528,008	7,057,971	22%
E Environmental Services	4,045,244	18,514,025	22%	575,647	2,709,121	21%
F Recreation & Amenity	3,214,147	14,036,054	23%	436,004	1,903,039	23%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	237,715	1,029,278	23%	103,030	434,809	24%
H Miscellaneous Services	3,475,026	13,435,895	26%	2,174,795	11,891,273	18%
LG Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	4,727,880	18,911,516	25%
RA Rates	0	0	0%	7,702,143	30,808,571	25%
	28,571,182	136,662,923	21%	28,602,450	136,662,923	21%
Surplus/Deficit				31,268	0	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-03-2019								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Mar 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Mar 2019	Gross Bal 31-3-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	8,068,089	31,109,796	- 427,801	38,750,084	6,953,987	31,796,097	18%	23%
Loans	1,964,718	906,578	-	2,871,296	922,908	1,948,388	32%	102%
Rents	3,712,413	3,162,794	1,262	6,876,469	3,335,192	3,541,277	49%	105%
Aged Analysis :								
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance
Rates			25,198,907	-	4,288,174	2,309,017		31,796,097
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths		
Loans			100,926	60,053	143,313	1,644,096		1,948,388
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks		
Rents			155,816	138,110	219,559	3,027,792		3,541,277
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in Mar: Nil			Cost - € Nil		Average Value when in O/D : N/A			

