

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

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## 5. Management Report 11th April 2019

### Management Report to Council

Month Year (Gaeilge)

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## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Mar 2018	At end of March 2018
No. of Clients Met	127	95
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	4	9
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	3	7
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€75,350	€166,438
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	254	515
Value of Measure 2 support given	€71,863	€98,555

### Local Enterprise Week supports and inspires



A jam-packed week of workshops, talks and seminars came to a close last week as Local Enterprise Week concluded on International Women's Day. Organised each year by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices across the country, the Waterford LEO provided an insightful and informative programme for businesses at all stages.

According to Richie Walsh, Head of Enterprise at Waterford LEO, Local Enterprise Week is a cornerstone event in the LEO's annual programme. "With almost twenty events taking place throughout the city and county we were delighted with the attendance and the calibre of speakers throughout the week. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet with clients and potential clients who have started or may be thinking of starting a business. The energy from the attendees was palpable and we would like to think that the information and advice they received during the week

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will give them the encouragement and drive to go on and realise the next step in their start-up journey.

From Business Advice Clinics, Owner Manager Development Programmes, to Sales Pitch workshops and Trading Online Seminars, all the events were fully attended with lively attendee engagement.



### RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**Town & Village 2017 Update** Nine Towns and Villages received funding under the 2017 scheme- all schemes completed and claimed.

#### **Town & Village 2018**

Nine Applications were allocated funding and Cappoquin was included in a DRCD pilot programme to look at increasing residential occupancy in Rural Towns & Villages – Have completed tendering process for initial phase of some projects and contractors have been appointed.

#### **Town and Village Renewal Scheme - 2019**

The closing date for EOI submissions was 28/02/2019. Received 26 enquiries of which 8 Expressions of Interest were submitted for consideration. Proposals are now being reviewed

#### **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)**

Cappoquin's application under the above scheme was not successful at this time. Feedback from the Department has been received and a revised application will be made.

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### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects received funding and 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 under the 2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme as part of the Government's Project Ireland 2040 Programme for Rural Regeneration has been announced..

The scheme will provide funding for the development of new facilities, and for the maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

The 2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) will provide funding under 3 separate measures:

- Measure 1: Small maintenance/promotion of existing infrastructure (maximum grant €20,000)
- Measure 2: Medium scale repair/upgrade and development of new small/medium infrastructure (grant of between €20,000 and €200,000)
- Measure 3: Repair/upgrade and development of larger more strategic projects (grant of between €200,000 and €500,000).

Local Authorities will be the applicant bodies under Measures 1 and 2, with Local Development Companies invited to participate under Measure 1 as partners or co-applicants.

Measure 3 will be open to Local Authorities and State Agencies, with collaborative approaches welcomed under this Measure in particular. Funding will be provided to a maximum of 80 % of total project costs, with the balance to be provided from Local Authority or other sources.

### 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 CPO of an additional small section of land to the South East of Frank Cassin Wharf on the North Quays is completed.
2. Consultants Roughan and O'Donovan, have commenced detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area.
3. De-vegetation works have been completed. In advance of Rock Face Stabilisation and Railway Protection Works.
4. An Bord Pleanála received seven submissions by the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in relation to the planning application for the Sustainable Transport Bridge. The submissions are currently being reviewed.

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5. Roughan & O'Donovan and Sean Harrington Architects are advancing preliminary designs for the Transport Hub in preparation of a planning application that is proposed to be submitted in Q2 of 2019.
6. North Quays website has been set up – [waterfordnorthquays.ie](http://waterfordnorthquays.ie).

#### **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 May.

#### **Waterford Greenway**

Waterford Greenway's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebrated on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March with an event in Kilmacthomas which garnered media coverage and promoted Waterford Greenway in advance of the 2019 season.

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## Planning

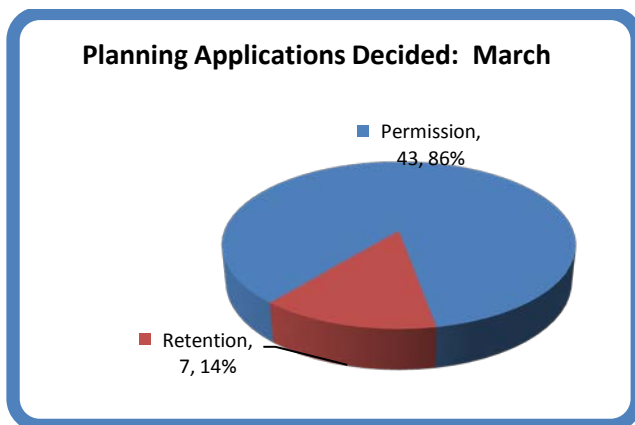
### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

78 Planning applications were received in the month of March countywide. This compares with 71 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to date, 213 Planning Applications have been received countywide to the end of March. This compares with 214 received in the same period in 2018.

### Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of March 2019, 56 planning decisions were made. Of these, 50 applications were granted and 6 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 89.3 %. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 153 preplanning applications were received up to the end of March 2019, this compares with 188 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

### Forward Planning

#### Vacant Sites Register

As part of the on-going maintenance of the VSR by the planning authority, the next significant step to be undertaken will be the issuing of Notices to landowners whose sites stand entered on the VSR and to which the levy can be applied:

- Issue Demand for Levy Notice to landowners, as per **Section 15** of the 2015 Act.
- Demand for Levy Notices to be issued in April 2019

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It is the intention of the planning authority to undertake a new round of site assessments for addition of more sites on VSR to commence in Quarter 2 of 2019.

### **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)**

The Planning Authority made a submission to the Regional Authority on the draft RSES on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. The following main points were made:

- i)** The Planning Authority welcomes the publication of the draft RSES and is largely supportive of the policies and objectives contained therein.
- ii)** The importance of the promotion of the collective strengths of the 3 cities in the region and to provide meaningful, dedicated funding mechanisms in order to ensure delivery of enabling infrastructure in the timelines, as required.
- iii)** The Planning Authority considers that the following are weaknesses of the Waterford MASP section:
  - Exclusion of Waterford Airport from MASP boundary;
  - Absence of population, housing and employment projections [as covered in the Cork MASP];
  - Lack of consistency in format/analysis across the 3 no. MASP areas as illustrated in the point above.
  - Level of detail provided under Employment & Enterprise Section not deemed to be commensurate with importance of Waterford as primary economic driver of the south-east region, e.g. lack of detail on the North Quays, Viking Triangle, WIT research capability etc.
- iv)** Clarification and further detail required regarding the residual population targets for the county area outside of the MASP area.
- v)** Reference to be made to Integrated Transport Hub which is to be provided as part of North Quays SDZ. Also, reference to the provision of Park & Ride facilities to be included under Policy Objective No. 6, pg 287.
- vi)** Sustainable Transport Bridge and Waterford Airport should be specifically mentioned under Section 6.3.6.5 Priorities for the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.
- vii)** Development potential of North Quays Innovation District to be included in the final RSES document. More detail should be provided of the development itself along with transformation effects of the development on the entire city and region.



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- viii) For the three cities to work as a collective, strong connectivity is vital which includes hard and soft infrastructure, i.e. road, rail, digital/broadband connectivity. Dedicated fund resources need to be made available to achieve this level of connectivity.
- ix) The Port of Waterford Authority to the RSES. The critical elements for port development in the context of the MASP and regional development include the following:
  - a. Enhanced nautical access thereby facilitating larger vessels, maintaining depths and improving overall navigational safety;
  - b. Capacity expansions for ship berths and freight handling;
  - c. The landside developments needed to support port activity.
- x) Development of Ard Ri and North Quays hotel to be included as tourism growth enablers for the MASP – Section 6.5 pg 297. The Cultural Quarter along with the Viking Triangle should be also recognised for their tourist potential.
- xi) The Waterford Greenway is not called the Deise Greenway and any reference to same shall be corrected in the final document.

### Specific Objectives:

- xii) In addition to the objectives already included, WCCC requests that the following additional specific objectives be contained in the final document:
  - a. Provision of a third river crossing;
  - b. Upgrade of R672 to national secondary road status;
  - c. Support for the development of creative industry within the Cultural Quarter;
  - d. Location of headquarters and main campus for TUSE to be located in Waterford City Metropolitan Area;
  - e. Reference to commuter rail service to the outlying key towns.
  - f. Policy Objective 9 along with other policy objectives referencing the North Quays should reflect the broader designation of the area as an Innovation District.

### Review of the Development Plan

A number of projects in relation to the review of the Development Plan are currently underway.

- Preparation of a new Landscape Character Assessment being undertaken
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment currently being undertaken.
- Tender has been issued for the review of the Retail Strategy and appointment of consultants to be undertaken in the coming weeks.
- Pilot project in relation to Integrated Constructed Wetlands as a solution to releasing the development potential of smaller villages is being undertaken in conjunction with Irish Water.

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- Detailed Review of Opportunity sites within the city to assess capacity and consider proposals for development. Sites being initially assessed are Bilberry and the Brookes site in Waterford City Centre.
- Kilbarry Framework Plan is nearing completion
- Work packages for the review of the Development Plan being undertaken by Forward Planning Staff.

### **Waterford Age Friendly Alliance**

Forward planning to set up a sub group to consider the Built Environment theme.

### **Conservation Grant Schemes**

The Department have announced funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) grants scheme and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF); further details to follow.

### **National Heritage Plan Public Consultation**

The public consultation period for submissions on the new National Heritage Plan closed on March 31st. Over 1000 submissions were made nationally to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. It is anticipated a Draft Plan will be available in Q3 2019. [heritageireland2030@chg.gov.ie](mailto:heritageireland2030@chg.gov.ie), further details will be forwarded when available.

## Bóithre agus Iompar

# Roads and Transportation

### Road Works Programme 2019

The Machinery Yard have commenced road strengthening works in the west of the County ahead of schedule this year.

### 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.

### Winter Maintenance Programme

Gritting and salting of roads continued during March with crews providing gritting on a number of nights throughout the month.

### Clár 2019

The Department of Rural and Community Development has released details of the measures available under the Clár Scheme for this year. Applications are limited to 15 per Council and a short list of suitable applications are to be submitted by 25th April for approval.

CLÁR 2019 will provide funding under the following measures:

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

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

**Measure 3:** Community Wellbeing Support (new in 2019) comprising of;

(a) First Response Support

(b) Mobility and Cancer Care Transport

(applications to be submitted to the Department directly from organisations/community groups)

## Bóithre agus Iompar

### Roads and Transportation

#### (c) Sensory Gardens

The “Community Wellbeing Support” measure encompasses the assistance given in previous years for voluntary first-response organisations and for mobility and cancer care supports. This measure will also, for the first time, provide funding for the development of specialist sensory gardens and complementary play equipment. These gardens are designed to stimulate the senses and can be of particular benefit in enhancing the quality of life for people with a diverse range of life challenges.

# 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 March. 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	28	21	10	1
Comeragh	6	1	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	11	7	1	0
<b>Total for March</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Total for March 2018</i>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>

### Fire Safety:

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

Applications Received	March 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for March 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	4	16	9	99

### 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.

# Seirbhísi Éigeandála

## Emergency Services

Application/Notification	March 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	Total for March 2018	Total for 2018
Commencement Notices	27	71	20	231
Completion Certificates	14	40	12	236
Disability Access Certificates	10	19	15	71

### Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for March are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
All Services Exercise in Mt Congreve.	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> of March	70 members participated with all of our resources.
First Aid Responders course for the Army Reserve held in Green St Military Barracks.	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> of March	8 Members of the Army Reserve & 1 Civil Defence Instructor.
Lismore Point to Point Horse Racing	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> of March	First Aid Support with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles
Boat handling training course for Kilkenny Civil Defence in Fire Station Kilbarry & on the River Suir.	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> of March.	5 Members from Kilkenny & 3 Members from Waterford.
St Patrick's Day Parade	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> of March	28 Members involved.
Cappoquin St. Patrick's Day Parade	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> of March	1 Ambulances, 2 Response Vehicles

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## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	March 2018	Total Number of Applications Year 2018	March 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	85	234	104	297
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	53	145	111	396
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	53	145	50	207
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	48	137	75	199

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during March 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during March 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	0	1	0	1	1
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	2	5	5	7	27
Metropolitan	19	41	44	3	110
Voluntary Bodies	0	4	2	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>141</b>

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 295. There have been 43 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
March	6	2	1	0	3
YTD	21	7	9	3	15

### Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
March	7	6	1	0	0
YTD 2019	10	8	1	1	3
YTD 2018 & 2019	45	18	17	10	19

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	March 2018 HAP tenancies	March 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	58	44	13	2,664	1,820

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

Mar-19	No.
PRTB Register	3
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	3



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<b>HAP</b>		63
	Compliant	11
	Non-Compliant	52
	Re Inspection	47
<b>RAS</b>		11
	Compliant	10
	Non-Compliant	1
	Re Inspection	10
<b>LTL</b>		1
<b>LTL Re-Inspection</b>		15
<b>Other</b>		5
<b>MTR</b>		2
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Number of applications approved March 2019	Value of applications to March 2019	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	1	4744.30	32169.28	5
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	6	28617.00	116179.66	23
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	7	23858.60	87607.60	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>57219.90</b>	<b>235956.54</b>	<b>48</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
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March - Cases presented (up to and including 27/03/2019)	72	70
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>165</b>

### 98 adults in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

<b>Breakdown of Adult / Families in Homeless Accommodation</b>	<b>March 2019</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
Single Adults with dependent children	8	16
No. of. Families with no dependent children	4	0
No. of Families with dependent children	4	12

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

In total 6 adults and 2 children (composed of two families and one couple with no children)

**Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford:** 11 adults

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## Housing

### 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.(April)
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Q2 2019 (April) Completion
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	On site Q2, 2019
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q2, 2019
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Further Site investigation required
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.

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Part V	10	Countywide	Various Stages	3 units in Tramore Q1 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
Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Refurbishment	4 units completed.
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q2 2019
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q2 2019

**Total Units in WCCC Projects 682**

### Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects

Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Dungarvan, Shandon Co-operative Housing Ireland	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Unlikely to be resolved by AHB. Applicant has responded under turnkey Expression of Interest
Tramore, Ballycarnane Tramore Voluntary Housing	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Dunhill Gleann Ealach	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning withdrawn. New application pending
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road Focus Ireland	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB
The Paddock's Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	9	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 approved. Tender Q2 2019.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank Respond!	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	To commence on site Q2 2019

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Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
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**Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 137**

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

March 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed in March	13	0	0	13
Newly vacant in March	9	1	5	15

### 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 ten (10) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target forty (40) individual properties. So far, 9 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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## Community Services

### Community Services Plenary Meeting Report

#### 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 with Q2 funding now in place with the 2019 Annual Plan having been approved by the LCDC in February.

#### Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- Departmental approval to the LCDC approved changes to the Local Development Strategy is being sought.
- Work is progressing with in excess of 20 applications following the January call for proposals with a view to applications being submitted for Evaluation Committee consideration in May and LCDC Local Action Group consideration in July 2019.
- The work of the LCDC Rural Co-ordination subgroup – with reps from WCCC, WLP and WAP is ongoing.
- The LEADER Annual Progress Report 2018 and Implementation Plan 2019 were approved by the LCDC.

#### 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. The project will be submitted for the 2019 IPB Pride of Place awards.

#### Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the national forum. The Older Persons Council Steering Group have begun their roadshow with events take place in Lismore on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Tramore on March 28<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Waterford on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kilmacthomas on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dungarvan on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The aim remains to have the full Older Persons Council formed by end April.

An Age Friendly Public Realm and Housing training event took place on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. This training was well attended by WCCC Planning and Housing staff as well as reps from the OPC Steering Group.

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### Community Services

Reports from all thematic heads are currently being received detailing achievements from 2018 and plans for 2019.

#### Healthy Waterford

Action Plan for 2019 drafted. Key actions include the organisation of a seminar on the built environment planned for May and the development of a health profile for Waterford.

#### Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2019

Workshop to be held before the April Plenary meeting with list of eligible applications to be put forward for approval at the meeting.

#### Migrant Integration Strategy



The Migrant Integration Forum was officially launched by Minister David Stanton on Monday 4th February. The Forum will contribute to the development of a Migrant Integration Strategy which every local authority is obliged to produce under national policy.

The inter-agency task group led by Waterford City & County Council will continue to provide support to the forum as it develops.

#### JPC

Due to the local elections the next JPC meeting is due to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in City Chamber.

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## Community Services

### St Patrick's Festival Waterford City 2019



In excess of 20,000 spectators turned out to watch the parade and enjoy the ancillary events held over the weekend. Over 40 entries from schools, businesses, sporting and community groups took part. Over 70 people attended the prize giving ceremony held on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Prizes were presented to 10 groups under various categories, the overall winners were Children's Group Link who were celebrating 40 years providing services to young people in the City and its environs.

Fáilte Ireland selected Waterford as one of 6 pilot areas for marketing SPD celebrations as part of a new tourism initiative.

### National Community Weekend

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

### PPN

641 groups now registered with the PPN.



# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In March 49484 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 43148 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for March was 20315.

In March 441 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- In Quarter 1 the Waterford My Open Library pilot library Dungarvan welcomed 1688 visitors and 348 people took part in Open Library induction tours and obtained My Open Library Membership.
- 44 Seachtain na Gaeilge events and activities took place across the library service.

Upcoming Events in April include:

- Easter events and activities across the library service.
- Spring into Story time will be launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> April in Tramore Library.
- World Autism day will be marked in Tramore and Dungarvan Libraries.

Library Development:

- Staff attended Spring into Storytime training.
- Continued roll out of new technologies to branches: distribution of 55" smart TVs to all branches; installation of interactive Clevertouch whiteboards in 4 locations across the library service; installation of a 3D printer in Dungarvan Library.

### Arts

The national Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival, in association with the Arts Offices of Waterford City and Co. Council and Wexford Co. Council is pleased to announce a new arts initiative in the South East. This new commission titled 'Liminal States' has been developed over the last year through an immersive collaborative creative process with artist Alanna O' Kelly working closely with people living in Direct Provision in Tramore, Co. Waterford. There will be a free multimedia installation on May 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Patrick's Gateway, Waterford at 7.30pm.

Waterford's Musicians Apprenticeship Training Programme continues to up skill musicians wishing to work in Health care settings and will feature as a case study at the national Arts and Health 'Check Up Check In' conference which is funded by Waterford Council and will take place on 11 April in Garter Lane Arts Centre in association with Waterford Healing Arts Trust.

Conservation work on artworks from the Waterford Art Collection to feature in the inaugural exhibition in the new gallery is completing. A business plan for additional works has been prepared regarding phase two of the development.

## Ealaíona & Cultúr

### Arts & Culture



Music Generation Waterford (MG Waterford) held a successful 'Try the Pipes' day for children in Waterford City & Dungarvan recently. See [musicgenerationwaterford@wwetb.ie](mailto:musicgenerationwaterford@wwetb.ie) for programme updates.

The Arts Office, education programme Artist in Schools continues to be rolled out around the City and County. The Transition Year visual arts programme 'Artifice' culminated in an exhibition in Lismore Castle Arts in mid March.

The closing date for the national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2019 is pending on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Goma is showing the Annual Graduate Exhibition (Part 2—*I Dwell in the City and the City Dwells in Me*)** until May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is currently showing 'I am Chaos' by Rayleen Clancy and 'Market 19' by various artists.

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## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

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

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 27th March 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	5
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	57
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	20
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	4

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

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 22nd February 2019

No of Complaints	699
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	1
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	6
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	35
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	4
Section 14 Directions	18
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	1
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	0
<b>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.</b>	0
<b>Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended</b>	1 prosecution & 17 Regulation 25 Notices

### Environmental Education & Awareness

#### Community Clean-Ups

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. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; 2019 is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of National Spring Clean. Groups participating in National Spring Clean are required to register online with An Taisce online <http://www.nationalspringclean.org> or by telephone on 01 4002219.

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Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, [eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie).

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### Green Flag Programme

School visits and assessments have been completed for this school year. The assessment deadline for both renewals and first time assessments was 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A total of 33 visits for Green Flags were carried out with both primary and secondary schools in Co. Waterford.

### Dog fouling

The Green Dog Walker programme was re-launched last month in order to boost pledges by dog owners to clean up after their pets. Litter talks will be available to schools and community groups as part of this. A small number of schools have already requested these talks.

### Food Waste Prevention

Stop Food Waste workshops are currently taking place over a four week period in Tramore. This 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. 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. Further Stop Food Waste talks are planned for Waterford later this year.

### National Tree Week

National Tree Week will take place at the later time of 31<sup>st</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April this year. A small number of saplings were donated by the Tree Council of Ireland. These trees have been allocated to groups that were on the waiting list from 2018. A number of larger trees were also purchased by Waterford City and County Council for planting in locations which were not suited to the planting of smaller trees.

### 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](http://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 February 28, 2019

		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>INCOME</b>		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	4,225,448	25,969,325	16%	3,605,441	26,916,577	13%
B	Road Transport & Safety	4,768,127	37,127,440	13%	2,141,525	25,376,702	8%
C	Water Services	1,649,387	10,999,576	15%	1,621,106	10,653,344	15%
D	Development Management	2,465,305	15,551,330	16%	535,421	7,057,971	8%
E	Environmental Services	2,114,287	18,514,025	11%	358,274	2,709,121	13%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,667,490	14,036,054	12%	155,715	1,903,039	8%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	266,959	1,029,278	26%	109,004	434,809	25%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,695,387	13,435,895	13%	2,070,838	11,891,273	17%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	3,151,919	18,911,516	17%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	5,134,761	30,808,571	17%
		<b>18,852,390</b>	<b>136,662,923</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>18,884,004</b>	<b>136,662,923</b>	<b>14%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					31,614	0	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 28-02-2019								
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]		
Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Feb 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Feb 2019	Gross Bal 31-2-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]	
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	8,233,195	31,110,504	-	39,343,699	1,713,986	37,629,713	4%	6%
Loans	1,931,831	718,650	-	2,650,481	730,040	1,920,441	28%	102%
Rents	3,712,413	2,097,563	1,262	5,811,238	2,150,064	3,661,174	37%	102%
<b>Aged Analysis :</b>								
		<b>Less than 1 mth</b>	<b>2 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>greater than 12 mths</b>			<b>Net Balance</b>
Rates		30,869,898	-	4,360,081	2,399,734			37,629,713
		<b>0 to 3 mths</b>	<b>4 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>Greater than 12 mths</b>			
Loans		135,722	62,056	244,721	1,477,942			1,920,441
		<b>Less than 4 weeks</b>	<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<b>7-12 weeks</b>	<b>Greater than 12 wks</b>			
Rents		161,092	142,786	226,993	3,130,304			3,661,174
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>								
Days in Overdraft in Feb: Two days		Cost - €11		Average Value when in O/D : €0.1 Million				