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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Feb 2018	At end of Feb 2019
No. of Clients Met	95	75
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	0	9
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	0	7
Value of Measure 1 support approved	0	€166,438
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	80	219
Value of Measure 2 support given	€27,945	€63,260

Virtual Vet announced as winner of Waterford Final for National Enterprise Awards 2019

Over the last number of weeks the six Waterford finalists have undergone a testing process of presentations, interviews and discussions on their businesses with a panel of expert business persons acting as the Waterford awards judges.

Sinead Quealy was presented with a specially commissioned award by the Mayor of Waterford Councillor Declan Doocey. Sinead will now go forward to represent Waterford in the National Finals and compete against 31 winning firms from around the country. The National Enterprise Awards Final will take place in the Mansion House, Dublin on the 29th May 2019.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development



RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Town & Village 2017 Update Nine Towns and Villages received funding under the 2017 scheme- all schemes will be complete and claimed for by March 2019.

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.

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 requested regarding the decision.

However, it was announced that the Blackwater River Valley project received €128, 842.00 in funding. Project will be administered by Waterford Leader.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Residential Pilot Scheme – Cappoquin

The tendering process in order to get a design team to support the delivery of the project in consultation with local community stakeholders closed on eTenders 15/02/2019.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

The following projects received funding and are being implemented in early 2019 - Dunmore East Cliff Walk under measure 1 and Tramore Nature Park, Hurthill/Miinaun Walk and Nire Valley received Measure 2 funding.

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 in progress. Closing date for submission is 8th March 2019.
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 has commenced along the cliff face at Mount Misery owned by CIE/Irish Rail in advance of Rock Face Stabilisation and Railway Protection Works.
4. An Bord Pleanála received seven submissions by the 12th February 2019 in relation to the planning application for the Sustainable Transport Bridge. The submissions are currently being reviewed.
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.

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. It is expected that the plan will be ready early in 2019.

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Waterford Greenway

- Very well attended and engaging Tourism Stakeholder workshop organised in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland took place in The Tower Hotel, Waterford on February 14th.
- Waterford Greenway's 2nd birthday will be celebrated on Sunday 24th March with an event to take place in Kilmacthomas which will garner media coverage and promote Waterford Greenway in advance of the 2019 season, along with social media promotions and competitions in advance of the date itself.

Pleanáil

Planning

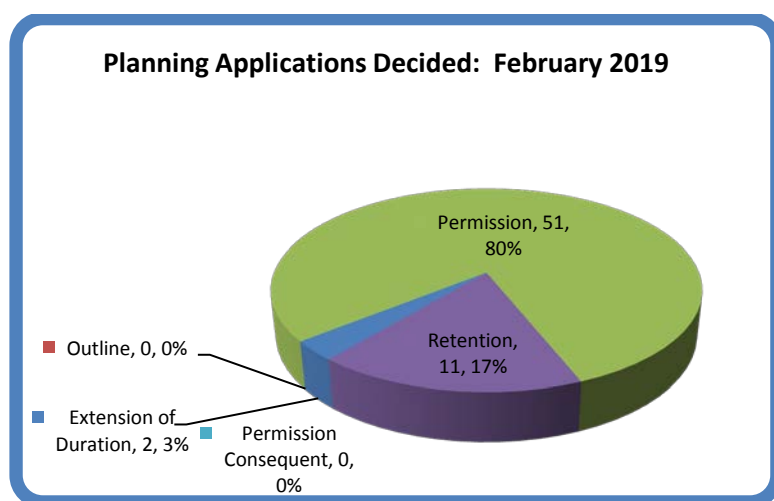
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

88 Planning applications were received in the month of February countywide. This compares with 84 planning applications received in the same period in 2018.

In terms of activity in the 2019 calendar year to date, 135 Planning Applications have been received countywide to the end of February. This compares with 143 received in the same period in 2018.

Planning Decisions 2019 – Countywide

In the month of February 2019, 69 planning decisions were made. Of these, 64 applications were granted and 5 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 93%. Permissions granted in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 96 preplanning applications were received up to 26 February 2019, this compares with 118 received in the same period of 2018. These applications are currently being addressed.

Forward Planning

Vacant Sites Register

Two appeals have been made to the valuation tribunal on foot of the notice issued to the owners of the properties on the Vacant Sites Register pursuant to the Section 11 &12 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

Due to development commencing on certain sites, a total of seven sites have been removed from the Vacant Sites Register. It is proposed to scope and identify new sites to the register in the coming months.

Pleanáil

Planning

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

The Council will be making a submission to the Regional Authority on the RSES before the due date of March 8th.

Planning SPC

The SPC Meeting was held on February 12th and two presentations were given to the members by the Forward Planning Team. The first presentation was on the Council's submission to the RSES and the second presentation was on Climate change and how it can be dealt with through the development plan process.

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
- Tender has been issued for the review of the Retail Strategy
- Pilot project in relation to Integrated Constructed Wetlands been undertaken in conjunction with Irish Water.
- Detailed Review of Opportunity sites within the city to assess capacity and consider proposals for development.
- Kilbarry Framework Plan is currently being prepared

Conservation Grant Schemes

The closing date of the Historic Structures and Built Heritage Investment Scheme was the 29th of January. The submissions will be evaluated and grant funding for the year is due be announced by the Department in early March.

Heritage Ireland 2030

The public consultation process closed on February 28th and a submission was sent from the Heritage Officer.

Heritage Plan Projects 2019.

The 1st Steering Committee Meeting for the Conservation Management Plan for Woodstown Viking Site was held on the 26th of February. It is anticipated that a workshop to scope the content of the Plan will take place shortly.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2019

Workshops have been held for each of the Districts to agree the Road Works Programme for 2019. Works will commence earlier this year and will start in the Comeragh District from 11th March.

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. Application forms are available from the Roads Department.

Winter Maintenance Programme

Gritting and salting of roads continued during February with crews out on 3 nights during the month.

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 February. 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	23	15	7	0
Comeragh	3	2	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	18	3	3	0
Total for February	44	20	11	0
Year to date	103	61	22	0
<i>Total for February 2018</i>	70	14	10	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	February 2019	2019 Year to date	<i>Total for February 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	12	6	10	99

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

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	February 2019	Cumulative Total for 2019	<i>Total for February 2018</i>	<i>Total for 2018</i>
Commencement Notices	18	44	17	231
Completion Certificates	9	26	11	236
Disability Access Certificates	4	5	5	71

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for February are as follows

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Water awareness / lifejacket training day.	3 rd Feb	17 Members.
Officers training day Greenway Manor Court Hotel.	9 th Feb	22 Officers.
Tallow Point to Point Horse Racing	10 th Feb	First Aid Support with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles
GAA Fraher Field Waterford V Carlow Senior Hurling	16 th Feb	First Aid Cover, 1 Ambulance & 1 Response Vehicle
Charity Road Race, Kilmacthomas	17 th Feb	First Aid and Communications Support and Response Vehicles
Swift water flood response training.	17 th Feb	15 members.
River Blackwater Boat Exercise	24 th Feb	Boat exercise

Tithíocht

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	February 2018	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2018	February 2019	Total Number of Applications Year To Date 2019
Applications received	91	149	93	193
Applications assessed (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	34	92	167	285
Applications validated (incl files carried forward from previous month(s))	34	92	95	157
Approved for social housing supports following interview with applicant	39	89	65	124

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during February 2018	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2018	New Tenancies during February 2019	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2019
Comeragh Municipal	1	8	1	0	1
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	0	56	13	1	22
Metropolitan	15	195	41	4	66
Voluntary Bodies	0	10	0	0	1
Totals	16	269	55	5	90

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 286. There have been 35 refusals on properties to date.

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Housing

Housing Loans applications

2019 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
February	8	6	7	3	7
YTD	15	6	8	3	7

Tenant Purchase applications

2019 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
February	1	1	0	0	3
YTD 2019	3	3	1	0	1
YTD 2018 & 2019	39	12	19	14	19

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	February 2018 HAP tenancies	February 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	55	42	6	2620	1836

Inspection of private rented dwellings

2019	Feb-19
HAP	51
Compliant	9
Non-Compliant	42
Re Inspection	20
RAS	17
Compliant	4
Non-Compliant	13
Re Inspection	6
LTL	8
LTL Re-Inspection	4
Other	3
MTR	7
Total	90

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Housing

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved February 2019	Number of applications to February 2019	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2019 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	27424.98	4	27424.98	4
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	69504.99	14	87562.66	17
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	35468.00	8	63749.00	13
Total	132397.97	26	178736.64	34

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2019	2018
February - Cases presented (up to and including 28/02/2018)	73	74
Cumulative number of cases presented	152	165

People in Emergency Accommodation in Waterford up to and including 28th February 2019		
Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	February 2019	February 2018
Single Individuals	100	145
Individuals with dependent children	13	16
Families with no dependent children	4	0
Families with dependent children	5	6

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

In total 5 adults and 4 children (composed of 3 families)

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 Q1 2019.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Tender Q1 2019
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Tender Q1 2019.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Q1 2019 Completion
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Tender award Q1 2019
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender Q1 2019
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Site investigation in progress.
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender award Q3 2019.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	CPO annulled. To be re-advertised Q1 2019
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Approval	Construction in progress. Phase 1 delivery Q3 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 Q1 2019.
Repair and Lease	92	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	30	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	16	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	On-going. Works tender Q1 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 Q1 2019
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2019
Total Units in WCCC Projects 629				

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Housing

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.
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 Q1 2019.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	To commence on site Q1 2019
Kilbarry, 6 Cross Roads <i>Respond!</i>	69	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Construction in progress
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 137				

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

FEBRUARY 2019	Metro	Comeragh	Dungarvan / Lismore	TOTAL
Handed Over / Works Completed in Feb	9	1	5	15
Newly vacant in Feb	9	0	4	13

Tithíocht

Housing

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.

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Social Inclusion:

- LCDC reviewed SICAP 2018 outputs at February meeting and approved end of year report. 2019 Plan approved by LCDC.
- The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group is meeting regularly. It is intended to progress the Yellow Flag Programme in three Waterford schools in 2018/2019.

Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- 48 projects approved by the LCDC in 2018 with a value of €3m+.
- Further €2.5m expected to be approved in 2019.
- A midterm review of the Waterford Local Development Strategy (LEADER) has been carried out and a number of recommendations re reallocation of funding have been approved by the LCDC for forwarding to the Department.
- The Targeted Call for Applications in late January published in local newspapers, websites and on Facebook solicited 30 Expressions of Interest. 25 of these applications are expected to materialise as full applications for evaluation in May and LCDC approval/rejection in June/July 2019.
- It is anticipated that 4 Projects from the October LEADER Call will come before the LCDC March meeting for decision. The recommended projects have a value of over €300,000.
- LCDC Rural Co-ordination subgroup – with reps from WCCC, WLP and WAP – have met on a number of occasions and a co-ordinated approach for 2019 has been agreed and mapped out between the parties.
- A training Programme for Community Groups applying for LEADER funding will commence in late April on the type of information sought, how to go about collecting the information required, procurement, and basic project management.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The 35 young people that make up the 2019 Waterford Comhairle have begun work on their chosen topic of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The target date for completion is mid June as the 2019 Waterford Comhairle project is being entered into the 2019 IPB Cooperation Ireland Pride of Place awards. Meetings continue to be very well attended with a broad array of distinct skills being demonstrated including audio/visual IT expertise which will be fully utilised in delivering their project. Team building events in conjunction with group meetings continue to be run by the coordinator ensuring that the maximum level of integration within the group is being achieved.

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues through the national forum. Open meetings have been planned and booked by the Older Persons Council Steering Group and will take place in Lismore on March 26th, Tramore on March 28th, City Hall Waterford on April 2nd, Kilmacthomas on April 3rd and Dungarvan on April 4th. The aim is to have the full Older Persons Council formed by end April.

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

The closing date for applications was extended to Friday 1st March due to an issue with the Council server and emails unable to be received on the afternoon of 28th February.

Applications will be assessed in March and an eligible applicants list shall be put to the Council in April for approval.

JPC

The next JPC meeting is due to be held on Monday 11th March at 5pm in City Chamber. The Strategic Oversight Group next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March.

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.

St Patrick's Festival 2019

The theme for the 2019 Parade is: "Colour, Culture & Community". Application forms now on line. Des and Mona Manahan to be Grand Marshalls.

PPN

641 groups now registered with the PPN.

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Arts & Culture

The Artlinks Bursaries for Waterford have been awarded. The successful recipients are: George Higgs/Music, Ardmore. Blawnin Clancy/Visual Arts, Dungarvan. Catherine Barron/Multidisciplinary, Dungarvan. Cora Cummins/Visual Arts, Villierstown. Emma Penruddock/Literature, Clashmore. Adam Phelan/Theatre, Waterford city. Mary Grehan/Literature, Passage East. Kathleen Dobbyn/Visual Arts, An Sean Phobal. Clodagh Beresford Dunne/Literature, Dungarvan. Eamonn Dolan/Theatre, Dungarvan. Lani O' Hanlon/Literature, An Sean Phobal. Róisín Sheehy/Literature, Tramore.

The new Waterford Art Gallery has been slightly delayed due to the cold weather in early to mid February. Hand over is now planned for April. Conservation works to 40 artworks has been completed and will arrive in Waterford shortly after St. Patrick's weekend. Many of the pieces that have been conserved are to feature in the opening exhibition 'Aspects' curated by the Dr Éimear O'Connor.

GOMA Gallery continues with its exhibition: 'Built for a Better World' featuring graduate artists Kevin McDonald, Anne-May Tabb, Naoise Somers and Kasia Pylyponko. Work continues with its new studios – these should open later this month.

Rogue Gallery and Studios continue with their Improvised theatre course with 'Imp-Rogues'. On March 11th it will host a Comedy & Improv Open Mic session.

In the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan a solo show by Rayleen Clancy is due to open . Also showing is 'Market 19' a selection of works by various artists based in the South East.

Music Generation continues its expansive, cross city and county programme. It continues with its new initiative in collaboration with Waterford Youth Arts and the Waterford Film Centre with recordings and broadcasting of young bands and musicians every Saturday

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Arts & Culture

Libraries

In February 46257 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 41038 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for February was 20285.

In February 505 activities and events took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- The Waterford My Open Library pilot library Dungarvan welcomed 563 of visitors and 125 people took part in Open Library induction tours and obtained My Open Library Membership in February.
- Healthy Ireland at Your Library events programme continues.

Upcoming Events in March include:

- Seachtain na Gaeilge events and activities across the library service.

Library Development:

- Staff attended First Aid Training, Apple Mac training, EDIC training, Events for All training.
- Commencement of new technologies roll out to branches.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2019 – 22nd February 2019.

Legal Action Initiated	5
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	41
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	11
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	442
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)	4
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	24
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	3
Section 14 Directions	0
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

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 21st year of National Spring Clean. Groups

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Environmental Services

participating in National Spring Clean are required to register online with An Taisce online <http://www.nationalspringclean.org> or by telephone on 01 4002219.

Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie.

Green Flag Programme

School visits and assessments are now taking place again for this school year. There are 50 schools due to renew or apply for their Green Flag this school year. The assessment deadline for both renewals and first time assessments is 29th March 2019. Assessments have been arranged for two secondary schools participating in the Green Flag Programme.

National Tree Week

National Tree Week will take place 31st March – 6th April this year. A small number of saplings have been donated by the Tree Council of Ireland once again this year and have already been allocated to groups that were on the waiting list from 2018.

Food Waste Prevention

Stop Food Waste workshops have commenced. 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. Reusable vegetable bags have been launched at the first of these workshops to encourage the use of reusable bags further and educate householders about single use plastic packaging.

Website

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

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Finance

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

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	1,303,716	25,969,325	5%	1,411,734	26,916,577	5%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,875,916	37,127,440	5%	611,706	25,376,702	2%
C	Water Services	760,892	10,999,576	7%	610,297	10,653,344	6%
D	Development Management	1,071,927	15,551,330	7%	399,068	7,057,971	6%
E	Environmental Services	984,459	18,514,025	5%	53,012	2,709,121	2%
F	Recreation & Amenity	893,852	14,036,054	6%	82,865	1,903,039	4%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	53,230	1,029,278	5%	16,241	434,809	4%
H	Miscellaneous Services	836,175	13,435,895	6%	463,374	11,891,273	4%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	1,575,959	18,911,516	8%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	2,567,380	30,808,571	8%
		7,780,167	136,662,923	6%	7,791,636	136,662,923	6%
Surplus/Deficit					11,469	0	

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Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-01-2019

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	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2019	Accrued ytd to Jan 2019	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Jan 2019	Gross Bal 31-1-2019 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2019 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	8,233,195	-	-	8,233,195	764,922	7,468,273	9%	0%
Loans	1,931,831	249,713	-	2,181,545	245,393	1,936,152	11%	98%
Rents	3,783,527	1,032,091	1,262	4,816,881	1,106,454	3,710,427	23%	107%
Aged Analysis								
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths		Net Balance
Rates			0	-	4,817,036	2,651,237		7,468,273
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths		
Loans			131,658	63,893	242,019	1,498,582		1,936,152
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks		
Rents			163,259	144,707	230,046	3,172,415		3,710,427
Overdraft Levels								
	Days in Overdraft in Jan Zero days		Cost - € Nil		Average Zero			