

MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL COMHAIRLE CATHRACH & CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL



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Seirbhísí Corparáirdeacha / Corporate

Mayors Official Engagements February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				Palestinian Twinning-Virtual Meeting.	Photo Call- Communities dept. Excellence Award Baileys New St	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Photo Call- Greenway. Award- Kilmacthomas. Photocall- Mayors Ball.		Online meeting with Mayor of Rochester NY- Douglass Week		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Award photo Public Sector Magazine- Reginalds Tower. Photocall- Grand Marshall for St Patricks Day- Finn Ryan- Parlour			Visit from Estonia Ambassador- Parlour			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Launch of Mayors Ball- Parlour			Mayoral Reception for Ger O'Brien- Parlour	Meeting Minister Darragh O'Brien- City Hall	
Community Celebration of All Faiths- Apple Market	27	28				

•All meetings in Ferbraury were online apart from the Development Plan Plenary meeting on 11th February.

•The first Mayoral Reception since the onset of the pandemic was held on 25th February in the Mayors Parlour for Ger O'Brien.

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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch / Economic Development

North Quays

A. SDZ DEVELOPER

WCCC is in active dialogue with potential developers, the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) and the Land Development Agency in respect of the North Quays SDZ site and intends to progress a proposal to conclusion in the coming months.

B. CONTRACTS

A contractor has been appointed for the South Plaza Enabling Works and works are due to commence mid-March.

The main construction tender for the infrastructural works is currently being tendered, this includes the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works. The tender period has been extended to 7th April.

Tenders for Rock Stabilisation works to the north of Plunkett Station are being assessed by Roughan O'Donovan Consulting Engineers.

Tenders for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station have been received and are currently being assessed by Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants

Local Enterprise Office

No Evaluation Committee meeting took place in February 2022. Next meeting is scheduled for March 2022.

LEO Figures year to date (2022) and comparison of current month with previous year

Indicator	Jan-22	Feb-22	Feb-21
<i>Measure 1</i>			
<i>No. of Clients applying</i>	0	0	6
<i>No. of Clients securing</i>	0	0	6
<i>Value of support approved</i>	€	€	€137,308
<i>Measure 2</i>			
<i>No. of clients reciving</i>	78	185	375
<i>Value of support given</i>	€17,523	€43,394	€81,907

Support

	Jan-22	Feb-22
<i>Trading Online Voucher</i>		
<i>No. of Approvals</i>	4	8
<i>Value of Approvals €</i>	€7,599	€17,588

Figures not included in cumulative table

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE WATERFORD ANNOUNCES PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2022

Waterford Local Enterprise Office has announced a programme of 26 events during Local Enterprise Week 2022, taking place for Waterford City and County businesses from March 7th to March 11th.

This year's Local Enterprise Week will feature a host of informative and engaging workshops, seminars, presentations and advice clinics aimed at local businesses, whether in pre-start, start-up or as an established business looking to grow.

A key event in this jam-packed programme is the 'Social Media Mash-Up', taking place on Thursday March 10th from 2pm to 4pm. Titled 'Future opportunities for your business' this two hour event hosted by Teresanne O'Reilly features Twitter expert, Author, International speaker Samantha Kelly; one of the world's youngest serial entrepreneurs, a BAFTA nominated 20 year old and self-taught programmer Jordan Casey; the creator of Waterford Whispers News Colm Williamson and founder of Waterford in your pocket Paul Dower.

Communications

Public relations

- Waterford musicians and performers encouraged to apply for MEBAS 2022
- Spraoi's salute to Spring
- Creative Waterford Open Call for applications
- Mayor accepts Irish Independent Reader Award for Waterford Greenway
- Showcase beckons for Waterford craftmakers and designers
- Storms Dudley and Eunice advisories and review
- Cappoquin Regeneration Public Consultation
- Waterford Festivals and Events Grants
- Finn Ryan announced as St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall
- Waterford Local Community Safety Partnership Public Consultation
- Waterford Businesses to partake in Local Enterprise Week
- €698,814 Town and Village Renewal Scheme Funding announcement



Social Media Stats (WCCC and Shop Waterford FB/ Twitter/ LinkedIn combined): 2022

	Reach	+/- Previous month	% Change	Followers	+/- Previous month	% Change
January	799,327			40,863		
February	865,418	66,091	27%	41,064	201	1.9%

Storm Eunice Social Media Updates: February 17th & 18th 2022

	Posts	Reach
Facebook	50	32,476
Twitter	93	74,125
Total	143	106,621

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Trails and Outdoor Recreation

OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME

Projects funded under the above-mentioned scheme in 2019, 2020 and 2021 currently in progress.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, launched the 2022 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme on 18th February. Details of the various measures, including the relevant Scheme Outline, are available on the DRCD website.

WATERFORD GREENWAY

A number of projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII. Examples of projects include the continued extension of the Waterford Greenway play trail (Durrow location); biodiversity project in collaboration with WIT near Carriganore; improved amenity infrastructure incl. seating; enhanced and improved Code of Respect signage etc.

GREENWAY FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Continuing to work with Cork Co Co and Atkins Ireland with regard to the Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway feasibility study. Public consultation period no. 1 due to be launched in March 2022.

Working with Tipperary County Council with regard to feasibility study into a Waterford Greenway to Suir Blueway Connection. TOBIN consulting engineers have been appointed as consultant in order to progress this study during 2022.

WATERFORD TRAILS

Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford about ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford's existing recreational trail network.

www.visitwaterfordtrails.com.



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Pleanáil / Planning

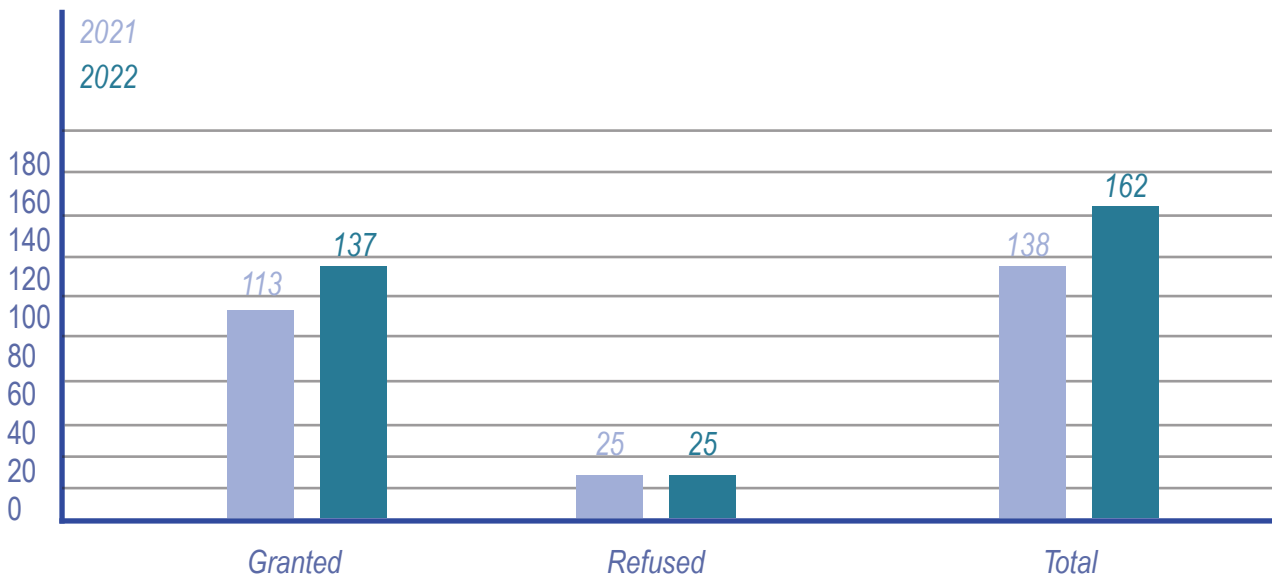
PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – COUNTYWIDE

81 Planning applications were received in the month of February 2022 countywide. This compares with 89 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2021. In January, 64 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 55 received in January 2021.

A total of 145 planning applications were received in the year to 28th February 2022. This compares to 144 planning applications which were received to the 28th of February 2021.

PLANNING DECISIONS

162 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 28th February 2022 compared to 138 for the same period in 2021.



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Heritage Officer Report

COMMUNITY MONUMENTS FUND

Twelve applications were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the 2022 Community Monuments Fund and the outcome will be known by late April.

CONSERVATION

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS).

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced funding for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2022 and Waterford City and County Council was allocated €182,400. By the closing date of 28th of January, Waterford City and County Council received 25 applications for BHIS funding. Of the 25 applications submitted, 10 applications were from the City/ Metropolitan area the remainder were throughout the County. Projects included repairs to chimneys, roofs and windows, and repointing of walls. There are 11 thatch house applications. Lismore Cathedral is proposing energy conservation works and St Annes, Fewes – works to stained glass windows. 22 of the 25 applications received were valid. The recommended 22 projects have been submitted to the Department for approval which is due the first week in March.

Historic Structures Scheme (HSF)

Under the Historic Structures Scheme (HSF) Waterford City and County Council received 8 applications for funding of which 5 projects were valid. These projects were processed and forwarded to the Department where they will be assessed by a panel.

Both schemes were advertised in the local papers, details and application forms sent to those who had previously expressed an interest in funding, plus Councillors, architects etc. The details and application forms were also put up on the Council website and social media.

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Bóithre agus Iompar / Roads and Transportation

CLÁR 2022

The Department of Rural and Community Development recently launched the 2022 €7 million fund to develop community facilities and amenities in rural areas. Clár provides funding for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have experienced significant levels of population decline and must be in one of the designated areas. Measure 1 funding has been updated and is open to all local authorities and will support a variety of capital interventions that contribute to the enhancement of existing and/or the development of new, accessible Community Recreation Facilities. Applications can also include small scale renovation works to community facilities.

Applications will be limited to 15 per local authority and subject to maximum funding of €50,000 at a rate of 90% of total project costs. Application forms are available from the Roads Department.

Tithíocht / Housing

Housing Applications

Housing Applications				
<i>* inc files from carried forward</i>	Feb 2021	Year 2021	Feb 2022	Year to date 2022
<i>Applications received</i>	79	148	31	101
<i>Applications assessed *</i>	97	178	73	125
<i>Applications Validated*</i>	58	99	23	41
<i>Approved for social housing supports following interview</i>	59	102	44	61

Housing Allocations

Housing Allocations					
<i>District</i>	<i>New Tenancies Feb 2021</i>	<i>Cumulative Tenancies 2021</i>	<i>New Tenancies Feb 2022</i>	<i>Refusal of new Tenancys</i>	<i>Cumulative Tenancies 2022</i>
<i>Council</i>	30	433	34	2	52
<i>Approved housing Bodies</i>	4	31	18	4	65
<i>Total</i>	34	464	52	6	117

CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL) SCHEME

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 1000 There have been 261 refusals on properties

Housing Loans applications

Housing Loans applications					
2022 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with housing agency/ Deffed for 6 months
Febuary	11	0	0	TBC	0
Year to date	17	0	7	TBC	0

The no's for this section will be provided at next month's meeting.

Tenant Purchase applications

Tenant Purchase applications					
2022 Tenant Purchases	Applications received	Applications awaiting info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Sales Closed
Feb	3	0	0	TBC	3
YTD 2022	15	0	3		

The no's for this section will be provided at next month's meeting.

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment					
	Feb 2021 HAP Tenancies	Feb 2022 HAP Tenancies set up	2022 No. of active HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative no. of HAP Tenacies set up to date	Cumulative no. of active HAP Tenacies to date
HAP Tenancies	49	29	-22	4,265	1,987

Inspections of Dwellings

Inspections of Dwellings	
HAP	7
HAP Non- Compliant	7
HAP Non- Compliant	7

In February, Waterford City & County Council carried out 199 planned and reactive inspections of our housing stock. As a result of these inspections 12 properties has had improvement works carried out to meet the standards for rented accommodation.

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

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Grant Scheme amount	No of applications approved Feb 2022	Value of applications Feb 2022	Cumulative number of applications approved 2022	Cumulative value of 2022 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	26	€388013.40	38	€554204.42
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	9	€50000.00	23	€116442.12
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	7	€21448.46	26	€119995.33
Total	42	€459461.86	87	€790641.87

Homeless Services

Homeless Services			
<i>Waterford Integrated Homeless Services (WIHS)</i>	<i>As of 23rd February 2022</i>	<i>Cumulative 2022</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>
<i>Number of Callers to WIHS seeking a service</i>	315	653	3,516
<i>Assessments by a Homeless Officer</i>	69	150	760

Breakdown of Persons in Emergency Accommodation		
	<i>As of 23rd February 2022</i>	<i>23rd February 2021</i>
<i>Number of Single Persons</i>	70	48
<i>Number of Families</i>	17	12
<i>Number of Adults in Families</i>	22	18
<i>Number of Children</i>	36	32

HAP PlaceFinder Service		
	<i>1st- 28th Feb</i>	<i>Cumulative 2022</i>
<i>Number of Assessments by the Homeless HAP Officer</i>	27	48
<i>Number of HAP PlaceFinder Tenancies HUB Complete</i>	13	21

Housing First Programme		
	<i>Tenancies 2022</i>	<i>Tenancies 2021</i>
<i>Number of Housing First tenancies in place at 28th February 2022</i>	0	30

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
<i>Project Location</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Current Position</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Total WCCC Projects	470			
<i>Part V</i>	26	<i>Countywide</i>	<i>Various Stages</i>	<i>Delivery On-going 2021 – 10 (est)</i>
<i>Repair and Lease</i>	151	<i>Countywide</i>	<i>Various Stages</i>	<i>Delivery on-going 2020 – 41 2021 – 50 (est) 2022 – 50 (est)</i>
<i>Leasing</i>	130	<i>Countywide</i>	<i>Various Stages</i>	<i>Delivery on-going 2020 – 30 From end of 2021 scheme closed to new applicants</i>
<i>Buy & Renew- Countywide</i>	48	<i>Countywide</i>	<i>Tender Preparation</i>	<i>In progress – Refurbishment Contractor Framework Appointed</i>
	355			

Total units including WCCC Projects: 777

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITTING 2022:

The allocation by the Department to WCCC for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting has not been determined as yet. Childers Estate in Dungarvan will be the main focus by WCCC for submission to the Department for 2022. A submission will be made in the next week or so upon direction from the Department. It is hoped to commence works on 24 houses approximately in the next month or so with more houses to follow later. Progress reports will follow once confirmed.

REFURBISHING OF HOUSES BECOMING VACANT FOR RE LET:

<u>February 2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
Handed over/	
Works completed	7
Newley Vacant	3



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Seirbhísí Pobail / Community Services

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

- The Final LEADER Call issued on the 25th February.
- The February Call does not have a large amount of funding available. It is €91,712.46 for EURI and €156,005.35 in Transitional Funding.
- There was €490,000 in applications for the Capital Projects approved by the February LCDC Meeting.
- Payments from LEADER/RDP1420 are progressing well, with very few decommitments

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND 2021:

The LCDC Assessment Group met at the end of January and their recommendations went before the February LCDC meeting. Out of 174 applications received, 146 applicants were awarded an allocation from the €288,997 Waterford CAF fund. All applicants have been notified of the decision and payment shall be processed once groups return their acceptance form.

THE SUPPORTING WATERFORD COMMUNITY FUND 2022

The Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2022 scheme was advertised at the end of January on the Council's website, social media, via Waterford PPN and to over 800 groups on the 'grant notification list'. Closing date to submit applications was 4pm Monday 28th February. Applications shall be checked and processed in early March and report shall be forwarded to the elected members prior to their April meeting for their approval.

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG:

Progress on 2022 activities is being made weekly by the young people and these are reviewed regularly by the steering committee members. One of the main projects for 2021/22, the Communitree app is being launched imminently. Phase one of the multi-annual tree planting programme has been completed at the WIT Arena with Comhairle members now working closely with WCCC, WIT and the Lions club with progress being made on a new site in Cherrymount, Waterford City with planting to commence on March 4th and 5th.

A new coordinator (Amy Doherty) has been appointed from within WSTCYS to replace Declan O'Driscoll effective from February.

WATERFORD AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME:

Work continues through the Thematic sub-groups to progress the objectives of the AF Strategy. Round 1 of the AF Business Recognition Programme for Waterford City and County is complete with 11 AF Charters being issued. The tender for the retention of a Consultant to assist with the preparation of the new 5 year strategy closed on January 14th 2022 with Community Engagement Partners Ltd being the successful tenderer. Work on the new five year Strategy will begin immediately.

HEALTHY WATERFORD:

Current priorities include: Oversight of Healthy Ireland projects and active travel/ active communities. Extension of Healthy Ireland Round 3 funding deadline to end of March 2022. Round 4 of the Healthy Ireland Fund and programme expected to commence in May 2022.

SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP):

The Council through the LCDC has been tasked with the oversight and implementation at local level of elements of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. These include the employment of a SHCP Local Development Officer ; the setting up of a SHCP Local Implementation Team (LIT) which has commenced and the Enhancement Funding Scheme. An application for €250k funding was successful and projects will be commencing shortly.

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP:

The CSP held a Community Safety Workshop on Saturday 12th February for all of the members of the partnership. Following this meeting it was agreed to have a public consultation on Community Safety on Wednesday 9th March 2022.

COVID 19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM:

The CRF – various agencies and organisations working together to address Covid-related issues - continues to meet on a monthly basis.

PRIDE OF PLACE:

The 2021 National Awards, will now take place in Killarney, Co. Kerry on May 16th 2022. Waterford's main entry for the 2022 competition will be the Surprise Surprise Group having won the 2021 PPN awards.

MIGRANT INTEGRATION:

Various initiatives being followed up on to progress the Strategy adopted by Council in 2020.

SICAP

Waterford Area Partnership continue to implement the SICAP programme on behalf of the LCDC with 79 local community groups and 953 individuals in Waterford expected to benefit in 2022.

SICAP Budget allocations for 2022 have now been confirmed and the budget for Waterford City & County (24-1) is €1,280,970. This is an 11% increase on 2021.

The Annual Plan for 2022 and the Annual Performance Review for 2021 have been approved by Waterford LCDC.

TIG

The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group continues to meet regularly by way of Zoom.

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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 February. Emergency response has continued uninterrupted throughout the Covid 19 crisis with significant precautionary measures put in place to ensure the safety of fire crews and the community served.

<i>Fire Service Operational Activity:</i>				
<i>Area</i>	<i>Fires</i>	<i>Special Services</i>	<i>False alarm/ Good intent</i>	<i>False alarm Malicious</i>
<i>Total for February</i>	28	42	19	0
<i>Year to date</i>	69	73	44	0
<i>Total for February 2021</i>	41	34	17	1
<i>Total for 2021</i>	672	460	184	3

FIRE SAFETY:

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

<i>Fire Safety:</i>				
<i>Applications received</i>	<i>February 2022</i>	<i>2022 YTD</i>	<i>February 2021</i>	<i>2021 YTD</i>
<i>Fire Safety Certificates</i>	3	18	3	10

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.

<i>Building Control:</i>				
<i>Applications received</i>	<i>February 2022</i>	<i>2022 YTD</i>	<i>February 2021</i>	<i>2021 YTD</i>
<i>Commencement Notices</i>	17	43	20	352
<i>Completion Certificates</i>	25	48	24	195
<i>Disability Access Certs</i>	4	10	4	57

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Civil Defence activities during the month of February 2022 consisted mostly of Covid-19 Response duties. Other Essential Tasks undertaken were:

- PPE training.
- Vehicle preparation.
- Vehicle Cleaning and Decontamination.
- Patient Transportation for cancer treatments.
- Coordination of Humanitarian Requests for Transport.

Patient Transportation was provided by Civil Defence volunteers to members of the community with no other available means of transport. This was only made possible by the cooperation and dedication of Civil Defence Volunteers.

Transportation tasks included to and from:

- Clinical appointments (e.g. doctors, dental, radiotherapy, etc).
- Hospital Appointments in South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel, Cork CUH, Waterford UHW and Whitfield.
- Vaccination Centre Transport's to WIT Arena.

At all times stringent measures were put in place to ensure the safety of Civil Defence volunteers and those members of the community served.

Whilst the easing of Covid 19 restrictions has been positive we are reviewing our current capabilities and working with our volunteers to identify what training is required to get back to normal.

Plans are in place for a Safe return to Training as the situation improves

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Seirbhísí Comhshaoil / Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement Statistics

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

1ST JANUARY 2022 – 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE LITTER POLLUTION ACTS 1997 (AS AMENDED)	
Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued (Pending Payment or Prosecution)	18
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from previous year)	5
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	1

ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTS 1996 (AS AMENDED)	
No of Complaints	346
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	0
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	7
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	8
Warning Letters Sent (Packaging Info & Notice Follow Up)	56
Section 14 Directions	1
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	0
Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors	1
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	0

SMART BRING BANKS

Funding of €45,000 has been secured by Waterford City & County Council from the Public Service Innovation Fund for the provision of "Smart Bring Bank" facilities at our network of 69 bring bank locations across the City & County. In 2021, a total of 3,205 tonnes of glass was recycled in Waterford City and County. Smart Bring Banks are fitted with a level sensor which records the level of the capacity left in the bottle bank. In each bring bank location a sensor will be fitted to the bottle bank which is most likely to be full to act as a proxy for the entire bring centre to assess the level of capacity remaining. The sensors communicate back to a server with updated data every few minutes, using a low powered wide area network. The level fill sensors alert the collection contractor when a bring centre is nearly full, or if there is still spare capacity to allow the collection route to be planned to collect only from those bring centres that require emptying. This saves time and fuel for the collector and reduces the carbon footprint associated with the collection of this waste.

The data collected from the sensors will also be used to develop a user-friendly app for the public which will provide a visual display of the bring centre status on a map, with a green symbol indicating that there is space, amber that the bottle bank is nearly full and red that it is full. This would allow the public to see at a glance which bring centre in their vicinity they should use, avoid a wasted trip or to go to an alternative bring centre.

GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR LANDFILL REMEDIATION WORKS 2022

The Landfill Remediation Grant Programme fund provides for the allocation of capital grants to Local Authorities in recognition of the financial burden placed on them in carrying out the essential risk assessment and remediation of unregulated landfill sites in accordance with the Regional Waste Management Plans 2015 – 2021 and any subsequent Regional Waste Management Plans.

The remediation works and risk assessment costs are currently 100% funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) while the Local Authorities are responsible for on-going aftercare costs on completion.

Grant assistance under the above programme totalling €120,000 has been secured by Waterford City & County Council for the remediation of the following landfills within its functional area:

SITE NAME	ALLOCATION	OBJECTIVE 2022
Bawnard	€25,000	Appoint Consultants to do detailed capping design to existing landfill and prepare tender documents
Lismore	€15,000	Monitoring, provision of additional boreholes
Portlaw (Coolfin)	€15,000	Monitoring, provision of additional boreholes
Portlaw Tannery	€25,000	Appoint Consultants to do detailed capping design to existing landfill and prepare tender documents
Kilbarry	€40,000	Prepare Tier 2 Environment Risk Assessment, boreholes for waste classification and water and gas monitoring

Environmental Education & Awareness

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

Waterford City & County Council facilitates community clean ups throughout the year to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; registrations have commenced at www.nationalspringclean.org ; as part of this we supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the litter.

GREEN FLAG PROGRAMME

School visits and assessments are well underway for green flag renewals. There are 51 schools due to renew their Green Flag this year. The deadline for renewal applications is on Friday, April 1st 2022 for the 2021/2022 academic year. Schools applying for their first Green Flag, Litter & Waste theme, can submit an application by Tuesday, March 1st, 2022. Green School visits can take place either in person or virtually. Schools have been seeking advice online via Zoom, email and also by telephone to date. Online workshops with secondary schools continue to be requested, with recycling and various waste prevention issues continuing to be the most popular topics.

WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS

Schools involved in biodiversity themes of the Green Schools programme are currently being offered biodiversity themed workshops to help them in their work. This includes primary, secondary and special schools in Co. Waterford who are working on biodiversity and may include advice on developing a school garden or encouraging pollinators into their school grounds.

TIDY TOWNS

A series of short online talks for Tidy Towns groups will take place in March and April, on the topics of litter management, climate action, biodiversity and planting for pollinators, etc. All groups will be contacted with details of these events shortly.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Four Home Energy Saving Kits now available to borrow from our libraries. We are providing these as a toolkit that helps to save energy at home. With 5 easy-to-use tools and 6 practical exercises, this kit allows you to get a better understanding of the energy usage in your home, problem areas that may need your attention and ways to improve energy efficiency. Waterford City & County Council have been working with the Waterford Teachers Centre to pilot a Climate Literacy programme with secondary schools this Spring. This involves a 10- week Climate Literacy programme, focused on improving climate literacy and fostering behavior change in schools. The course is developed to include teacher training, resources, and lesson plans. The teacher training is designed to equip teachers with the knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and skills required to effectively and confidently deliver not only this course, but also across their curriculum subject as the course can complement any subject framework that has an environmental strand. There will be training sessions weekly online to support teachers to deliver the content of the class. After the training the teacher will then be able to deliver the course by his/herself with as many groups of students as they wish.

We are working with Europe Direct Centre at Central Library to run a week of lunchtime events online during 21-25 March, entitled Acting for the Environment. Events will include how climate change is affecting our coastal heritage, a furniture up-cycling demonstration using locally recycled paint from Renew Enterprises, and a talk about wildflowers and how to grow your own vegetables.

LOCAL GRANTS

Applications are currently being invited for two grants: Local Anti Graffiti and Anti Litter Awareness Grant 2022 <https://bit.ly/AntiLitterGrant2022> to tackle litter or graffiti in a community and the Local Waste Prevention Grant 2022 <https://bit.ly/WastePreventionGrant2022> for any group that wants to help to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local area. Closing date for applications is 1st April 2022. Application forms and terms & conditions are available from www.waterfordcouncil.ie

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Ealaíona & Cultúr / Arts & Culture **Arts Report**

Decisions on the Arts Festivals, venues and arts practice grants approved by Council have issued to applicants.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan received positive feedback to the Waterford Spraoi outdoor installation on the building 'Salute to Spring' for the month of February. The 'Landscapes' exhibition from the Waterford Art Collection and 'Market 22' from various artists continues in the venue.

Applications are now closed for the individual Waterford Artlinks bursaries 2022. The ArtLinks Collaboration award which seeks to encourage more collaboration between artists across the ArtLinks counties and support artists seeking to expand their practice and networks regionally has just opened. The closing date is 19th April 2022.

A Street Art Mentoring Project has commenced in Dungarvan with Waterford Walls and students of Ard Scoil na nDéise, CBS, Dungarvan College and Friary College, Dungarvan on the Fairlane Park performance area.

The Arts In Health project with Waterford City Mental Health services is ongoing.

In Literature, mentoring for the advanced writers has re-started a 10 session course online. Filming is underway with this group for content for Poetry Day Ireland in April.

The Arts Office supported, Waxed Lemon Literary Journal has received over 600 submissions for Issue 4.

Platform 31 is a nationwide artist development scheme by the 31 Local Authority Arts Offices in collaboration with the @ Arts Council of Ireland, designed to support and enable career development for 31 mid-career artists, all art forms. In 2022, participating artists will receive an €8,000 bursary to invest in themselves and their practice, combined with participation in a developmental and networking framework. The programme lasts for approx 6 months from May to October 2022. Closing date is Wednesday 30th March 2022- see <https://platform31.localartsireland.ie/> Waterford artists are encouraged to apply.

Valentine's Day mini festival went nicely despite the horrendous weather. 18 performers were employed – 9 techies and two producers. This was part of the LLPPS3 scheme.

The Arts Service is working with the St. Patrick's Day Festival and is producing a Jazz concert with the Phil Collins Trio plus guests for Sunday Brunchtime in the Viking Triangle.

Plans are well underway for a new mini comedy festival "Foolhardy – festival of Comedy and Commedia" to commence on the April Fool's Day Weekend. While it will mainly have Comedy as its core it will also have a strong theme covering the historical contexts of the artform through its French and Italian roots.

Jenna Whelan, from GOMA, is on Maternity leave. Nora Boland and Lynn Cahill are working together both as cover and also to take the gallery in a new marketable direction following its business plan that was supported by the Arts Council, our LEO and the Arts Service.

Plans are well underway with Summer In The City. Activities are being looked at with placements in the Cultural Quarter, the Retail Quarter, the Hospitality Quarter and the Viking Triangle. It's a co-production between Anna Jordan and the Arts Service.

Libraries

In February, all 12 library branches were open to all. We are greatly enjoying meeting and greeting people as they come back physically to our Libraries and we look forward to meeting even more during March as we open up to events, meetings and in-house activities with more access to study and reading spaces.

<i>No. of Visitors this month</i>	17,761
<i>Active members</i>	11,907
<i>Items Borrowed</i>	23,428
<i>On Line Borrowing including, ebooks & emagazines</i>	6,568
<i>Events & Activities</i>	90
<i>Users of Times Tables Rockstars</i>	398

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY:

Ireland Reads took place on February 25th. As part of this national programme the Tramore Library Divas bookclub took part in the first, 'Art of Reading Bookclub' which featured the newly appointed Irish Fiction Laureate Colm Toibín in discussion with author Claire Keegan. The Divas were also interviewed for RTE and national press in Ardkeen Library.

A Children's Art Workshop to 'Design a Book Cover' with Firefly Parties with 10 attendees was held in Dungarvan Library. Ardkeen Library hosted a children's reading bingo and a book gift bag promotion, all part of the Ireland Reads programme.

On February 25th Librarian Tracy McEneaney appeared on the Claire Byrne show to speak about Ireland Reads and the best baddies from Children's books with Elaina Ryan CEO of Children's Books Ireland.

'Get Creative with Natural Materials' an Online Environmental Art Workshop with Sean Corcoran of The Art Hand took place as part of the Well Festival of Arts and Wellbeing. On the 10th & 17th February with 238 attendees in total including Classes from Glor na Mara NS, Kells Parochial NS, Christchurch NS and Waterpark NS.

Also as part of the Well Festival artist Sarah Bowie's Doodle Wellness workshop for secondary schools took place online on February 8th with 650 attendees.

'The people we grow up to be,' photographic exhibition featuring the Intergenerational choir was shown in Central Library.

Visits to Library branches by small groups such as the WETNS Autism Unit and St Josephs special school took place during the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH:

The 3rd Global Women's Conference, Break the Bias will take place in the Theatre Royal on International Women's Day March 8th.

Staff in Carrickpherish Library are engaging in training and contacting schools for the rollout of the Classroom Exhibition, which is a European project on misinformation and fake news.

Seachtain na Gaeilge events such as Story times and competitions will be held across Libraries in March. Beidh roinnt imeachtaí Gaeilge agus dátheangacha á n-eagrú ag an bhfoireann os na leabharlanna éagsúla sa chathair agus sa chon-tae sa choicís amach romhainn agus iad ar fad saor in aisce.

Waterford City & County Libraries will celebrate, World Book Day, World Wildlife Day and International Women's day in March.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT:

C-Pen Reader pens arrived into Library HQ and are being processed before a pilot lending project commences.

Tramore Library has had painting completed on all internal walls and new flooring installed.

Staff across all branches are being trained in the new Library Management System, Spydus.

Astroturf was laid for the Sensory Garden project in Carrickpherish.

Library images from February include:



Valentine's Day in Dungarvan Library

Credit DMG Photography, Photographer Davi Matheson with photos of the intergenerational Choir at the Index gallery Central library.

The Growing Tree preschool in Lismore entering the bookmark competition in Lismore Library.

The Gruffalo and young members of Ardkeen Library celebrating Ireland Reads in branch.

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Airgeadas / Finance Revenue Account

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division							
Y.T.D. to January 31, 2022							
		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	1,629,653	32,461,813	5%	1,837,951	35,042,973	5%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,849,571	46,030,418	4%	785,755	33,445,608	2%
C	Water Services	740,722	11,141,683	7%	694,464	10,674,030	7%
D	Development Management	1,268,571	17,678,810	7%	480,284	8,494,376	6%
E	Environmental Services	1,529,282	20,905,703	7%	56,334	2,878,907	2%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,122,131	14,951,207	8%	76,242	1,750,939	4%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	61,170	1,182,814	5%	18,749	501,962	4%
H	Miscellaneous Services	532,569	9,360,886	6%	223,849	5,744,486	4%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	1,639,042	19,668,516	8%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	2,959,294	35,511,536	8%
		8,733,669	153,713,333	6%	8,771,965	153,713,333	6%
Surplus/Deficit					38,296	0	

Collections

Summary of main collections Jan 2022 YTD (Pre-Y/E review)										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G'		[6]	[7]
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2022	Accrued ytd to Jan 2022	Write Offs and Vacancies	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Jan 2022	Gross Bal 31-12-2021 [4-5]	Specific Provision	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2022 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Rates	6,439,005	35,379,997	-	-	41,819,002	897,967	40,921,035	1,950,000	2%	3%
Loans	1,703,076	280,667	-	-	1,983,743	254,104	1,729,639	-	13%	91%
Rents	3,938,392	1,472,534	-	-	5,410,926	1,236,944	4,173,982	-	23%	84%
Aged Analysis :										
				Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates				35,299,943	-	-	5,621,092			40,921,035
				0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans				162,934	73,223	142,855	1,350,627			1,729,639
				Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents				152,369	102,210	139,916	3,779,487			4,173,982
Overdraft Levels										
Days in Overdraft in Jan	0		Cost -	0	€0.00	verage Value when in O/D : N/A				€ -