

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

No 5



### Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle Management Report to Council

Eanáir 2018

**Michael Walsh,**

**Príomhfheidhmeannach**

January 2018

**Michael Walsh,**

**Chief Executive**



# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of December 2016	At end of December 2017
No. of Clients Met	377	446
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	31	35
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	29	31
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€558,375	€559,591
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	1832	1454
Value of Measure 2 support given	€450,201	€429,099

### **Local craft, foods and drinks at the ‘Local at the Deanery’ pop-up shop.**

Over the last couple of years, the locally produced food, crafts and drinks industry is growing exponentially in Waterford. The Local Enterprise Office has met and worked with producers and crafters and at Christmas put together a pop-up shop option for them to share and showcase their wares at Winterval.

### **Major Projects – Progress Report up to January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

1. Greenway:-
  - All planned civil works have now been completed. Some small snagging works and planting continue in some places.
2. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-
  - Works for the new street lighting in John Street, Applemarket and Lady Lane on-going. Existing lighting poles in John Street are being removed and paving at those locations patched following installation and testing of new building mounted lights.
  - Work in Arundel Square is progressing. Works to south end of the Square are progressing with a view to completing works by early February in this area
  - The works on Michael Street North, originally scheduled to begin in 2018, have been completed.

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### Economic Development

- The entire works are all scheduled to be substantially completed in April 2018, ahead of the previously programmed June completion date. The programme for the works is as follows:-

#### Contractors Programme

	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
<b>Crew 1</b>	<b>City Centre</b>	<b>378 days</b>	<b>10/10/16</b>	<b>27/03/18</b>
	Applemarket/John St.	205 days	Completed	
	Arundel Square	51 days	8/09/17	06/02/18
	Peter Street	61 days	31/10/17	27/03/18
	Michael St North	35 days	02/10/17	22/12/17
<b>Crew 2</b>	Lady Lane east	68 days	Completed	
	Colbeck Street	85 days	Completed	
	Lady Lane - Bakehouse Lane to Friary	75days	Completed	
	Lady Lane West	55 days	Completed	
	Michael Street South	33 days	25/01/18	12/03/18

- Work on the detailed design of the City Centre Access part of the Rejuvenation project is ongoing. An interim scheme in the Manor Street/Poleberry/Bath Street to allow for the implementation of the new one way system will be implemented in January. Some small finishing works in Railway Square, Manor Street, Cork Road, Bath Street and College Street will then continue for a number of days. This scheme will facilitate the building of the Hennessey's Road/Browns Lane/Castle Street Scheme which is out to tender at the moment and will commence construction early in 2018.

#### 3. North Quays:-

- The public display phase of the SDZ Draft Planning Scheme finished on November 30th and a report is being prepared for the Members.
- The CPO for the lands associated with the North Quays development had an Oral Hearing on October 24th with An Bord Pleanala and the outcome is awaited.
- A proposal under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act in respect of the Hennebique Building is on Public Consultation at the moment. A report will be brought to the Members when this has been completed.

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4. Mercyhurst:-

There is no substantive progress to be reported at this time.

5. Planning and Land Use Strategy – Review of Bridge Options:-

A review into the provision of additional bridges across the R. Suir in the city to carry vehicles has been finalised. The report will be brought to the members for consideration in due course.

6. Work has commenced to prepare plans for the construction of the recently funded access roads in Gracedieu and Kilbarry under the LIHAF scheme. The Chief Executives Report on the Part VIII planning process was adopted by the Metropolitan Members in December. It is anticipated that the two access roads will progress to construction stage by the end February 2018.

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## Planning

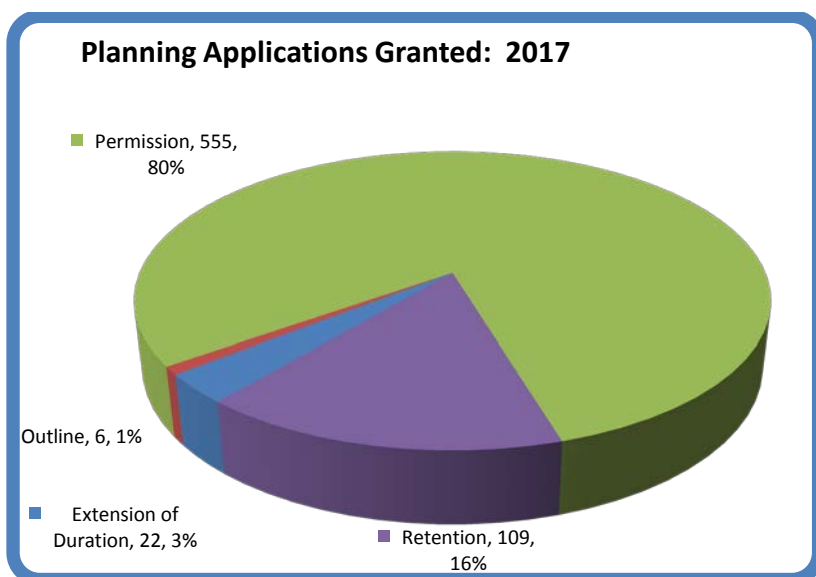
### Development Management

#### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

Christmas week is traditionally the busiest week for the planning department as applicants tend to lodge applications prior to Christmas so as to achieve a start in the spring. Planning applications received during the Christmas period are still being processed and a definitive annual figure will be available in early January. It is envisaged that planning applications in 2017 will be in the region of the low 900's, representing approximately a 6% year on year increase in planning applications.

74 planning applications were received in the month of December (to 27<sup>th</sup>) 2017. This compares with 83 planning applications received in the same period in 2016. To the 27<sup>th</sup> of December a total of 903 planning applications have been received. This compares with 849 applications received in the same period in 2016.

#### Planning Decisions 2017 - Countywide



In the full calendar year of 2017, 743 planning decisions were made. This compares with 723 decisions which were made in 2016. In 2017, 693 applications were granted and 50 refused, representing a grant rate of 93.2%.

#### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 508 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017. This compares with 523 pre planning applications which were received for the full year of 2016. A new mechanism was introduced whereby meetings were established with the Area Planners on a weekly basis.

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### Forward Planning

#### Development Plan Variations

**Variations No.3a: Vacant Site Levy and 3b Part V Social Housing Provision.** Both variations of the Development Plans were adopted in the first quarter of 2017.

#### Vacant Sites Register

There is a statutory obligation on the Planning Authority, pursuant to The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, to establish and maintain a Vacant Sites Register. Work was undertaken on the assessment of vacant sites throughout the county for inclusion in the Register. During May a workshop was held with the Elected Members. A total of 21 sites were identified and subsequently placed on the register.

#### Draft National Planning Framework (NPF)

The National Planning Framework - “Ireland 2040 – Our Plan” was published in Draft format in September. The document sets out how Ireland will respond to key planning challenges in the period to 2040 with particular emphasis on providing capacity for population increase, job creation, housing, environmental challenges in terms of climate change and the movement to a low carbon economy. The document is available online at <http://npf.ie/draft-of-ireland-2040/>. The Forward Planning Section was engaged in making an individual submission on the draft NPF and in conjunction with Kilkenny, Carlow, Tipperary and Wexford County Councils have made a combined submission. Both submissions sought to strengthen the role and function of the South East Waterford City Region.

#### Review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) and Variation no. 4 of the Development Plan(s) relating to Architectural Conservation Areas.

Work was completed in 2017 on the review of the RPS for the Metropolitan District. The official review process commenced in October 2017 with a review being undertaken of RPS as it relates to Waterford City and the associated Waterford City Development Plan. The relevant owners/occupiers of structures proposed for addition or deletion were notified individually in addition to the owners/occupiers of structures already on the RPS where details are to be amended. Both processes have run concurrently and have entailed periods of public display and invitation of submissions/observations. Both processes should be completed by early 2018.

In conjunction with the above, ongoing technical support is provided by the Department both in house and also to the public.

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### Conservation and Heritage

#### Conservation

The upturn in the property market has had a positive impact for historic buildings in the County. Some larger properties in urban and rural areas which were empty for past number of years were purchased and are in the process of renovation. Grant aid available from the Heritage Council, Department of Housing and the Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme and the Georgian society benefited residential/ commercial and community projects. Other projects included the repair of several thatch roofs around the county, and repairs of windows and roofs of private dwellings. These works benefit the owners and their buildings but also contribute to upgrading the streetscape.

The annual Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) administered by the Council both drew to a close at the end of November. Funds in excess of €260,000 were allocated for the schemes. Both schemes funded residential, commercial and community projects assisting in the carrying out of structural repairs and repairs to windows, roofs, doors etc. The three key projects funded under the SRF in 2017 were the Bishops Palace, Waterford City, St. Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore and Cappoquin House while the BHIS funded 26 projects across the county.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) will once again be in operation in 2018. The councillors and public will be informed with the funding is announced by the Department. If the councillors have any projects in mind they can contact either Cecily Johnston or Rose Ryall and information can be sent to interested parties.

#### Heritage - Review of Main Projects for 2017:

**Waterford Heritage Plan:** Waterford's Heritage Plan 2017-2022 was adopted by Council during Quarter 1.

**Heritage Week** ran from August 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, a wide variety of events took place across the County which were well supported.

**Heritage Funding:** The Heritage Council funded projects under the 2017 Heritage Plan including Ecological Survey of St. John's River, Habitat Management Plan for Kilmacleague Wetland, Support for Community Archaeology projects at Round Hill, Lismore and Gallows Hill Dungarvan, Decade of Commemoration events for 2017 & 2018 and Heritage Week programming.

**Launch of Waterford Greenway:** March 2017 saw the launch of Waterford Greenway. A heritage event was held which included a photographic exhibition on railway heritage displayed in Kilmacthomas library, wildlife walks with Paddy Dwan, guided walk to Woodstown Viking Site with Archaeologist James Eogan and "Stop, Look and Listen Trad songs of the Greenway" with Michael Fortune.



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## Planning

### Strategic Policy Committee 2017

The SPC held 4 meetings during the year. The following topics and policy issues were discussed at the meetings:

- Changes to Part V Social Housing Provision with associated variations to the Development Plans.
- Vacant Site Levy and associated Register with related variations to the Development Plans.
- Waterford City and County Council Heritage Plan 2017 -2022.
- Review of the Record of Protected Structure and the adoption of Areas of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA) with related Development Plan variation.
- Local Infrastructure and Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF).
- National Planning Framework: Details of the draft NPF as they relate to Waterford City and County Council were highlighted, which formed the basis of subsequent debate on a range of issues and an input into Waterford's submission.
- Development Plan Review: As a precursor to the development plan process, the future Policy approaches regarding Tourism Accommodation and Rural Housing were discussed.

### Planning and Information Technology

#### Website Development

New content continued to be developed for the Planning website in 2017. This investment allied to the general upturn in construction activity has resulted in the achievement of significant additional visits to the Planning website. Visits to planning web pages on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) in 2017 amounted to 183,175 visits which represents average visits in excess of 3,500 visits per week.

Last year in the same period there were 160,696 visits, therefore there was a healthy increase in visits of 14%. The equivalent visits in 2015 amounted to 142,099. Indicators across other measures such as unique page views, the time taken on each page, bounce rates all showed positive trends over 2016. Development of new relevant content will continue into 2018.

#### MapAlerter and Twitter

Planning information is now available on the Map Alerter and Twitter platforms.

The **MapAlerter App** for Android and iOS is a great way to receive planning alerts which are local to your area. "App Alerts" beep in like a normal text message, but they can include a lot more information. To use the service, the MapAlerter App needs to be downloaded on to your phone from the App Store or Google Play.

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On the **Twitter** platform, all of the statutory planning lists are tweeted on a weekly basis. To access the feature, access and follow the Waterford City and County Council account @WaterfordCouncil.

### **E-planning**

The Planning Section is managing a project currently underway to deliver an e-planning solution which integrates with the introduction of electronic systems currently being developed in An Bord Pleanála. It is Government Policy to provide an e-planning solution and this is referenced in recent policy documents such as Rebuilding Ireland and the Broadband Strategy.

The e-planning system will provide a better service to the public (for example earlier visibility of planning applications, online planning submissions), will allow agents to 'build' their application before submission, will reduce the printing, copying and scanning of documentation and will facilitate electronic interaction between Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála and Prescribed Bodies. The system is due to go live in 2018. Communications will issue to all of the key stakeholders as the project progresses.

# **Bóithre agus Iompar**

## **Roads and Transportation**

### **Storm Ophelia - Funding**

A funding application to address the immediate clean up and associated costs following Storm Ophelia was made to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for €507,450 which was granted in full. To date the Council has had no decision or notification in relation to an application for funding of €1.320m to repair structural damage to our coastal defences, road pavement damage, culvert and bridge damages.

### **Local Improvement Scheme 2017**

Total funding of €660,825 was provided by the Department for the completion of LIS projects in 2017. Although the timescale was very tight for the delivery of the works all projects were completed by year end.

### **Road Works Programme 2018**

Meetings to agree the Road Works Programme for the coming year will be arranged this month for each District.

### **Winter Maintenance Programme**

Gritting and salting of roads continued during December with crews remaining on call during the Christmas holiday period.

# 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 December. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues. Good intent false alarms include alarm system malfunctions, alarm systems alerting due to factors other than fire (e.g. steam, dust, power surges, break glass units accidentally set off etc), persons mistakenly observing fires and calls to controlled burning. Malicious false alarms occur where persons deliberately alert the brigade where no emergency exists. For comparison purposes 2016 figures are also included.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm Good Intent	False Alarm Malicious
Metropolitan	42	20	7	2
Comeragh	4	1	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	20	9	6	0
<b>Total for Dec</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total 2017</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>37</b>
<i>Total for 2016</i>	<i>692</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>23</i>

### Fire Safety:

Applications for fire safety certificates and referrals from the Planning Authority received for fire safety and building control advice are shown as follows:

Applications Received	Dec 2017	2017 Year to date	Total for 2016
Fire Safety Certificates	3	82	94
Planning Referrals	44	493	502

### 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 as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice.

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## Emergency Services

Application/Notification	Dec 2017	Cumulative Total for 2017	Total for 2016
Commencement Notices	23	303	330
Completion Certificates	11	142	146
Disability Access Certificates	3	67	63

### **Civil Defence:**

The following are the activities of Civil Defence during the month of December.

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Winterval	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	First aid.
Transport Special needs children to Faithlegg Hotel to meet Santa.	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3 minibuses, 1 jeep and 5 members.
Formby & Conningbeg wreath laying.	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 members.
St Vincent De Paul Charity Bike Run Leamybrien to Waterford	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 Minibus & 1 Response Vehicle
Packing of hampers for Lions Club.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	28 members, 1 van, 2 minibuses & 2 jeeps.
Wheelchair Association Charity 5km Run Kilmacthomas	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 Response Vehicle & 1 Minibus

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## Housing

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Dec 2016	Cumulative No. of Applications 2016	Applications during Dec 2017	Cumulative No. of Applications 2017
Applications received	86	990	53	1,137
Applications validated	62	725	78	914
Applications approved	71	677	46	668

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Dec 2016	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2016	New Tenancies during Dec 2017	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2017
Comeragh Municipal	2	14	2	0	17
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	3	33	11	1	56
Metropolitan	10	144	7	0	132
Voluntary Bodies	2	83	0	-	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>215</b>

### Choice Based Letting Scheme

The CBL has been running since 16th September 2016 and to date we have advertised 61 properties and received 4,609 Expressions of Interest as of 31/12/2017.

61 properties have been decided on and 60 offers have issued with 8 refusals to date.

### Housing Loans applications

2017 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
Dec	1	1	0	1	1
YTD	66	1	27	13	2

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### Tenant Purchase applications

2017 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
Dec	1	1	0	-
YTD	187	18	80	Of the balance of 89 YTD:- 33 Sales have closed 7 are at Legal stage 49 are still under offer

Tenant Purchase Sales Closed in December by District:

- 1 property in Tramore and Waterford City West
- 1 property in Waterford City South
- 1 property in Waterford City East
- 1 property in Dungarvan and Lismore

Tenant Purchase Applications in December by District:

- 1 property in Waterford City South

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Dec 2016 HAP tenancies	Dec 2017 HAP tenancies set up	2017 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	67	55	771	1,961

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### Inspection of private rented dwellings

PRTB Register	
Compliant	
Non-Compliant	
HAP	66
Compliant	5
Non-Compliant	49
Re Inspection	12
HNA/COC ( Properties from Housing applications and change of circumstances applications)	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
Re Inspection	0
RAS ( RAS properties)	2
RAS Re-Inspection	4
LTL ( Long term leasing properties)	3
LTL Re-Inspection	
MTR ( Mortgage to rent properties)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved Dec 2017	Number of applications to Dec 2017	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2017 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€193,711.19	15	€630,187.81	56
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€58,078.95	11	€516,235.20	105
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€109,109.20	20	€559,522.35	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>€360,899.34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>€1,705,945.36</b>	<b>282</b>



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### Homeless services

<b>Cases presented seeking Homeless services</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
December Cases presented (up to 30th Dec)	46	48
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>757</b>

<b>Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation (up to 22nd Dec 2017)</b>	<b>Dec 2017</b>	<b>Dec 2016</b>
Individuals	98	91
Individuals with dependent children	10	9
Families with no dependent children	0	0
Families with dependent children	8	6

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

In total, 1 adult individual.

**Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 12 adults.**

### Capital Projects

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	8	Metropolitan	Appraisal Stage	Stage 1 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Tender currently advertised.
Cappoquin	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Tender Awarded; Commencement on-site Q1 2018.
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018. Tender Q1 2018.
Tramore An Garran	32	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.

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Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Demolition works contract Q1 2018.
Gibbethill	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Kilrush	39	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Carrickphierish	31	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Airport Road	33	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction to commence Q1 2018.
Shandon	5	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Slievekeale	60	Metropolitan	Appraisal	PPP bundle & individual schemes awaiting DHPLG approval before advertising Part 8
Part V	16	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	50	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew	24	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Tender Stage
<b>Total Units in WCCC Projects 375</b>				

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Dungarvan, Shandon Co-operative Housing Ireland	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Following Planning Grant, Construction to resume Q1 2018.
Tramore, Ballycarnane Tramore Voluntary Housing	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
Dunhill Gleann Ealach	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Stage 2 Approval Q4 2017. Planning in Progress.
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road Focus Ireland	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
The Paddock's Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	9	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Awaiting Stage 3 Approval.

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Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Tender Process and Stage 3 Approved.
<b>Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68</b>				

Housing Stock turnaround / Voids	Position at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018
Voids turnaround 01/01/17 to 31/12/17	217 units      4.34% of stock
<b>Vacants in current stock in process</b>	<b>118            2.36% of stock</b>
Works Ongoing      01/01/ 18	44 units
Capital Schemes      01/01/18	10 units
Allocated              01/01/18	64 units
<b>Additions to Stock for 2018</b>	
New Acquisitions to stock for alloc./refurb .	54 units

### Response maintenance

In December 2017, there were a total of 678 recorded requests. 502 have been resolved and 176 are pending.

# Seirbhísí Pobail

## Community Services

### **Social Inclusion:**

Waterford Area Partnership have been awarded the SICAP contract for 2018-2022. Formal agreement signed on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Waterford Rural Development Programme:**

It is estimated that in Waterford, €1.86m in LEADER funding will have been approved by the LCDC by year end. 29 Expressions of Interest came before LCDC at December meeting.

### **Comhairle na nÓg:**

Planning for the 2018 programme is almost complete. The Comhairle Coordinator and Community Dept. liaison have met regarding the 2017 Annual report and 2018 Funding Request which is to be submitted to the Department - they are almost fully complete and ready for submission.

### **Pride of Place:**

The entry for the 2018 National Pride of Place awards will be Tramore and Waterford Arch Club. Work with this group will commence early in 2018 with a view to matching the success of the Portlaw Task Force in the 2017 awards.

### **JPC:**

Final draft of JPC Strategic Plan 2018-2023 was ratified at JPC meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Waterford Age Friendly Programme:**

The feedback from the launch of the WAFA Strategy document was hugely positive from all attendees. The work of the action groups is underway with significant progress on delivery of thematic area actions expected early in 2018.

### **Communities Facilities Scheme 2017:**

All successful groups have received their grant.

### **RAPID:**

New RAPID grant scheme for disadvantaged urban areas. Successful applicants notified of grants.

### **Healthy Waterford**

Healthy Waterford is now the Health and Wellbeing sub-committee of Waterford LCDC. Healthy Ireland funded projects commenced in December.

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## Community Services

### **Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018**

The Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018 shall be advertised at the end of January and all previous eligible applicants shall receive notification at this time. Closing date will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, no late applications shall be accepted.

### **PPN**

Number of groups registered with the PPN at December 2017 is 588. Linkage groups set up for Environment; Social Inclusion and Mental Health.

There are 3 “Colleges” with groups in each as follows:

Community – 467

Environment – 16

Social Inclusion - 105

# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Arts Report

Arts Festivals, venues and arts practice grants were passed at the December Plenary meeting. Successful applicants were advised of their standing.

Contracts have been signed for the former SEA Rooms in O'Connell Street. The building will undergo a cosmetic renovation with an opening date as the new home for the Waterford Collection in July 2018. Greyfriars Gallery will close at the end of March 2018 for renovations to become a Museum of Time.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is held it's annual Christmas Art and Crafts exhibition that ran until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next exhibition: Landscapes and Portraits, is a selection from the Waterford Collection.

Arts in Education projects in schools around the City and county are ongoing.

Waterford Artlinks bursaries 2018 for artists in all disciplines continue to be promoted with an end of January closing date.

The Townhall Theatre had its busiest winter season to date with Pantomimes and year end stage schools shows filling the bill. A nboard of directors and a management group will be formed during January February to enhance the organisation and running of the venue.

The Winter Quintet Exhibition currently on display at Greyfriars Gallery runs until January 27<sup>th</sup>. Showing both new work and older pieces from acclaimed local artists, Rayleen Clancy, Tony Hayes, Ciaran Lynch, Anne McDonnell and Denis Power.

The successful applicant for the position of Music Generation Development Officer for Waterford has been notified. Its hoped the person will be in situ in January/February.

# Ealaíona & Cultúr

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In December, 35,074 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 31,693 items during the month.

In December 240 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- Family Library week 11<sup>th</sup> -16th December – over 50 events across the service during the week including storytelling, crafts and coffee mornings.
- Traveller Project with Tony Hennessy – Dungarvan Library
- Reader In Residence events in libraries across the service-Books can change your life – Dungarvan Library, Poetry Booth – Ardkeen Library, Writing Stories, Telling Stories – Kilmacthomas Library, Writing Memories workshop – Central Library.
- Healthy Ireland at your Library – events in Carrickphierish, Central and Dungarvan libraries.
- SS Formby Memorial Exhibition – Central Library

Events coming up in January include:

- LuáC group Art exhibition – Index Gallery – Central Library
- Author event- Niall Bracken reads from his book Bullets and Boots- Central Library 17<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Men's Shed Art Exhibition and launch – Central Library 31 Jan.

Library Development:

- Right to read – coordinator training day LGMA
- Healthy Ireland at your Library-Frontline Staff training LGMA (3 staff). Waterford Libraries (Mary Conway) presented on Health Related events at this training.
- Publicity in local papers and on local radio for Family Library Week

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 18th December 2017

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

Legal Action Initiated	5
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	153
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	95
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	1
Litter Pollution Surveys	50
Litter Quantification Surveys	50

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

No of Complaints	2500
Legal Actions	3
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	13
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	60
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	132
Warning Letters Sent	80
Section 14 Directions	21
RMCEI Inspections (Recommended Minimum Criteria Environmental Inspections) EPA	117
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.	7

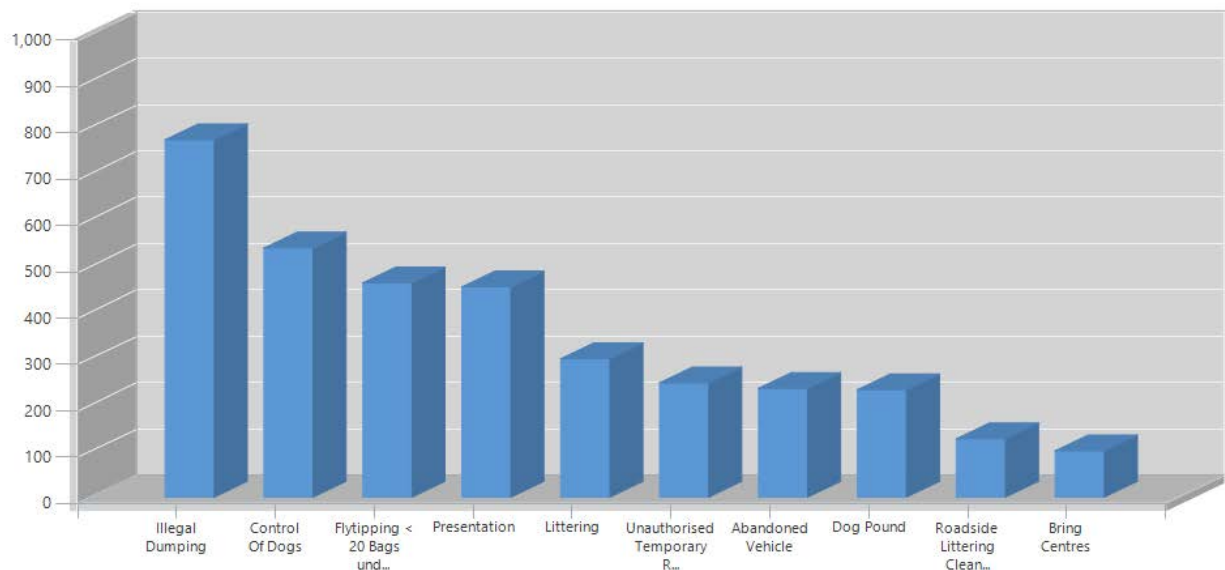


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### Environmental Complaints

The following graph shows the top 10 category of complaints received. Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. The Waterford City & County Councils Dog Warden continues to investigate all control of dogs issue throughout the City & County.



Members of the public are encouraged to contact the local authority to report all incidents of illegal dumping, littering or other environmental issue of concern by using the following telephone number: 0761 10 20 20.

### 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.

#### **Green Flag Programme**

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, work is ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Renewal assessments for the next flag have already begun and will continue until the end of March. A total of 51 schools are due to renew their Green Flag this school year.

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Two Green Schools Roadshows are scheduled to take place in the coming months. These Roadshows will help refresh, revise and revitalise the Green-Schools programme for those schools who are working on the Global Citizenship theme. Green School committee members will be led in a series of activities and engaged in some informative presentations. Schools will explore ideas for their own Green-Schools action plan, and get tips and hints for the school year.

### **Local Litter Awareness Grant**

In order to facilitate community and school clean ups during National Spring Clean and over the Summer, this grant will be advertised in early February, with a deadline of early March for applications. This will enable notification to be issued to successful applicants and payment of the first half of the grant to be paid out by April; projects can begin from the second quarter of 2017.

### **Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN)**

A joint application was submitted by Waterford City & County Council and Wexford County Council was submitted for the funding of a food waste prevention initiative under a Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN). This food waste prevention project was approved for funding for €11,285. Work has begun on this initiative and will continue until the end of 2017. As part of this project, Stop Food Waste workshops were allocated to groups to educate participants about food waste prevention. These workshops help participants to cut down on their food waste (and costs; it can save a household up to €60 a month). The short animated video produced for this project will appear in cinemas late December – mid January. This will also be used on social media, on YouTube, in schools, etc in both Irish and English. It is hoped to use images from this video for use as colouring competitions for schools, use at food waste prevention events, etc.

### **Local Waste Prevention Grant**

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

### **Food Waste Prevention Grant**

A joint application was submitted by Waterford City & County Council and Wexford County Council for the funding of a food waste prevention initiative under a Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN). This food waste prevention project was approved for funding for €11,285. As part of this project, Stop Food Waste workshops have been organised to educate participants about food waste prevention. The short animated video produced for this project will be launched and appear in cinemas in mid January. This will also be used on social media, on YouTube, in schools, etc in both Irish and English to raise awareness about food waste prevention. Images from this video will be used in competitions for both primary and secondary schools, use at food waste prevention events, etc.

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### IBAL Awards

The Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) awards will take place during the first week of January, ranking towns and cities across Ireland in a litter league.

### Waterford Energy Bureau

#### Better Energy Communities Scheme

WEB are seeking community groups / businesses to take part in the 2018 funding application to SEAI under the "Better Energy Communities Scheme". Grants of 50% available for community building and 30% expected for businesses, for implementation of a range of energy efficiency measures / renewable energy technologies. Closing date for applications is Friday 12th January 2018.

Listed below are the maximum available funding levels for each component of a community project.

For more information on structuring projects that include both residential and non-residential elements,

<b>Residential - Home Type</b>	
Private energy poor	Up to 80%
Private non-energy poor	Up to 35%
Local Authority homes	Up to 35%
Housing Association homes	Up to 50% (Maximum 25% of homes may be Fuel poor)
Deep Retrofit (BER A3)	Additional 15%

<b>Non-Residential</b>	
Not-for-profit/Community	Up to 50%
Private and public sector	Up to 30%
Public sector (exemplar)	Up to 30% ≤ 50%

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### **Sustainable Energy Community Initiative**

Waterford Energy Bureau are seeking community groups to partake in the SEAI Sustainable Energy Community Initiative. Funding of between €10,000 and €25,000 is available to develop an energy master plan for year 1 and funding of between €32,000 - €128,000 for years 1-3 for other reports / studies. Funding is also available under the initiative for energy efficiency upgrades / installations.

### **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

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 30-11 -2017								
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]		
Gross Bal as at 1-1-2017	Accrued ytd to Nov 2017	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Nov	Gross Bal 30-11-2017 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re 2017 Accrual	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection	
	€	€	€	€	€	€		
<b>Rates</b>	8,190,346	28,536,275	3,242,167	33,484,453	22,681,628	10,802,825	68%	90%
<b>Loans</b>	2,096,703	2,868,738	-	4,965,441	2,766,311	2,199,130	56%	96%
<b>Rents</b>	3,185,250	11,859,365	28,651	15,015,963	11,167,747	3,848,217	74%	94%
<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>
<b>Rates</b>		-	5,138,339	2,513,813	3,150,673			10,802,825
		<b>0 to 3 mths</b>	<b>4 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>Greater than 12 mths</b>			
<b>Loans</b>		132,512	76,380	178,211	1,812,028			2,199,130
		<b>Less than 4 weeks</b>	<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<b>7-12 weeks</b>	<b>Greater than 12 wks</b>			
<b>Rents</b>		152,463	148,897	219,577	3,327,279			3,848,217
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>	Days in Overdraft in Nov - 30			Cost - €14,250				Average €9.2m

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## Finance

<b>Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income &amp; Expenditure Summary by Service Division</b>							
<b>Y.T.D. to November 30, 2017</b>							
<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	20,451,150	23,405,528	87%	20,660,637	24,762,900	83%
B	Road Transport & Safety	28,590,787	26,475,859	108%	18,361,159	15,929,180	115%
C	Water Services	9,936,283	10,314,522	96%	9,447,563	9,632,436	98%
D	Development Management	10,687,772	13,707,529	78%	4,779,817	5,932,254	81%
E	Environmental Services	15,662,695	17,782,934	88%	1,968,419	2,608,973	75%
F	Recreation & Amenity	10,700,801	12,482,387	86%	1,772,862	2,133,671	83%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,550,958	1,355,516	114%	799,052	502,134	159%
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,828,826	12,906,024	99%	9,223,406	9,526,138	97%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	17,122,390	18,678,971	92%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	26,330,005	28,723,642	92%
		<b>110,409,273</b>	<b>118,430,299</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>110,465,309</b>	<b>118,430,299</b>	<b>93%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					56,036	0	

