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Waterford City & County Council

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5. Management Report to Plenary June Management Report to Council

Meitheamh 2018

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June 2018

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Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of May 2017 Cumulative Figure	At end of May 2018 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	250	228
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	7	12
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	5	8
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€94,755	€143,170
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	392	476
Value of Measure 2 support given	€132,447	€141,944

National Enterprise Awards 2018

Peter Mulryan from Blackwater Distillery wins the South Region of the National Enterprise Awards.

Blackwater Distillery is Ireland's most innovative distillery and home to Ireland's most awarded gin: Blackwater No. 5 Gin. Since opening the business it has gone from strength to strength and later this year they will open a new distillery in Ballyduff, West Waterford and start the production of Irish Whisky.



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Economic Development

Food Industry Expo builds new opportunities for Waterford's Food Producers

A brand new event, 'Food the Waterford Way Industry Expo' hosted by the team behind the County's new food development programme 'Food The Waterford Way' and supported by Waterford LEO saw over 50 of Waterford's food producers retailers and members of the hospitality industry join together to build new business opportunity.



Town & Village 2018

Department of Rural & Community Development announced the 2018 Town & Village Scheme on 2/5/2018 and Waterford City & County Council launched the Expressions of Interest Process on 8/5/2018 and received 22 interest submissions – 11 completed Expressions of Interest (EOI) were finally submitted and are currently being scored using National Scoring criteria and will be worked up into full applications before closing date of 30/6/2018. 1 completed EOI is already deemed ineligible owing to application of scheme criteria so 10 applications will be considered for scoring.

Town & Village 2017

Bunmahon

Allocation €64,000 - Supply & Installation of 500m Boardwalk at Beach - Contractor appointed. Contractor for works at Tra na mBo has been appointed and should begin in June / July 2018. CIS application re road to Tra na mBo awaits decision. Surfer Service area will be delayed as it has land disposal element that is being progressed (includes playground area) and planning re surfer entity to be located at area - envisage September/October 2018 completion

Ballymacarbray

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Economic Development

Allocation €24,000 - Road safety provisions & Footpath connectivity – Design finalised, land ownership issue being resolved and work can be delivered by area staff over the Summer.

Ballyduff Lower

Allocation €28,800 - Village Enhancements & Footpath connectivity – Contractor selected - likely to start at end of June.

Portlaw

Allocation €95,000 - Village enhancements/heritage signage & Footpath connectivity – Relevant Footpath works connecting Coolfin Woods to Village have also been impacted by works re Irish Water and will commence once their infrastructural works have been completed - requested that their works be prioritised. Signage and lighting to be progressed in line with footpath works. Connectivity of Village to Curraghmore entrance will be progressed dependent on funding availability.

Tramore

Allocation €100,000 - Refurbishment of Old Railway Station –Project Engineer Appointed and first inspections re structural integrity have identified issues at window heads. Contractor appointed to clear out debris and carry out enabling works to allow survey to be completed and then go to tender to complete project - envisage project finished by year end

Cheekpoint

Allocation €80,000 - Footpath connectivity (Faithlegg to Cheekpoint Contractor appointed - a Management Plan for section of Japanese Knotweed has also been provided to comply with relevant regulations. Contractor to revert with start date but expect to await until school closure given proximity of works to school.

Villierstown

Allocation €90,000 - Glamping Pod Accommodation Units – Contractor selected - pods to be supplied and delivered for end of July 2018. All ground and associated works are being carried out by Villierstown Group.

Dungarvan

Allocation €80,000 - Signage, Painting Lighting, Street enhancement in O'Connell St. – Footpath resurfacing works started but temporarily delayed to accommodate Irish Water lead replacement works, envisaged that footpath scheme and painting scheme can follow on after same. Public lighting works have been tendered for and all relevant materials have already been purchased- envisage July/August 2018 completion.

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Economic Development

Clonea Power

Allocation €64,000 - Treasure Hunt Village; lighting; signage Trail Furniture/Tree Sculptures - contractor engaged and also contractor has been appointed re tender for consultancy for preparation and management of tender process for works at Old School. All lighting and signage works yet to be completed but relevant infrastructure is in place. Envisage September 2018 timeline for delivery

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

Scheme launched on 1/6/2018 with 3 Measures as per below, Rural Economic Development Section and Trails Officer currently assessing potential projects for consideration :

Measure	Description	Max grant payable	Max applications per applicant body
1	Small Scale Maintenance/Promotion and Marketing	€20,000	10
2	Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail Development	€200,000	4
3	Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategy Trail Development	€500,000	1

FLAG 2018

Waterford City and County Council received the following allocations from applications submitted in February 2018

1. Blackwater Tourism Action Plan - Complete Tourism action plan arising from 2016 West Waterford Tourism Workshop – application request for €8,400
2. Heritage Study on fishing/maritime environment of Waterford Estuary - Study on heritage aspect and potential opportunities on Waterford Estuary – study to include dendrochronology report of fishing weirs- application request for €5,166
3. Trail Study and Assessment Report for Copper Coast - Study looking at feasibility of coastal path along Copper Coast and assessment report/costings re appropriate route(s)- €4,200
4. Camera System – Tramore Harbour – security and safety of Tramore Harbour - €4,200

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Economic Development

Major Projects – Progress Report up to May 31st 2018

1. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-

- The contract is now substantially complete in all areas apart from some public lighting works and snagging which are ongoing.
- It is envisaged that Murphy International Ltd will continue to have a presence on site snagging and completing public lighting works until the end of June.
- The programme for the works is as follows:-
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Contractors Programme

Task Name	Duration*	Start	Finish
City Centre	628 days	10/10/16	30/06/18
Arundel Square	203 days	08/09/17	29/03/18
Peter Street	150 days	31/10/17	29/03/18
Michael Street South	86 days	25/01/18	20/04/18
Public Lighting & Snagging works		19/03/18	30/06/18

* All durations above are calendar days

- The Manor Street/ Poleberry/ Bath Street traffic scheme is operating and working satisfactorily. Permanent signage, line markings and street furniture has been installed.
- Preparatory design works for the Parnell Street section of the WIT to City Centre Greenroute project is ongoing.
- The construction contract for the Hennessey's Road/Browns Lane/Castle Street Scheme is due to be awarded shortly & it is anticipated to commence works towards the end of the month.

2. North Quays:-

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- The Waterford North Quays Planning Scheme was appealed to An Bord Pleanála and an oral hearing is expected. Following the oral hearing, a decision on the Scheme is expected by 10th July 2018.
- The decision is still awaited from An Bord Pleanála Oral Hearing relating to the CPO for the lands associated with the North Quays infrastructure development, anticipated decision date is 3rd July 2018.
- Preliminary Design Documents for the North Quays were issued 18th April 2018, they are currently being reviewed and to be incorporated within the tender documentation for the final design consultant which is due to be issued shortly.
- Additional site survey, investigative and design works are currently ongoing.

3. LIHAF:-

Gracedieu

- The infrastructure design work is nearing completion.
- Specifications of the housing units are being negotiated with the developer.

Kilbarry

- The infrastructure design work is now complete. The project is being undertaken on a phased basis, commencing with the southern link. Planning Applications have been lodged for 200 units and are currently under consideration.

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Planning

Development Management

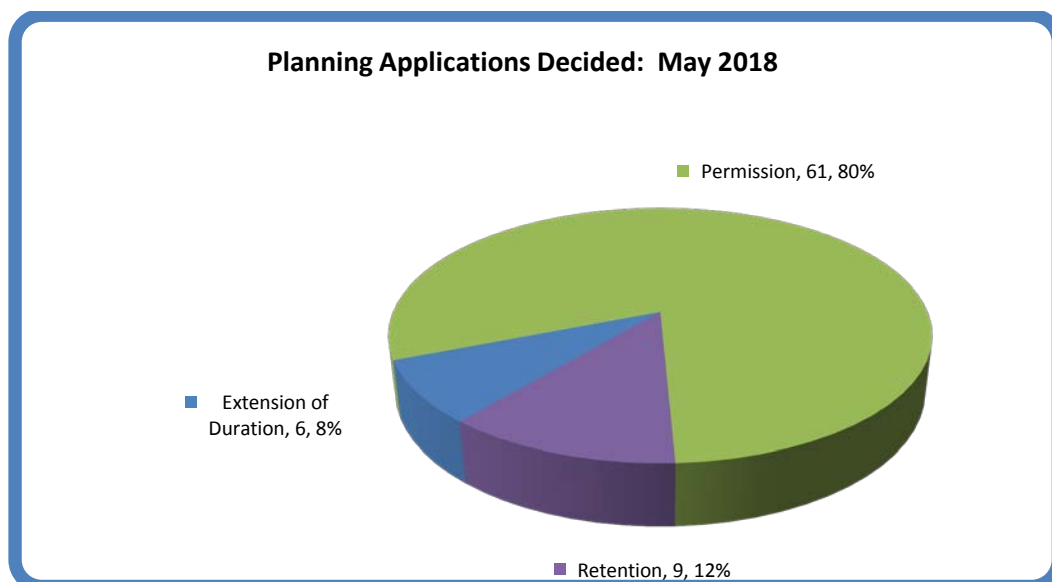
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

88 Planning applications have been received in the month of May. This compares with 89 planning applications received in the same period in 2017.

From the 1st of January 2018 to the end of May, a total of 378 planning applications were received. In the same period in 2017, 381 applications were lodged.

Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

In the month of May, 84 planning decisions were made. Of these, 76 applications were granted and 8 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 90.4%. Permissions made in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 250 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 28th May. These pre-planning applications are currently being processed.

Forward Planning

Policy on Camping Sites: Proposed Variation no. 4 of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017, Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019 and Dungarvan Town Development Plan 2012-2018

Pleanáil

Planning

Following the workshop with the Plenary Council on the 10th May, it is intended that the proposed variation and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment will be placed on public display during the period from Wednesday 13th June 2018 to Wednesday 11th July 2018 at the following locations:

- Waterford City & County Council Planning Department, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford City.
- Waterford City & County Council, Planning Department, Civic Offices, Davitt's Quay, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
- <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/projects/public-consultations/index.htm>

Written submissions can be made by members of the public during this period. In the weeks following the consultation period a report from the Chief Executive will be prepared taking into consideration written submissions received during the consultation period and submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration. It is intended that the matter will be the subject of another workshop with the Elected Members in advance of a decision on the matter at the September Plenary Council meeting.

Vacant Sites Register

Section 11 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 places an obligation on every planning authority to issue a notice, before 1st June 2018 to the owners of any vacant site that stands entered on the register on 1st January 2018, stating that a levy will be charged for each year beginning with 2018. All such notices have now been served. There is a 28 day period provided for in the Act during which the owner can make a written response to the planning authority regarding the vacant status of the site. When the planning authority decides to retain the site on the Vacant Sites Register, the owner will have an opportunity to appeal this decision to an Bord Pleanála.

Heritage Funding

Four projects in Waterford have been allocated funded under the Heritage Council's Community Heritage Funding for 2018. Details of the grant references, applicants, grant purposes and amounts are shown below.

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CH07439	Waterford	Knockboy Graveyard Committee	Knockboy Church and Ogham Stones - Phase 4: Consolidation work & stabilisation of the church ruin and ogham stones, but also to promote a better awareness and understanding of the significance of the site.	€8,000
CH07580	Waterford	Kilmacthomas Historical Society	Survey the headstones in Newtown graveyard, and make photos/inscriptions freely available on http://historicgraves.com to local community and diaspora	€2,000
CH07617	Waterford	Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford	This project will diversify and expand the cathedral's interpretive offering. Additions include biographical, cultural, and historical material. The end product will be new audio and paper guides.	€886
CH07419	Waterford	Lismore Heritage Company	As part of the Lismore Heritage Centre over all programme, the Robert Boyle Escape Room will be used in the delivery of The Story of Lismore to visitors and as part of our Education Package.	€5,000

Heritage Week

Heritage Week takes place from August 18h-26th and events include Viking Heritage Day at Woodstown on the Waterford Greenway, talk by John Martin on Historic Dungarvan and a host of community events across the city and county. Further details on www.heritageweek.ie.



Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2018

The Roadworks Programme is well underway and surface dressing will commence in the Metropolitan area week commencing 5th June.

Storm Emma Recoupment

The Council had not received notification of funding from the Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government at the time of preparing this report.

Community Involvement Scheme 2018

Applications are with the Department for approval and at the time of preparing this report notification of funding had not been received.

Local Improvement Scheme 2018

LIS project works are being finalised within the Districts and works commenced on 1st June. All projects will be completed by the 27th July deadline for drawdown of funding.

Clár 2018

15 applications have been submitted for approval to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

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Emergency Services

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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 May. 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	38	19	7	0
Comeragh	2	1	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	9	8	6	0
Total for May	49	28	14	0
Total 2018	259	182	68	5
<i>Total for May 2017</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Total for 2017</i>	<i>781</i>	<i>368</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>37</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	May 2018	2018 Year to date	<i>Total for May 2017</i>	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	5	39	4	84
Planning Referrals	46	171	41	502

Building Control:

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Emergency Services

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice.

Application/Notification	May 2018	Cumulative Total for 2018	<i>Total for May 2017</i>	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Commencement Notices	32	137	28	330
Completion Certificates	16	71	12	146
Disability Access Certificates	6	32	6	63

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for March and May are as follows:

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan	3 rd May	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan	10 th May	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Pieta Darkness into Light Walk	12 th May	1 st aid & traffic management 24 members
Missing Persons Search	13 th May	12 Members
Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan	17 th May	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Lions Club Greenway Cycle	20 th May	14 Members
Mt Congreve Fair Day	20 th May	8 Members
Lyons Club Charity Cycle, Greenway	20 th May	First Aid Support, Ambulance and

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		Response Vehicle
Touraneena 5km Road Race	25 th May	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Motor Bike Gathering Tramore	27 th May	8 Members
Munster Athletics, Friary College, Dungarvan	31 st May	First Aid Support, Ambulance and Response Vehicle

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Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during May 2017	Cumulative No. of Applications 2017	Applications during May 2018	Cumulative No. of Applications 2018
Applications received	83	480	118	434
Applications validated	78	372	59	267
Applications approved	48	310	57	250

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during May 2017	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017	New Tenancies during May 2018	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018
Comeragh Municipal	1	10	2	0	6
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	3	29	2	1	13
Metropolitan	7	53	20	3	85
Voluntary Bodies	0	5	0	-	4
Totals	11	97	24	4	108

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 112. We have received 9,115 bids on these properties as of Thursday 31st May 2018.

There has been 11 refusals on properties to date.

Housing Loans applications

2018 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
May	4	3	1	2	7
YTD	39	5	20	5	7

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Tenant Purchase applications

2018 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
May	4	2	0	2
YTD 2018	15	5	2	8
YTD 2017 & 2018	201	29	81	Of the balance of 91 YTD:- 37 Sales have closed 8 are at Legal stage 46 are still under offer

No tenant Purchase sales closed in May

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	May 2017 HAP tenancies	May 2018 HAP tenancies set up	2018 no. of HAP Tenancies set up	2018 no. of Active HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative no. of HAP Tenancies to date	Cumulative no. of Active HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	65	55	278	153	2,239	1,758

Inspection of private rented dwellings

PRTB Register	7
Compliant	6
Non- Compliant	1
HAP	73
Compliant	9
Non-Compliant	60
Re Inspection	4
RAS (RAS properties)	3
RAS Re-Inspection	2
LTL (Long term leasing properties)	14
LTL Re-Inspection	7
Total	106

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved May 2018	Number of applications to May 2018	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2018 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€22,853.83	2	€47,132.00	2
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€37,199.50	7	€105,671.09	22
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€36,735.72	8	€74,855.52	17
Total	€96,789.05	17	€227,658.61	43

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2018	2017
May Cases presented (up to May 31st)	77	55
Cumulative number of cases presented	404	275

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	May 2018	May 2017
Individuals	127	126
Individuals with dependent children	16	9
Families with no dependent children	4	0
Families with dependent children	6	8

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

In total, 5 adults and 3 children composed of 3 families with 3 children and 2 individuals.

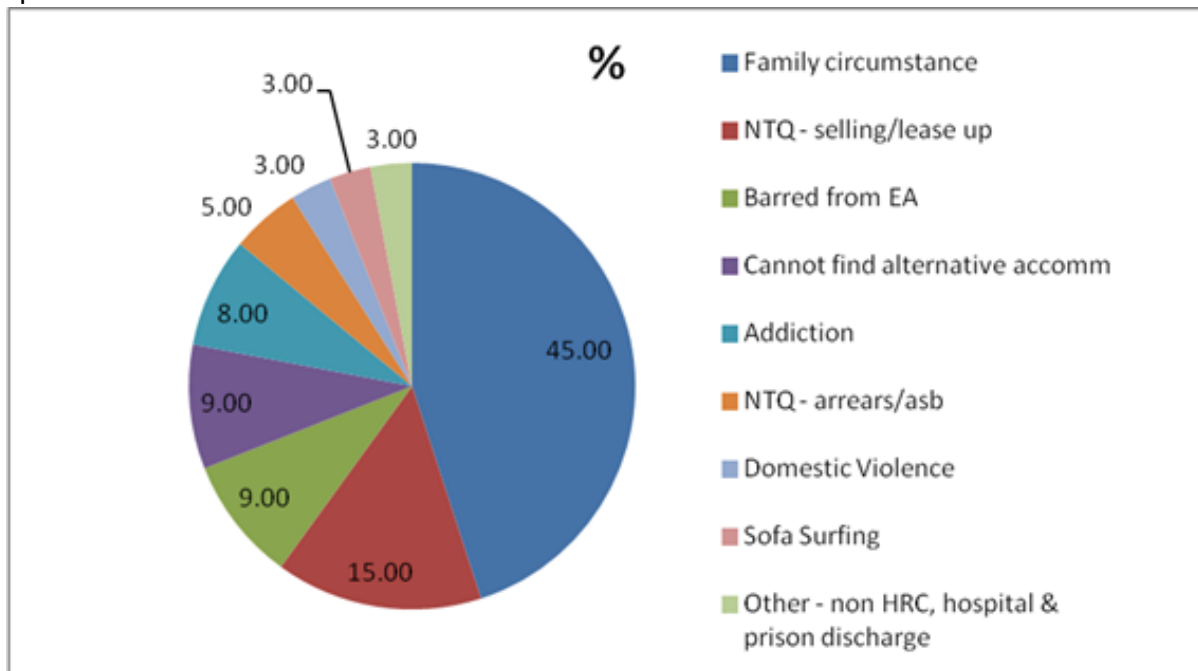
Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 17 adults.

Below is a snapshot of the reasons for homeless presentations with the majority citing family circumstances, which means the family home is no longer an option for them. Mediation work is done in some cases which would make returning to the family accommodation an option again, but for a large number of the cases, because of the

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complex needs of the clients, this is not possible and emergency accommodation is the only option.



Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	11	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 – Stage 2 Application to DHPLG Q2 2018
Summerland Square Waterford	8	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 - Stage 2 Application to DHPLG Q2 2018
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 Approved Stage 2 Application DHPLG Q2 2018
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 Approval received - expected to go to Tender in Q3 2018
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Cappoquin	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.

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Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Construction in progress.
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Approved by DHPCLG. Proceeding to Part 8
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Demolition works on-site Q2 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 in progress.
Shandon	5	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Slievekeale	60	Metropolitan	Appraisal	DHPLG approval received. Part 8 advertised Q2 2018
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 CPO in progress
Part V	17	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	71	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	12	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 Design Progressing
Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 Design Progressing
Total Units in WCCC Projects 428				

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	Revised contract under negotiation.
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q2 2018.
Dunhill <i>Gleann</i>	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning in Progress.

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<i>Ealach</i>				
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road <i>Focus Ireland</i>	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q2 2018.
The Paddock's <i>Anvers/Acquired</i> <i>Brain Injury</i> <i>Ireland</i>	9	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 Approved.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Tender advertised.
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68				

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	20 units
Works commenced/underway	11 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	14 units
Newly vacant	4 units
In Regeneration programme	9 units

Response maintenance

To the 31st May 2018, there were a total of 701 recorded requests. 555 have been resolved and 146 are pending.

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Social Inclusion:

- Midterm review of SICAP in Waterford due to take place in June/ July. This will ascertain how successful the Programme Implementer has been in achieving targets.
- Next Traveller Interagency Group meeting to be held on 13th June
- Next Migrant Integration Forum meeting to be held on 19th June

Waterford Rural Development programme:

- As at end May 2018 in Waterford, €2.2m had been allocated to businesses and community groups in rural Waterford out of a total budget of €5.5m for the six year programme. €0.5m will have been paid out by end of June.
- 7 no. projects will be placed before the LCDC for decision re funding at meeting to be held on June 14th.
- LEADER co-operation project visit by Mid and East Antrim group to Clashmore and Portlaw on 29th / 30th May.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Support at events continues for the Spring/Summer season. Sub-committees' action meetings are continuing (facilitated by the coordinator). This year's project on the topic of Homelessness is progressing well. The next Steering Committee meeting is taking place on June 12th.

Pride of Place:

Engagements with Waterford Pride of Place entrant (Tramore and Waterford Arch Club) for IPB All island Pride of Place Awards 2018 are ongoing. Judging has been confirmed for the evening of June 28th which will see the judges visit the club whilst it is in operation. Planning for the judging event is underway and progressing well.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

The next meeting of the Waterford Age Friendly Alliance is taking place on June 28th. At this meeting it is planned that the new alliance structure will be adopted. Reports from all thematic sub-groups will be presented at this meeting detailing progress to date. Engagement with the national Age Friendly Programme continues.

Healthy Waterford

Work on the preparation of a Healthy Waterford Strategic Plan 2018-2021 is being finalised and a draft will be brought before the LCDC for adoption on 14th June. The Health and Well being LCDC subgroup propose to make a presentation to the Plenary Council on the Strategic Plan over the coming months.

Application made for Healthy Ireland Fund Round 2 grant of €75k on May 23rd.

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Community Services

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018:

Minister Ring launched the Community Enhancement Programme 2018 on 31st May with Waterford being allocated €144,499 for 2018. The programme replaces the RAPID and Communities Facilities Schemes. The CEP provides funding to non profit organisations across Waterford to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. Closing date for applications is Monday 30th July.

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Arts & Culture

Waterford Cultural Quarter

Actions during May 2018 included:

- Website launch www.waterfordculturalquarter.ie and 1st newsletter published.
- May 30th: Community Forum meeting: an event showcasing creativity on O'Connell Street in Garter Lane
- May 30th: Design Challenge Launch: This project calls on Waterford's design industry, local enterprises, academia and creatives to engage with local communities to identify their challenges and activate effective design solutions. It encourages design driven creative approaches into local community engagement with SME business. Details are available on the WCQ website.
- Mosaic trail proposal agreed: collaborative community events and workshops developing identity on Georges St in June
- Street animation programme began: Murals of heritage characters in the WCQ and street games on paving in the area.
- Presentation given to Waterford Arts Forum highlighting opportunities for the creative community

Actions to commence during June 2018 include:

- 16-18 Barker Place to be painted by Waterford Walls early June
- 3rd June: Polska/Eire Polish Irish Festival events to take place in Garter Lane in conjunction with WCQ celebrating Polish and Irish links
- 15th June: Africa Day programme including dance, food, outdoor movie screening, traditional arts and crafts taking place from Hanover St to Georges St.
- 23rd June: Crinniú na nÓg inaugural community event with Sean Corcoran to take place on Georges St
- 30th June: SprÓg festival; illustrator PJ Lynch children's event sponsored by WCQ

Creative Spirits (EU URBACT funded learning network);

WCCC staff member Katherine Collins and one Steering Group member, Michael Grant (Board of Garter Lane and Waterford Youth Arts) travelled to Ravenna, Italy from May 23rd to May 25th

Ravenna is developing its docklands from being an industrial shipbuilding area to a creative and cultural hub. Examples of innovation and incubation hubs, green and sustainable building measures, community engagement and much more were showcased during the meeting.

Two people will travel to Sofia in Bulgaria at the end of June to visit their creative area and to learn and share experiences of supporting creative and cultural industries, stakeholder engagement and action planning. A master class on preparation of KPI's (Key Performance Indicators) will be given by a European expert in the area.

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Arts & Culture

Libraries

In May, 52,463 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 40,477 items during the month.

In May, 367 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- Bealtaine Festival – events for people over 55 in all library branches including yoga, wellness workshops, art, Dawn chorus and finale Dusk Chorus.
- New parent and Toddler group, Friday mornings – Dungarvan Library.
- Yoga for MS-Carrickphierish Library.
- Towers and Tales – Library staff assisted with the running of the festival at Lismore Castle and author events were held in Lismore and Carrickphierish Libraries.
- Speaking with Confidence event – Kilmacthomas Library.
- Science Workshops on DNA- Ardkeen Library.
- Positive Parenting series of talks in Tramore, Kilmacthomas and Portlaw libraries.
- Old Places seen by New Faces –Glor na Mara Photo exhibition – Tramore Library.
- Poetry exhibition – Cappoquin Library.
- Biodiversity Workshop – Calmast STEM event- Dungarvan Library.
- Group visits by members of the Syrian community – library services and technology clinics- Dungarvan Library.
- Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Unit – Lismore Library.
- National Parents Day – Story time in Dungarvan, Tramore, Portlaw and Kilmacthomas.

Events coming up in June include:

- Portlaw Library 30 years open celebration 15th June.
- Crinniú na nÓg events including Pop up theatre- Dungarvan library 23rd June , Sensory play session- Tallow Library 22nd June, Gymboree –Lismore Library 22nd June.
- Summer Stars – Children’s summer reading challenge – All branches.
- Parent and Baby Bookclub, child friendly Bookclub for adults – Carrickphierish Library.
- Digitise the Nation computer classes -Ardkeen Library.

Library Development:

- Rollout of RFID throughout the branch network is in the final stages.
- Healthy Ireland stock promotion continues in all branches.
- Publicity for Library events in local papers, on radio and social media.
- Library Staff attended the following training: Dementia Awareness Training, Youth Libraries Group Seminar, TEG Irish Language Exam (4 staff), First Aid Refresher training, Work Matters briefing for staff, Child Protection Officer training.

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Environmental Enforcement

1st January 2018 – 25th May 2018.

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	11
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	111
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2017 paid in 2018)	56
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

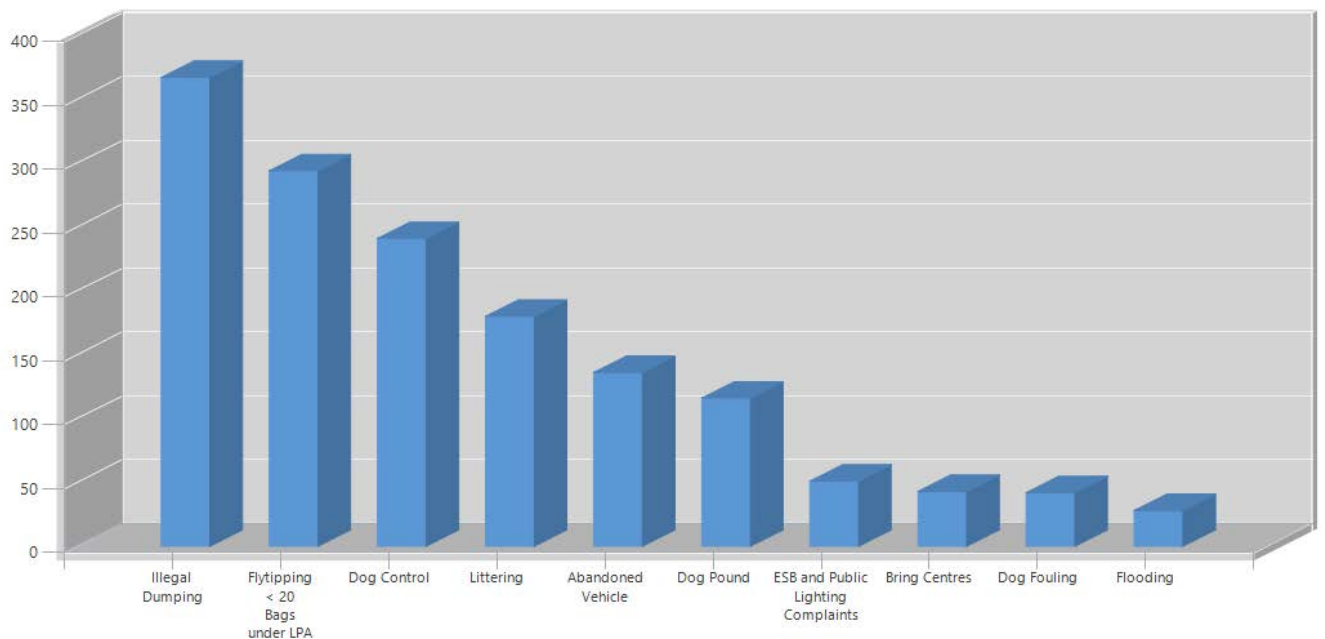
No of Complaints	1172
Legal Actions	3
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	6
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	8
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	52
Warning Letters Sent	27
Section 14 Directions	8
Section 107 EPA (Noise)	1
Fixed Penalty Notices	3
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.	6
Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended	2

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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.

Draft Control of Horse Bye-Laws

At the September 2017 meeting of the Council approval was given to the commencement of the public consultation process for the draft Control of Horses Byelaws. The process commenced on 19th October 2017 with submissions to be submitted by 28th November 2017. Five submissions were received.

The Environmental Services SPC considered the submissions at the meeting held on 7th December 2017 and requested further amendments to the byelaws to include a provision for permits to be issued in respect of horse drawn vehicles. The revised byelaws were considered by the SPC at the meeting held on 12th April 2018. The SPC is satisfied that the revised draft byelaws will provide for better regulation of horses and horse drawn vehicles in a public place.

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As the revised byelaws as recommended by the SPC contain a material change it was recommended that the Council re-commence the public consultation process.

The proposal to make Control of Horses Bye-Laws will be publically advertised on the 7th June 2018.

Any submissions in relation to the draft byelaws which are submitted to Waterford City & County Council in writing before 4pm on Wednesday 18th July 2018 will be considered.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Master Composter Programme

The Master Composter programme is teaching participants from Tramore, Kilmacthomas and Portlaw how to set up and manage a wide range of compost units. This is a five week course. Four of these sessions are theory based groups sessions and the final session will be the practical building of a compost area (to include a wormery, 3 bay composter, leaf mould and other demo composters e.g. traditional plastic green compost bin and a green cone digester. The practical session will take place in the allotments at Clodagh House, Portlaw on Saturday 9th June. At the end of the training participants will qualify as master composters with the ability to train others in composting skills and set up a fully functioning compost area of their own. Participants have also learned about food waste prevention through this course. Any group seeking to take part in a similar course over the Autumn or Winter months are encouraged to make contact with the Environment Dept. of Waterford City & County Council.

Green Schools Awards

23 schools received a Green Flag at an awards ceremony in Kilkenny at the end of May. As part of Waterford City and County Council's continued work on and support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, renewal assessments for these flags took place in January, February and March of this year. There are currently 99 schools taking part in the Green Schools programme in Co Waterford.

Gum Litter Taskforce

The Gum Litter Taskforce will be launched on 26th June. The GLT campaign brings together the community and local authorities with a common goal to fight gum litter. The campaign has seen huge success to date with the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System results showing an overall decrease in people dropping gum from 26% when the campaign started in 2007, to 11% in the latest

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results. The main goal of this campaign is to reduce the amount of gum litter and change people's behaviour towards littering. We're hoping to build on this success again this year and see even better results. Workshops will be run in secondary schools in Co. Waterford to support this campaign.

Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2018

Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2108 was advertised both locally and nationally. The closing date is 20th June. A total of €12,650 is available from the Department via this fund, with WCCC matching this funding for projects. Projects focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change. A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years, including community gardens and allotments, compost schemes, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity projects, waste reduction initiatives, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions.

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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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 30-4-2018								
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]		
Gross Bal as at 1-1-2018	Accrued ytd to Apr 2018	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Apr 2018	Gross Bal 30-4-2018 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)]	
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	8,291,500	29,636,803	- 1,209,276	36,719,027	4,828,386	31,890,641	13%	17%
Loans	1,926,637	1,132,354	- 1,957	3,057,034	1,243,565	1,813,469	41%	110%
Rents	3,567,007	4,453,995	-	8,021,002	4,227,982	3,793,020	53%	95%
Aged Analysis								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates		25,123,532	-	2,309,850	4,457,259			31,890,641
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		133,504	65,641	158,805	1,455,520			1,813,469
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		228,352	188,489	295,548	3,080,631			3,793,020
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in Apr- 30 days		Cost - €13,822			Average €8.9m			

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Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division								
Y.T.D. to April 30, 2018								
			EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
			Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building		7,265,855	25,728,776	28%	7,870,223	26,933,915	29%
B	Road Transport & Safety		7,444,773	27,765,615	27%	3,703,232	16,314,408	23%
C	Water Services		3,254,488	10,904,203	30%	3,015,908	10,561,906	29%
D	Development Management		4,256,157	15,569,383	27%	1,819,768	7,198,496	25%
E	Environmental Services		5,324,097	17,860,060	30%	620,109	2,568,762	24%
F	Recreation & Amenity		3,771,845	13,616,202	28%	520,351	2,016,708	26%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		320,969	1,225,510	26%	115,232	445,494	26%
H	Miscellaneous Services		4,387,394	13,213,938	33%	2,088,273	10,870,294	19%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG		0	0	0%	6,303,839	18,911,516	33%
RA	Rates		0	0	0%	10,020,729	30,062,188	33%
			36,025,578	125,883,687	29%	36,077,664	125,883,687	29%
Surplus/Deficit						52,086	(0)	