

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

Waterford City & County Council

ITEM

No 5



Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle Management Report to Council

March 2018

Michael Walsh,

Príomhfheidhmeannach

Márta 2018

Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Feb 2017	At end of Feb 2018
No. of Clients Met	139	95
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	1	0
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	1	0
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€18,500	0
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	51	80
Value of Measure 2 support given	€20,960	€27,945

No Evaluation Committee meeting took place in January or February.

Robbie Skuse of Kollect recently won the IBYE Regional Final for Best Established Business in Cork and will now represent Waterford in the National finals in Google HQ, in Dublin.

Town & Village 2017

Bunmahon

Allocation €64,000 - Boardwalk on Bunmahon Beach; Surfer Service area and Trail improvements to Trá na mBó – tender documentation being prepared for works; necessary land transfer also being completed – expect project to be delivered by May 2018.

Ballymacarbry

Allocation €24,000 - Road safety provisions & Footpath connectivity – design almost completed – will be going to tender in March

Ballyduff Lower

Allocation €28,800 - Village Enhancements & Footpath connectivity – design completed – will be going to tender in March

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Economic Development

Portlaw

Allocation €95,000 - Village enhancements/heritage signage & Footpath connectivity – awaiting Irish Water design for footpath element, materials purchased for elements of project

Tramore

Allocation €100,000 - Refurbishment of Old Railway Station – Conditional Survey Engineer to be appointed – tender for relevant works to be progressed in March 2018

Cheekpoint

Allocation €80,000 - Road safety provisions & Footpath connectivity – Tender completed – liaising with Contractor/Engineers to establish feasibility of progressing project.

Villierstown

Allocation €90,000 - Glamping Pod Accommodation Units – Tender assessment to be completed before end of February

Dungarvan

Allocation €80,000 - Signage, Painting Lighting, Street enhancement in O'Connell St. – Painting Tender completed – materials for street infrastructure procured, signage requirements being determined at present

Clonea Power

Allocation €64,000 - Treasure Hunt Village; lighting; signage – signage requirements being determined at present, materials already purchased for some elements of project; scope of works for Tea Rooms being developed and will go to tender in March.

FLAG 2018

Waterford City and County Council applications submitted in February 2018

Blackwater Tourism Action Plan

Complete Tourism action plan arising from 2016 West Waterford Tourism Workshop – application request for €9,600

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 €5904

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)- application request for €4800

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Major Projects – Progress Report up to February 28th 2018

1. Greenway:-

Small number of minor works/ landscaping commitments to be completed and due then to be handed over to Roads Section for ongoing maintenance.

2. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-

- The contract is near completion, lighting and snagging being finalised in most areas.
- Works to Arundel Square will be completed in 2/3 weeks, works now progressing to the final phases in Peter Street, Bakehouse Lane, entrance to City Square and small section south of Arundel Lane. On completion of paving, public lighting and street furniture will be installed.
- Work on Michael street South is continuing with paving and civil works ongoing at both ends of the street
- 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
City Centre	553 days	10/10/16	15/04/18
Arundel Square	186 days	8/09/17	12/03/18
Peter Street	140 days	31/10/17	19/03/18
Michael Street South	68 days	25/01/18	03/04/18

* All durations above are calendar days

- The Manor Street/ Poleberry / Bath Street traffic scheme is operating and working satisfactorily. Permanent signage and street furniture being finalised.
- Work on the detailed design of the City Centre Access part of the Rejuvenation project is ongoing.
- This construction contract for the Hennessey's Road/Browns Lane/Castle Street Scheme is due to be awarded shortly & it is anticipated to commence works by March / April 2018.

3. North Quays:-

- On 8th February 2018 the Waterford North Quays Planning Scheme was made. A copy of the Planning Scheme together with accompanying Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report are available for review in the Council offices and on the Council website. The Planning Scheme may be appealed, by any person or body who made a submission or observation, to An Bord Pleanála within 4 weeks of the date of the Planning Authorities decision (i.e. by 8th March 2018).

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Economic Development

- 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 circa 8th March 2018.
- The Hennebique/ Former R & H building is currently being surveyed, with a list of certain items to be salvaged & stored prior to its demolition which is anticipated to be in March 2018.

4. LIHAF:-

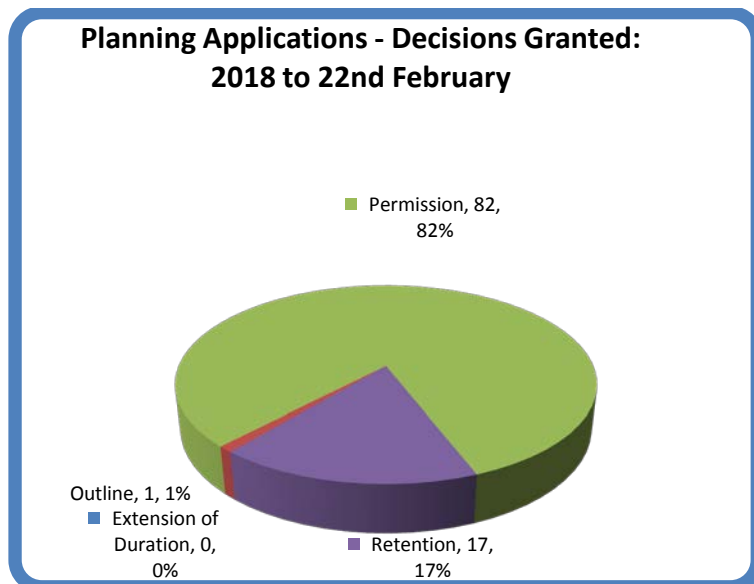
The detailed design of the access road in Gracedieu and the 1.8km distributor road at Kilbarry is complete. The suite of tender documents is substantially complete and will be ready to upload to e-tenders by the end of March. The tender process is expected to take at least 2 months with appointment of construction contractor there afterwards.

Pleanáil

Planning

Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

From the 1st January to the 22nd February 2018, 110 planning decisions have been made. Of these, 100 applications were granted and 10 refused, representing a grant rate of 90.9%. Planning application decisions made in the period by decision type are shown below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 93 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 22nd February. These pre-planning applications are currently being processed.

Forward Planning

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

Prior to the Plenary County Meeting in February there will be a presentation and workshop with the Elected Members on the objectives and content of the proposed variation no. 4 to the Development Plans. This proposed variation seeks to facilitate the development of tourism accommodation of appropriate scale and at appropriate locations throughout the county. The proposed variation has been before the SPC in January 2018 and approved for progression to the Plenary Council. It is proposed that the Council will endorse the policies set out in the proposed variation and this will facilitate the commencement of the development plan variation process set out in Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The process involves the following:

- Publication of notice of the proposed variation in a local newspaper.
- Minimum 4 week public display period during which written submissions will be invited.

Pleanáil

Planning

- Submission of a Chief Executive (C.E.) Report to the Elected Members on submissions received for their consideration not later than 8 weeks after publication of the newspaper notice.
- Resolution of the Council to make the proposed variation or not to make the proposed variation as the case may be. The Resolution shall be made not later than 6 weeks following receipt by the Elected Members of the C.E. Report.

It is intended therefore that the final resolution of the Council would take place at the May Plenary meeting.

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) Issues Papers

Following a presentation to the SPC on the RSES in January 2018, a written submission on the issues papers has been made by Waterford City and County Council. The written submission seeks to build on the policies and objectives set out in the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the issues raised by the SPC as they relate to Waterford City and County.

Built Heritage

A provisional offer of €104,000 grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) has been made by the Dept of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DCHG). The Council has received 30 no. applications for such grant funds and of these 17 no. applications qualified for funding under the scheme. Details of the qualified applications have been forwarded to the DCHG and a final list of approved applications will be published by the DCHG by end of February.

In addition to the BHIS, 5 no. applications have been received for draw down of funding from the DCHG under the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) and these have been forwarded to the DCHG for consideration. The Local Authority will be notified of successful applicants as approved by the Minister in March 2018.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2018

The Road Works Programme has been agreed for each district. Surface Dressing and Road Strengthening will commence in April. Preparatory work will commence in advance of that to include drainage works and site cleaning.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME 2018

(For local public roads taken in charge and maintained by the Council)

A Community Involvement Scheme has been announced and has been advertised in the local papers and on social media. The proposed scheme is for the improvement of local public roads that are in charge and maintained by the Council. This Scheme covers strengthening, road surfacing, drainage and footpaths and a requirement that the immediate benefactors pay a contribution towards the costs of the works as follows:-

- Where the local community contribution is monetary only a minimum contribution rate of 15% will apply
- Where the local community contribution comprises works only the minimum contribution rate will be 30%
- Where the local community contribution is a combination of monetary and works then the minimum rate is set on a pro rata basis between 15% and 30%.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2018

(For private roads not in charge or maintained by the Council)

A Local Improvement Scheme has also been announced and has been advertised in the local papers and on social media. Applications are being invited from land owners interested in having road projects undertaken under the above scheme. This Scheme covers private roads not in charge or maintained by the local authority. To qualify for the scheme any of the following conditions must be met:

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

- The project must be of benefit to agricultural production and benefit two or more parcels of land owned or occupied by different persons engaged in separate agricultural activities, or
- Provide access for harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons separately engaged in such activities, or
- Shall in the opinion of the Roads Authority be used by the public.
- Local contributions are set at 10% for eligible roads with up to and including 5 residents and 15% for those with 6 or more residents.

Completed applications forms should be returned to **Director of Services, Roads, Water and Environment, Waterford City and County Council, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford** and the latest date for receipt of applications is **4pm Friday, 9th March, 2018.**

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

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. 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	27	9	7	1
Comeragh	9	1	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	10	1	1	0
Total for Feb	46	11	8	1
Total 2018	94	38	20	1
<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	Feb 2018	2018 Year to date	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	8	13	<i>94</i>
Planning Referrals	37	75	<i>502</i>

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.

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Application/Notification	Feb 2018	Cumulative Total for 2018	Total for 2017
Commencement Notices	25	55	330
Completion Certificates	17	27	146
Disability Access Certificates	5	9	63

Civil Defence:

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

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Tallow Point to Point Horse Racing	04 th Feb	First Aid Support with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles
Glor Na Mara School transport to Ramada Hotel	7 th Feb	1 Minibus & 1 Member.
New Recruit Class Started	7 th of Feb	14 new recruits.
Have a Heart Protest March	10 th of Feb	10 Members 1 Ambulance & Crew
Helicopter training with R117	15 th of Feb	15 members.
All Services Exercise	17 th of Feb	65 members all vehicles & equipment
River Blackwater Boat Exercise	18 th Feb	Boat exercise
Manual Handling Courses x4	21 st of Feb	New recruits & Members
Charity Road Race, Kilmacthomas	25 th Feb	First Aid and Communications Support and Response Vehicles

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Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Feb 2017	Cumulative No. of Applications 2017	Applications during Feb 2018	Cumulative No. of Applications 2018
Applications received	93	168	91	149
Applications validated	76	133	34	92
Applications approved	80	149	39	89

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Feb 2017	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017	New Tenancies during Feb 2018	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018
Comeragh Municipal	1	2	1	1	1
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	5	6	0	0	3
Metropolitan	10	18	15	0	22
Voluntary Bodies	2	2	0	-	4
Totals	18	28	16	1	30

Choice Based Letting Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the Choice Based Letting system to date is 79. We have received 5,971 bids on these properties as of Thursday 22nd February 2018. There has been 8 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
Feb	11	6	3	0	2

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YTD	16	8	6	0	0
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Tenant Purchase applications

2018 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
Feb	1	1	0	-
YTD 2018	3	3	0	0
YTD 2017 & 2018	191	22	80	Of the balance of 89 YTD:- 36 Sales have closed 5 are at Legal stage 48 are still under offer

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Feb 2017 HAP tenancies	Feb 2018 HAP tenancies set up	2018 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	75	55	119	2,080

Inspection of private rented dwellings

PRTB Register	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
HAP	38
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	36
Re Inspection	2
HNA/COC (Properties from Housing applications and change of circumstances applications)	0
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	0

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	Re Inspection	0
RAS	(RAS properties)	4
RAS Re-Inspection		6
LTL	(Long term leasing properties)	0
LTL Re-Inspection		0
MTR	(Mortgage to rent properties)	0
Total		49

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved Feb 2018	Number of applications to Feb 2018	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2018 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€19,025.09	4	€29,546.59	6
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€10,069.05	2	€18,069.05	3
Total	€29,094.14	6	€47,615.64	9

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2018	2017
February Cases presented (up to 26th Feb)	70	53
Cumulative number of cases presented	161	115

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	Feb 2018	Feb 2017
Individuals	145	127
Individuals with dependent children	16	11
Families with no dependent children	0	0
Families with dependent children	12	8

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

In total, 9 adults and 4 children composed of 4 families with 4 children and 4 individuals.

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 6 adults.

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 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 4 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018 – Construction on-site Q1 2018
Cappoquin	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
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	32	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Demolition works on-site 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 on-site Q1

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				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	17	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	71	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew	22	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Tender Stage
Total Units in WCCC Projects 390				

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	Following Planning Grant, Construction to resume Q1 2018.
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
Dunhill <i>Gleann Ealach</i>	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Stage 2 Approval Q4 2017. Planning in Progress.
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road <i>Focus Ireland</i>	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
The Paddock's <i>Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland</i>	9	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Awaiting Stage 3 Approval.
Wadding Manor, Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Tender Process and Stage 3 Approved.
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68				

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

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Works complete	13 units
Works commenced/underway	23 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	14 units
Newly vacant	3 units
In Regeneration programme	9 units
Total voids	49 units

Housing Stock at 1st February 2018	
Total Housing Stock	5,003
Vacants in Current Stock in Process	171
Works in Progress	58
Vacant as part of Capital Schemes	10
Allocated	48
New acquisitions to stock for allocation/refurbishment.	55

Response maintenance

To the 26th February 2018, there were a total of 785 recorded requests. 636 have been resolved and 149 are pending.

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Community Services

Social Inclusion:

At its meeting held on 22nd February, the LCDC approved the 2017 End of Year Report for SICAP based on the review carried out. The LCDC delegated the authority to approve the SICAP 2018 Plan to the LCDC SICAP sub-committee.

Exploratory meetings are being carried out in advance of the drawing up of a Migrant Integration Strategy.

Next meeting of the Waterford Traveller Interagency Group will be held on 28th March.

Waterford Rural Development programme:

At the end of 2017, the LCDC as Local Action Group had approved projects to the value of €1.85m. Priorities for 2018 will be: Enterprise, Tourism, Village Projects, and Environmental and Community Training.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The plan for the 2018 programme is currently underway and the young people are progressing with their project for 2018 i.e. Homelessness. Planning meetings have been taking place by the various sub-committees that have been established by the members and is being facilitated by the coordinator.

Pride of Place:

An initial meeting with the Waterford entrants (Tramore and Waterford Arch Club) for IPB All Island Pride of Place Awards 2018 is taking place in early March 2018 when the competition process and the plan for the remainder of the year will be discussed.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

The work of the action groups is underway. Immediate priority is to establish the Older Persons Council and initial meetings to progress this were held on Feb 26th with the PPN membership. Engagement with the national age friendly programme continues.

RAPID:

New RAPID grant scheme for disadvantaged urban areas and Community Facilities Scheme likely to be announced in May.

Healthy Waterford

Work on the preparation of a Healthy Waterford Strategic Plan 2018-2021 is currently underway. Consultation meetings (four in all) held in Waterford City and Dungarvan on 27th February and 5th March.

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Community Services

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018:

The Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018 applications are being assessed at present. The list of eligible applicants shall be forwarded to the elected members for their approval at the April meeting.

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In February, 44,160 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 41,942 items during the month.

In February, 390 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- Dinosaur sculpture exhibition by Kevin O’Keeffe – Central Library
- Talk on “Who got the vote in 1918” by Joanne Rothwell, Archivist – Central Library
- Book launch of “The Irish House: a psychogeographical map” by Roisin Hackett – Central Library
Women’s history exhibition facilitated by Anne Fitzgerald of Waterford Women’s Centre – Central Library
- Healthy Ireland at Your Library – Healthing eating by Jemma Kehoe – Carrickphierish Library and Sensory food play – Dungarvan Library – Family Yoga with Claire O’Sullivan – Kilmacthomas Library
- Dyslexia support coffee morning – Ardkeen Library

Events coming up in March include:

- Official opening of Carrickphierish Library by Michael Ring, Minister for Rural and Community Development
- Celebration day with events and activities – Carrickphierish Library
- Fostering First Ireland pop up information display – Central Library
- Niall de Burca storytellers for Seachtain na Gaeilge – Ardkeen Library
- Continuation of Healthy Ireland at Your Library events across the county

Library Development:

- Project Management Training – 11 staff members
- Continuation of rollout of RFID throughout the branch network

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Arts Report

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is hosting 'Portraits and Landscapes' from the Waterford Art Collection until the end of February.

Greyfriars Gallery is hosting 'Treelines and Skylines' featuring work by TY students responding to the Waterford Art Collection until March 29th.

Music Generation Development Officer for Waterford, Shauna McCullough has recently taken up her position and is based within the ETB offices in Dungarvan.

Arts in Education projects in schools around the City and county are ongoing both in the primary and secondary sector.

Waterford Artlinks bursaries 2018 , decisions will be issued shortly (5/3/2018).

Waterford's national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award is currently accepting entries. Closing date is 15/3/18.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

1st January 2018 – 26th February 2018.

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	9
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	38
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2017 paid in 2018)	14
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

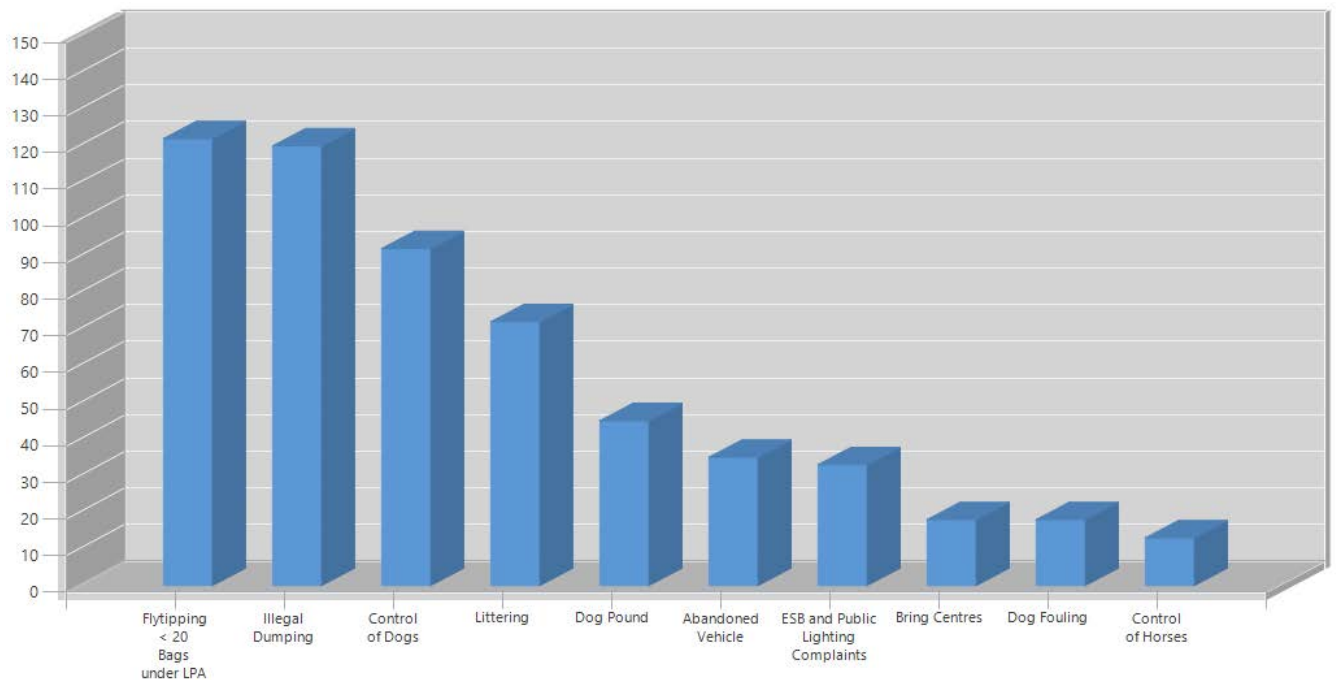
No of Complaints	477
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	1
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	2
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	27
Warning Letters Sent	18
Section 14 Directions	7
Regulation 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.	3

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.

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Environmental Services



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

Green Schools

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, renewal assessments for the next flag are ongoing for February and March. The assessment deadline for both renewals and first time assessments is 16th March 2018. There are currently 99 schools taking part in the Green Schools programme in Co Waterford.

Community Clean-Ups

Waterford City & County Council continues to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; 2018 is the 20th year of National Spring Clean.

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Environmental Services

National Tree Week

National Tree Week takes place 4-11 March 2018. One of the main projects of Tree Week which is organised by the Tree Council of Ireland is the distribution by local authorities of over 15,000 trees throughout the country to local community groups and schools for planting during Tree Week. 400 of these saplings will be made available to Waterford City and County Council for distribution. By encouraging individuals, family groups, schools and local communities to organise or take part Tree Week events, we are prompting and enabling people to play their part in making a difference to our efforts to live more sustainably, bringing about numerous of benefits. These trees have been offered to schools, community groups and Tidy Towns groups, as well as being advertised on social media, local newspapers, etc.

Local Litter Awareness Grant

This grant is available to help community groups and schools organise clean ups during National Spring Clean and over the summer months. This grant was advertised in early February, with a deadline of mid March for applications. This will enable decisions regarding successful applicants to be made and the first half of the grant paid out by April; projects can begin from the second quarter of 2018.

Local Waste Prevention Grant

This grant was also advertised in newspapers, on the website and via social media. Tidy Towns groups and schools were issued with application forms to enable them apply for this grant. Eligible projects that could be funded include but are not limited to the following: Repair skills workshops, Upcycling Workshops, Introduction of composting scheme/workshops, Elimination of single-use items, Food waste prevention projects/events

Roadside Litter

A campaign re roadside litter will be launched in March to encourage drivers to bring their litter home with them rather than throwing it from the car. This will include signage, social media and press, etc as well as projects with two local groups on reusable cups in order to reduce the number of disposable cups found as litter.

Waterford Energy Bureau

Better Energy Communities Scheme

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Environmental Services

Waterford Energy Bureau has submitted a funding application to the SEAI under the "Better Energy Communities Scheme" 2018. WCCC energy efficiency upgrades within the funding application included electrical vehicles, hybrid vehicles and LED lighting. Project partners also included within the funding application included Colaiste Na Rinne, Ballybeg Community Centre, The U-Casadh Project, The Hugh Gore Institute, Cathedral Close Waterford, St Micheals Hall Ballyduff Upper, Kilbrien National School, Deise Daycare Centre and Ardkeen Centre Group. Funding requests from project partners included insulation upgrades, gasification boilers, heat pumps and led lighting.

SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities Scheme

It is expected that this grant scheme will be open for applications from April and be specific to communities that have signed up to the SEC Network.

Website

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City &

County Council website which can be found at www.waterfordcouncil.ie

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Finance

**Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
Y.T.D. to January 31, 2018**

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	1,291,639	25,728,776	5%	1,412,643	26,933,915	5%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,402,897	27,765,615	5%	393,259	16,314,408	2%
C	Water Services	754,294	10,904,203	7%	605,058	10,561,906	6%
D	Development Management	1,073,171	15,569,383	7%	407,013	7,198,496	6%
E	Environmental Services	949,685	17,860,060	5%	50,266	2,568,762	2%
F	Recreation & Amenity	867,115	13,616,202	6%	87,815	2,016,708	4%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	63,379	1,225,510	5%	16,640	445,494	4%
H	Miscellaneous Services	822,362	13,213,938	6%	181,493	10,870,294	2%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	1,575,959	18,911,516	8%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	2,505,182	30,062,188	8%
		7,224,542	125,883,687	6%	7,235,328	125,883,687	6%
Surplus/Deficit					10,786	(0)	

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	Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-1- 2018								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]		[6]	[7]	
	Gross Bal as at 1-1-2018	Accrued ytd to Jan 2018	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Jan	Gross Bal 31-1- 2018 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)]	
		€	€	€	€	€	€		
Rates	8,084,253	15,642	-	8,099,896	559,300	7,540,595		7%	0%
Loans	1,979,769	258,481	-	2,238,250	238,830	1,999,420		11%	92%
Rents	3,673,427	1,247,608	-	4,921,035	1,052,074	3,868,961		21%	84%
Aged Analysis									
			Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates			-	-	4,854,588	2,686,007			7,540,595
			0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans			134,562	68,217	180,063	1,616,578			1,999,420
			Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents			160,518	140,055	214,175	3,354,212			3,868,961
Overdraft Levels									
Days in Overdraft in Dec - 31 Days			Cost - €10,629			Average €6.6m			