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Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

| Indicator | At end of April 2017 | At end of April 2018 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| No. of Clients Met | 216 | 144 |
| No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support | 7 | 4 |
| No. of clients securing Measure 1 support | 5 | 3 |
| Value of Measure 1 support approved | €94,755 | €75,350 |
| No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support | 342 | 442 |
| Value of Measure 2 support given | €106,173 | €131,785 |

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2018

On Sunday 22nd April, Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen T.D., made the announcement of the winners in this competition in front of 360 guests at the IBYE National Final, held at Google's European Headquarters in Dublin.



LEO Waterford were represented by Robbie Skuse of Kollekt.ie and we were delighted that he was announced as a runner up in the 'Best Established Category'. Robbie will receive an investment fund of €5,000.

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2018 – Facts & Figures

- The programme provides a €million investment nationally - €50k locally

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Economic Development

- LEO Waterford had over 50 applicants from which 18 entrants were chosen to take part in our boot camp
- Regional final was held in Cork where Robbie was winner of ‘Best Established Business’ category.
- There were 8 national finalists in each category.

Town & Village 2018

Department of Rural & Community Development have announced the 2018 Town & Village Scheme – details and criteria not forwarded yet but a similar expression of interest process is envisaged.

Town & Village 2017

Bunmahon

Allocation €64,000 - Boardwalk on Bunmahon Beach; Surfer Service area and Trail improvements to Trá na mBó. Boardwalk element and works at Trá na mBó are out to tender with contractors expected to be selected in early May. Land transfer almost regarding Surfer Service area – expect project to be delivered by September/October 2018 as Planning Application involved re Surfer Service area.

Ballymacarbry

Allocation €24,000 - Road safety provisions & Footpath connectivity – project gone to tender - contractor to be selected in May

Ballyduff Lower

Allocation €28,800 - Village Enhancements & Footpath connectivity – project gone to tender - contractor to be selected in May

Portlaw

Allocation €95,000 - Village enhancements/heritage signage & Footpath connectivity –Irish Water to prioritise works in Portlaw to enable footpath to be progressed without delay

Tramore

Allocation €100,000 - Refurbishment of Old Railway Station – Conditional Survey Engineer appointed– pre-survey and site clearance works required before advancing project

Cheekpoint

Allocation €80,000 - Footpath connectivity (Faithlegg to Cheekpoint)– Contractor/Engineers to decide on progression of project – households have been met regarding any impact on land take.

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Economic Development

Villierstown

Allocation €90,000 - Glamping Pod Accommodation Units – Tender completed – contractor appointed and Pods to be in place by July 2018

Dungarvan

Allocation €80,000 - Signage, Painting Lighting, Street enhancement in O’Connell St. – Painting Tender completed (expect to start in May owing to weather) – materials for street infrastructure procured, signage requirements being determined at present in context of Dungarvan Town

Clonea Power

Allocation €64,000 - Treasure Hunt Village; lighting; signage – lighting ground works completed, Arts scheme re tree sculptures and seating (out to tender at present) not being funded by Department which will impact on scope of works for Old School.

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

Major Projects – Progress Report up to April 27th 2018

1. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-

- The contract is close to substantial completion in all areas with lighting and snagging being finalised.
- The entire works, with the exception of snagging, are scheduled to be substantially complete by end of April 2018, ahead of the previously programmed June completion date. It is envisaged that Murphy International Ltd will continue to have a presence on site snagging and completing public lighting works until mid June.
- The programme for the works is as follows:-

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Economic Development

Contractors Programme

| Task Name | Duration* | Start | Finish |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| City Centre | 616 days | 10/10/16 | 18/06/18 |
| 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 | 18/06/18 |

* 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 is currently being installed.
- Preparatory design works for the Parnell Street section of the WIT to City Centre Greenroute project have commenced.
- 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 May 2018.

2. North Quays:-

- 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.

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Economic Development

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.

Pleanáil

Planning

Development Management

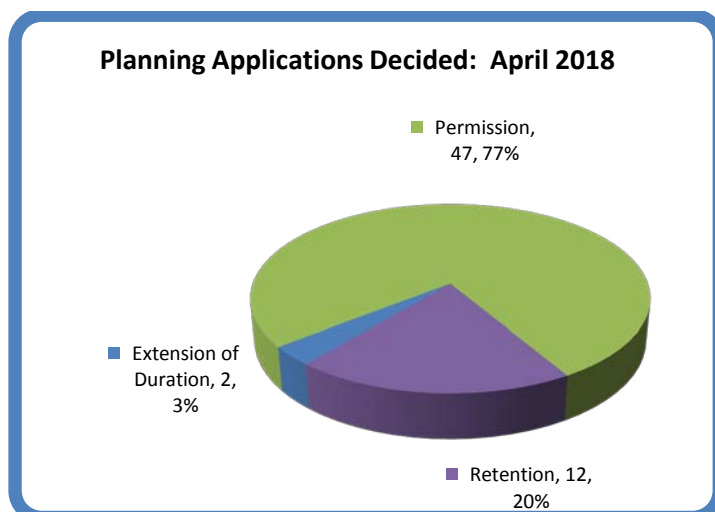
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

75 Planning applications have been received in the month of April 2018 to the 27th April. This compares with 75 planning applications received in the same period in 2017.

From the 1st of January 2018 to the 27th of April, a total of 289 applications were received. In the same period in 2017, exactly the same number of applications (289) were lodged.

Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

In the month of April, 63 planning decisions were made. Of these, 61 applications were granted and 2 refused, representing a grant rate of 96.8%. Planning decisions made in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 182 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 28th April. 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

It had been intended to progress to public consultation on this proposed variation immediately following the workshop at the March Plenary Council meeting; however given the debate at the workshop and the conflicting views expressed, this process had been put on hold to facilitate further discussions with the Plenary Council.

Pleanáil

Planning

Having regard to the concerns raised at the Plenary Council and the role of the SPC in formulating the proposed policy variation it is now intended to hold a second workshop with the Plenary Council immediately prior to the May Plenary Council Meeting.

On the basis of an agreed conclusion at workshop the public consultation on the variation can commence.

The public consultation process will provide for 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.
- 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 it 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.

Built Heritage

A provisional offer of €104,000 grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) has been made by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DCHG). The Council has received 30 applications for the grant funds and of these, 17 applications qualified for funding under the scheme. Details of the qualified applications have been forwarded to the DCHG and a response is awaited in the coming weeks.

In addition to the BHIS, 5 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. Details of the qualified applications have been forwarded to the DCHG and a response is awaited in the coming weeks.

Taking in Charge of Estates

The Council is reviewing the resources assigned to the Taking in Charge Section with a view to supplement the existing staff compliment which will allow progress to be made on priority areas. In addition, the Taking in Charge report is being reviewed with further relevant detail to be provided. The new format report will be updated to the Districts on a quarterly basis commencing in June.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2018

The Roadworks Programme commenced on 11th April and is progressing well in the Dungarvan/Lismore area. Following the completion of works in the Dungarvan/Lismore District works will move to the Comeragh area towards the end of May.

Storm Emma Recoupment

As requested by the Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government an application for recoupment of expenditure incurred for the immediate clean-up costs from Storm Emma of €532,009 was submitted. In addition to these costs the storm caused significant longer term damage to the road network estimated at €1,155,000 and this has also been notified to the Department, should additional funding become available. Notification of the funding allocation was not known at the time of preparing this report.

Community Involvement Scheme 2018

A submission of 20 projects has been made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in respect of the Community Involvement Scheme for 2018. The Community Involvement Scheme provides funding for works on private roads where the local residents engage with the Council and provide either a financial contribution or work to assist in the upgrade of the road. Funding allocations will be announced by the Department this month.

Local Improvement Scheme 2018

Approval has been received for the 12 Schemes submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for grant aid of €282,000. Applicants have been notified and work will commence as soon as possible to ensure all Schemes are completed by the July deadline.

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Roads and Transportation

Clár 2018

The Department of Rural and Community Development has released details of the measures available under the Clár Scheme for this year. Applications are limited to 15 per Council and a submission has been made to the Department by the 8th May deadline for approval.

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 April. 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 | 33 | 31 | 9 | 0 |
| Comeragh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dungarvan/Lismore | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Total for Apr | 40 | 41 | 11 | 0 |
| Total 2018 | 210 | 154 | 54 | 5 |
| <i>Total for Apr 2017</i> | <i>135</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>6</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 | Apr 2018 | 2018 Year to date | Total for April 2017 | Total for 2017 |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Fire Safety Certificates | 10 | 34 | 5 | 84 |
| Planning Referrals | 54 | 179 | 44 | 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

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Emergency Services

with these regulations are shown below as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice.

| Application/Notification | Apr 2018 | Cumulative Total for 2018 | <i>Total for April 2017</i> | <i>Total for 2017</i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commencement Notices | 30 | 105 | 27 | 330 |
| Completion Certificates | 16 | 55 | 13 | 146 |
| Disability Access Certificates | 11 | 26 | 22 | 63 |

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for March and April are as follows:

| Activity | Date | Service Provided |
|--|---|---|
| Storm Emma Snow Response | 1 st to 4 th Mar | 4 x Response Vehicles and Communications Support for Transportation of Patients and Essential Staff |
| St Patrick's Day Parade | 17 th March | 28 Members marched in Parade |
| Missing persons search Carrick on Suir | 19 th to 26 th March | 3 boats and 2 jeeps 14 members |
| Charity Cycle For James Deasy with Dunmore East Coast Guard and R117 | 6 th , 7 th & 8 th April | Minibus & 2 members |
| Reception in Dublin Castle hosted by An Taoiseach for severe weather efforts | 17 th April | Jeep & 3 members |
| ViQueens Roller Derby, Kingfisher | 28 th April | 1 Ambulance & 8 members |

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Housing

Housing Applications

| Housing applications | Applications during Apr 2017 | Cumulative No. of Applications 2017 | Applications during Apr 2018 | Cumulative No. of Applications 2018 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Applications received | 103 | 397 | 82 | 316 |
| Applications validated | 66 | 294 | 63 | 208 |
| Applications approved | 50 | 262 | 56 | 193 |

Housing Allocations

| District | Tenancies during Apr 2017 | Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017 | New Tenancies during Apr 2018 | Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer | Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Comeragh Municipal | 4 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal | 3 | 26 | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| Metropolitan | 8 | 46 | 24 | 1 | 65 |
| Voluntary Bodies | 2 | 5 | 0 | - | 4 |
| Totals | 17 | 86 | 33 | 2 | 84 |

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 101. We have received 8,059 bids on these properties as of Friday 27th April 2018.

There has been 10 refusals on properties to date.

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Housing Loans applications

| 2018 Housing Loans | Applications received | Applications awaiting further info | Applications refused | Applications approved | Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| April | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| YTD | 35 | 10 | 19 | 3 | 3 |

Tenant Purchase applications

| 2018 Tenant Purchase | Applications received | Applications awaiting further info | Applications refused | Applications approved |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| April | 6 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| YTD 2018 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| YTD 2017 & 2018 | 197 | 27 | 81 | Of the balance of 89 YTD:- 37 Sales have closed 6 are at Legal stage 46 are still under offer |

No tenant Purchase sales closed in April

Housing Assistance Payment

| Housing Assistance Payment | Apr 2017 HAP tenancies | Apr 2018 HAP tenancies set up | 2018 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up | Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| HAP Tenancies | 65 | 46 | 223 | 2,184 |

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Inspection of private rented dwellings

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| HAP | 34 |
| Compliant | 4 |
| Non-Compliant | 30 |
| Re Inspection | 0 |
| RAS (RAS properties) | 5 |
| RAS Re-Inspection | 3 |
| LTL (Long term leasing properties) | 6 |
| LTL Re-Inspection | 9 |
| MTR (Mortgage to rent properties) | 4 |
| Total | 61 |

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

| Grant Scheme Amount | Value of applications approved Apr 2018 | Number of applications to Apr 2018 | Cumulative value of applications approved | Cumulative number of 2018 applications |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000 | €24,278.17 | 2 | €24,278.17 | 2 |
| Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000 | €24,825.00 | 6 | €68,471.59 | 15 |
| Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000 | €12,023.25 | 4 | €26,096.55 | 9 |
| Total | €61,126.42 | 12 | €130,869.56 | 26 |

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Homeless services

| Cases presented seeking Homeless services | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|------------|------|
| April Cases presented (up to April 27th) | 71 | 52 |
| Cumulative number of cases presented | 323 | 220 |

| Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation | Apr 2018 | Apr 2017 |
|---|----------|----------|
| Individuals | 98 | 124 |
| Individuals with dependent children | 21 | 11 |
| Families with no dependent children | 0 | 0 |
| Families with dependent children | 9 | 6 |

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

In total, 6 adults and 2 children composed of 2 families with 2 children and 4 individuals.

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 19 adults.

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Works complete | 17 units |
| Works commenced/underway | 18 units |
| Surveyed/at tender stage | 16 units |
| Newly vacant | 10 units |
| In Regeneration programme | 9 units |

Response maintenance

To the 30th April 2018, there were a total of 840 recorded requests. 687 have been resolved and 153 are pending.

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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 Application to DHPCLG Q2 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 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 |

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|---|----|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |
| Buy & Renew – The Forge | 6 | Metropolitan | Appraisal/Design Stage | Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 |
| Total Units in WCCC Projects 410 | | | | |

| Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Project Location | Units | Area | Current Position | Comment |
| Dungarvan, Shandon Co- operative Housing Ireland | 20 | Dungarvan- Lismore | Construction | Revised contract under negotiation. |
| Tramore, Ballycarnane Tramore Voluntary Housing | 18 | Metropolitan | Design Stage | Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q2 2018. |
| Dunhill Gleann Ealach | 8 | Comeragh | Design Stage | Planning in Progress. |
| Powersfield, Hennessy's Road Focus Ireland | 3 | Metropolitan | Design Stage | Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q2 2018. |
| The Paddock's Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland | 9 | Metropolitan | Tender Preparation | Stage 3 Approved. |
| Wadding Manor, Ferrybank Respond! | 10 | Metropolitan | Design Stage | Tender advertised. |
| Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68 | | | | |

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Social Inclusion:

- New SICAP programme 2018-2022 launched by Minister Ring on 20th April. SICAP, which is co-funded by the European Social Fund, supports disadvantaged communities and individuals including unemployed people, people living in deprived areas, people with disabilities, single parent families, people on low income, members of the Traveller and Roma community and other disadvantaged groups. €1,120,415 has been allocated to Waterford under the programme.
- Exploratory meetings are being carried out in advance of the drawing up of a Migrant Integration Strategy.
- Meeting of the Waterford Traveller Interagency Group held on 28th March. Consideration being given to implementing the Yellow Flag Programme. The Yellow Flag Programme is a progressive equality & diversity initiative for primary and secondary schools which promotes and supports an environment for interculturalism. Traveller Genealogy Exhibition opened on 19th April in the Civic Offices, Dungarvan.

Waterford Rural Development programme:

- Following the workshops held in Tramore, Lismore, Ballymacarbry, and Kilmacthomas, 17 no. Expressions of interest were received for funding under the Rural Tourism and Enterprise Development Themes. The estimated spend is approximately €1m.
- 13 no. projects were considered by the Independent Evaluation Committee during April with an estimated spend of €550,000. A further 11 no. projects progressed through compliance stage during April and 9 no. projects will be placed before the LCDC for decision at meeting to be held on May 10th.
- During April 3 no. projects with a total value of €54,491.25 received final approval from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Support at events is underway for the Spring/Summer season. Action meetings have been taking place by the various sub-committees that have been established by the young people and are being facilitated by the coordinator in order to progress this year's topic of Homelessness. Team building events have been taking place in Woodstown.

Pride of Place:

An initial meeting with Waterford Pride of Place entrants (Tramore and Waterford Arch Club) for IPB All island Pride of Place Awards 2018 took place on April 26th. The competition process and the plan for the remainder of the year were discussed as well as the group's current activities. Further planning meetings are to be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

The work of the action groups is progressing. The Older Persons Council has been established and a representative attended the National Age Friendly Awards in Monaghan on April 11th. Within the next month, the Waterford Age Friendly Alliance will meet and it is planned that the new alliance structure will be adopted. Reports from all thematic sub-groups will also be presented at this meeting detailing progress to date. Engagement with the national Age Friendly Programme continues.

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Community Services

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 being finalised. Consultation meetings (four in all) held in Waterford City and Dungarvan. Work progressing well on Healthy Ireland fund actions. Next round of funding has been announced with closing date of 25th May. Healthy Waterford Co-ordinator now in place.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018:

All eligible applicants were notified on 13th April of their grant allocation. Payments of grant have commenced and all successful applicants should receive their grant by mid May.

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Arts & Culture

Libraries

In April, 48980 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 44724 items during the month.

In April, 322 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- West Waterford Festival of Food- Growing Seedlings to Crops and pop up theatre 15 minute Hamlet- Dungarvan Library.
- Yoga classes – Cappoquin Library.
- National Poetry day events in Tramore Library and Cappoquin Library.
- Crochet Exhibition and Demonstration – Central Library.
- EDIC – European Investment Fund event with Sean Kelly MEP –City Hall.
- Parent and baby Bookclub – Carrickphierish Library.
- Shared reading group with local community and Syrian new community members – Cappoquin Library.
- Right to Read - Spring Into Story Time events in all branches during April.
- VTOS Art, Craft and Design Student Exhibition- Index Gallery, Central Library.

Events coming up in May include:

- Waterford Warriors Foroige Exhibition- Central Library
- Bealtaine Festival – events for people over 55 in all library branches.
- New parent and Toddler group , Friday mornings – Dungarvan Library
- Yoga for MS-Carrickphierish Library
- Towers and Tales – Library staff assist with the running of the festival at Lismore Castle.
- Knitting Together- Cappoquin Library
- Science Workshops on DNA- Ardkeen Library

Library Development:

- Continuation of rollout of RFID throughout the branch network.
- Library Staff attended the following training: LAI/CILIP Joint Conference, Interview Preparation Training, Excel Training.

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Arts Report

The Arts Office is currently accepting applications for the following bursaries all with May deadlines : The Tyrone Guthrie Arts Bursary, the Drama League of Ireland Summer School, the Irish Youth Choir Summer School, The Irish Youth Orchestra Summer School, Blas Traditional Music Bursary at the University of Limerick. Also advertised is the Ted and Mary O' Regan Arts Bursary.

This year Poetry Day Ireland was expanded and celebrated in Waterford, Tramore, Dungarvan, Cappoquin, and Kill. There was a free Poetry podcast from WIT. The Molly Keane Writers Retreat Ardmore held a reading with Mark Roper and Lani O' Hanlon and were delighted to have Ireland's foremost singer songwriter Christy Moore as a guest.

The Treelines & Skylines exhibition continues in Greyfriars Municipal Art Gallery until May 18th.

Directors of the prestigious Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA Jacksonville) are visiting Waterford on May 22nd – Greyfriars, GOMA, Garter Lane and possibly the new Gallery space in 31&32 will be visited. The Arts Office is hoping to arrange an exhibition 'swap' with MOCA for 2019.

The Perspectives from the Margins exhibition by Anthony Mackey has just finished a successful run in GOMA Waterford. A number of Councillors visited the exhibition on the closing day and

Rogue Gallery and Studios are hosting the LúaC Collective exhibition from May 4th.

Studio 20ten Gallery & Workspace are hosting a special 'Bealtaine' exhibition featuring a selection of new work by members of River Barn Artists - the Cappoquin based art group. The exhibition runs from May 1st to June 2nd.

Arts in Education projects in primary schools around the City and County are ongoing. In particular ten schools are currently involved in a project to animate the stages for the Summer in the City programme.

The Arts Office is hosting Carnation Theatre Company in two Health Care settings in West Waterford to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival – Celebrating Creativity as we age.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan, current exhibitions are by Ciara Gormley, Dungarvan, Anna Maria Leavy, Co. Westmeath, Margaret Walsh, Cork and students of the VTOS, Dungarvan Arts & Crafts course. The Arts Centre hosted a successful exhibitions launch for these artists during the West Waterford Festival of Food, plus the venue also hosted children events.

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Arts & Culture

Waterford Cultural Quarter

Actions during April 2018 included:

- Website in preparation (launch in early May)
- Crowd Funding & Business to Arts event organised by WCQ in Garter Lane on April 4th ; 40 attendees
- Proposal received in relation to social inclusion project for O'Connell street area; arts and community development
- Vacant residential and commercial property in the CQ area; (survey advanced)
- Feasibility study agreed to examine proposal for an Incubation Hub in the O'Connell Street area (WWETB, WIT & WCCC)
- Agreement on proposal for street animation including up to 10 street art installations
- Presentation given in City Hall at EU Investment Fund meeting hosted by Sean Kelly MEP on April 20th

Actions to commence during May 2018 include:

- Community Forum on May 9th in Garter Lane; open meeting showcasing creativity on O'Connell Street to facilitate community and creativity development
- Design Challenge launch May 9th : 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
- Artist to begin work on street art installations highlighting the heritage of O'Connell street
- Presentation to be given to Waterford Arts Forum on May 10th to highlight opportunities for the creative community

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) will travel to Ravenna, Italy to learn about approaches engaging local communities in developing their city. Ravenna has been working on its plan since 2011 and have experience in community development.

Ravenna is developing its docklands from being an industrial shipbuilding area to a creative and cultural hub. They will show us good practices that they carry out in relation to community development and engagement with local business and creative industry, and would like to learn good examples of work that Waterford has carried out or plan to carry out in these areas.

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Environmental Enforcement

1st January 2018 – 30th April 2018.

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

| | |
|---|----|
| Legal Action Initiated | 11 |
| On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution) | 93 |
| On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2017 paid in 2018) | 51 |
| No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20 | 0 |

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

| | |
|---|-----|
| No of Complaints | 957 |
| Legal Actions | 2 |
| Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues) | 4 |
| Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period) | 6 |
| Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices) | 36 |
| Warning Letters Sent | 19 |
| 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. | 3 |

Prosecution of Unauthorised Waste Collector

On 27th March 2018, Waterford City and County Council brought a prosecution In Clonmel District Court against an unauthorised waste collector. This collector was collecting waste in the Clonmel area, prior to bringing the waste to his site in Co Waterford and burning the waste there.

The prosecution was for offences under section 32 of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, (WMA) for causing environmental pollution, section 34 of the WMA for collecting waste without a waste collection permit, and section 4 of the Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal By Burning) Regulations 2009.

The defendant agreed to plead guilty, and two further offences were withdrawn by the council.

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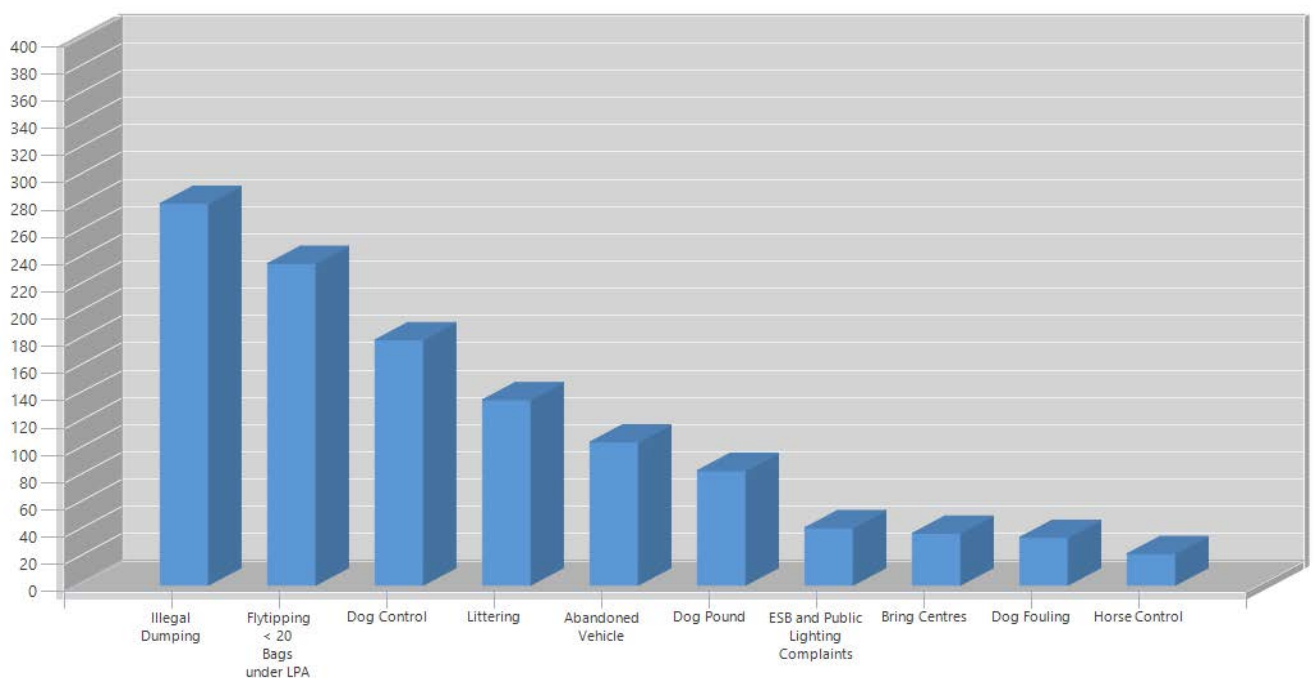
The council solicitor gave a summary of the facts to the court and emphasised to the Judge that this had been a commercial enterprise and that the defendant had advertised the waste disposal service via social media.

Having heard the evidence in the case Judge Finn imposed a fine of €1,000 for each of the three offences, totalling €3,000 and awarded costs to the council of a further €3,627.63.

Waterford City and County Council decided not to prosecute the persons who used the unauthorised waste collector, as they co-operated and provided statements to the council to assist in the prosecution of the unauthorised collector.

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.

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Environmental Education & Awareness

Free Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day

Waterford City & County Council will host a free collection of household hazardous waste at Dungarvan Civic Amenity Site, Ballinamuck, Dungarvan from 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. on Saturday, 5th May.

This free collection is for domestic households only and will be advertised on local papers, radio and social media.

A full list of items accepted is available on www.waterfordcouncil.ie.

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean took place throughout the month of April. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc. took part by holding a cleanup of their local area. Waterford City & County Council 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. Through the An Taisce's Clean Coasts Programme the Council has engaged with and supported a number of coastal communities. Waterford City and County Council provides cleanup materials for beach clean-ups which help to remove considerable quantities of marine litter from our coastline. On Earth Day approximately 180 volunteers from Sanofi took part in beach cleans on 18 beaches along the Waterford coastline. Waterford City & County Council supported them by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal.

Master Composter Programme

A Master Composter programme will commence in Portlaw on 15th May. Running over a 4-5 week participants will be trained on all aspects of home composting and, once trained, participants pledge to commit some of their time to help promote home composting and food waste prevention in their local communities. The course accommodates groups of up to 30 people. Participants are provided with a mix of technical information and hands on experience. As part of the programme, a demonstration site is built which is designed to be a local resource where people can shown how composting works and to support other local training initiatives. During the training course participants will be trained in all aspects of home composting from the basics of how it works to how to compost using the different systems (holding bins, wormeries, etc.). Groups wishing to host future Master Composter Programme events are invited to contact the Environment Dept. of Waterford City & County to obtain further information.

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West Waterford Festival of Food

The Environment Department of Waterford City & County Council hosted a 'Green Area' at the West Waterford Festival of Food in Dungarvan. This "Green Area" provided a location in which to disseminate information to those attending the festival and hold demonstrations relating to food waste prevention, recycling, composting, furniture up-cycling, etc

Green Schools Awards

The Green Schools awards ceremony will take place on 22nd May in Kilkenny. A total of 21 schools from Waterford City & County will receive awards at this ceremony.

Environmental Education & Awareness in Schools

A Climate Hope forum took place on 26th April in Carrickphierish Library for Green Schools on their Global Citizenship flags. Teachers and pupils learned how we can all work together to create a bigger impact on climate change. Schools from Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford took part and looked at topics such as Cycling, Plastic (waste, water, marine) and Renewables (energy).

Waterford Energy Bureau

SEAI Better Energy Home Grants

The SEAI Better Energy Home Grants scheme has been re-launched with grant assistance for private housing units for a range of energy efficiency measures which include Attic insulation, cavity wall / internal dry lining / external insulation, heat pumps for central and hot water heating, heating controls upgrades and solar thermal heating. Further information at www.waterfordenergy.ie

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Environmental Services

SEAI Better Energy Warmer Homes

The Better Energy Warmer Homes scheme has been re-launched with free installation in eligible private fuel poor housing units of a range of energy efficiency measures.

Home improvements offered

There are a number of home energy improvements offered as part of this scheme:

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Attic insulation | Cavity wall insulation |
| Draught proofing | Lagging jackets |
| Low energy light bulbs | Energy advice |

The following measures are not available under the scheme: external wall insulation, internal dry lining, central heating, window/door replacements and renewable technologies.

No cost to homeowners

Warmer Homes Scheme measures are carried out at no cost to the homeowner.

Who can apply

- You must own and live in your own home
 - It must have been built and occupied before 2006
 - You must receive one of the following:
 - Fuel Allowance as part of the National Fuel Scheme
 - Job Seekers Allowance for over six months and have a child under seven years of age
 - The Working Family Payment
 - One-Parent Family Payment
 - Domiciliary Care Allowance (with effect from January 1 2018)
 - You must not have received works previously under the Warmer Homes Scheme
- Further information on Energy Initiatives can be found at www.waterfordenergy.ie

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

| Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31 -3 - 2018 | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | | |
| Gross Bal as at 1-1-2018 | Accrued ytd to Mar 2018 | Write Offs and Vacancies | Total for Collection [1+2-3] | Collected ytd to Mar2018 | Gross Bal 31-3 -2018 [4-5] | % Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4] | % Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)] | |
| | € | € | € | € | € | € | € | |
| Rates | 8,291,500 | 29,636,075 | - 34,937 | 37,892,638 | 1,588,263 | 36,304,375 | 4% | 0% |
| Loans | 1,926,637 | 789,300 | | 2,715,937 | 764,129 | 1,951,808 | 28% | 97% |
| Rents | 3,567,007 | 3,221,858 | | 6,788,866 | 3,132,341 | 3,656,525 | 46% | 97% |
| Aged Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| | | Less than 1 mth | 2 to 6 mths | 7 to 12 mths | greater than 12 mths | | | Net Balance |
| Rates | | 28,959,735 | - | 4,712,284 | 2,632,356 | | | 36,304,375 |
| | | 0 to 3 mths | 4 to 6 mths | 7 to 12 mths | Greater than 12 mths | | | |
| Loans | | 122,087 | 72,146 | 162,424 | 1,595,151 | | | 1,951,808 |
| | | Less than 4 weeks | 4-6 weeks | 7-12 weeks | Greater than 12 wks | | | |
| Rents | | 200,867 | 179,945 | 276,273 | 2,999,440 | | | 3,656,525 |
| Overdraft Levels | | | | | | | | |
| Days in Overdraft in Mar - 31 days | | Cost - €16,642 | | | Average €10.4m | | | |

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| Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Y.T.D. to March 31, 2018 | | | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | | | |
| | Expenditure € | Adopted Full Year Budget € | % Budget Spent to date | Income € | Adopted Full year Budget € | % Budget Raised | |
| A | Housing & Building | 5,302,992 | 25,728,776 | 21% | 6,006,810 | 26,933,915 | 22% |
| B | Road Transport & Safety | 5,251,024 | 27,765,615 | 19% | 2,436,328 | 16,314,408 | 15% |
| C | Water Services | 2,362,943 | 10,904,203 | 22% | 2,135,020 | 10,561,906 | 20% |
| D | Development Management | 2,870,581 | 15,569,383 | 18% | 1,014,979 | 7,198,496 | 14% |
| E | Environmental Services | 3,889,986 | 17,860,060 | 22% | 319,871 | 2,568,762 | 12% |
| F | Recreation & Amenity | 2,687,970 | 13,616,202 | 20% | 443,417 | 2,016,708 | 22% |
| G | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 222,474 | 1,225,510 | 18% | 90,995 | 445,494 | 20% |
| H | Miscellaneous Services | 3,282,184 | 13,213,938 | 25% | 1,240,269 | 10,870,294 | 11% |
| LG | Local Property Tax / GPG | 0 | 0 | 0% | 4,727,879 | 18,911,516 | 25% |
| RA | Rates | 0 | 0 | 0% | 7,515,547 | 30,062,188 | 25% |
| | | 25,870,154 | 125,883,687 | 21% | 25,931,115 | 125,883,687 | 21% |
| Surplus/Deficit | | | | | 60,961 | (0) | |