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Chief Executive

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Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

| Indicator | At end of Oct 2017 Cumulative Figure | At end of Oct 2018 Cumulative Figure |
|---|---|---|
| No. of Clients Met | 390 | 413 |
| No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support | 18 | 23 |
| No. of clients securing Measure 1 support | 17 | 19 |
| Value of Measure 1 support approved | €342,341 | €438,920 |
| No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support | 989 | 1158 |
| Value of Measure 2 support given | €266,619 | €311,485 |

National Women's Enterprise Day

'From local to global' was the theme for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) organised by the Local Enterprise Office to celebrate female entrepreneurs from across the county. The event, which took place in Faithlegg House Hotel, was attended by over 80 local business women on Thursday October 18th.

Those attending the event heard from female entrepreneurs from the region as well as further afield. Guest speakers, including Gina London ex CNN anchor, journalist Jennifer O'Connell and Frances Roche of Training for Success, all acknowledged that events such as this are an important platform for aspiring female entrepreneurs where they can learn from experienced businesswomen. The panel discussion made up of Sinead Quealy (Virtual Vet); Bebhinn McGrath (Bebhinn); Claire Brennan (Parolla) and Saskia Kremer (Saskia) gave inspired and motivational stories on their business journey and advice on how women can make it in the business world.

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Economic Development



Rural Economic Development

Town & Village 2017 Update

Nine Towns and Villages received funding under the 2017 scheme, 3 schemes complete and remainder will be completed by year end.

Town & Village 2018

Waterford City & County Council submitted 10 completed applications for consideration - announcement made in October 2018. Nine Applications were allocated funding and Cappoquin was included in a DRCD pilot programme to look at increasing residential occupancy in Rural Towns & Villages receiving €100,000.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure 2018

Department of Rural & community Development announced funding allocations to measure 1 in September 2018. €8,000 was allocated to Dunmore East Cliff Walk. Measure 2 and 3 applications have yet to be assessed.

FLAG 2018

Waterford City and County Council is implementing a number of projects following allocation of funding.

Economic Development

North Quays

- Bord Pleanála has confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Orders for the lands associated with the North Quays infrastructure development. Property Management will now issue confirmation orders to each landowner confirming the CPO. Notice to Treat and Notice to Enter notifications will subsequently be issued.
- A contract agreement between Waterford City and County Council and Fawaz Alhokair Group for the development of the North Quays Strategic Development Zone lands has been signed.

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Economic Development

- An application for the Waterford and Environs - North Quays Project was submitted in September for the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, a decision is now awaited.
- Part VIII planning procedures for the Road Access Infrastructure and Rock Stabilisation will commence in early November while an application for the Sustainable Transport Bridge will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in mid November.

Waterford Airport

An application has been made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for €5m in funding to match the commitment of €5m from the Private Sector and €2m from the Local Authorities.

Tourism

The Council has appointed Crowe Horwath consultants to produce a tourism marketing & promotional plan for Waterford City & County. It is expected that the plan will be ready early in 2019.

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Development Management -

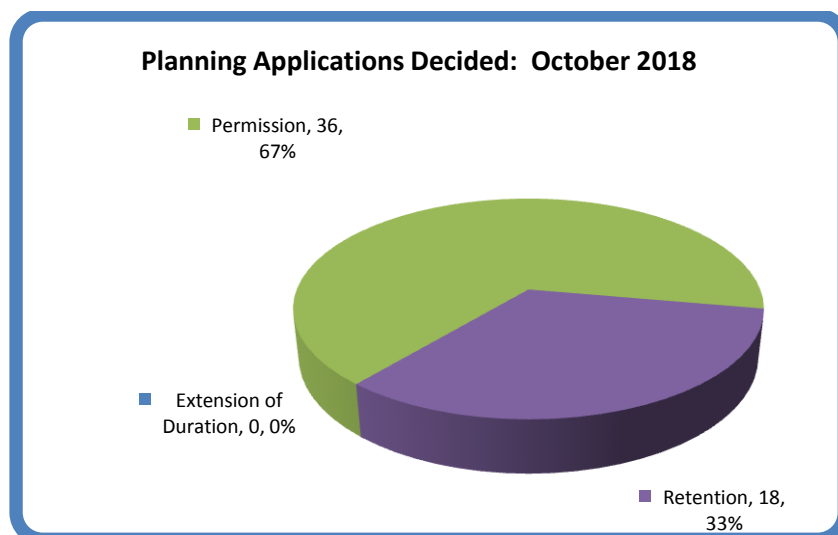
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

65 Planning applications were received in the month of October (to 25th) countywide. This compares with 65 planning applications received in the same period in 2017.

From the 1st of January 2018 to the 25th of October, a total of 723 planning applications were received. In the same period in 2017, 749 planning applications were lodged.

Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

In the month of October 2018, 60 planning decisions were made. Of these, 54 applications were granted and 6 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 90%. Permissions made in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 512 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 26th of October 2018. These pre- planning applications are currently being processed. In the same period of 2017, 448 pre planning applications were received.

Forward Planning -

Vacant Sites Register

Notices have issued to the owners of properties on the Vacant Sites Register pursuant to sections 11.2 and 11.3 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (Act), informing the relevant owner that their property stands entered on the register and that a levy will be charged on such properties for each year beginning in 2018. A total of two valid appeals have been made to An Bord Pleanála on foot of the notices. Additional notices setting out the charges due under

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Planning

section 12.4 of the Act are now being issued in to the owners of properties which stand entered on the Register.

Review of Development Plan - Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)

The Planning Department, together with landscape specialists CAAS, are beginning the process of preparing a new Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) for the County. This is in preparation for the new County Development Plan, the review of which is due to commence in 2019. As part of this process we will define areas of landscape character using information on environmental factors including soil, slope and land cover. The LCA will be used to inform landscape policies for the upcoming review of the County and City Development Plan. Conor Skehan, Director of CAAS, will be available from 3.30 pm on Thursday 8th November to provide information on the process involved in undertaking the LCA and to answer any queries that you may have.

Planning SPC

The SPC meeting of 7th November will consist of a workshop with SPC members which progressed further the visioning exercise commenced at the September SPC, the results of which will inform the review of the City and County Development Plan. The SPC will consider policies as to how to make Waterford an attractive and supportive location for economic activity and employment.

Conservation Grant Schemes –

Built Heritage Investment Scheme & the Structures at Risk Fund

The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht allocated grant funding this year of €167,000 for conservation projects carried out in 2018 throughout Waterford City and County. The works undertaken by property owners generated total spending of €775,000, providing 1,290 days of employment for a variety of skills including joiners, thatchers, plasters, stained glass specialists, builders, scaffolders and conservation personnel.

Funding under the **Structures at Risk Fund** of €63,000 was allocated to 3 no. projects

Development Management

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Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2018

The 2018 road works programme for strengthening and surfact dressing is substantially completed. Low Cost Safety Schemes and Bridge Rehabilitation Schemes are underway and all to be completed in November. The footpath repair programme is ongoing.

Storm Emma Recoupment

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government allocated an additional €94,906 as requested bringing the total recoupment allocation of **€626,915** in respect of the exceptional expenditure associated with the response, clean-up works and necessary immediate works which were undertaken in the aftermath of the severe cold weather in February and March this year.

The Department has granted a Special Maintenance Grant of **€500,000** for long term damage to cover capital works expenditure related to infrastructural damage that was incurred during the storm. Additional Schemes selected from the long term damage allocation received from the Department will be commenced and will be completed within the next 4 weeks.

Community Involvement Scheme 2018

The CIS projects are underway and schemes selected for completion in 2018 will be completed by 9th November as planned. Schemes for 2019 will be assessed and commenced in the new year.

Local Improvement Scheme 2018

The first tranche of the LIS funding for 2018 has been spent and works are completed. A second allocation of funding of **€325,047** has been granted by the Department of Culture, Heritage and Local Government.

Clár 2018

Works are nearing completion on the 15 approved projects for Measures 1 & 2 of the Clár Scheme. A total allocation of **€528,840** has been allocated for 2018 and will be spent by year end.

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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 October. 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 | 47 | 22 | 13 | 3 |
| Comeragh | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dungarvan/Lismore | 18 | 16 | 3 | 0 |
| Total for October | 67 | 39 | 16 | 3 |
| Total 2018 | 675 | 367 | 133 | 16 |
| <i>Total for October 2017</i> | <i>89</i> | <i>65</i> | <i>24</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 | October 2018 | 2018 Year to date | <i>Total for October 2017</i> | <i>Total for 2017</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fire Safety Certificates | 13 | 82 | 6 | 84 |
| Planning Referrals | 47 | 360 | 42 | 493 |

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 | October 2018 | Cumulative Total for 2018 | <i>Total for October 2017</i> | <i>Total for 2017</i> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commencement Notices | 41 | 292 | 30 | 330 |
| Completion Certificates | 18 | 198 | 13 | 146 |
| Disability Access Certificates | 13 | 61 | 5 | 63 |

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Emergency Services

Civil Defence:

Civil Defence activities for October are as follows

| Activity | Date | Service Provided |
|---|---|--|
| New Recruit Classes | 3 rd Oct | 16 New Members |
| Swift Water & Flood Responders Instructor Course Limerick | 5 th to 8 th Oct | 1 Member |
| GAA Hurling County Final Fraher Field Dungarvan | 7 th Oct | First Aid Support, 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicle |
| Mass Bands Concert Sacred Harte Church | 12 th Oct | 3 Members |
| Communications Exercise | 13 th Oct | 3 Response Vehicles |
| CFR & FAR Instructors Course | 13 th Oct | 2 Members |
| Solas Run for Life | 14 th Oct | 22 Members, 2 ambulances, 3 Jeeps & 1 minibus |
| 4x4 Severe Weather Driving Course | 20 th / 21 st Oct | 14 Members |
| Train The Trainer Course | 26 th Oct | 1 Member |
| GAA Football County Final Fraher Field Dungarvan | 28 th Oct | First Aid Support, 1 Ambulances and Response Vehicle |
| Festival Apple Market | 28 th Oct | 5 Members 1 Ambulance |

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Housing

Housing Applications

| Housing applications | Applications during October 2017 | Cumulative No. of Applications 2017 | Applications during October 2018 | Cumulative No. of Applications 2018 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Applications received | 93 | 1053 | 80 | 848 |
| Applications validated | 91 | 836 | 58 | 538 |
| Applications approved | 59 | 628 | 69 | 534 |

Housing Allocations

| District | Tenancies during October 2017 | Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017 | New Tenancies during October 2018 | Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer | Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Comeragh Municipal | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal | 1 | 45 | 5 | 3 | 41 |
| Metropolitan | 14 | 109 | 19 | 4 | 162 |
| Voluntary Bodies | 2 | 8 | 2 | n/a | 8 |
| Totals | 17 | 176 | 26 | 7 | 218 |

Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 162. There have been 23 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 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| October | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| YTD | 78 | 10 | 30 | 15 | 30 |

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Tenant Purchase applications

| 2018 Tenant Purchase | Applications received | Applications awaiting further info | Applications refused | Applications approved |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| October | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| YTD 2018 | 28 | 14 | 5 | 9 |
| YTD 2017 & 2018 | 214 | 39 | 83 | Of the balance of 92 YTD:- 40 Sales have closed 8 are at Legal stage 44 are still under offer |

1 tenant Purchase sale closed in October in Waterford City South.

Housing Assistance Payment

| Housing Assistance Payment | October 2017 HAP tenancies | October 2018 HAP tenancies set up | 2018 no. of Active HAP Tenancies set up | Cumulative no. of HAP Tenancies Set up to date | Cumulative no. of Active HAP Tenancies to date |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| HAP Tenancies | 36 | 35 | 210 | 2,460 | 1,828 |

Inspection of private rented dwellings

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| PRTB Register | |
| Compliant | 0 |
| Non- Compliant | 0 |
| HAP | 58 |
| Compliant | 0 |
| Non-Compliant | 57 |
| Re Inspection | 1 |
| RAS (RAS properties) | 4 |
| RAS Re-Inspection | 6 |
| LTL (Long term leasing properties) | 3 |
| MTR | 3 |
| Total | 74 |

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Housing

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

| Grant Scheme Amount | Value of applications approved October 2018 | Number of applications to October 2018 | Cumulative value of applications approved | Cumulative number of 2018 applications |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000 | 0 | 0 | €119,059.68 | 10 |
| Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000 | €25,770.00 | 6 | €372,644.08 | 74 |
| Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000 | €47,936.88 | 13 | €284,907.67 | 64 |
| Total | €73,706.88 | 19 | €776,611.43 | 148 |

Homeless services

| Cases presented seeking Homeless services | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|------------|------------|
| October Cases presented (upto and including 19.10.18) | 56 | 103 |
| Cumulative number of cases presented | 766 | 672 |

| 126 People in Emergency Accommodation In Waterford upto and including 19th October 2018 | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation | October 2018 | October 2017 |
| Individuals with dependent children | 13 | 14 |
| Families with no dependent children | 4 | 0 |
| Families with dependent children | 3 | 6 |

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

In total six adults and six children composed of three families and two individuals.

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 22 adults.

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Capital Projects

Waterford City and County Council currently has 555 units at various stages of the Appraisal, Tender, Planning and Construction and a further 137 in development by Approved housing Bodies. Further detail will be available at District meetings

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Works complete | 16 units |
| Works commenced/underway | 11 units |
| Surveyed/at tender stage | 23 units |
| Newly vacant | 6 units |
| In Regeneration programme | 9 units |

Compulsory Purchase Orders

In compliance with the Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan, Waterford City & County Council have an ongoing programme to deal with property vacancy that currently involves sixteen (16) Compulsory Purchase Orders that target forty four (44) individual properties. These properties have all been identified as vacant, in private ownership and are located countywide. It is proposed to extend the initiative to reduce vacancy to all areas of the county.

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Social Inclusion:

- Implementation of the SICAP 2018 Programme continues. The LCDC SICAP sub-committee met with Pobal on October 17th to discuss and review the overall programme in Waterford. Pobal satisfied with progress re targets - in line with objectives.
- The Waterford Traveller Interagency Group is meeting regularly. The Waterford Traveller Community Development Project made a formal request for supports to the LCDC at the October meeting. This request was endorsed by the TIG. It is intended to progress the Yellow Flag Programme in three Waterford schools in 2018/2019. The Yellow Flag programme is an equality and diversity initiative for primary and secondary schools which promotes and supports an environment for interculturalism.

Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- Payments to promoters have surpassed the €1m mark in 2018, and subject to all the relevant paperwork being in place, a total of €1.6m will have been paid out by year end. It is important to note that all buildings open to the public where LEADER is providing support must be inspected and must have both fire certificates and completion certificates prior to final payment.
- Biodiversity training is being rolled out between November and February both in East and in West Waterford.
- Waterford Leader Partnership is delivering a Programme to develop a Social Enterprise Network with 8 Community groups/projects participating - Dungarvan (already commenced), Dunmore East, Passage East, Dunhill, Fenor, Stradbally, Rathgormack and Tallow.
- Waterford Leader Partnership is delivering training to support village groups foster a local enterprise culture leading to the development of a plan/strategy. Villages are: Kilmacthomas (already commenced), Portlaw, Clonea Power, Clashmore and Aghlish.
- In advance of opening the next call for Expressions of Interest under the Rural Development Programme, information workshops were held during the 1st week of October. From the workshops, 22 Expressions of Interest were received, and 19 – 20 applications are expected. The value of the expected allocations will be around €900K to €1m in terms of LEADER funds.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The 2018 Comhairle na nÓg AGM took place in The Park Hotel on October 12th. Very well attended with approximately 90 young people in attendance. The event was managed, run, presented and coordinated by the existing members of Comhairle. The topic chosen by the attendees for the 2019 project is Substance Misuse/Mental Health.

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Pride of Place:

Plans are now in place for the national awards taking place in Cork City on November 17th. Four volunteers and 2 members of the Tramore and Waterford Arch Club will represent Waterford at the event.

The Waterford PPN Community and Voluntary Awards 2019 (in association with WCCC) will be held in Dungarvan on 22nd November next. The winners will represent Waterford in next year's Pride of Place competition.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Development of the Older Persons Council continues with a development meeting having taken place on October 18th. The existing executive of the OPC have engaged with the SICAP programme (through Waterford Area Partnership) to provide assistance with developing the best way forward to ensure a broad representative spread of organisations and individuals from as wide a geographical area as possible. Engagement with the National Age Friendly Programme continues.

Healthy Waterford

It is intended to launch the **Healthy Waterford Strategic Plan 2018-2021** in December.

Community Enhancement Programme 2018 (CEP)

The LCDC approved the allocation of the additional funding received from the Department of Rural & Community Development at its October meeting. All applicants have been notified and payments to the groups have commenced and shall be completed by end of November. Applicants must submit their receipts of expenditure by 30th June 2019.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018

All applicants were notified in early October that receipts showing expenditure of the Supporting Waterford Community Fund must be submitted by 30th November 2018 in order for the groups to be eligible to apply for the 2019 grant which shall be advertised in January.

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Community Services

JPC

The next JPC meeting is due to be held on 3rd December. The Strategic Oversight Group continues to meet on a regular basis to oversee implementation of the JPC annual work plan. At a meeting held on 23rd October, recommendations on the JPC Action Plan 2019 were agreed.

Migrant Integration Strategy

Preliminary meetings to establish a Migrant Integration Forum took place in The Dungarvan Park Hotel on 16-10-18 and The Tower Hotel Waterford City on Wednesday 17-10-18. There were ninety attendees over the two nights and forty of that number have indicated a willingness to sit on the Forum. A follow-on meeting with the voluntary representatives took place on 30-10-18 in Kilmacthomas. It is intended to have the first public meeting of the Forum before the end of the year.

Waterford Sports Partnership

Launch of **Strategic Plan** scheduled for 13th December.

Community Festivals Grant Scheme

Festivals Grants Scheme 2019 advertised with closing date of 9th November 2018 at 3.00pm.

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Arts & Culture

Libraries

In October 52136* people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 40891 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for September was 20,769 .

*No visitor counter for four days in Dungarvan Library and two days in Central Library due to works to doors.

In October, 385 events and activities took place in libraries. Service wide events included:

- Children's Book Festival – events for children and young people in libraries and local schools.
- Well Festival – 8th -13th October events in all library branches.
- Healthy Ireland at your library events programme October to February begins, all branches participating.
- Work matters displays in all libraries.

Upcoming Events in November include:

- Healthy Ireland at your library events programme continues.

Library Development:

Staff attended Right to Read coordinator, First Aid and Work Matters training.

Arts

The Waterford Writers Weekend at the Imagine Arts Festival ran successfully and Mayor Doocey presented the national Waterford Poetry Prize to winners from Belfast, Carlow and Waterford. The Waterford recording of RTE's Sunday Miscellany will be broadcast on 17th November.

Arts Festival Funding applications are currently open with a 9th November closing date.

Adjudication will take place this month for Arts Practise Grants and Arts Venue Grants with recommendations going to the Chamber for the December Council meeting.

Work is proceeding on the new Gallery in the Cultural Quarter.

The deadline for current arts grant drawdowns is November 11th.

Creative Waterford

Following the publication of Waterford's Culture and Creativity Strategy 2017 - 2022 in September, Waterford's Culture Team have organised public workshops across the City & County in October/early November. This initiative aims to enable Creative Communities by providing a bespoke toolkit which includes information on how to develop creative ideas, seek support, build partnerships and access funding in local areas. Workshops have taken place in Lismore, Dungarvan, Ardmore, Carbally, Tramore, Kilmacthomas and the City Centre.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2018 – 24th October 2018.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Legal Action Initiated | 14 |
| On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution) | 173 |
| On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017) | 107 |
| No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20 | 0 |

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1st January 2018 – 24th October 2018.

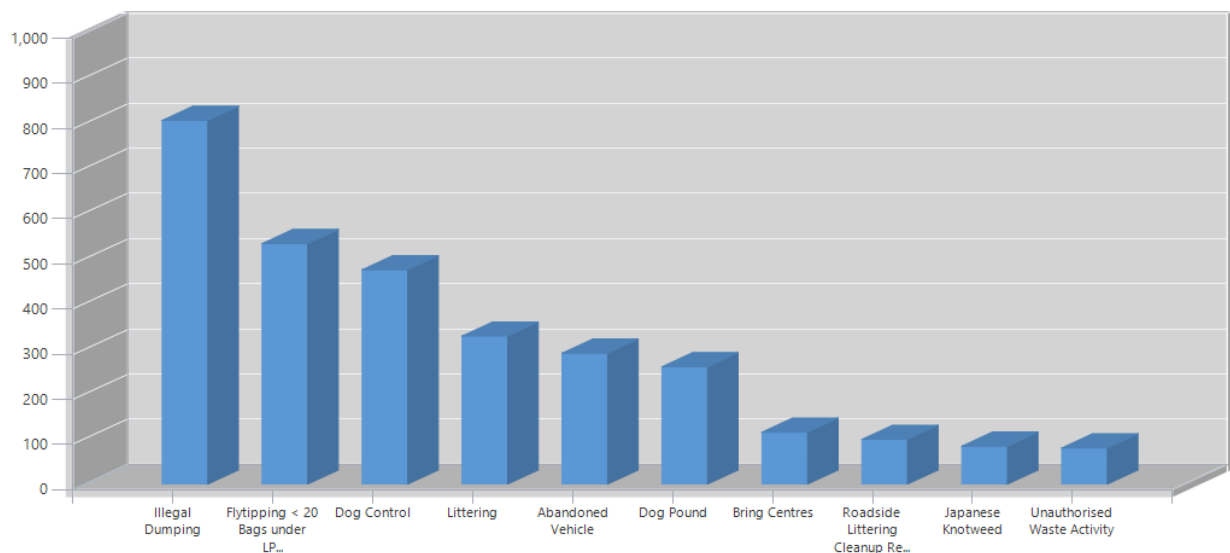
| | |
|---|------|
| No of Complaints | 2412 |
| Legal Actions | 5 |
| Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues) | 15 |
| Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period) | 18 |
| Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices) | 107 |
| Warning Letters Sent | 46 |
| Section 14 Directions | 38 |
| Section 107 EPA (Noise) | 4 |
| Fixed Penalty Notices on Waste Collectors | 6 |
| 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. | 15 |
| Regulation 25 of the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 282 of 2014) as amended | 4 |

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Environmental Complaints

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



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

Environmental Education & Awareness

Community Clean-Ups

Waterford City & County Council continues to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc have been invited to take part by holding a cleanup of their local area.

Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie.

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Tidy Towns

Three towns and villages received visits from Tidy Towns adjudicators last month. These towns were selected as they had receiving lower marks in the competition. The Tidy Towns committees met with an adjudicators to walk the area, receiving tips and advice along the way about various project. These visits were supported by a report from the adjudicator with recommendations. The adjudicators will carry out follow up visits in early Spring. It is hoped to offer this type of support to other towns/villages in 2019.

Green Flag Programme

The first assessment visits have been booked in by most schools. Other schools have been visited on request to give advice and talk with their Green Schools Committee.

Waste Prevention

Reuse Month took place nationally during the month of October. A range of events and workshops were held to raise awareness and engage with people about reuse and waste prevention. As part of this, a food waste competition will be held with Secondary Schools, whereby a class is invited to enter their recipe to help prevent Food Waste. 4 secondary schools are scheduled to receive workshops concerning sustainable fashion and its impact on the environment. Information about food waste prevention was provided at a recent recycling event in Dunmore East. As part of a radio campaign run on WLR FM, five presenters each received a reusable item to use for a week and were then required to discuss on air and on social media the benefits of using reusable items. Two beeswax wrap workshops were held and proved to be popular, with both events booking out beforehand. A seminar on the circular economy 'Re-made in Waterford' also took place.

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 30-9-2018 | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | | |
| Gross Bal as at 1-1-2018 | Accrued ytd to Aug 2018 | Write Offs and Vacancies | Total for Collection [1+2-3] | Collected ytd to Sep 2018 | Gross Bal 30-9-2018 [4-5] | % Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4] | % Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)] | |
| | € | € | € | € | € | € | € | |
| Rates | 8,291,500 | 29,722,104 | - 3,556,188 | 34,457,416 | 19,839,741 | 14,617,675 | 58% | 76% |
| Loans | 1,926,637 | 2,666,162 | - 1,957 | 4,590,842 | 2,681,943 | 1,908,899 | 58% | 101% |
| Rents | 3,567,007 | 9,695,463 | 6,882 | 13,269,353 | 9,676,483 | 3,592,869 | 73% | 100% |
| Aged Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| | | Less than 1 mth | 2 to 6 mths | 7 to 12 mths | greater than 12 mths | | | Net Balance |
| Rates | | 0 | 6,136,927 | 2,266,332 | 6,214,416 | | | 14,617,675 |
| | | 0 to 3 mths | 4 to 6 mths | 7 to 12 mths | Greater than 12 mths | | | |
| Loans | | 138,093 | 64,884 | 192,516 | 1,513,407 | | | 1,908,899 |
| | | Less than 4 weeks | 4-6 weeks | 7-12 weeks | Greater than 12 wks | | | |
| Rents | | 153,850 | 155,876 | 240,522 | 3,042,621 | | | 3,592,869 |
| Overdraft Levels | Days in Overdraft in Sep 30 days | | | Cost - €15,379 | | Average €10.0m | | |

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Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. To September 30, 2018

| | | EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Expenditure € | Adopted Full Year Budget € | % Budget Spent to date | Income € | Adopted Full year Budget € | % Budget Raised |
| A | Housing & Building | 18,538,694 | 25,728,776 | 72% | 18,796,481 | 26,933,915 | 70% |
| B | Road Transport & Safety | 21,639,603 | 27,765,615 | 78% | 13,019,602 | 16,314,408 | 80% |
| C | Water Services | 8,136,553 | 10,904,203 | 75% | 7,158,246 | 10,561,906 | 68% |
| D | Development Management | 10,699,494 | 15,569,383 | 69% | 5,329,243 | 7,198,496 | 74% |
| E | Environmental Services | 13,542,993 | 17,860,060 | 76% | 1,833,422 | 2,568,762 | 71% |
| F | Recreation & Amenity | 9,573,081 | 13,616,202 | 70% | 1,364,719 | 2,016,708 | 68% |
| G | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 797,542 | 1,225,510 | 65% | 311,603 | 445,494 | 70% |
| H | Miscellaneous Services | 10,482,499 | 13,213,938 | 79% | 9,202,509 | 10,870,294 | 85% |
| LG | Local Property Tax / GPG | 0 | 0 | 0% | 14,183,637 | 18,911,516 | 75% |
| RA | Rates | 0 | 0 | 0% | 22,289,894 | 30,062,188 | 74% |
| | | 93,410,459 | 125,883,687 | 74% | 93,489,356 | 125,883,687 | 74% |
| Surplus/Deficit | | | | | 78,897 | (0) | |

