

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

No 5



### 5. Mgt Report to Plenary Oct Management Report to Council

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**Michael Walsh,**

**Príomhfheidhmeannach**

October 2018

**Michael Walsh,**

**Chief Executive**



# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Sept 2017 Cumulative Figure	At end of Sept 2018 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	374	388
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	827	994
Value of Measure 2 support given	€240,681	€291,182

### **Ploughing's Local Enterprise Village Showcases Ireland's Small Businesses**

Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen T.D. officially opened the Local Enterprise Village at the National Ploughing Championships on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Local Enterprise Office Waterford client **Hightower Painting Products (Keith Mc Grory and Colin Byrne)** were present showcasing their products and services.

Hightower Painting Products, set-up in 2017, has invented a patented paint bucket system that is extendable and mobile. The system is designed to reduce the need for climbing up and down ladders when painting at heights. The Hightower product range offers both DIY enthusiasts and trade professionals a faster, safer and hassle-free painting experience.



### **Love Local Business Networking Lunch**

As part of this year's Harvest Festival, Local Enterprise Office Waterford hosted its business networking lunch which celebrates local food producers in Dooley's Hotel, The Quay, Waterford. With 112 in attendance at this year's event, the business networking lunch has become an annual event of many business calendars as it is a great opportunity to network, whilst enjoying a delicious

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lunch. The kitchen team in Dooley's Hotel use all their talents to showcase the quality products and producers of the region.



This year we were delighted to have Eunice Power as our after dinner speaker. Eunice has run her own business since 2001. A wonderful chef and food writer with the Irish Times, Eunice works a lot with small food enterprises helping them to add value through motivating them to get the most from their business.

### Town & Village 2017 Update

Bunmahon - Allocation €64,000 - Boardwalk complete and Tra na mBo works complete. – CIS funding for access road to Tra na mBo being undertaken in October.

Ballymacarbry - Allocation €24,000 - construction starting 8/10/2018 - after Road Audit undertaken. - partial clam made

Ballyduff Lower - Allocation €28,800 - Village Enhancements & Footpath connectivity – Completed.

Portlaw - Allocation €95,000 - Village enhancements/heritage signage & Footpath connectivity - footpath commenced envisaged completion for end of October 2018.

Tramore - Allocation €100,000 - Refurbishment of Old Railway Station – negotiation re tender ongoing - priority given to roofing of structure.

Cheekpoint - Allocation €80,000 - Footpath connectivity (Faithlegg to Cheekpoint )

Started - expected completion before end of October 2018.

Villierstown - Allocation €90,000 - Glamping Pod Accommodation Units – Complete

Dungarvan - Allocation €80,000 - Signage, Painting Lighting, Street enhancement in C  
Footpath resurfacing works completed, painting contract delayed subject to approval management plan, painting scheme can follow on after same.



Clonea Power - Allocation €64,000 - lighting and signage erected. Old School scope of works out to tender Envisage October/November 2018 timeline for delivery.

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### Town & Village 2018

Waterford City & County Council submitted 10 completed applications for consideration - announcement expected in October 2018. Applications were invited from expression of interest call and scored using National Departmental criteria. Details of applications below:

Town/Village	Grant		Project Summary	Groups
	Total Cost	Requested		
Cappoquin	€400,000	€200,000	Vacancy and Dereliction Regeneration Project	Cappoquin Community Development Group
Ardmore	€125,000	€100,000	Enhancement to Cliff Walk in Ardmore	Ardmore Community Enhancement Group
Kilmacthomas	€125,000	€100,000	Village Enhancement & Railway Station Upgrade	Kilmacthomas Social Enterprise CLG
Estuary	€100,000	€80,000	Coastal Walk/Bridge Upgrade/Tourism Action Plan	Barony of Gaultier Historical Society
Kilmeaden	€120,000	€96,000	Link to Greenway	Kilmeaden Tidy Towns
Lismore	€115,000	€92,000	Lady Louisa Walk Restoration/Boardwalk on Town River Walk	Lismore Tidy Towns
An Rinn	€80,000	€64,000	Tourism Signage Strategy	Comhlucht Forbartha Na nDeise
Mahon Bridge	€100,000	€80,000	Link Crough Wood to Mahon Bridge	Comeragh Community Development Group
Copper Coast Area	€80,000	€64,000	Tourism Signage Strategy	Copper Coast Forum
Kill	€100,000	€80,000	Village Enhancement/Public Realm Enhancement	Kill Action Group
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,345,000</b>	<b>€956,000</b>		

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### Waterford ORIS Projects 2018

Scheme launched on 1/6/2018 with 3 Measures as per below. Department of Rural & community Development expected to announce funding allocations in October 2018. Rural Economic Development Section and Trails Officer submitted the following projects for consideration

	Trail Location	Nature of Works	Measure	Amount Sought
1	<b>Waterford Greenway</b>	Significant further development - soft/ancillary infrastructure and interpretation/Information boards and signage	3	€244,940
2	<b>Ardmore Cliff Walk</b>	Upgrade works	2	€100,000
3	<b>Tramore Nature Park</b>	1.4 km trail upgrade works; improved signage potential re boardwalk area and clean-up	2	€64,900
4	<b>Whortle &amp; Minaun Walk – Suir Estuary</b>	Passage East to Cheekpoint to Faithlegg: trails up to NTO standard	2	€81,760
5	<b>Dunmore East Woods Walk</b>	Minor trail and infrastructural works to bring trail to NTO standard	1	€6,950
6	<b>Mahon Falls</b>	Trail head Signage	1	€8,825
7	<b>Towers Walk, Ballysaggartmore</b>	Small scale improvements and information board/way finding	1	€15,860
8	<b>Dunmore East Cliff Walk</b>	Drainage element on trail	1	€8,000
9	<b>Trails Waterford Promotion</b>	Brochure of identity brand	1	€12,000
10	<b>Nire Valley Walks</b>	Upgrade works-arising out of NTO inspection December 2017	2	€27,500
11	<b>Glenshelane Wood Walks, Cappoquin</b>	Signage, small infrastructural works	1	€4,350
<b>Total</b>				<b>€575,085</b>

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### FLAG 2018

Waterford City and County Council is implementing the following projects based on the following allocations:

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

### URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND

Waterford City & County Council made the following submissions to the recent call for the above schemes:

Project	Municipal District	WCCC Contact Responsible	Nature of Application for consideration
Cappoquin Regeneration	Dungarvan Lismore	Richie Walsh	Vacancy and Village regeneration
North Quays	Metropolitan	Peter Keane	Urban regeneration works
Tramore Public Realm	Metropolitan	Rupert Maddock	Public Realm works in Tramore Town centre

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### Major Projects

#### 1. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-

- The public realm contract is now complete in all areas except for the implementation of revised traffic management plan associated with the rising bollards on Lady Lane. The revised Traffic Management plan for John's St and Arundel Square was implement week commencing September 17<sup>th</sup>. Negotiations with Taxi operators is delaying Lady Lane plan.
- Preparatory design works for the Parnell Street section of the WIT to City Centre Greenroute project is ongoing.
- The land ownerships issues with the Former WIT Building have now been resolved and it is envisaged that a contractor will be on site towards the end of October-

#### 2. North Quays:-

- On 28<sup>th</sup> September an application under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund was submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, for the Waterford and Environs Regeneration – North Quays Project. €104.5 of grant aid has been applied for to be spread over a four year period of the scheme, 2019-2022.
- Planning applications for the Sustainable Transport Bridge, Road access infrastructure and rock stabilisation will all be submitted in October / November 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.

#### 3. LIHAF:-

**LIHAF Kilbarry:** LIHAF Kilbarry is proceeding with single developer. Planning permission for 191 units was granted last month. A transfer of land is proceeding to enable the scheme to be undertaken.

**LIHAF Gracedieu:** Agreement in principle with developer to acquire 68 dwellings. The developer to lodge planning application Q3 2018. The infrastructure design work is complete.



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### Development Management

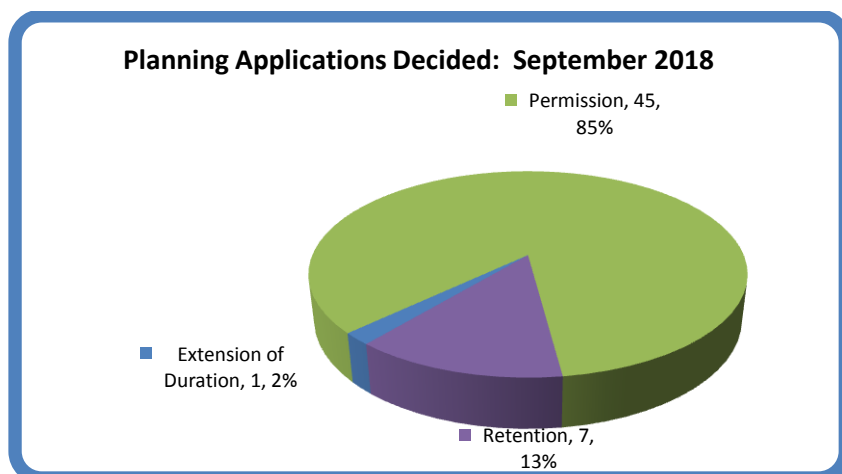
#### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

64 Planning applications were received in the month of September countywide. This compares with 58 planning applications received in the same period in 2017.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 to the end of September, a total of 658 planning applications were received. In the same period in 2017, 704 planning applications were lodged.

#### Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

In the month of September 2018, 58 planning decisions were made. Of these, 54 applications were granted and 4 refused, representing a grant rate in the month of 93.1%. Permissions made in the period by decision type are illustrated in below:



#### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 448 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. These pre- planning applications are currently being processed. In the same period of 2017, 401 pre planning applications were received.

#### Forward Planning

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

A resolution of the Plenary Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> September made the above variation. The variation came into effect on the date it was made and full details are now available to the public on the Waterford City and County Council website.

#### Policy on Shopfronts

Research has been completed on a new policy relating to shopfront design, associated signage, security measures and street furniture. The research is being utilised to devise a policy to bring

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before the Plenary Council by way of a variation of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011 - 2017, the Waterford City Development Plan 2013 – 2019 and the Dungarvan Town Development Plan 2012 - 2018. It is intended to have further details on this for discussion with the SPC before the end of 2018.

### 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, 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 2018. A total of 2 no. valid appeals have been made to An Bord Pleanála on foot of the notices while a further appeal has yet to be deemed valid by An Bord Pleanála.

### Conservation - Grant Schemes

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) are Grant Schemes with an aim to support labour-intensive, small-scale conservation projects to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment. The schemes are funded through the Department of Culture, Education and the Gaeltacht.

Grant Scheme	Details and eligibility of the Scheme	Grant Amount	Number of Grant Applications
<b>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)</b>	Provides for the repair and conservation of structures that are protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).	€ 104,000	15
<b>Structures at Risk Fund (SRF)</b>	Provides for conservation works to heritage structures, in both private and public ownership, that are protected under the Planning and Development Acts and are deemed to be at significant risk of deterioration.	€63,000	3

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Works are now reaching completion on the schemes, with an example of works at Blackfriars, Waterford City shown below.

Blackfriars – Waterford City and County Council in partnership with Waterford Civic Trust and WWECTB training programme continues with repair and repointing works being carried out to the Blackfriars walls.



## **Bóithre agus Iompar**

### **Roads and Transportation**

#### **Road Works Programme 2018**

The road works programme is substantially completed and will be finalised by the end of October.

#### **Storm Emma Recoupment**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government notified a recoupment allocation of €532,009 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. A revised claim for an additional €94,000 was not paid but a letter has been submitted to request this amount.

Despite a request for the recoupment of €1,155,000 capital works expenditure related to infrastructural damage that was incurred during the storm. The Department deemed this expenditure as not eligible for recoupment under the parameters of this scheme.

#### **Community Involvement Scheme 2018**

The CIS project will commence this month and will be completed as planned over 2018/19.

#### **Local Improvement Scheme 2018**

A secondary list of LIS project works has been sent to the Department of Culture, Heritage and Local Government and it is expected that a further funding allocation will be announced in due course.

#### **Clár 2018**

Works are underway on the 15 approved projects for Measures 1 & 2 of the Clár Scheme. A total allocation of €528,840 has been allocated for 2018.

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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 September. 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	25	21	8	0
Comeragh	2	3	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	5	6	3	0
<b>Total for September</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Total for September 2017</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5</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	September 2018	2018 Year to date	<i>Total for September 2017</i>	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	9	68	8	84
Planning Referrals	40	213	38	493

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### 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.

<b>Application/Notification</b>	<b>September 2018</b>	<b>Cumulative Total for 2018</b>	<i>Total for September 2017</i>	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Commencement Notices	32	251	28	330
Completion Certificates	12	190	12	146
Disability Access Certificates	7	48	46	63

### Civil Defence

<b>Activity for September</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>
Harvest Festival	7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Ambulances + crews. 15 Members.
Blackwater Boat Exercise	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 Boats & 2 Response Vehicles
Dara Fitzpatrick Memorial Run Waterford Airport.	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Ambulances + crews. 12 Members.
Blackwater Boat Exercise	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 Boats & 2 Response Vehicles
Charity Tractor Run, Kilmacthomas	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First Aid Cover, 1 Response Vehicle
Moby Dick Youghal Triathlon	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	First Aid Cover, 1 Ambulance & 2 Response Vehicles
GAA Fraher Field	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	First Aid Cover, 1 Ambulance & 1 Response Vehicle
Hand on Heart Protest for 24/7	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Ambulance + crew. 5 Members.

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Cardiac Care.		
O.N.E. Wreath Laying Barracks St.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4 Members.

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### Housing Applications

<b>Housing applications</b>	<b>Applications during September 2017</b>	<b>Cumulative No. of Applications 2017</b>	<b>Applications during September 2018</b>	<b>Cumulative No. of Applications 2018</b>
Applications received	107	884	87	768
Applications validated	93	654	37	480
Applications approved	70	510	52	465

### Housing Allocations

<b>District</b>	<b>Tenancies during September 2017</b>	<b>Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017</b>	<b>New Tenancies during September 2018</b>	<b>Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer</b>	<b>Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018</b>
Comeragh Municipal	0	14	1	1	7
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	3	44	2	6	36
Metropolitan	14	95	11	2	143
Voluntary Bodies	0	6	1	n/a	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>192</b>

### Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the CBL system to date is 153. There has been 18 refusals on properties to date.

### Housing Loans applications

<b>2018 Housing Loans</b>	<b>Applications received</b>	<b>Applications awaiting further info</b>	<b>Applications refused</b>	<b>Applications approved</b>	<b>Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months</b>
Sept.	8	4	1	5	9
YTD	70	11	28	13	18



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### Tenant Purchase applications

2018 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
Sept.	1	5	0	5
YTD 2018	24	9	5	9
YTD 2017 & 2018	210	39	83	Of the balance of 88 YTD:- 39 Sales have closed 5 are at Legal stage 44 are still under offer

No Tenant Purchase sales closed in September.

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Sept. 2017 HAP tenancies	Sept. 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	86	55	212	2425	1817

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

Type of Inspection	No of Inspections for September
<b>PRTB Register</b>	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
<b>HAP</b>	48
Compliant	7
Non-Compliant	41
Re Inspection	5
<b>RAS</b>	2
<b>RAS Re-Inspection</b>	5
<b>LTL</b>	12

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Other	3
MTR	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved Sept. 2018	Number of applications to Sept. 2018	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2018 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€5,904.10	1	€119,059.68	10
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€59,462.35	11	€346,874.08	68
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€31,118.10	7	€236,970.79	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>€96,484.55</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>€702,904.55</b>	<b>129</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2018	2017
September Cases presented (up August 29 <sup>th</sup> )	70	97
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>569</b>

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	September 2018	September 2017
Individuals	127	167
Individuals with dependent children	12	14
Families with no dependent children	4	0
Families with dependent children	5	6

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

In total, 8 adults and 9 children composed of 4 families and 4 individuals.

**Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 16 adults.**

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### Capital Projects

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
The Glen Waterford	17	Metropolitan	Planning Stage	Part 8 process to commence October 2018.
Summerland Square Waterford	12	Metropolitan	Planning Stage	Part 8 Process in progress.
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	5	Metropolitan	Planning Stage	Part 8 Process in progress.
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender to be advertised October 2018.
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress. Due for completion October 2018.
Cappoquin	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Construction in progress.
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Works Tender to be advertised November 2018.
Tramore An Garran	50	Metropolitan	Planning	Part 8 in progress.
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Demolition works in progress.
Gibbethill	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Completed.
Kilrush	39	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress; 18 units completed.
Carrickphierish	31	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress; 9 units completed..
Airport Road	33	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress 11 units completed..
Shandon	5	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Slievekeale	58	Metropolitan	Planning	Tender process underway.
Clarendon Court	24	Metropolitan	CPO	CPO Oral Hearing CPO recently held; awaiting Inspectors Report.
Lacken	55	Metropolitan	Approval	55 Turnkey units approved

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				August 2018; construction commenced.
Part V	17	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	92	Countywide	Various Stages	
Leasing	36	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew – Barker Place	12	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q4 2018
Buy & Renew – The Forge	6	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Buy & Renew – Thomas Court	11	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2019
Buy & Renew – Countywide	8	Countywide	Tender Preparation	Works Tender Q1 2019
Ballynaneashagh	20	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Stage 1 Approved.
Ballygunner	65	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Stage 1 Approved.
<b>Total Units in WCCC Projects 640</b>				

<b>Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects</b>				
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Dungarvan, Shandon Co-operative Housing Ireland	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Revised contract under negotiation; awaiting conclusion by AHB.
Tramore, Ballycarnane Tramore Voluntary Housing	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB.
Dunhill Gleann Ealach	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Planning in Progress.
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road Focus Ireland	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Awaiting progress from AHB
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; awaiting progress from AHB.
<b>Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68</b>				

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### Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	7 units
Works commenced/underway	10 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	31 units
Newly vacant	8 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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## Community Services

### Social Inclusion:

- Implementation of the SICAP 2018 Programme continues. The LCDC SICAP sub-committee are scheduled to meet with Pobal October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss and review the overall programme
- Traveller Interagency Group meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September. 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.
- Migrant Integration Forum working group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September. It is intended to have the first public meeting of the Forum before the end of the year.

### Waterford Rural Development Programme:

- €3m has been allocated by the LCDC to businesses and community groups in rural Waterford out of a total budget of €5.5m for the six year programme as of the 13/09/2018.
- 7 projects with a total value of approximately €400,000 were approved by the LCDC at its September meeting.
- Food related projects going for evaluation in October.
- In advance of opening the next call for Expressions of Interest under the Rural Development Programme, information workshops will be held during the 1st week of October in Tramore, Kilmacthomas, Dungarvan, Lismore and Ballymacarbry, as advertised in papers, websites, and on Facebook.

### Comhairle na nÓg:

Preparation for the 2018 AGM which is taking place in The Park Hotel on October 12<sup>th</sup> continues. The 'Come and Try it' event in the Peoples Park Waterford (in association with Waterford Sports Partnership) that took place on September 15<sup>th</sup> was successful in raising awareness about Comhairle and their activities whilst also raising the profile of new emerging sports available in Waterford.

### Pride of Place:

Planning is now taking place for the national awards taking place in Cork City on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Members and volunteers 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November next. The winners will represent Waterford in next year's Pride of Place competition.

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

The Waterford Age Friendly Alliance last met on Monday September 17th. Progress reports from all thematic sub-groups were presented at this meeting. Development of the Older Persons Council continues with a development meeting taking place in October. The purpose of this is for the Executive to begin to recruit organisations involved with Older People to the OPC structure. Engagement with the national Age Friendly Programme continues.

### **Healthy Waterford**

The launch of a Quit Smoking initiative took place on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The Health and Well-being Healthy Waterford LCDC subgroup will make a presentation to the Plenary Council on the **Healthy Waterford Strategic Plan 2018-2021** at the October Plenary meeting.

### **Community Enhancement Programme 2018 (CEP)**

The LCDC approved the allocation of grants at its September meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, on 21<sup>st</sup> September last, the Department announced substantial additional funding was being made available to the Programme. Applications already submitted will now be reassessed.

### **JPC**

The next JPC meeting is due to be held in December. The Strategic Oversight Group continues to meet on a regular basis to oversee implementation of the JPC annual work plan.

### **TIG**

A submission from the Waterford Traveller Community Development Project, endorsed by the Waterford Traveller Inter-Agency Group, was made to the LCDC at the September meeting. A number of issues, most notably accommodation, and funding requests were highlighted. A formal request for funds will be made at the October meeting.

### **Migrant Integration Strategy**

Following the recruitment of a consultant to initiate a Migrant Forum preliminary meetings with open invitations will take place in Dungarvan Park Hotel at 7.30pm 16-10-18 and The Tower Hotel Waterford City at 7.30pm Wednesday 17-10-18.

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## Arts & Culture

### Arts Office

High attendance numbers have been recorded for Culture Night events throughout the City & County.

Applications have closed for Arts Practise Grants and Arts Venue Grants (October 1<sup>st</sup>). The independent adjudication will take place in November with recommendations going to the Chamber for the December Council meeting.

Arts Festival Funding will be open for applications during October with a November closing date.

The Imagine Arts Festival runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, incorporating the John Dwyer Traditional Festival and the Waterford Writers Weekend. The winners of the national Waterford Poetry Prize will be announced on October 26<sup>th</sup>. RTÉ's Sunday Miscellany will be recorded live during the WWW in the Theatre Royal in association with Waterford City & County Council.

The WELL Festival of Arts and Well Being runs from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Waterford Music Generation is making inroads into providing music tuition for children and young people in Waterford City and County.

Arts Office supported Arts in Education projects are currently being rolled out in primary and secondary schools throughout the City and County.



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## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In September, 47,724\* people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 46,547 items during the month. Active membership of the Library Service for September was 20,054.

\*No visitor counter for four days in Dungarvan Library due to works to doors.

In September, 338 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- Presentation of Summer Stars reading Certificates and medals to all children who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge around the county. RTE News featured the presentation to the children of Ballygunner School and library staff were interviewed by Damien Tiernan, providing an excellent promotional opportunity for the Library Service.
- Frank Snaps Collection, Photographs curated by Frank O'Donoghue.
- Culture Night: Activities for children, Central Library, Chomhaltas Trá Mór Tramore Library, 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- Digitise the Nation: IT workshops in Dungarvan, Lismore and Cappoquin libraries.
- Work Matters Start your own Business Bootcamp, Cappoquin Library 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- EDIC stand at Citizens Dialogue event Wexford.
- Deirdre Clune MEP visited Central Library and EDIC.
- University of the Third Age lecture and meeting Carrickphierish Library.
- Work Matters Start your Own Business Pitch event Carriackphierish Library.
- Parenting talks in association with Tusla in Tramore and Portlaw Libraries.
- Book launch - Holy wells of Waterford by Olive Keane local author - Dungarvan Library .

Events coming up in October include:

- Children's Book Festival – events for children and young people in libraries and local schools.
- Well Festival – 8<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> October events in all library branches.
- Parenting talks in association with Tusla in continue in Tramore, Kilmacthomas and Portlaw Libraries.

Library Development:

- Healthy Ireland at your Library phase 2 stock arriving in all branches.
- Television and newspaper coverage of the Summer Stars Reading programme. The clip of Waterford Libraries at Ballygunner School received over 27,000 views on the RTE Facebook page.
- Library Staff attended the following training: Right to Read -Bringing Books Alive – Sarah Webb.

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## Arts & Culture

### Waterford Cultural Quarter

#### Actions during September 2018 included:

- 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Creative Spirits Internship Week: Delegates from Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria visited Waterford for an Internship Week. The group were introduced to a range of measures that Waterford Council and its stakeholders have taken including community engagement projects (Design Challenge, collaborative mosaic, the work of Waterford Integration Services etc); they attended a talk on integrated city development with WCCC Architects and Conservation officer, VR technology, Fumbally exchange, Harvest Festival and a number of other sessions.
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: Harvest Festival had a large presence in the WCQ including a live and facebook live cookery demonstration by Sudanese chef Lola.
- Oral History project *Diverse Waterford*: the winning tenderer began work on devising a methodology for the collection, storage, retrieval and usage of oral history which will be used in the WCQ to work with local residents, business and creatives to begin building a narrative for the area.
- Kick-off meeting with Full Circle, the company who will undertake an Incubation Hub feasibility study
- Kick-off meeting with Southern, the branding and design company undertaking branding work on the WCQ area.
- WCQ team working with WIT Architecture Department *Vertical Studio* to map various buildings on O'Connell Street including the new Gallery, 16-18 Barker Place etc.

#### Actions to take place / commence during October 2018 include:

- Kick-off meeting for Murals in Communities (EU funded Creative Europe project with Waterford Walls based in the WCQ) in Brussels will be attended by K Collins and Waterford Walls volunteer E Loughney, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
- Workshops with the WCQ steering committee, stakeholders and community relating to the development of the Incubation Hub feasibility study
- Workshops with the WCQ steering committee, stakeholders and community relating to branding and design of the WCQ
- Ongoing: WIT, WCQ, design industry and multi-disciplinary teams will work with the community in the development of their proposals through a series of workshops. <http://www.designchallengewaterford.ie/>

#### Creative Spirits (EU URBACT funded learning network);

WCCC staff member Katherine Collins and two Steering Group members, Sarah Jane Hanton of Parlour Vintage Tea Rooms (Creative Spirits Ambassador) and Anne Nolan (Waterford Integration Services) attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Case Study Meeting in Loulé, Portugal. The purpose of the meeting was to attend and discuss Integrated Urban Development. The integrated approach brings together social, economic and environmental actions to address a policy challenge in a holistic manner so as to avoid

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negative externalities and to promote a genuine solution to complex urban problems. The delegates also attended a “walkshop”; a guided tour of Loulé’s supports for creative industries such as sustainable design, traditional crafts such as the copper industry, pottery and artists.



Creative Spirits Internship delegates visit Waterford 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 24th September 2018.

Legal Action Initiated	12
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued( Pending Payment or Prosecution )	161
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	98
No of Notices Issued 9,16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 24th September 2018.

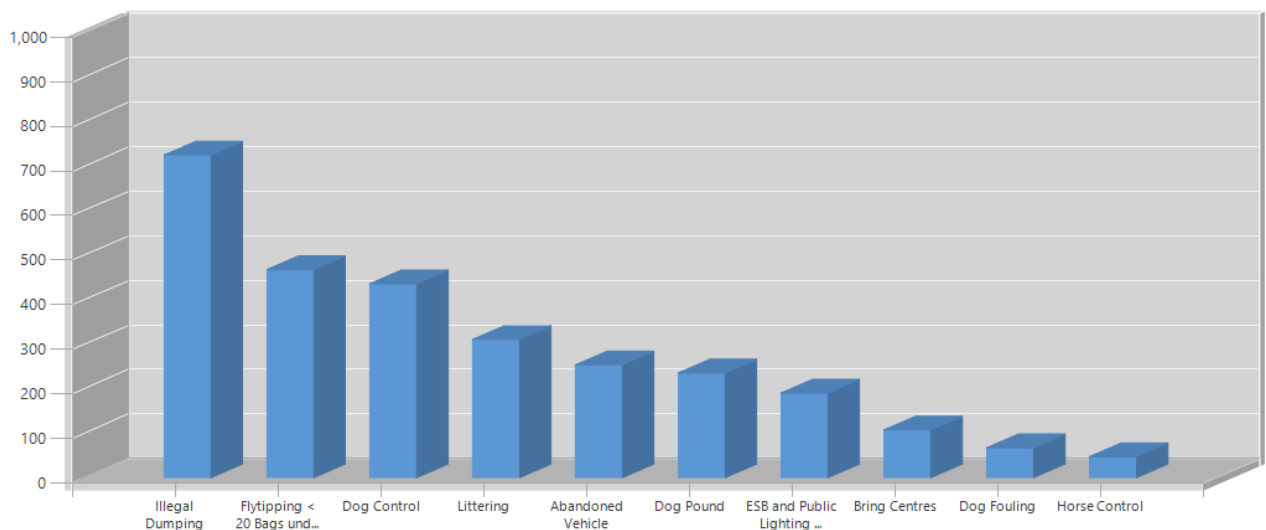
No of Complaints	2176
Legal Actions	5
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	15
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	17
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	107
Warning Letters Sent	46
Section 14 Directions	38
Section 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

### 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.

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## 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.

### **Entente Florale**

Dungarvan has been awarded a Silver Medal in towns category of the Entente Florale Europe 2018 competition.

The Waterford Greenway was the recipient of the Chair of the Jury Prize in recognition of the measures undertaken for the Mitigation of Climate Change.

Congratulations to all involved in securing these awards.

### **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. Cleanups have taken place on a regular basis during the summer months.

An anti dumping awareness campaign was launched in early September, comprising of social media posts, a 40 second animated video for use online and radio ads. This will specifically target illegal waste collectors who remove waste for a small fee and dump it in the countryside. This has been funded through the nationwide anti dumping initiative. Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, [eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie).

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## Environmental Services

### Tidy Towns

The National Tidy Towns awards ceremony took place in Dublin on Monday 24th September. Congratulations to all the tidy towns committees throughout the city and county on their endeavours in the 2018 competition.

The following committees received awards in this year's competition. Details of the reports are available on the Tidy Towns website <http://www.tidytowns.ie/>

Endeavour Award – Clonea Power - €500

County Awards – Lismore, winner

Ballymacarbry, highly commended,

Stradbally, commended

Gold Medal - Lismore

Silver Medal –Ballymacarbry, Stradbally, Ardmore, Dungarvan

Bronze Medal - Tramore

### Green Flag Programme

A series of Green Schools Seminars was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September for all schools participating in the Green Schools programme. These informal seminars are workshop based and offer an ideal opportunity for teachers to find out more about the theme each school is working on as well as various ways to tackle issues that may arise. Representatives from both Waterford County & City Council and An Taisce were present to clarify the support that is available to schools as they progress through the programme.

### Anti Graffiti and Anti Litter Awareness Grant

The Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2018 was applied for and received from the Department. €51,348 was granted through this grant in 2018. This includes grants for community groups, Tidy Towns groups and schools as well as campaigns re dog fouling, roadside litter, beach litter, etc. For example, Portlaw Tidy Towns project with Portlaw National School, 'Create life not litter', was funded through this grant. This project won the South East School Award, an initiative which encourages schools to play their part in the community.

# Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

## Environmental Services

### Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN)

An application which was submitted by Waterford City & County Council and funding of €16,000 was approved for 4 water founts along the Greenway to enable visitors to refill their water bottles along the way. These water founts will be in place by the end of 2018.

Funding for food waste prevention cinema advertisements has also been approved.

### Waste Prevention

Reuse Month takes place nationally during the month of October. A range of events and workshops will take place during this month 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 will also receive workshops about sustainable fashion. We will also be giving advice and tips about food waste prevention at a culinary recycling event in Dunmore East. Other activities include a campaign through WLR FM, a beeswax wrap workshop and a seminar on the circular economy 'Re-made in Waterford' will take place also.

### Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2018

Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2108 was advertised both locally and nationally. Funding of €12,650 has now been received from the Department via this fund, with WCCC matching this funding. Projects funded focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.

### Website

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)

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## Finance

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

		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>INCOME</b>		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	16,254,298	25,728,776	63%	16,586,664	26,933,915	62%
B	Road Transport & Safety	18,501,832	27,765,615	67%	11,175,307	16,314,408	68%
C	Water Services	7,320,155	10,904,203	67%	6,479,125	10,561,906	61%
D	Development Management	9,004,914	15,569,383	58%	4,224,796	7,198,496	59%
E	Environmental Services	11,365,335	17,860,060	64%	1,385,560	2,568,762	54%
F	Recreation & Amenity	8,466,081	13,616,202	62%	1,131,995	2,016,708	56%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	697,908	1,225,510	57%	234,327	445,494	53%
H	Miscellaneous Services	9,316,203	13,213,938	71%	7,348,874	10,870,294	68%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	12,607,680	18,911,516	67%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	19,823,485	30,062,188	66%
		<b>80,926,726</b>	<b>125,883,687</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>80,997,813</b>	<b>125,883,687</b>	<b>64%</b>
Surplus/Deficit					71,087	(0)	



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## Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-8-2018								
	[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 Aug 2018	Gross Bal 31-8-2018 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2018 Accrual [5/(4-1)]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
<b>Rates</b>	8,291,500	29,722,104	3,161,056	34,852,548	18,190,372	16,662,176	52%	68%
<b>Loans</b>	1,926,637	2,348,216	1,957	4,272,896	2,421,690	1,851,205	57%	103%
<b>Rents</b>	3,567,007	8,733,829	-	12,300,837	8,696,530	3,604,306	71%	100%
<b>Aged Analysis</b>			<b>Less than 1 mth</b>	<b>2 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>greater than 12 mths</b>		<b>Net Balance</b>
<b>Rates</b>			-	8,167,625	3,188,452	5,306,098		16,662,176
<b>Loans</b>			<b>0 to 3 mths</b>	<b>4 to 6 mths</b>	<b>7 to 12 mths</b>	<b>Greater than 12 mths</b>		
			138,356	61,267	185,799	1,465,783		1,851,205
<b>Rents</b>			<b>Less than 4 weeks</b>	<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<b>7-12 weeks</b>	<b>Greater than 12 wks</b>		
			152,322	155,530	228,701	3,067,753		3,604,307
<b>Overdraft Levels</b>		Days in Overdraft in Aug	31 days		Cost - €17,829			Average €11.2m

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