

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

Waterford City & County Council

ITEM

No 5



Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle Management Report to Council

Mí Feabhra 2018

Michael Walsh,

Príomhfheidhmeannach

February 2018

Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Jan 2017	At end of Jan 2018
No. of Clients Met	57	45
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	1	0
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	0	0
Value of Measure 1 support approved	0	0
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	27	37
Value of Measure 2 support given	€10,799.50	€13,244

No Evaluation Committee meeting took place in January. Next meeting is February 2018.

The annual Student Expo event was held in the WIT Arena on the 25th January. This event showcased over 100 mini companies that have been set up as part of our Student Enterprise Programme. Winners will be shortlisted from each school and go on to compete at the county final.



Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Major Projects – Progress Report up to January 30th 2018

1. Greenway:-
 - All planned civil works have now been completed.
2. City Centre Rejuvenation Works:-
 - Works for the new street lighting in John Street, Applemarket and Lady Lane on-going. Existing lighting poles in John Street are being removed and paving at those locations patched following installation and testing of new building mounted lights.
 - Work in Arundel Square is progressing. Works to south end of the Square are progressing with a view to completing works by early February in this area
 - The works on Michael Street North, originally scheduled to begin in 2018, have been completed. Work on Michael street South has begun.
 - The entire works are all scheduled to be substantially completed in April 2018, ahead of the previously programmed June completion date. The programme for the works is as follows:-

Contractors Programme

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
City Centre	378 days	10/10/16	27/03/18
Arundel Square	51 days	8/09/17	06/02/18
Peter Street	61 days	31/10/17	27/03/18
Michael St North	35 days	02/10/17	22/12/17
Michael Street South	33 days	25/01/18	12/03/18

- Work on the detailed design of the City Centre Access part of the Rejuvenation project is ongoing. An interim scheme in the Manor Street/ Poleberry /Bath Street to allow for the implementation of the new one way system was implemented in January and appears to be working satisfactorily.
- This construction contract for the Hennessey's Road/Browns Lane/Castle Street Scheme is out to tender at the moment and will commence construction in March/April. Demolition of buildings as part of this scheme will be completed by the end of February.

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Economic Development

3. North Quays:-
 - The CE's Report on the SDZ Draft Planning Scheme went to a workshop with the Members on January 29th.
 - The CPO for the lands associated with the North Quays development had an Oral Hearing on October 24th with An Bord Pleanála and the outcome is awaited.
 - A proposal under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act in respect of the demolition of the Hennebique Building was approved by Council on January 29th.
4. Work has commenced to prepare plans for the construction of the recently funded access roads in Gracedieu and Kilbarry under the LIHAF scheme. The Chief Executives Report on the Part VIII planning process was adopted by the Metropolitan Members in December. It is anticipated that the two access roads will progress to construction stage by the end February 2018.

Pleanáil

Planning

Development Management

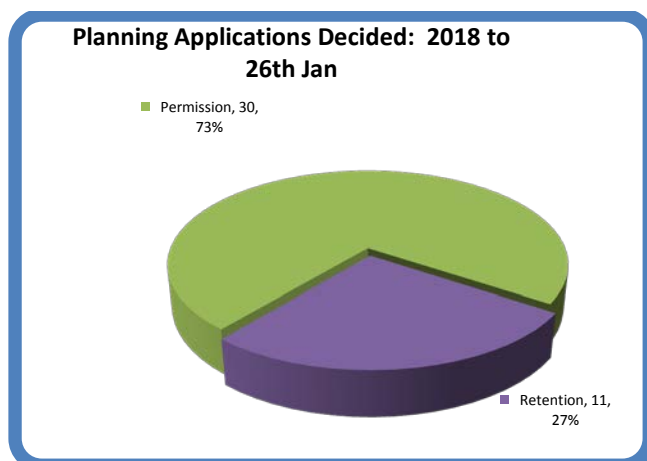
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

Planning applications received in 2017 amounted to 908, which resulted in an increase in planning applications of 57 applications compared to 2016; in percentage terms this represents a 6.7% year on year increase in planning applications received.

47 planning applications were received in the month of January 2018 (to 26th). This compares with 39 planning applications received in the same period in 2017.

Planning Decisions 2018 – Countywide

To the 26th January 2018, 46 planning decisions have been made. Of these, 41 applications were granted and 5 refused, representing a grant rate of 89.1%. Planning application decisions made in the period by decision type are shown below:



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 44 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 30th of January. These pre- planning applications are currently being processed.

Forward Planning

Proposals on Tourism Accommodation

The proposed variation of the Waterford County Development Plan regarding the provision of tourism accommodation will be brought to the SPC on 6th February with the intention to commence the process to bring the proposed variation to the Plenary Council thereafter.

Changes to the Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The final Chief Executive Report on the proposed changes (to include the submissions made) to the Record of Protected Structures as set out in the Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019 will be submitted to the Metropolitan District Council for its consideration at the February meeting.

Pleanáil

Planning

Conservation and Heritage

Conservation - Grant Schemes

Grant Scheme	Details and eligibility of the Scheme	Closing Date	Number of Grant Applications
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)	Provides for the repair and conservation of structures that are protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).	Friday 26 th January.	27
Structures at Risk Fund (SRF)	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.	Friday 26 th January.	5

Both schemes 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 applications received are currently being assessed and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will confirm with formal approvals by the 2nd of March for the BHIS and later in March for the SRF. **Heritage**

Heritage Plan Funding

A funding allocation of €27,000 has been allocated by the Heritage Council to five projects under the County Heritage Plan in 2018. These include habitat mapping along the River Blackwater and River Bride, 1918 Centenary Commemoration Programme, support of community archaeology projects, publication on Heritage and History of the Greenway and Heritage and Biodiversity Week events.



Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme 2018

Workshops have been arranged for each District to agree the Road Works Programme 2018 and will be held prior to the February District meetings as follows:-

Dungarvan/Lismore District	2.00 pm Monday 12th February 2018
Metropolitan District	4.30 pm Monday 19th February 2018
Comeragh District	4.30 pm Monday 26th February 2018

Winter Maintenance Programme

Gritting and salting of roads continued during January with crews out on 10 nights during the month.

2018 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations

The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport recently announced the 2018 grant allocation for all local authorities. The total allocation for 2018 for Waterford City and County Council is €11,930,944 broken down over the following categories:-

Waterford City and County Council	
Restoration Improvement	€6,489,000
Restoration Maintenance	€1,116,000
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€507,500
Discretionary Grant	€2,353,500
Specific Improvement	€150,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€457,500
Safety Improvement Works	€299,094
Speed Limits	€171,850
Training Grant	€47,500
Drainage Works	€339,000
Total Allocation	€11,930,944

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Emergency Services

Fire Service Operational Activity:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of January. 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	29	10	6	0
Comeragh	1	2	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	6	8	5	0
Total for Jan	36	20	11	0
Total 2018	36	20	11	0
<i>Total for 2017</i>	<i>692</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>23</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	Jan 2018	2018 Year to date	<i>Total for 2017</i>
Fire Safety Certificates	5	5	<i>94</i>
Planning Referrals	38	38	<i>502</i>

Building Control:

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

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Application/Notification	Jan 2018	Cumulative Total for 2018	Total for 2016
Commencement Notices	27	27	330
Completion Certificates	5	5	146
Disability Access Certificates	4	4	63

Civil Defence:

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

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Operation Transformation Walk, Kilmacthomas	13 th Jan	First Aid Support
Communications and Off Road Exercise	21 st Jan	Communications and Off Road Driving
Dungarvan Point to Point Horse Racing	28 th Jan	First Aid Support with 2 Ambulances and Response Vehicles

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Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Jan 2017	Cumulative No. of Applications 2017	Applications during Jan 2018	Cumulative No. of Applications 2018
Applications received	75	75	58	58
Applications validated	57	57	98	98
Applications approved	69	69	50	50

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Jan 2017	Cumulative No. of Tenancies 2017	New Tenancies during Jan 2018	Refusal No. of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2018
Comeragh Municipal	1	1	0	0	0
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	1	1	3	0	3
Metropolitan	8	8	7	0	7
Voluntary Bodies	0	0	4	-	4
Totals	10	10	14	0	14

Choice Based Letting Scheme

The total number of properties advertised on the Choice Based Letting system to date is 68. We have received 5,200 bids on these properties as of Thursday 25th January 2018.

There has been 8 refusals on properties to date.

Housing Loans applications

2018 Housing Loans	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved	Applications with Housing Agency/deferred for 6 months
Jan	5	2	3	0	0

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YTD	5	2	3	0	0
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Tenant Purchase applications

2018 Tenant Purchase	Applications received	Applications awaiting further info	Applications refused	Applications approved
Jan	1	1	0	-
YTD 2018	1	1	0	0
YTD 2017 AND 2018	188	19	80	Of the balance of 89 YTD:- 34 Sales have closed 4 are at Legal stage 51 are still under offer

Tenant Purchase Sales Closed in January by District:

1 property in Waterford City East

Tenant Purchase Applications in January by District:

1 property in Waterford City South

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Jan 2017 HAP tenancies	Jan 2018 HAP tenancies set up	2018 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	69	64	64	2,025

Inspection of private rented dwellings

PRTB Register	1
Compliant	0
Non-Compliant	1
HAP	37
Compliant	5

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	Non-Compliant	26
	Re Inspection	6
HNA/COC (Properties from Housing applications and change of circumstances applications)		0
	Compliant	0
	Non-Compliant	0
	Re Inspection	0
RAS (RAS properties)		5
RAS Re-Inspection		6
LTL (Long term leasing properties)		0
LTL Re-Inspection		0
MTR (Mortgage to rent properties)		1
Total		50

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved Jan 2018	Number of applications to Jan 2018	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of 2018 applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€10,521.50	2	€10,521.50	2
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€8,000.00	1	€8,000.00	1
Total	€18,521.50	3	€18,521.50	3

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2018	2017
January Cases presented (up to 26th Jan)	83	62
Cumulative number of cases presented	83	62

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless	Jan 2018	Jan 2017
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Accommodation		
Individuals	129	118
Individuals with dependent children	15	9
Families with no dependent children	0	0
Families with dependent children	10	8

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

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

Waiting list for emergency accommodation in Waterford: 17 adults.

Capital Projects

Housing Capital Schemes - WCCC Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
The Glen Waterford	11	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 – Stage 2 Application to DHPLG Q2 2018
Summerland Square Waterford	8	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 approved Q1 2018 - Stage 2 Application to DHPLG Q2 2018
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn	8	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 1 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018
Larchville	5	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tallow Almshouse	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 4 Application to DHPLG Q1 2018 – Construction on-site Q1 2018
Cappoquin	4	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Completed.
Tramore - Patrick St	2	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Portlaw Coolfin	12	Comeragh	Construction	Construction on-site Q1 2018
Dungarvan Ballinroad	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Tender Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Tramore An Garran	32	Metropolitan	Appraisal/Design Stage	Stage 2 Application to DHPCLG Q1 2018.
Doyle Street	4	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Demolition works on-site Q1

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				2018.
Gibbethill	5	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Kilrush	39	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Carrickphierish	31	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction in progress.
Airport Road	33	Metropolitan	Construction	Construction on-site Q1 2018.
Shandon	5	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Construction in progress.
Slievekeale	60	Metropolitan	Appraisal	PPP bundle & individual schemes awaiting DHPLG approval before advertising Part 8
Part V	17	Countywide	Various Stages	
Repair and Lease	71	Countywide	Various Stages	
Buy and Renew	22	Metropolitan	Appraisal	Tender Stage
Total Units in WCCC Projects 396				

Housing Capital Schemes - Approved Housing Body Projects				
Project Location	Units	Area	Current Position	Comment
Dungarvan, Shandon <i>Co-operative Housing Ireland</i>	20	Dungarvan-Lismore	Construction	Following Planning Grant, Construction to resume Q1 2018.
Tramore, Ballycarnane <i>Tramore Voluntary Housing</i>	18	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
Dunhill <i>Gleann Ealach</i>	8	Comeragh	Design Stage	Stage 2 Approval Q4 2017. Planning in Progress.
Powersfield, Hennessy's Road <i>Focus Ireland</i>	3	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Stage 3 Application to DHPCLG in Q1 2018.
The Paddock's <i>Anvers/Acquired Brain Injury Ireland</i>	9	Metropolitan	Tender Preparation	Awaiting Stage 3 Approval.
Wadding Manor,	10	Metropolitan	Design Stage	Tender Process and Stage 3

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Ferrybank <i>Respond!</i>				Approved.
Total Units in Approved Housing Body Projects 68				

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	12 units
Works commenced/underway	24 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	10 units
Newly vacant	7 units
In Regeneration programme	9 units
Total voids	62 units

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

Response maintenance

In January 2018, there were a total of 923 recorded requests. 660 have been resolved and 263 are pending.

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Community Services

Social Inclusion:

Waterford Area Partnership have been awarded the SICAP contract for 2018-2022. Formal agreement signed on 18th December.

Waterford Rural Development programme:

The first RDP payment issued on 22nd December 2017 in the sum of €111,069. The creation of a number of new jobs was confirmed. A further payment is expected to be made by the end of January in the sum of €62,517. A further 22 projects will progress to application stage following consideration of Expressions of Interest at the December LCDC meeting.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The plan for the 2018 programme is complete. The Comhairle Coordinator and Community Dept. liaison have met regarding the 2017 Annual report and 2018 Funding Request which has been submitted to the Department – currently awaiting feedback from Department.

Pride of Place:

National Pride of Place Coordinator meeting held in January where the 2017 programme was reviewed and 2018 programmed planned. The entry for the 2018 National Pride of Place awards will be Tramore and Waterford Arch Club. Work with this group will commence in February/March 2018 with a view to compiling a comprehensive entry to the competition.

JPC:

The first meeting of the JPC Strategic Steering & Oversight Committee was held on 30th January to discuss Action Plan for 2018.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

The work of the action groups is underway with significant progress on delivery of thematic area actions expected early in 2018. Priorities for Q1 2018 include the identification of core projects each thematic lead will develop during the year and the establishment of an Older Persons Council.

RAPID:

New RAPID grant scheme for disadvantaged urban areas. Successful applicants notified of grants.

Healthy Waterford

Healthy Waterford is now the Health and Wellbeing sub-committee of Waterford LCDC. Healthy Ireland funded projects commenced in December.

Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018:

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Community Services

The Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2018 has been advertised and all previous eligible applicants have received notification and application form. Closing date will be Wednesday 28th February, in fairness to all no late applications shall be accepted.

PPN:

Number of groups registered with the PPN at December 2017 is 588. Linkage groups set up for Environment; Social Inclusion and Mental Health. There are 3 “Colleges” with groups in each as follows: Community – 467, Environment – 16 and Social Inclusion - 105.

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In January, 47,488 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 48,740 items during the month.

In January 245 events and activities took place in libraries. Highlights included:

- Launch of Healthy Ireland at your Library Waterford -30th Jan Central Library
- LuÁC group Art exhibition – Index Gallery – Central Library
- Author event- Niall Bracken reads from his book Bullets and Boots- Central Library 17th Jan
- Men’s Shed Art Exhibition and launch – Central Library 31 Jan.
- Family Yoga Dungarvan Library
- Story Time Kilmacthomas Library
- Breakfast Club Carrickphierish library
- Money Management talk Carrickphierish Library

Events coming up in February include:

- Gymboree music and dance for children at Lisnore, Cappooquin, Tallow, Ardkeen, Portlaw, Dunmore East, Kilmacthomas Libraries
- Sensory Play for children Dungarvan Library
- Historical Walk Dunmore East Library
- Snuggle Stories launch- 8 week programme for 0-3 years Dungarvan Library
- Family Yoga Kilmacthomas Library

Library Development:

- Dunmore east Library Opening hours changed to : Tuesday 10.00—1.00 & 2.00-5.30, Thursday 1.00-5.00 & 6.00 to 8.00
- Healthy Ireland at your Library-Frontline Staff training LGMA on 23rd January (3 staff). Waterford Libraries (Mary Conway) presented on Health Related events at this training.
- **Arts Report - February 2018**
- The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is hosting ‘Portraits and Landscapes’ from the Waterford Art Collection until the end of February. Guided sessions for writers to explore the work literally are organised.
- Music Generation Development Officer for Waterford, Shauna McCullough has recently taken up her position and is based within the ETB offices in Dungarvan. The Arts Office is assisting her with meeting various key people in Waterford at present.
- Arts in Education projects in schools around the City and county are ongoing.
- Deadline has now passed for Waterford Artlinks bursaries 2018 , decisions are pending .
- Training for Waterford festivals is currently being organised and all festivals in receipt of funding will be notified shortly of this opportunity.

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Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	3
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued(Pending Payment or Prosecution)	12
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid (Includes Fines from 2016 paid in 2017)	6
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0
Litter Pollution Surveys	0
Litter Quantification Surveys	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

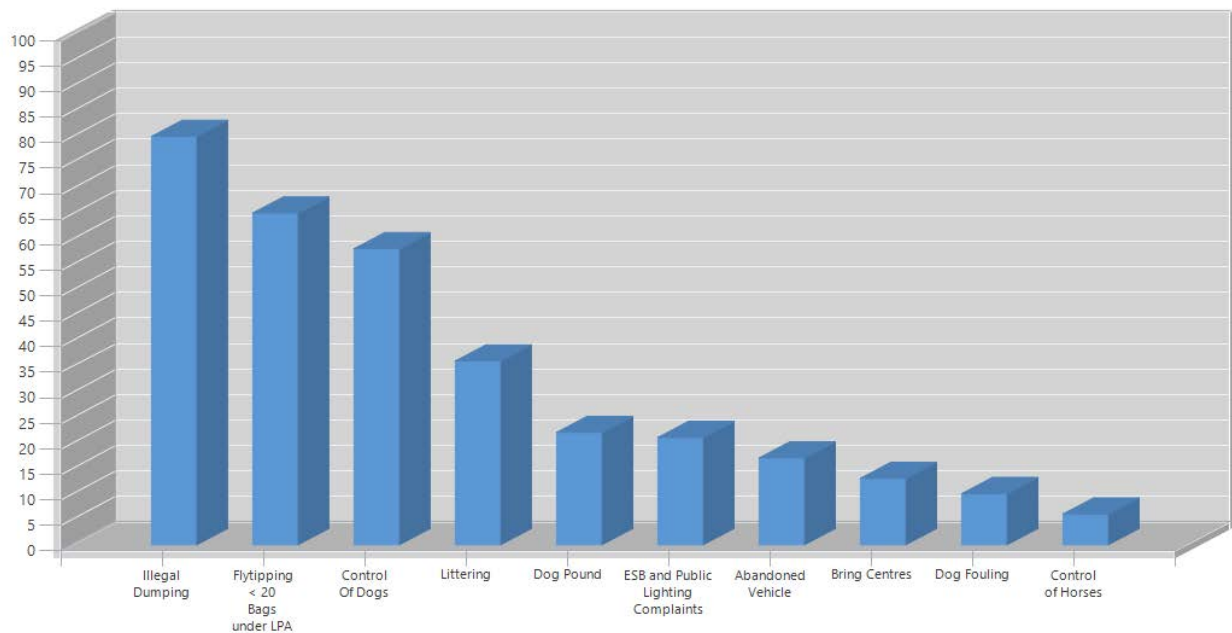
No of Complaints	234
Legal Actions	2
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	0
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	1
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	9
Warning Letters Sent	1
Section 14 Directions	2
RMCEI Inspections (Recommended Minimum Criteria Environmental Inspections) EPA	0
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

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Environmental Services

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. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; 2018 is the 20th year of National Spring Clean.

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Green Flag Programme

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, work is ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Renewal assessments for the next flag have already begun and will continue until the end of March. A total of 51 schools are due to renew their Green Flag this school year. A Green Schools Roadshow was organised with An Taisce for 30th January for all schools working on a Global Citizenship themes.

Workshops for Secondary Schools

Secondary schools involved in the Green Schools programme are being offered environmental workshops funded by Local Agenda 21. The schools can choose the theme of the workshop e.g. waste, energy, climate change, water, biodiversity, etc.

Local Litter Awareness Grant

In order to facilitate community and school clean ups during National Spring Clean and over the Summer, this grant will be advertised in early February, with a deadline of early March for applications. This will enable notification to be issued to successful applicants and payment of the first half of the grant to be paid out by April; projects can begin from the second quarter of 2017.

Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN)

A joint application was submitted by Waterford City & County Council and Wexford County Council for the funding of a food waste prevention initiative under a Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN). This food waste prevention project was approved for funding for €11,285. As part of this project, Stop Food Waste workshops were allocated to groups to educate participants about food waste prevention. These workshops help participants to cut down on their food waste (and costs; it can save a household up to €60 a month). A short animated video produced as part of this project was launched on 19th January and will appear in cinemas for 10 weeks from mid January. This will also be used on social media, on YouTube, in schools, etc in both Irish and English. Images from this video will also be used as a theme for schools competitions, use at food waste prevention events, etc.

Local Waste Prevention Grant

A waste prevention budget is set out in the Southern Region Waste Management Plan and amounts to €16,194.15 for Waterford City & County Council (it was agreed regionally to allocate a minimum spend of €0.15/inhabitant on local prevention projects). In 2018 30% of this waste prevention budget has been allocated as a small grant to communities for waste prevention projects. This grant will be advertised in late January with a closing date for application of early March.

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Roadside Litter

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

Entente Florale 2018.

Dungarvan, Co Waterford and Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny have been chosen to represent Ireland in the Entente Florale 2018 competition. Entente Florale is a Europe wide competition for villages, towns and cities which was originally established in 1975, currently 9 European countries take part.

Dungarvan was selected on the basis of its high scores in Tidy Towns competitions over the last number of years and on the recommendation of the 2017 Tidy Towns adjudicators who assessed the town for the national competition.

Entente Florale raises awareness of the importance of the green environment to the quality of living in participating town; and within its communities, residential, urban and industrial areas. Entente Florale rates this as being very important as populations grow, the density of urban and living areas within Europe is increasing therefore the provision of adequate green spaces and landscaping is necessary to provide a rich environment and to preserve quality of life.

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Participation in Entente Florale will represent a great opportunity for Dungarvan and acknowledges all the work put in over the years enhancing the presentation of the town. Previous entrants to the competition have recognised that participation in Entente Florale has given a substantial boost to local tourism industry.

A public meeting is being arranged for March 7th when representatives from the **Department** of Rural and Community Development will provide further insights into the competition and identify the allocated date of judging.

Waterford Energy Bureau

Sustainable Energy Community Initiative

Waterford Energy Bureau are seeking community groups to partake in the SEAI Sustainable Energy Community Initiative. Funding of between €10,000 and €25,000 is available to develop an energy master plan for year 1 and funding of between €32,000 - €128,000 for years 1-3 for other reports / studies. Funding is also available under the initiative for energy efficiency upgrades / installations.

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 31-12 -2017								
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Gross Bal as at 1-1-2017	Accrued ytd to Dec 2017	Write Offs and Vacancies	Total for Collection [1+2-3]	Collected ytd to Dec	Gross Bal 31-12-2017 [4-5]	% Collected ytd re Total for Collection [5/4]	% Collected ytd re 2017 Accrual [5/(4-1)]	
	€	€	€	€	€	€		
Rates	8,190,346	28,527,234	- 4,490,325	32,227,255	24,125,928	8,101,326	75%	100%
Loans	2,096,703	3,108,274	- 248,067	4,956,910	2,973,367	1,983,543	60%	104%
Rents	3,185,250	12,844,206	- 136,324	15,893,131	12,208,714	3,684,417	77%	96%
Aged Analysis								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths			Net Balance
Rates		-	3,242,180	2,171,708	2,687,438			8,101,326
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		132,773	66,828	182,366	1,601,575			1,983,543
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		128,322	131,193	217,417	3,207,486			3,684,417
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in Dec	31 Days	Cost -	€10,629	Average	€6.6m			

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Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division							
Y.T.D. to December 31, 2017							
EXPENDITURE			INCOME				
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
A	Housing & Building	23,010,949	23,405,528	98%	24,203,080	24,762,900	98%
B	Road Transport & Safety	30,285,215	26,475,859	114%	18,438,546	15,929,180	116%
C	Water Services	11,008,946	10,314,522	107%	10,999,807	9,632,436	114%
D	Development Management	11,760,636	13,707,529	86%	5,550,230	5,932,254	94%
E	Environmental Services	17,722,933	17,782,934	100%	2,577,643	2,608,973	99%
F	Recreation & Amenity	12,015,817	12,482,387	96%	2,029,650	2,133,671	95%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,993,863	1,355,516	147%	880,329	502,134	175%
H	Miscellaneous Services	14,183,254	12,906,024	110%	9,977,989	9,526,138	105%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	18,678,971	18,678,971	100%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	28,723,642	28,723,642	100%
		121,981,614	118,430,299	103%	122,059,886	118,430,299	103%
Surplus/Deficit					78,272	0	