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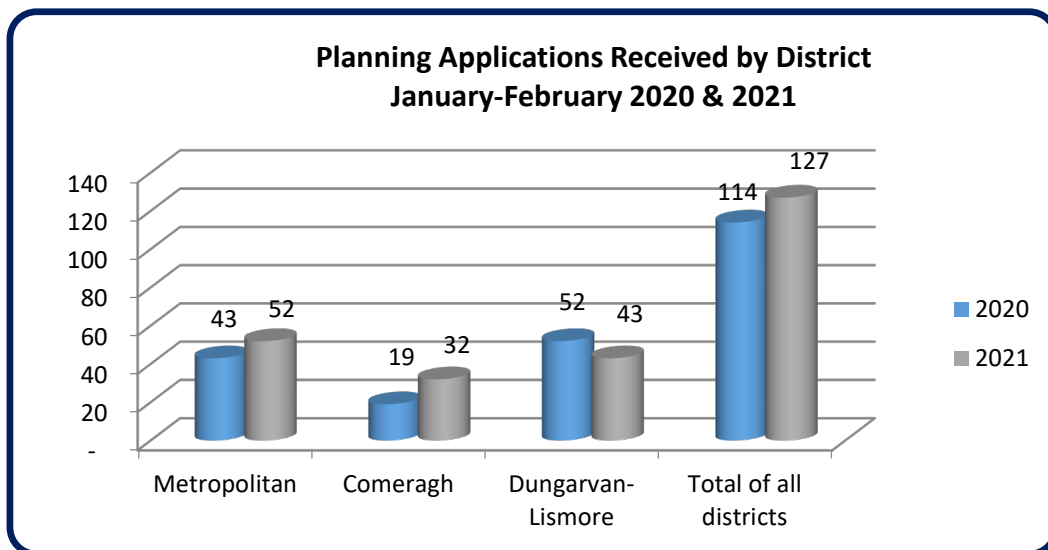
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – February 2021

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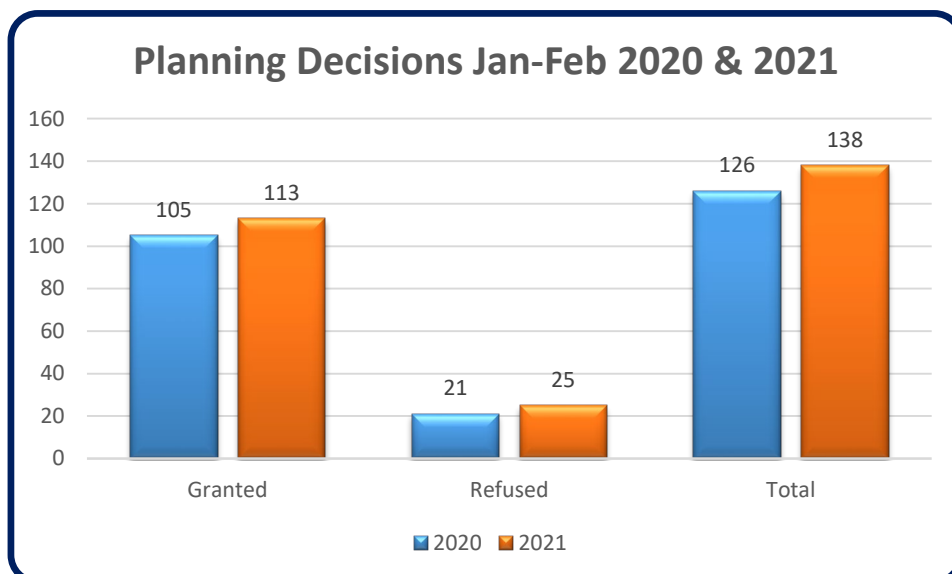
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

72 Planning applications were received in the month of February countywide (to 22nd February). This compares with 63 planning applications received in the same month in 2020. Additional responses are also being received to further information requests. A total of 127 planning applications were received in the year to 22nd February 2021. This compares to 114 planning applications which were received to the end of February in 2020



The number of applications which have been decided to date in 2021 has similarly increased. 138 applications were decided in January and February 2021 compared to 126 for the same months in 2020.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

Pre-planning meetings are being undertaken where requested by telephone.

Update on preparation of the draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The draft development plan is currently being prepared for your consideration, having regard to the content of the Report of the Chief Executive and subsequent Direction by the Council to the Chief Executive, given in January. The timeline for preparing the draft development plan indicates that it will be presented to the Plenary Council in April as per the table below.

This will be followed by a series of discussions and workshops with the Plenary Council throughout the months of April, May and early June to allow full consideration of the draft development plan and associated documents. A 10 week phase of public consultation will then take place from late June to late August during which time written submissions will be invited from members of the public and other interested parties. It should be noted that written submissions regarding the zoning of land for particular purposes should only be made during this 10 week period.

In a manner similar to the initial phase of public consultation last summer, it is intended to have a dedicated online consultation portal available through which the draft development plan and support documentation can be accessed and through which written submissions can be made.

Activity	Duration	Start	Finish
Development Plan Preparation Period.	Max 104 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Fri 15/07/22
Pre Draft Plan Public Consultation. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Mon 14/09/20
Prepare CE Report on submissions and submit to Plenary Council. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 14/09/20	Mon 09/11/20
Liaise and discuss with Plenary Council and obtain Resolution on CE Report. NOW COMPLETED	10 wks	Mon 09/11/20	Mon 18/01/21
Prepare a Draft Dev Plan. CURRENT PHASE	12 wks	Mon 18/01/21	Mon 12/04/21
Submit Draft Dev Plan to Plenary Council and obtain Resolution.	8 wks	Mon 12/04/21	Mon 07/06/21
Notice of preparation of Draft Dev Plan.	2 wks	Mon 07/06/21	Mon 21/06/21
Public Consultation on Draft Dev Plan.	10 wks	Mon 21/06/21	Mon 30/08/21
Prepare CE Report on submissions received and submit to Plenary Council for consideration.	12 wks	Mon 30/08/21	Mon 22/11/21
Resolution of Plenary Council on CE Report and Draft Dev Plan.	12 wks	Mon 22/11/21	Mon 14/02/22
Notice of Material Alterations if necessary.	3 wks	Mon 14/02/22	Mon 07/03/22
Final Public Consultation on Material Alterations.	4 wks	Mon 07/03/22	Mon 04/04/22
Prepare C.E. Report on submissions.	8 wks	Mon 04/04/22	Mon 30/05/22
Plenary Council to consider CE Report and make Resolution.	6 wks	Mon 30/05/22	Mon 11/07/22
New Dev Plan comes into force.	6 wks	Mon 11/07/22	Mon 22/08/22

Planning SPC

The next meeting of the Planning SPC will be held on Tuesday 23rd March to progress their deliberations on the Draft City & County Development Plan.

Conservation

Waterford City & County Council has received 45 applications under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and 10 applications under the Historic Structure Fund (HSF). These will now be assessed and the recommendations will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval

Under the Cappoquin Renewal Scheme, we are now engaging with local residents with regard to the repair of historic shopfronts and windows

Waterford City & County Council has also applied to the Heritage Council for funding under the Historic Towns Initiative for Tramore

Waterford has the largest collection of medieval urban defences in Ireland with six intact towers, and over 700m meters of wall. The walls are an excellent heritage, educational and tourism resource and remain largely underexploited for the tremendous benefit they could offer the city. Rose Ryall, Conservation Officer gave a presentation to the Metropolitan district meeting with regard to the City Walls and Towers. She presented the findings of a report on access to and presentation of the City Walls and possible actions to help promote this heritage asset.



Séamus Doran, Administrative Officer, Planning Department
26th February 2021