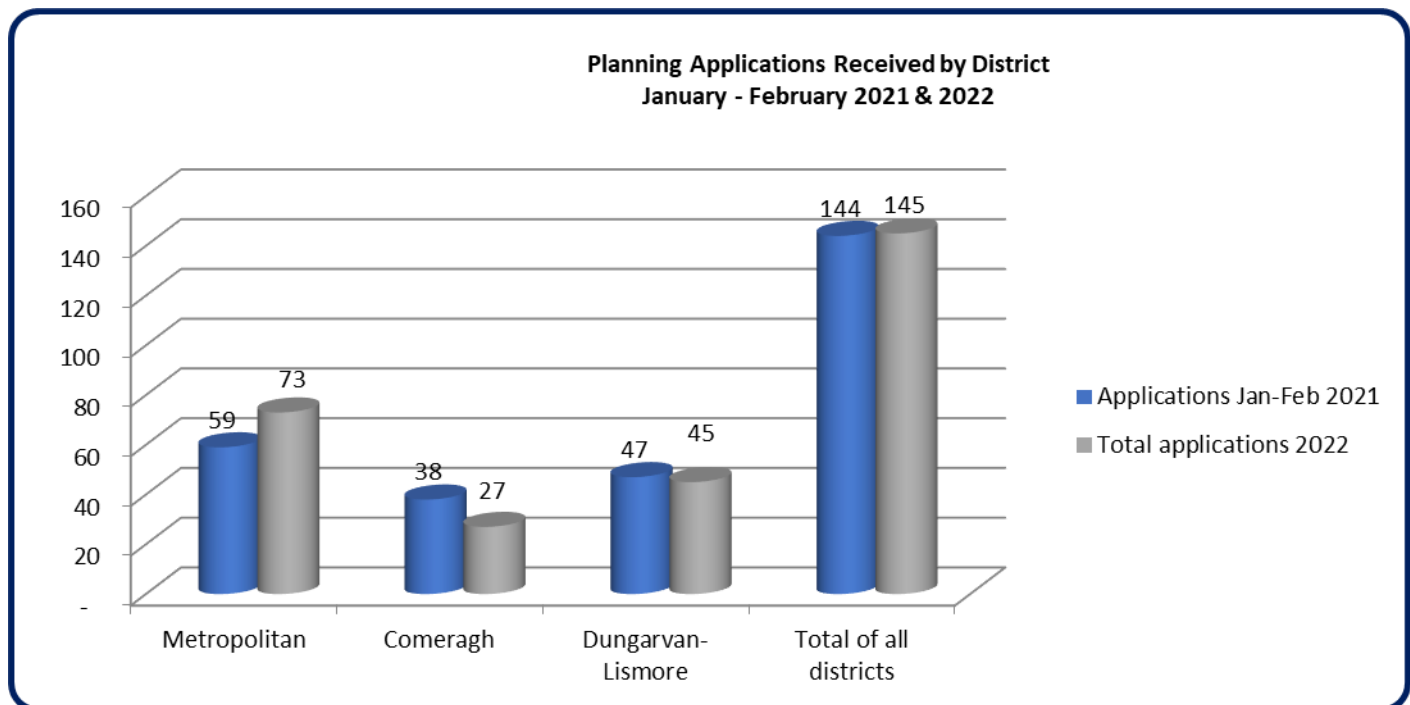


Planning Applications Received – Countywide

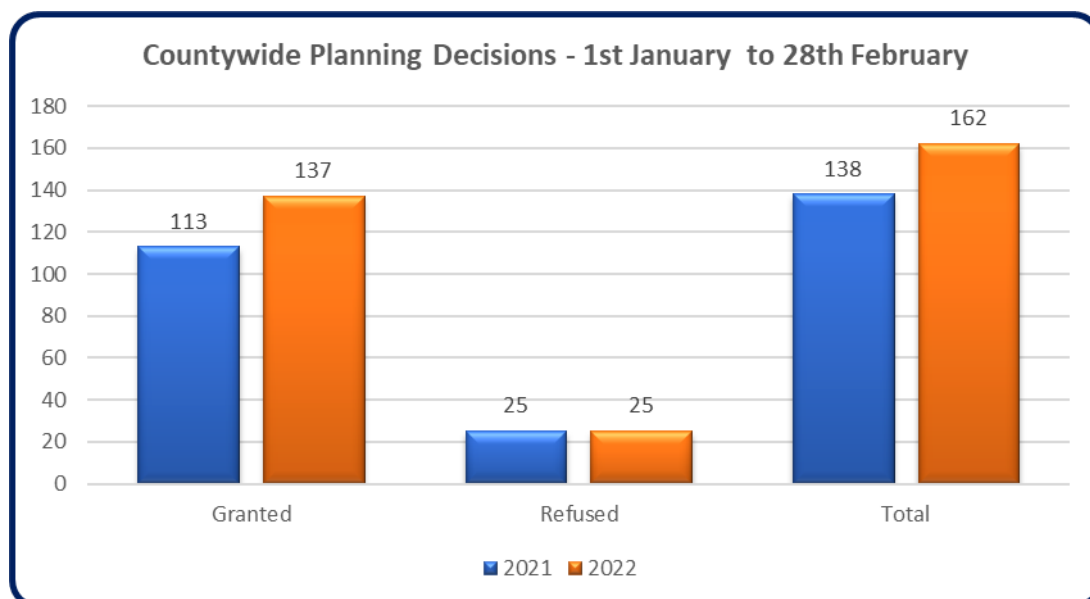
81 Planning applications were received in the month of February 2022 countywide. This compares with 89 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2021. In January, 64 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 55 received in January 2021.

A total of 145 planning applications were received in the year to 28th February 2022. This compares to 144 planning applications which were received to the 28th of February 2021.



Planning Decisions

162 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 28th February 2022 compared to 138 for the same period in 2021.



Forward Planning March Report

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

The Material Alterations to the Draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028 were placed on public display on Thursday 3rd March for a period to Friday 1st April 2022. This public consultation process has been advertised in local printed media in both Waterford City and Dungarvan. A designated consultation portal consult.waterfordcouncil.ie has been constructed to facilitate easy access to the Material Alterations Report, its supporting environmental reports, appendices, and mapping. Written submissions/observations are invited relating to the documentation on public display only and such submissions/observations will be included in another report from the Chief Executive which will be furnished to the Council by April 28th. Further workshops will be arranged to consider the content of the CE Report thereafter with the making of the Development Plan on or before the 9th of June. The new Plan will come into effect 6 weeks after the date on which it is made.

Planning SPC

A meeting of the Planning SPC took Place on the 10th of March which considered the following agenda items:

1. Overview of Material Alterations to the Draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.
2. Preparation of new Development Contributions Scheme.
3. Interpretation Plan for Waterford's Medieval City Walls.
4. Planning Policy and SPC program for 2022.

Heritage Officer Report

Waterford Commemorations Programme

The Waterford Commemorations Committee in conjunction with Dungarvan Castle Centenary Committee will mark the centenary of the handover of Dungarvan Castle in March 1922 on Saturday March 5th at Dungarvan Castle at 2pm. The event will involve historical accounts, re-enactments and a mayoral address. Other events being planned this year include a documentary film on the Siege of Waterford, a GIS Story Map on Civil War events in Waterford, display of the National Archives Exhibition on the Signing of the Treaty, publication by Waterford County Museum on Cumann na mBan and documentary film on Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War. Applications for the Community Commemorations Grant Scheme will be assessed by the Commemorations Committee in early March.

Community Monuments Fund

Twelve applications were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the 2022 Community Monuments Fund and the outcome will be known by late April. In 2021 Waterford City and County Council received an allocation of over €100,000 under this fund towards conservation repairs of Knockboy Medieval Church, Molana Abbey, repair of historic stonework at Kilgobnet Church and a Conservation Management Plan for Ardmore Graveyard.

Conservation

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS).

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced funding for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2022 and Waterford City and County Council was allocated €182,400. By the closing date of 28th of January, Waterford City and County Council received 25 applications for BHIS funding. Of the 25 applications submitted, 10 applications were from the City/ Metropolitan area the remainder were throughout the County. Projects included repairs to chimneys, roofs and windows, and repointing of walls. There are 11 thatch house applications. Lismore Cathedral is proposing energy conservation works. 22 of the 25 applications received were valid. The recommended 22 projects have been submitted to the Department for approval which is due the first week in March.

Historic Structures Scheme (HSF)

Under the Historic Structures Scheme (HSF) Waterford City and County Council received 8 applications for funding of which 5 projects were valid. These projects were processed and forwarded to the Department where they will be assessed by a panel.

Both schemes were advertised in the local papers, details and application forms sent to those who had previously expressed an interest in funding, plus Councillors, architects etc. The details and application forms were also put up on the Council website and social media.

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8th March 2022