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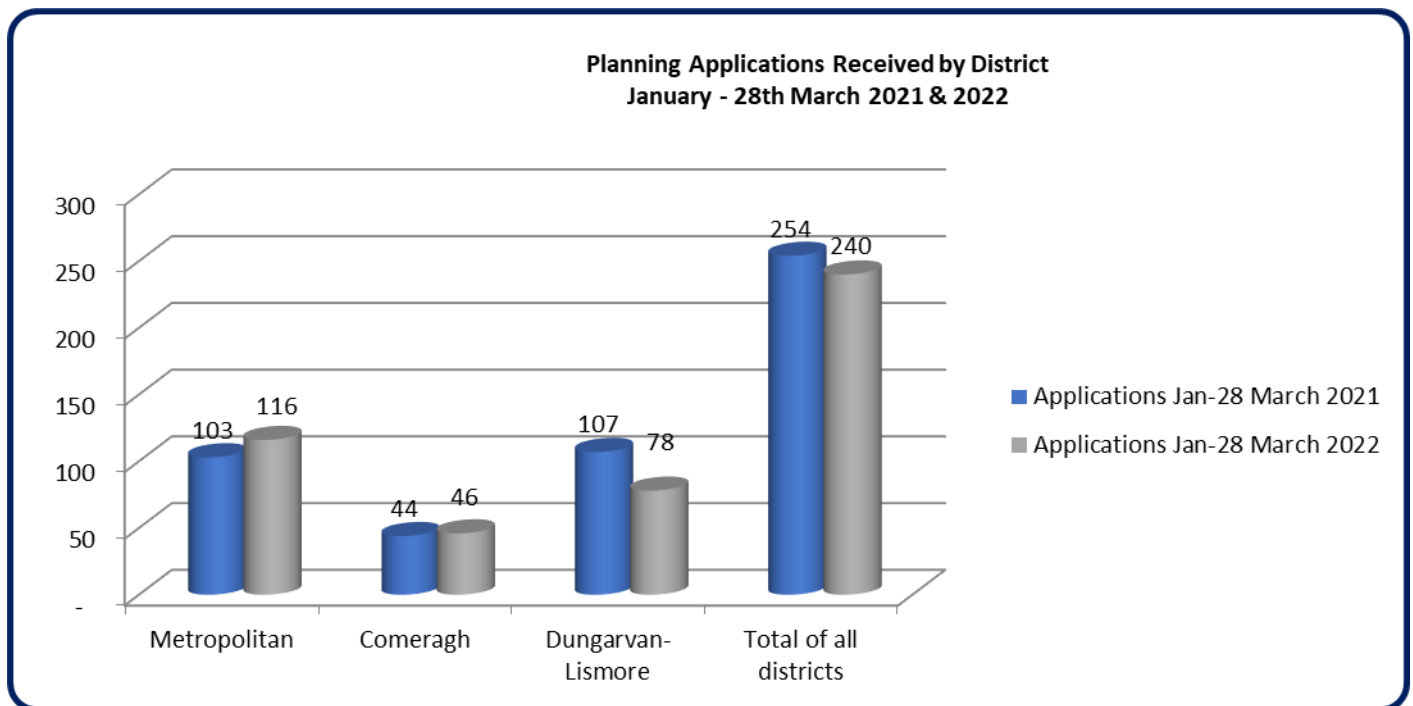
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

PLANNING REPORT

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

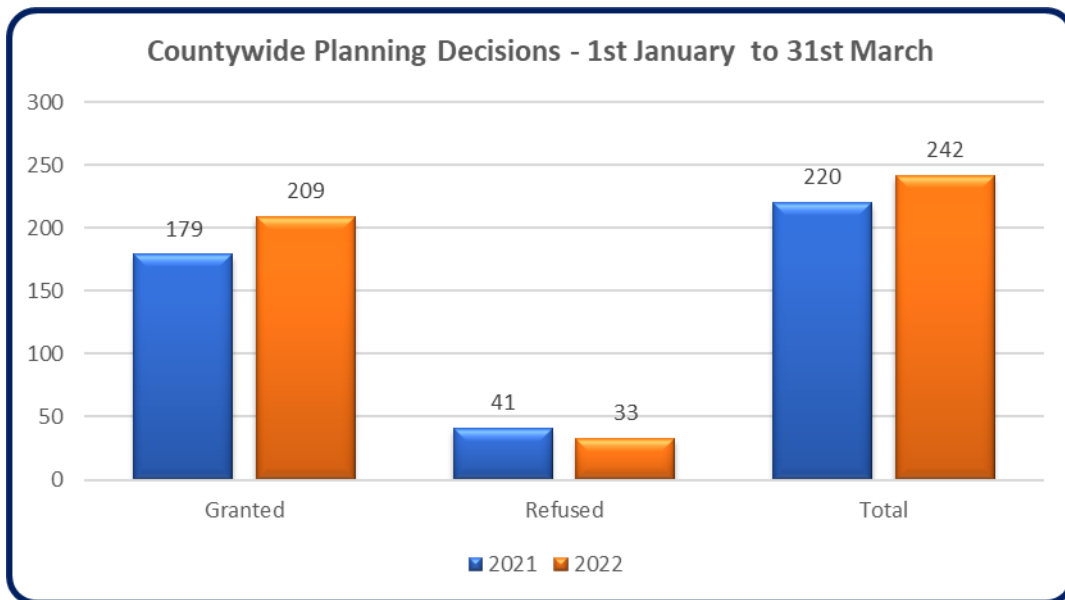
95 Planning applications were received countywide in March 2022 up to and including 28th March. This compares with 120 planning applications received in the full calendar month in 2021. In January, 64 planning applications were received in the calendar month, compared to 55 received in January 2021.

A total of 240 planning applications were received in the year to 28th March 2022. This compares to 254 planning applications which were received to the 28th of March 2021.



Planning Decisions

242 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 31st March 2022 compared to 220 for the same period in 2021. Of the 242, 209 decisions were granted and 33 decisions were refused.



Forward Planning April 2022 Plenary 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 for the period Thursday 3rd March to Friday 1st April 2022. Written submissions/observations were invited and at time of writing a total of circa 450 written submissions had been received. A Chief Executive Report will be prepared and submitted to the Plenary Council by the 28th April giving further details of the submissions and the response and recommendation of the CE with regard to same. Further workshops will be arranged to consider 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.

Heritage Officer Report April 2022

Waterford Commemorations Programme

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.

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 works including an analysis of Ground Radar Data at the Woodstown Viking Site.

Woodstown Viking Site

A heritage interpretation panel highlighting the significance of the Woodstown Viking Site was installed on the Greenway on March 3rd. Funding was provided for the unit by Creative Ireland. Heritage Officer Bernadette Guest will give a talk at the Waterford Archaeological and Historical Society Meeting on April 8th in St. Patrick's Gateway Centre- Woodstown Viking Site- Research, Conservation and Presentation.

Tramore Bird Hide

A bird identification sign will be installed in the new Bird Hide in Tramore Nature Park in April. The sign was developed by Ornithologist Jim Wilson of Birdwatch Ireland based in Cork in collaboration with Waterford City and County Council and Tramore Eco Group and will be a great aid to users of the bird hide.

Conservation Officer Report April 2022

Historic Structure Fund (HSF)

Waterford applied for 5 projects under the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) and they all got the full funding requested which is €339,755. This means that in total Waterford City and County Council has received €522,155 for built heritage for 2022 from the Dept. The successful HSF projects in the Metropolitan District are

Spider Light, Passage East Spit	Essential remedial works to the Spider Light steel support structure to stabilise the structure to prevent its collapse and to arrest further deterioration	€47,483
T&H Doolan, 31,32 and 33 Great George's Street	Significant conservation repairs to an important architectural and cultural original shopfront to that of T&H Doolan Wine Merchant	€37,000

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