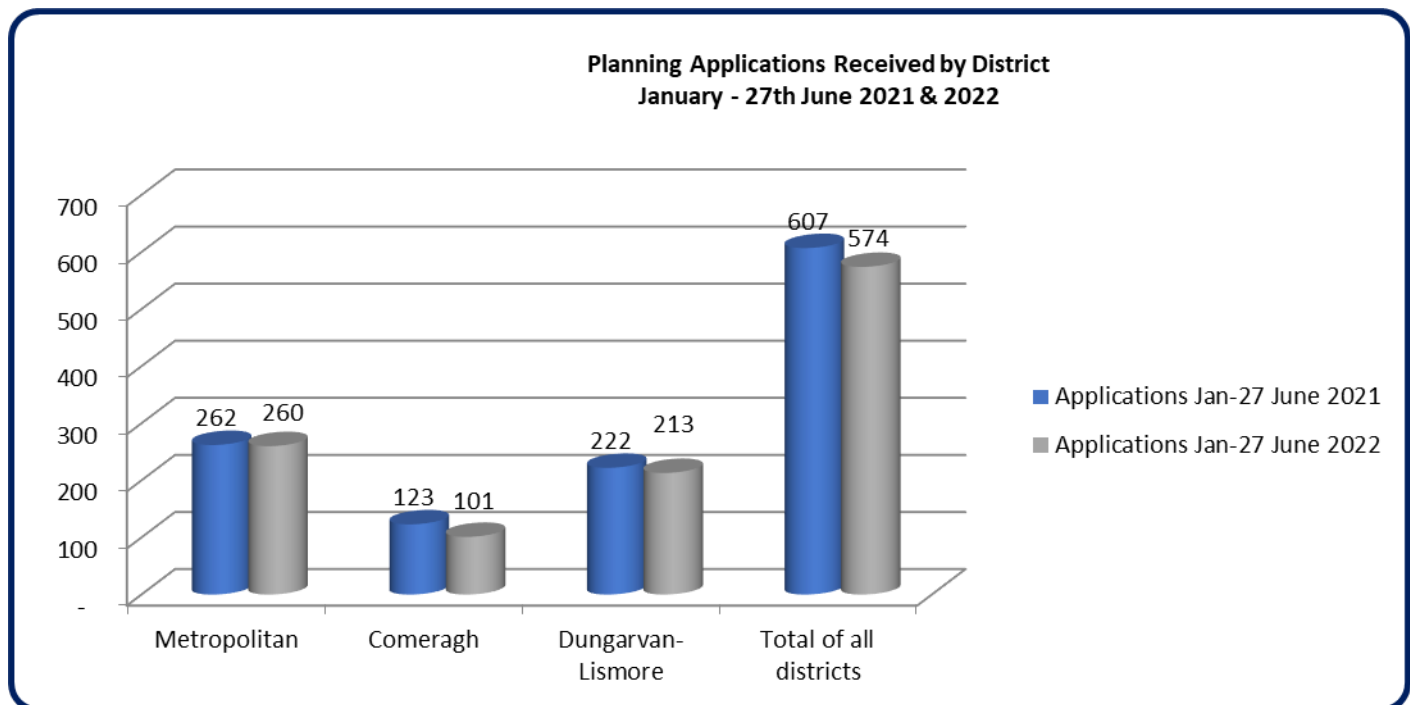


Planning Applications Received – Countywide

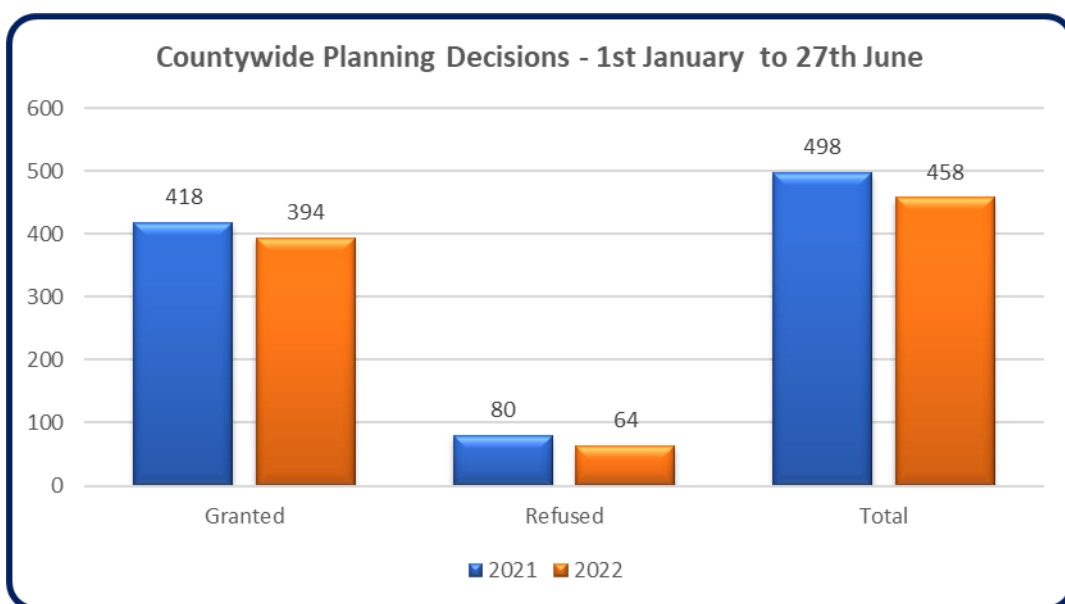
103 Planning applications were received countywide in June 2022 up to and including 27th June 2022. This compares with 134 planning applications received in the full calendar month of June 2021. In May 2022, 110 planning applications were received in the full calendar month, compared to 131 received in May 2021.

A total of 574 planning applications were received in the year to 27th June 2022. This compares to 607 planning applications which were received to the 27th June 2021.



Planning Decisions

458 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 27th June 2022 compared to 498 for the same period in 2021. Of the 458 decisions, 394 decisions were granted and 64 decisions were refused.



Forward Planning July 2022 Report

Making of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The final steps in making the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028 were taken by the council at the special plenary meeting which took place on the 7th of June and an interim version of the Plan (the main policy statement (Volume 1) the development management standards (Volume 2) and the land use zoning and specific development objectives mapping) is available now on the planning pages of the council website www.waterfordcouncil.ie. A public notice in this regard has now issued in local printed media.

The Development Plan will come into effect on the 19th of July at which time the full suite of relevant documentation including the appendices, associated environmental reports and statements and the complete set of map data will be available. Hard copies of volume 1, 2 and the book of land use zoning maps will be issued to all councillors over the coming weeks.

The new Plan has set out in Appendix 16 & 19 the key policy objectives and other areas where monitoring will be required over the lifetime of the Plan, and we will be engaging with the Planning SPC over the coming months to identify how this can be best achieved.

Review of Development Contribution Scheme

Following the provisions of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended, we are currently reviewing the Development Contribution Scheme and intend to bring this to the plenary council over the period to the end of 2022. Once a draft scheme has been agreed with the council, a period of public consultation (minimum 6 weeks) will take place after which the final scheme will be made by the council.

Heritage Officer Report July 2022

Heritage Week

Heritage Week this year runs from August 13th-21st and the Waterford Programme is being developed with event organisers requested to register their details on heritageweek.ie which will inform the printed City and County Heritage Week Guide. Events will include the return of the Viking Heritage Festival at Woodstown on the Waterford Greenway on Sunday August 21st, 10am – 5pm.

Decade of Commemorations

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media allocated €50,000 to Waterford City & County Council for the 2022 programme of commemorations. Upcoming events include a commemoration of the Siege of Waterford on Saturday July 16th in Waterford City with a live tweet of events as they took place 100 years ago and guided walk by James Doherty and talk by Dr. Pat McCarthy in the Garden Room of the Medieval Museum. Research is being carried out to inform a GIS Story Map on Civil War events in Waterford and a website is being developed which will host all material relating to the Decade of Commemorations Programme in Waterford from the past 8 years.

Community Monuments Funding

Waterford City and County Council were awarded an allocation of over €220,000 under the 2022 Community Monuments Fund to support conservation repairs including a Geophysical Survey at Woodstown Viking Site. All projects are in the early stages of progress and will be inspected by National Monuments Staff over the Summer.

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30th June 2022