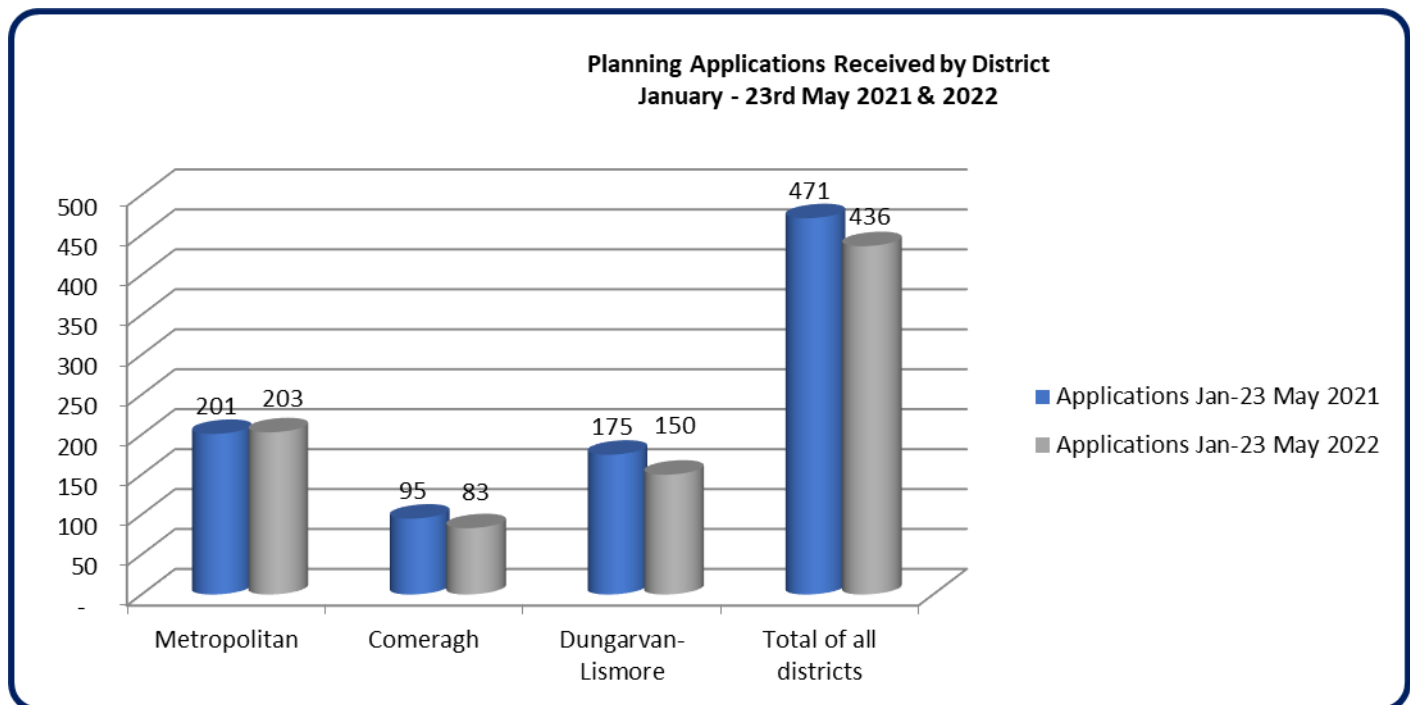


Planning Applications Received – Countywide

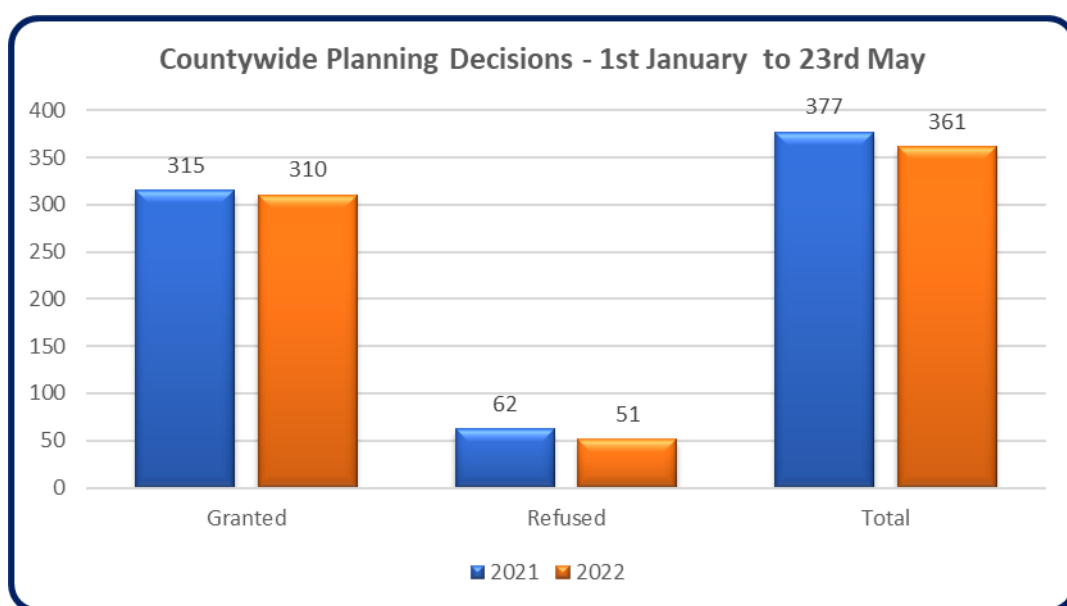
75 Planning applications were received countywide in May 2022 up to and including 23rd May. This compares with 131 planning applications received in the full calendar month of May 2021. In April 2022, 103 planning applications were received in the full calendar month, compared to 104 received in April 2021.

A total of 436 planning applications were received in the year to 23rd May 2022. This compares to 471 planning applications which were received to the 23rd May 2021.



Planning Decisions

361 applications were decided from the 1st of January to 23rd May 2022 compared to 377 for the same period in 2021. Of the 361 decisions, 310 decisions were granted and 51 decisions were refused.



Forward Planning June 2022 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 the Report of the Chief Executive on the public consultation has now been issued to the Council for its consideration. The development plan is to be made on or before the 9th of June and will come into effect on the 21st of July. Workshops, as necessary, will continue with the Council in the interim to ensure adherence to the statutory timeline and the associated legislative provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Heritage Officer Report June 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.

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 Pickardstown Ambush by Dunhill GAA on Friday June 3rd and a talk and commemoration of The Siege of Waterford on Saturday July 16th in Waterford City. 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.

Heritage Skills Programme

The Heritage Council are inviting applications for The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme, a course which aims to preserve heritage building skills that are at risk of being lost. The course is developed by The Prince's Foundation in partnership with The Heritage Council and Historic Environment Division, Department of Communities, Northern Ireland. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to spend 12 months engaging in collaborative learning experiences while honing their heritage craft skills and gaining invaluable experience working on historic sites. It will help preserve skills that are at risk of being lost such as traditional carpentry, lime work, thatching, blacksmithing and stonemasonry. Successful applicants will be awarded a full scholarship and will be provided with a monthly bursary to help cover the cost of travel and accommodation.

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