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Waterford City & County Council

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Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle

Management Report to Council

Bealtaine 2016

Michael Walsh,

Príomhfheidhmeannach

May 2016

Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

The ongoing work of the **Economic Development** Department in sustaining and creating jobs continues and the activities of the Local Enterprise Office also continue within the Department.

US-based OPKO Health Inc announced the creation of 200 highly-skilled jobs in Waterford through expansion of the existing EirGen Pharma facility on the Old Kilmeaden Road and the setting up of a Product Development Centre at an IDA Ireland advance technology building in the Waterford Business & Technology Park at Butlerstown.

The investment, supported by the government through IDA Ireland, will see the new roles created over the next five years and continues a positive jobs trend for Waterford with multinationals and indigenous companies in several growth sectors currently hiring.

The Economic Development and Local Enterprise Office has relocated to 35 The Mall

Waterford LEADER Partnership.

Minutes

Minutes of all LCDC meetings are available on the Council website once approved by the LCDC.

<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/en/Business/Local,Community,Development,Committee/Minutes/>

City Centre Management Group

Work has commenced on reviewing the current City Centre Management Plan which was adopted in October 2013. Following a meeting of the CCMG on April 7th it is expected that there will be a vision document will be produced on the future of the city centre and that this will then go for public consultation with a view towards having a new City Centre Management Plan in Q3 2016.

Planning

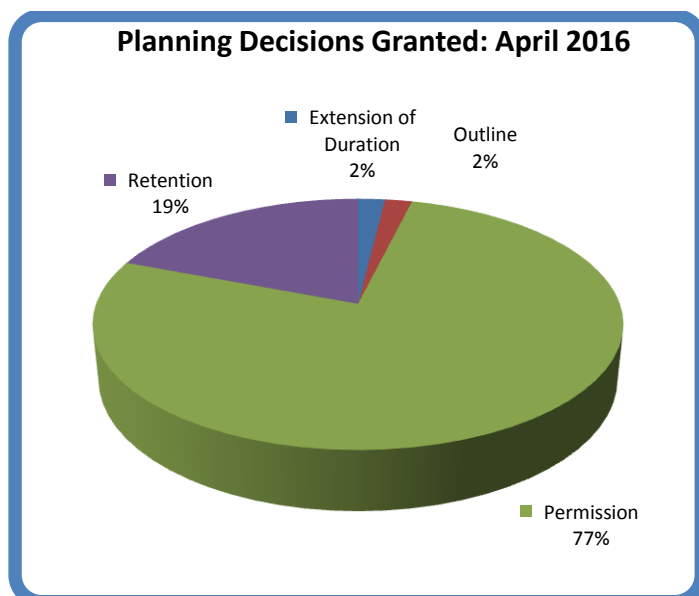
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

85 planning applications were received in the month of April 2016. This compares with 74 planning applications received in the month of April 2015. The first four months of 2016 has seen 289 planning applications being received, compared to 240 planning applications received in first four months of 2015. This represents an increase of 20.4% increase year on year. This is a positive trend, but it needs to be borne in mind that we are increasing from a low base (781 applications were received in 2015, compared to 2,733 applications in 2007)

Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 54 decisions were made in the month of April, 52 of which were granted. An analysis of these granted decisions is provided below.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 189 preplanning applications have been received this year.

Forward Planning

Strategic Development Zone - Waterford North Quays

The non-statutory pre- plan public consultation stage was advertised to engage the views of the public on the preparation of a planning scheme for this area. This pre- plan consultation stage was completed on 31st March 2016. The forward planning unit has collated the submissions received, which numbered 15. Consultants are now being appointed to report on the development of public infrastructure in the North quays including the pedestrian bridge. At this point, it is envisaged that the draft planning scheme will be ready to go on public display in early 2017.

Planning

Development Management Standards Variation

The variation is required in order to provide for consistent development management standards across the entire Planning Authority area of Waterford City & County. The draft variation was placed on public display for a period of 4 weeks. The public display period for the development Management standards variation closed on the 11th of April. A Chief Executives report is currently being prepared, addressing the submissions received and will be issued to the Elected Members for the May Council meeting.

Renewable Energy Strategy

A Renewable Energy Strategy is currently being prepared for the City and County. The Strategy will assess the potential of various renewable energy technologies for Waterford. The RES will not involve a review of the Wind Energy Strategy which will be dealt with separately as part of the review of the City and County Development Plan. The pre-draft consultation stage has recently concluded. A sub-committee of the Planning SPC recently participated in a workshop to examine various renewable energy technologies. It is envisaged that a draft Renewable Energy Strategy will be put on public display after the June Council meeting.

Conservation

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016

Grants have now been allocated to 18 projects in the city and county. The projects are expected to generate about €225,000 euro of investment throughout the County.

The Structures at Risk Fund 2016

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, announced funding of €624,000 for the protection and upgrading of heritage buildings under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016. The application window has now closed - the closing date for applications was the 12th of April 2016. Three valid applications were received for the County, and these were forwarded onto the Department for consideration.

Heritage

Heritage Plan

A meeting of the Heritage Forum will be held this month to draw up actions for Draft Plan. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be prepared for September 2016.

Heritage Week

Events are currently being planned by the Heritage Council in conjunction with our cultural heritage team. Events need to be registered at www.heritageweek.ie by the end of May.

Unfinished Housing Estates

An individual report will issue to each Council District.

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Fire Service

Operational Activity:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for the year to date and for the month of April. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	31	13	5
Comeragh	5	3	1
Dungarvan/Lismore	21	8	1
Total for April	57	24	7
Total 2016	208	149	38

Fire Safety

Applications for fire safety certificates and referrals from the Planning Authority received for fire safety and building control advice are shown as follows

Applications Received	Year to date	April
Fire Safety Certificates	32	9
Planning Referrals	194	38

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Building Control

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1st March 2014, are being delivered within Emergency Services. Notices and applications associated with these regulations are shown below as well as referrals from the Planning Authority for fire safety and building control advice.

Application/Notification	Total 2016	April 2016
Commencement Notices	104	32
Completion Certificates	50	10
Disability Access Certificates	29	4

Civil Defence

A full account of Civil Defence activities in April is unavailable at this time. Details will be included in the report to the June meetings

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme

The Road Works Programme for the Metropolitan District for 2016 (RWP 2016) has commenced with some footpath repairs around Waterford City. There have been delays in commencing the RWP 2016 in a large part this is due to the clear up and repairs following storm damage in December 2015 and January 2016. The tender for surfacing works in Dunmore East has been awarded to Roadstone Limited and will commence early in May 2016. A tender for macadam works in Waterford City is currently being prepared and will be advertised in May.

Coastal Repair Works

Work on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore resumed in April 2016 and will continue over the next few months.

The Contract for the Passage East Flood Relief Scheme has been awarded. The Contract was signed on the 29th February 2016 in Passage East. Construction work has commenced and is likely to take 22 weeks to complete.

Work on the drainage outfall at Blenheim continues. A Part 8 application has been prepared to construct this outfall and goes on display on the 25th May 2016. A budget has been allocated from the Road Works Programme in 2016. Although this will not complete all of the work required, the outfall and construction of a number of gullies will be completed in 2016. Further works will be required in 2017 to complete this work.

National Surfacing Schemes

N25 Pike Hill Contract – Contract complete.

N72 Cappoquin, Kitchenhole- Under procurement.

Cushcam – Traffic modelling has been completed and validated. Cost benefit analysis almost complete. Report from THRDO has been sent to TII.

N25 Gortavickery – Design being finalized by THRDO.

Coastal Repair works

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Roads and Transportation

Smarter Travel Progress Report May 2016

Waterford Greenway

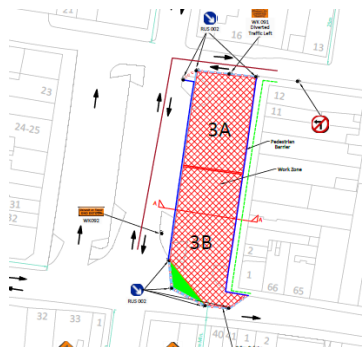
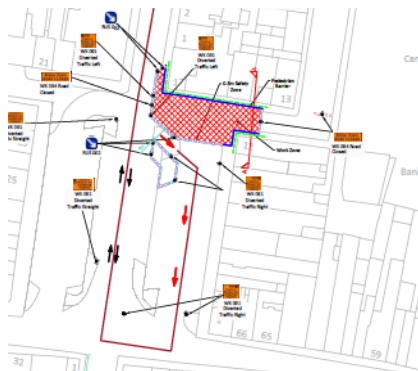
- Pavement Surfacing Works are complete from Clonea to the western approach of the N25 Underpass at McGrath's Cross, with the exception of the short section between the two Level Crossings at Carrickarea and Ballylinch.
- Pavement Capping is 80% complete between N25 McGraths Cross and N25 Kildermody.
- Pavement Capping is 60% complete between N25 Kildermody and Kilmeaden Railway Station.
- Pavement Capping is 100% complete between Kilmeaden Railway Station and WIT Carriganore.
- Pavement Surfacing is complete from WIT Carriganore to Bilberry.
- Underground Utility Ducting from Clonea to Bilberry is 70% complete.
- Two Car Parks have been provided at Clonea (Start of Greenway) and a third has been completed at Durrow and in use. Another Car Parking facility has been provided at the Kilmacthomas. There is a Car Parking facility currently being developed at McGraths Cross on the L3037. Other possible locations are being surveyed.
- Tree/Hedge Planting from Clonea to Carrickarea is complete. Grassing not done yet.
- Lighting Electrical Works in the Ballyvoyle Tunnel are 95% complete. Awaiting on ESB Networks to install power supply for contractor.
- The prefabricated Bridge Extension Structures from Kilmeaden to Bilberry for bridges 112, 113, 116, 117, 118 are delivered on site. Ongoing piling at bridge 114.
- Accommodation Works to Householders from Carrolls Cross (Greenan level Crossing) to N25 Kildermody 80% complete. Clonea to Greenan is 100% complete.
- Accommodation Works to Farmholdings ongoing Structures and fencing. R675 Underpass at Clonea will commence towards end of May – Croom Concrete.
- N25 Overbridge at Kilmacthomas is well in progress – SIAC.
- N25 Greenway Underpass at McGrath's Cross is installed and full road width is open to Live Traffic. Construction of retaining Walls to both approaches are ongoing – JONS Civil Engineering.
- N25 Greenway Underpass at Kildermody – Trial Holing services and Setting out – JONS Civil Engineering.

Grattan Square

The contractor is currently carrying out works on the eastern half of the square as shown below on the left and also on Section 3A. Minor works on Section 1A & 1B ongoing.

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Roads and Transportation



N25

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

Cappoquin Road

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

Ballinroad

Work has been delayed due to the departure of a member of staff. We expect substantial progress during May.

Emmett Street.

The scheme involves widening footpaths and introducing crossing points to make the junction more user friendly for vulnerable road users. Works are on schedule.

Kilminnin

The narrow section of track at this location needs to be widened. The landowner has agreed to arbitration / conciliation and works are now expected to commence during May.

Ringnasilloge

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Roads and Transportation

The CPO oral hearing has been concluded. Part 8 approval and approval of the Natura Impact Assessment must be decided by An Bord Pleanála before the CPO is either affirmed or refused. This process is ongoing. An objection to the Part 8 application has been lodged by the landowner.

Behavioural Change

No works during April due to departure of staff member and budgetary constraints

VJP Schedule of Works 2016

Week	WK Comm	Engineering Area	GSS
1	04/01/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
2	11/01/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
3	18/01/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
4	25/01/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
5	01/02/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
6	08/02/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
7	15/02/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
8	22/02/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler

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9	29/02/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
10	07/03/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
11	14/03/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
12	21/03/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
13	28/03/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
14	04/04/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
15	11/04/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
16	18/04/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
17	25/04/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
18	02/05/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
19	09/05/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
20	16/05/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
21	23/05/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
22	30/05/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
23	06/06/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
24	13/06/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
25	20/06/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
26	27/06/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
27	04/07/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
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32	08/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
33	15/08/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
34	22/08/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
35	29/08/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
36	05/09/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
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38	19/09/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
39	26/09/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
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49	05/12/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
50	12/12/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe

Hybrid Combi Schedule of Works 2016

Week	Wk Comm	Engineering Area	GSS
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Combi Unit delivery due by Mid March, 2016

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18	02/05/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
19	09/05/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
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Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during April 2015	Applications during April 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	85	95	305
Applications validated	24	72	238
Applications approved	45	58	216

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during April 2015	New Tenancies during April 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	1	1	0	6
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	1	4	2	11
Metropolitan	8	16	3	53
Voluntary Bodies	0	0	0	56
Totals	8	21	5	126

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	April 2015 HAP tenancies	April 2016 HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up
HAP Tenancies	39	37	104

Housing

Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People, People with a Disability and Mobility Aids

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to April 2016	Number of applications to April 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Maximum €30,000	€0.00	0	€47,995.00	4
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€28,758.02	5	€111,173.02	22
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€12,251.44	3	€60,090.55	12
Total	€41,009.46	8	€219,258.57	38

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
April Cases presented	53	32
Cumulative number of cases presented	229	149

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	April 2016	April 2015
Individuals	106	82
Individuals with dependent children	9	7
Families with no dependent children	2	1
Families with dependent children	6	2

Currently in emergency B&B homeless accommodation in Waterford (included in above figures):

In total, 14 adults and 11 children composed of 2 families, 4 adults with 4 children, 4 single parent families with 7 children, 1 couple and 4 individuals.

Housing

Capital Projects

Current Construction Projects

- Old Cinema Site Dungarvan 15 Units – Contractor on site, due for completion in August 2016

Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Expected to go to tender in July 2016	Liaising with DECLG at present
Larchville (5)	Expected to go to tender in June 2016	Liaising with DECLG at present
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Expected to go to tender in July 2016	Part 8 completed
Cappoquin (4)	Expected to go to tender in June 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Expected to go to tender in June 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Expected to go to tender in October 2016	Intention to revert to District in April to complete Part 8
Dungarvan Ballinroad (20)	Expected to go to tender in January 2017	Liaising with DECLG
Tramore An Garran (32)	Expected to go to tender in February 2017	Stage 1 Approval

Retrofitting Insulation works

An initial grant of €350,000 has just been approved and some 350 houses will be selected for improvement works. It is expected to receive more funding in the next 2 months. Estates to be improved are being surveyed and these will be listed at the relevant upcoming District meetings as they are finalised.

SEAI Schemes

A SEAI grant has been applied for this year for Energy/Insulation upgrades to houses

Estates identified for consideration that fulfill all the SEAI criteria include:

Monastery Street, St Ignatius Street and Presentation Row all in the city; Caseyville and Keating Street both in Dungarvan and the Inner town area of Portlaw. Also, the St Vincent De Paul Houses in Tramore. However the number of houses will depend on the Grant allocation received.

Housing

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	9 units
Works commenced/underway	21 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	21 units
Newly vacant	13 units
In Regeneration programme	17 units
Total voids	81 units

Response maintenance

In April 2016, there were a total of 695 recorded complaints. 545 have been resolved and 150 are pending.

Community Services

Supporting Waterford Communities Fund

Recommendation regarding allocations to be approved at the May Council meeting and processing of grants can commence after this date.

Joint Policing Committee

Meeting held on 11th April 2016.

Social Inclusion:

- Local Development Strategy: Work ongoing to ensure complementarity of SICAP programme and LDS.
- 2nd meeting of joint Traveller Integration Group held

Comhairle na nÓg:

New Co-ordinator, Nora Furlong is in place from the 4th April

Bike Week Funding:

National Bike Week will take place from 11th to 19th June 2016. 39 events will take place in Waterford as part of this week long celebration of cycling. 6 events are being organised directly by Waterford City and County Council in partnership with Waterford Sports Partnership and An Taisce including: Lunchtime Cycles in Waterford and Dungarvan on Wed 15th June; Dawn Cycles in Waterford and Dungarvan on 12th and 19th June respectively and a two day Cycling Festival for primary schools in the RSC, Waterford.

WC&CC is supporting 33 other events being organised by schools, local community groups etc. over the course of the week with the assistance of Bike Week funding made available to the Local Authority by the Department of Transport. Bike Week 2016 will be officially launched in Waterford in mid May. Full details of all events taking place in Waterford will be available on WC&CC and WSP websites as well as www.bikeweek.ie, as well as local media.

Greenway Public Meetings:

Good attendance at Community information meetings

Council to support **National Recreation Week (3rd July - 9th July) and National Play Day (Sunday 3rd July)**. The theme for this year is 'Remembering 1916'

Tidy Estates Award for Council estates being organised for Summer 2016, further details at June meeting.

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme:

Awaiting details from DCELG

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In April, 47,060 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 40,303 items during the month. Active membership for April was 16,225.

In April, 230 events took place in libraries, highlights included:

- **West Waterford Festival of Food 15 & 16 April:** Dungarvan Library events: Edible Jewellery workshop, 15 attended. Make a Vegetable Man Workshop, 15 attended, Dungarvan Film Club screening: El Bulli – Venue Old Market House Arts Centre a joint Libraries/Arts collaboration, 78 attended.
- **Film screening 21 April: The Humpback Whales of Cape Verde:** Canola Pictures in association with The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) screened this film as part of a unique collaboration with the libraries of Ireland, organized by Dungarvan Library, Venue Old Market House Arts Centre, 14 attended.
- **1916 Commemoration Programme:** Talk by Historian Dr. Pat McCarthy “Waterford Men of the 1916 Rising” 30th April Dungarvan Library, 25 attended. Talk by Dr. Emmett O’Connor “Larkinism in the revolutionary decade” Central Library, 50 attended. 30th April, Niall De Burca bilingual storytelling to local schools, 12th April, organised by Tramore Library, 500 attended.
- **Towers and Tales Children’s Festival 23 April:** The festival featured a line-up of Irish & international writers and illustrators. Library staff have worked in partnership with the Festival and had a strong presence at the Festival with 11 library staff working at a Book Swap stand, Book Gifting stand, storytelling and author liaison and other activities on the day.
- **Towers and Tales** events in libraries: Dungarvan Library 22 April: Sarah Webb read to 115 school children, Lismore Library 23 April: Book Babies with Niamh Sharkey and Sarah Webb, 408 attended.

Upcoming events in May:

- **Waterford Writers Weekend 5-8th May:** Organised by Library and Arts staff and incorporating the Sean Dunne Young Poets Award, the 2016 festival features events and authors including Amnesty International Director Colm O’Gorman, RTE Broadcaster Sinead Gleeson, authors Gene Kerrigan, Carlo Gébler and academic Dr. Eibhear Walshe in a host of discussions, readings, workshops and talks.
- **Bealtaine Festival:** Wide range of events and activities for older people including art, printing, dance workshops, talks and exhibitions organised by library staff in branches across the service.

Library Development:

- Carrickphierish Library: Snagging, Stock tender and Furniture Tender award process ongoing.
- Marketing: Library staff interviewed on WLR and promoted Waterford Writers Weekend.

Arts & Culture

Arts

The Arts Office will host the presentation of the national Seán Dunne Young Poets Award, plus the launch of an Anthology of New Writing from young Waterford Writers from Waterford Youth Arts as part of the programme for the Waterford Writers Weekend on May 6th. An Artlinks commissioned piece will be performed at Garter Lane Arts Centre during the weekend.

The Arts Office has announced a suite of bursaries which are available to artists in all disciplines from Waterford for the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, the artists' workplace in County Monaghan. The residential Drama League of Ireland Summer School at the University of Limerick.

Young Waterford musicians will be supported to attend the Irish Youth Choir Summer School, the Irish Youth Orchestra Summer School and the Blas Traditional Music Summer School.

Short listing is underway for the national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2016. Plus Waterford Writers' can avail of the opportunity to attend the Molly Keane Writers Retreat Week in Ardmore, Co. Waterford.

In addition the Arts Office is a partner in the annual Ted and Mary O' Regan Arts bursary which nurtures creative talent.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan hosted successful events for the Waterford Festival of Food and the Celtic Media Festival.

Decisions on Arts practice and venues grants are currently being communicated to applicants.

Work on the Arts Strategy continues.

The Arts Officers continue to engage with the next stage of the ECOC bid.

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2016 – 28th April 2016

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	64
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	25
No of Notices Issued 9, 16, 17, 20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

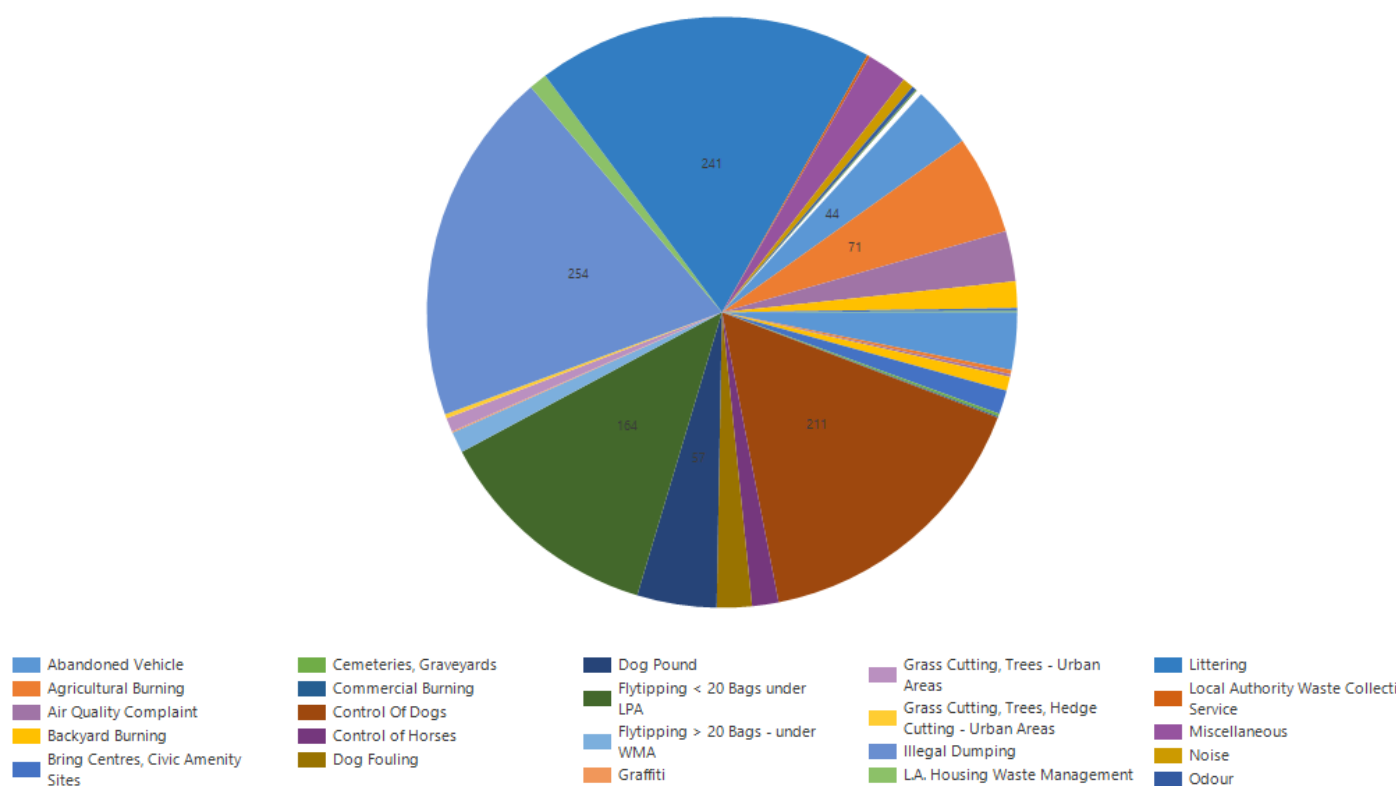
1st January 2016 – 28th April 2016

No of Complaints	890
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on waste issues)	49
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	27
Section 71's (Abandoned vehicle Notices)	12
Warning Letters Sent	14
Section 14 Directions	1

Environmental Services

Environmental Complaints

To date in the year 2016 a total of 1309 complaints/issues have been received by the Environment Dept. and the following graph shows the category and number of complaints received. Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. Waterford City & County Councils Dog Wardens continue to investigate all control of dogs issue throughout the City & County.



Members of the public are encouraged to contact the local authority to report all incidents of illegal dumping, littering or other environmental issue of concern by using the following telephone number: 0761 10 20 20.

Environmental Services

Environmental Education & Awareness

- **National Tree Week**

National Tree Week took place 6 – 13 March 2016. 300 saplings were made available to Waterford and City Council for distribution to community groups, schools, etc. These saplings were publicised and an unprecedented number of requests were received. Among other events, a tree planting took place at Six Acre Park, Waterford as part of Tree Week.

- **Green Flag Programme**

Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools continues, with work ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Assessments took place recently with all schools that are hoping to renew their Green Flag or applying for their first flag. All successful schools will be awarded their Green Flag at a regional awards ceremony in Kilkenny on Tuesday 10th May.

- **National Spring Clean**

National Spring Clean takes place throughout the month of April. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc have been invited to take part by holding a cleanup of their local area. Waterford City & County Council offer assistance to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Now in its 18th year, the National Spring Clean campaign is Ireland's largest anti-litter initiative and each year throughout April, over half a million people take part in over 5,000 clean-ups across the country. Clean ups have been taking place throughout the county.

- **Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign**

The Environment Awareness Officers of the South East region have combined their resources to develop an anti litter awareness campaign. The campaign is a joint venture of Tipperary County Council, Kilkenny County Council, Waterford City and County Council, Wexford County Council and Carlow County Council and will begin next month. The campaign will target roadside litter, in particular loose litter thrown from vehicles. The campaign elements includes radio, print media and social media elements. This will be launched in Waterford on 3rd May.

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- **Anti -Litter & Anti-Graffiti**

Submissions have been invited for an anti litter and anti graffiti awareness grant. This is available to community groups, youth groups, schools or other community development organisations, based in County Waterford, who are interested in receiving funding for public education and awareness initiatives regarding litter or graffiti. Only applications with education awareness will be considered. The grant is not for structural items, such as street furniture, signs or CCTV cameras etc.

- **Waste Prevention Grant**

A waste prevention grant has also been advertised. This grant is funded as part of our [Waste Prevention Programme for the County \(Ref; Action Policy B1.2 and B.2.3 of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021\)](#). This scheme aims to support communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas, and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups. Waste prevention is a process of re-thinking how we do things in order not to create waste. Preventing waste is about finding ways to keep items in use longer and not generating as much waste in the first place. It's about rethinking the way we do things – redesigning the items we use – changing attitudes and changing behaviours' about what we buy and what we throw away, but most of all, working together and thinking creatively to do something about it. Eligible projects that could be funded, but are not limited to, include repair skills workshops, up-cycling workshops, elimination of single-use items, community composting, food waste prevention, etc.

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- **Metropolitan:**

Tree planting has taken place over the past number of weeks in Oriel Square; Cherrymount; Viewmount; The Folly; Pine Court; Saint Herblain Park and The Anchorage. Alongside this our staff are completing routine maintenance of our public spaces and now with the slight improvement of the weather people are getting the opportunity to access our parks.

On Thursday last a commemorative tree planting ceremony took place in Farronshoneen Park to mark Worker's Memorial Day a Red Maple tree was planted to mark this day.

In the Tramore area tree planting has been completed around the GAA field and the approach to the adjacent roundabout. Grass cutting has commenced in earnest in Tramore. Preparations are being made for the arrival of summer and the floral summer displays which it brings.

- **Dungarvan:**

The landscape facelift of both the Coolagh Roundabout and the Kilrush roundabouts is well in hand and it expected that both will be completed by the end of May . Beech hedging which has been planted on the approach to the Coolagh Roundabout is coming into leaf and will add a colourful element to the area. At the '*Welcome To Dungarvan*' sign each side has been landscaped and will be shortly planted with ornamental grasses. The approach beds at the roundabout shall be planted with herbaceous planting to compliment the similar planting completed last year further along the bypass. The central part of the roundabout shall be planted this week with upright Yew columns which will give height and character the roundabout.

The Kilrush roundabout with its elevated aspect has been planted with some five multi - stem **Himalayan Birch trees** which show off their brilliant white bark in winter. This week we are expecting delivery of the ornamental grasses which shall be planted to the feet of these **Himalayan** Birch trees. Alongside this the remainder of the roundabout shall be finished with decorative bark mulch to give another contrasting colour. The landscape character of these roundabouts shall draw on the natural colours of the white bark of the birch trees, the green of the ornamental grasses and the brown of the bark mulch, all contrasting yet complementing each other.

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Waterford Energy Bureau

WCCC has submitted a funding application under the 2016 SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme. Project partners within the included within application for energy efficiency / renewable energy technologies upgrades:

- Cunnigar Pitch and Putt Club, Dungarvan, County Waterford.
- Ring College, Ring Dungarvan, County Waterford
- Care of the Aged, Dungarvan, County Waterford
- Wexford Waterford Educational Training Board, Wolfe tone rd, Dungarvan
- Kill National School, Kill, Co Waterford.
- Honeywell Aerospace, Cork Rd, Waterford
- Care of the Aged, Dungarvan, County Waterford
- Ardkeen Superstore, Ardkeen Waterford
- Newtown Junior School, Newtown, County Waterford
- Manor St John youth services, Lisduggan, Waterford
- Saint Vincent de Paul, Convent Hill, Tramore
- Carbally Community centre, Rathmoylan, County Waterford
- WCCC Buildings including Court House / Motor TaxOffice / Depot Dungarvan and City Hall
- Private fuel poor and social housing upgrades at Keating street / Caseyville Dungarvan, SVDP Convent Hill Tramore, Brown Street Portlaw, and Monastery Street Waterford.

The Renewable Energy Strategy for Waterford City and County Council is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Plenary Council at the June meeting.

The strategy will detail the potential of renewable energy technologies in Waterford from 2016-2030.

Website

Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at www.waterfordcouncil.ie

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Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to March 31, 2016

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	5,197,147	22,442,073	23%	4,991,713	23,120,415	22%
B	Road Transport & Safety	6,825,957	28,568,589	24%	3,874,246	18,698,041	21%
C	Water Services	2,688,983	10,778,764	25%	2,398,756	10,128,362	24%
D	Development Management	2,707,001	12,006,479	23%	928,984	4,861,389	19%
E	Environmental Services	4,118,404	17,492,221	24%	423,154	2,180,127	19%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,389,366	12,132,499	20%	450,917	2,312,364	20%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	651,680	1,669,424	39%	333,945	914,688	37%
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,131,535	13,340,383	23%	1,452,999	4,507,432	32%
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	4,284,004	17,136,015	25%
PL	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	445,893	1,981,582	23%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	8,146,088	32,590,017	25%
		27,710,073	118,430,432	23%	27,730,699	118,430,432	23%
Surplus/Deficit					20,626	0	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-3-2016								
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	Accrued ytd to Mar 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Mar	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 31-3-2016 [4-5+7]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	32,992,923	-	34,240	32,958,683	5,360,679	16%	5,551,908	33,149,912
Loans	868,124			868,124	798,715	92%	976,945	1,046,354
Rents	2,931,323			2,931,323	2,837,095	97%	2,468,431	2,562,659
Aged Analysis of Net Balances								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
Rates		-	30,032,824	1,067,707	2,049,381	33,149,912		
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		122,574	94,926	201,148	627,706	1,046,354		
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		142,154	126,802	156,654	2,137,049	2,562,659		
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in March- 2 days		Cost -€119	Average - €550k Cr					