

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

Waterford City & County Council

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Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle

Management Report to Council

Meitheamh 2016

Michael Walsh,

Príomhfheidhmeannach

June 2016

Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive

Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

Year to Date Activity

Indicator	At end May 2015	At end of May 2016
No. of Clients met	164	138
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	26	19
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	14	17
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€291,850	€309,287
No. of clients applying for Measure 2 support	206	298
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	162	274
Value of Measure 2 support given	€106,690	€153,200

Planning

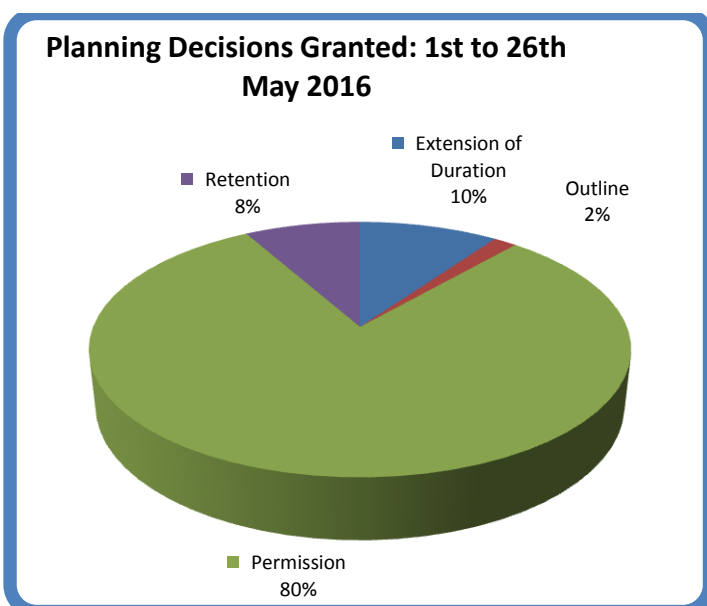
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

63 planning applications were received in the month of May 2016 up to the 26th of the month. This compares with 79 planning applications received in the full month of May 2015. The first five months of 2016 has seen 352 planning applications being received, compared to 319 planning applications received in the first four months of 2015.

Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 62 decisions were made in the month of May, 61 of which were granted. An analysis of these granted decisions is provided below.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 220 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 22nd of May of which 80.5% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

Planning

Forward Planning

Strategic Development Zone - Waterford North Quays

Consultants will be appointed before the end of June to consider the infrastructural issues surrounding the site and the pedestrian bridge. The consultants will report back to the Council and this will help inform the planning scheme which will be in draft format in early 2017.

Development Management Standards Variation

A Chief Executive's report was issued to the Elected Members at the May Council meeting. The members have six weeks in which to consider the report's recommendation. A workshop was held on the 26th of May to discuss any issues with the Elected Members.

Renewable Energy Strategy

A draft Renewable Energy Strategy has been prepared for the City and County which assesses the potential of various renewable energy technologies for Waterford. The draft RES will be presented to the June meeting of the Planning SPC. It is envisaged that a draft RES will be put on public display, as part of a statutory process, after the June Council meeting.

Heritage

Heritage Week

National Heritage Week takes place from August 21st to August 28th. An events programme is being planned by the Cultural Services team which includes talks and walks with themes on 1916, Viking heritage and urban history.

Waterford Heritage Plan

Invitation for submissions from the public on the new Waterford Heritage Plan was advertised in March and a number of submissions were received. It is aimed to have a Draft Plan available for public consultation by early autumn.

Heritage Council Grants

Over €65,000 has been allocated to projects under the Heritage Council's Heritage Management Scheme to Waterford. Twelve projects in total were grant aided across the County. The full list of the projects grant aided is available through the following link:

<http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/grants/2016-grant-offers/>

Unfinished Housing Estates

An individual report will issue to each Council District.

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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 and work will now commence early in June 2016. A tender for macadam works in Waterford City is currently being prepared and will be advertised in the coming weeks. Drainage works are ongoing throughout the County.

Coastal Repair Works

Work on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore is ongoing. The Contract for the Passage East Flood Relief Scheme has been awarded. Construction work has commenced and is likely to take 22 weeks to complete.

A Part 8 application has been prepared to construct the outfall at Blenheim and has been on display since the 25th May 2016. A budget has been allocated from the Road Works Programme in 2016. The planning process will be complete at the end of July at which time the project will go to tender.

National Surfacing Schemes

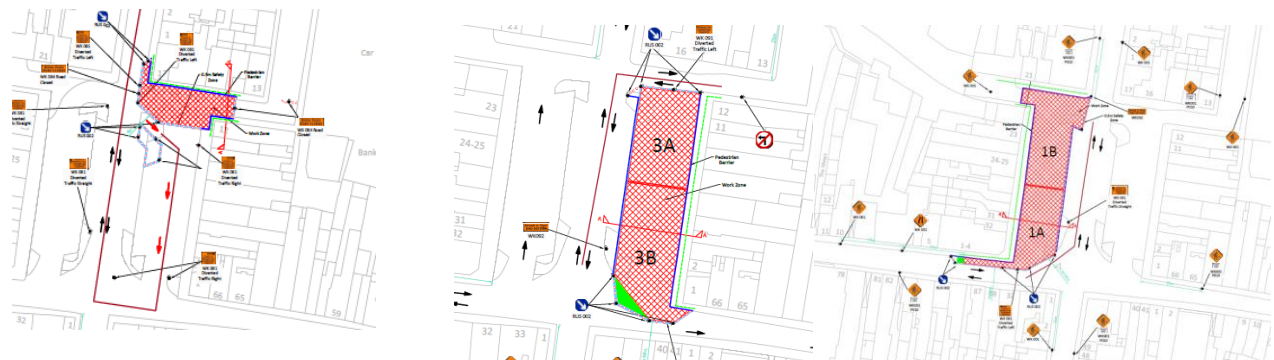
N72 Cappoquin, Kitchenhole- Complete.

Cusham – 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.

Smarter Travel Progress Report May 2016

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.



Roads and Transportation

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 Kilmachthomas. 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 Kilmachthomas is well in progress.
- 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.
- N25 Greenway Underpass at Kildermody – Trial Holing services and Setting out.

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.

Roads and Transportation

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

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.

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Roads and Transportation

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
9	29/02/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
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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
28	11/07/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
29	18/07/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
30	25/07/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
31	01/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
32	08/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
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34	22/08/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
35	29/08/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
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38	19/09/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
39	26/09/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
40	03/10/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
41	10/10/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy

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42	17/10/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
43	24/10/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
44	31/10/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
45	07/11/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
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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 May. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	39	17	13
Comeragh	3	4	1
Dungarvan/Lismore	13	4	0
Total for May	55	25	14
Total 2016	263	174	52

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	May
Fire Safety Certificates	40	8
Planning Referrals	254	60

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	May 2016
Commencement Notices	140	36
Completion Certificates	68	18
Disability Access Certificates	33	4

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Civil Defence

The following are the activities of Civil Defence during the months of April & May.

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Cycle 4CF	Sun 3 rd April	Ambulance and 4 crew
Dungarvan Cycle Race	03 rd April 2016	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulance & 4 support Vehicles
CISIM refresher Roscrea	Saturday 9 th of April	2 members
Reception of recruits into Civil Defence proper	Wednesday 13 th of April	All members
Festival of Food, Dungarvan	16/17th April 2016	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulance & 2 support Vehicles
Inter Agency Exercise, Tramore	19 th April 2016	Communications Support, 2 Vehicles
1916 Flag raising ceremony Waterford	Sunday 24 th of April	28 Members, 1 Ambulance, 1 Minibus & 1 jeep
CFR Training, Dungarvan	7 th May	Internal Training
Darkness into Light Walk	7 th of May	2 Ambulances, 2 Minibuses, 2 4X4 Jeeps, 1 van & Comms Equip.
CSIM seminar Carlow	10 th of May	1 Minibus
RSA, CVRT, RPAS seminar Phoenix Park	12 th of May	1 4X4 Jeep
Opening of Ballygunner Scouts New Camp Site	15 th of May	1 Ambulance
Fundraiser walk for Cancer	20 th of May	1 Ambulance
CFR Training, Dungarvan	28 th May	Internal Training
Corpus Christie Procession	29 th of May	2 4X4 Jeeps, 1 Ambulance, 2 Minibuses, & Comms Equip.,

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during May 2015	Applications during May 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	86	70	375
Applications validated	43	55	293
Applications approved	49	52	268

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during May 2015	New Tenancies during May 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	1	2	2	8
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	2	5	3	16
Metropolitan	16	8	1	61
Voluntary Bodies	0	4	0	60
Totals	19	19	6	145

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	May 2015 HAP tenancies	May 2016 HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up
HAP Tenancies	49	37	156

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to May 2016	Number of applications to May 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Maximum €30,000	€1,915.30	1	€49,910.30	5
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€11,700.00	2	€122,873.02	24
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€12,793.16	3	€72,883.71	15
Total	€26,408.46	6	€245,667.03	44

Housing

Shared Ownership to Annuity Loans

Waterford City & County Council are now in a position to re-structure shared ownership loans.

Shared ownership mortgage holders are being contacted by the Finance Dept (commencing with pre 2002 loans) inviting mortgage holders to discuss options.

Where a mortgage holder has an outstanding shared ownership loan only remaining, it can be converted to a 3% fixed rate annuity.

Where there is both annuity and shared ownership outstanding it can be converted to 100% annuity at variable rate (currently 2.55%).

The Council can also extend the term of the loans if affordability/sustainability is an issue.

The subsidy (which can amount to €2,550 per annum) which is available under shared ownership will not be available to 100% annuity mortgages.

Post 2002 shared ownership mortgage holders will be contacted by the Finance Dept. by the end of 2016

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
May Cases presented	55	35
Cumulative number of cases presented	284	184

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	May 2016	May 2015
Individuals	113	92
Individuals with dependent children	13	7
Families with no dependent children	0	1
Families with dependent children	10	4

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

In total, 15 adults and 17 children composed of 4 families, 8 adults with 12 children, 5 single parent families with 6 children and 2 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 August 2016	Liaising with DECLG at present
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Expected to go to tender in August/September 2016	Part 8 completed & currently in process of appointing Design team from National Framework
Cappoquin (4)	Expected to go to tender at the end of June 2016	Tender Docs being prepared & nearing completion. Delays due to additional site survey requirements of Structural Engineer.
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Expected to go to tender at the end of June 2016	Tender Docs being prepared & nearing completion. Delays due to additional site survey requirements of Structural Engineer.
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Expected to go to tender in October 2016	Intention to revert to District in June 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 around the City & County are currently being selected for improvement works. It is expected to receive an additional €350,000 during the second half of the year for further works. Estates to be improved are currently being surveyed and these will be listed at the relevant upcoming District meetings as the lists are finalised.

Housing

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, included are the St Vincent De Paul Houses in Tramore. However the number of houses will depend on the Grant allocation received.

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	17 units
Works commenced/underway	14 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	13 units
Newly vacant	8 units
In Regeneration programme	17 units
Total voids	69 units

Response maintenance

In May 2016, there were a total of 609 recorded requests. 451 have been resolved and 158 are pending.

Community Services

Supporting Waterford Communities Fund

Recommendation re allocations approved at May Council meeting. Processing of grants has commenced

Social Inclusion

Local Development Strategy: Work ongoing to ensure complementarity of SICAP programme and LDS.

Next meeting of joint Traveller Integration Group to be held on 13th June

Comhairle na nÓg

New Co-ordinator, Nora Furlong in place

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. 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.

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:

Waterford City & County Council will shortly be accepting applications for the Tidy Estate Competition 2016 from residents associations and community groups in local authority housing estates.

"Operation Spick and Span" is a new competition to acknowledge the selfless work done by individuals, residents associations and communities who go to great lengths to improve and enhance their estates by keeping them clean and well presented.

The ultimate aim of the competition is to achieve a cleaner, greener environment and attractively presented estates and open areas that will benefit all residents and visitors to the areas. Judging of entrants will take place from end June to September, with a final decision in late September 2016.

Information leaflets and application forms will be available shortly.

Community Services

New Communities

Waterford City & County Council, in partnership with **The Integration & Support Unit (ISU)**, supported Africa Day 2016 held on 25th May in Ballybricken.

PPN

PPN representatives involved in organising Community Safety Networking meetings

Pride of Place

Pride of Place entries 2016 are:

- Kilmacthomas
- Waterford Youth Arts
- ISU Barrack Street

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In May, 46,324 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 41,238 items during the month. Active membership for May was 16,688.

In May, 241 events took place in Libraries, highlights included:

- **Waterford Writers Weekend 5-8th May:** The festival programme included 9 workshops and 18 events attended by **over 1,450** people in 7 venues including Central Library and Greyfriars Gallery. High profile events included a schools talk *The Science of Magic*, with author Dave Rudden (250 school children attended), the Sean Dunne Young Poet Award, a talk on *Haunted Ireland* by Tarquin Blake, and a panel conversation with writers Sinead Gleeson, Nuala O'Connor and Tom Morris. Colm O'Gorman, Director of Amnesty International was interviewed by Dave Kenny, broadcaster and journalist and Gene Kerrigan gave an interview on *The Scrap and 1916*.
- **Bealtaine Festival:** 53 events and activities including art, printing, dance workshops, talks and exhibitions were attended by **over 1,000** older people in all 11 library branches.
- **1916 Commemoration Programme:** Talk on 1916 by Gene Kerrigan Central Library.
- **Story Telling Training:** Multi agency collaboration between the Library Service, Waterford Childcare committee and WWETB training for volunteer story tellers took place in Dungarvan and Tramore Libraries.

Upcoming events in June:

- **Tramore Library:** Talk by Maxine Keoghan on the History of Rescue Services on the 1st June
- Gymboree Children's songs and stories will take place in **Tramore, Ardkeen, Brown's Road, Portlawn, Dunmore East and Central Libraries**
- **Central Library:** Lecture on Rosamund Jacob by Dr. L. Lane on the 8th June
- **Cappoquin Library:** 1916 exhibition, Cornerstone Carnival on 17th - 19th June
- **Dungarvan Library :** World Wide Knit in Public Day event on the 18th June

Library Development:

- Training: staff attended training in Procurement, Media Interviews & modules in Sierra Training
- New Library Management system preparation on going
- Carrickphierish Library: Snagging, Stock tender and Furniture Tender award process ongoing

Arts & Culture

Arts

The Arts Office has advertised for Artists and Arts Organisations to deliver a strand of its Arts and Education programme into Secondary schools in the City & County. Closing date for submissions is June 22nd.

The Arts Office has awarded the following bursaries: Irish Youth Choir Summer School to Irinel Lineen, Kilmacthomas.

As this is the 20th Anniversary of the Blas Traditional Music Summer School at the University of Limerick, the following will receive bursary support to attend the residential summer school; MacDara O Faolain/An Rinn, Clodagh Murphy/Fenor and Clodagh Ní Cheallaigh/Kilmanahan.

The Tyrone Guthrie Centre recipients are being finalised and will be announced shortly.

The winner of the national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2016 will take place in Lismore on June 18th as part of the Immrama Festival. Recipients of the bursaries to attend the Molly Keane Writers Retreat Week in Ardmore in August will also be announced at this ceremony.

The Arts Office presented the winner of the national Seán Dunne Young Poets Award at the Waterford Writers Weekend to Nicola Cooney from Waterford city. A successful launch of an Anthology young Waterford Writers in Waterford Youth Arts also took place.

A workshop with Councillors was held on the Arts Strategy to get their input into the work to date.

The Community Music projects under the auspices of Riverstown Music Club, Tramore and Comhlucht Forbartha na nDéise, An Rinn have been assisted with musical instrument purchasing.

Workshops were held for applicants under the Collaborative and Social Inclusion programme grants by the Arts Officers under the expertise of artist Michael Fortune.

The Arts Office has been working closely with Summervall to deliver its programme between June 24 and September 9.

Hard Girls opened in Soma Contemporary Art Gallery on June 28th. The RHA exhibition has opened in Greyfriars.

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2016 – 20th May 2016

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	69
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	35
No of Notices Issued 9, 16, 17, 20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

1st January 2016 – 20th May 2016

No of Complaints	1019
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on waste issues)	51
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	28
Section 71's (Abandoned vehicle Notices)	12
Warning Letters Sent	19
Section 14 Directions	1

Draft Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2019

A Draft Litter Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2003.

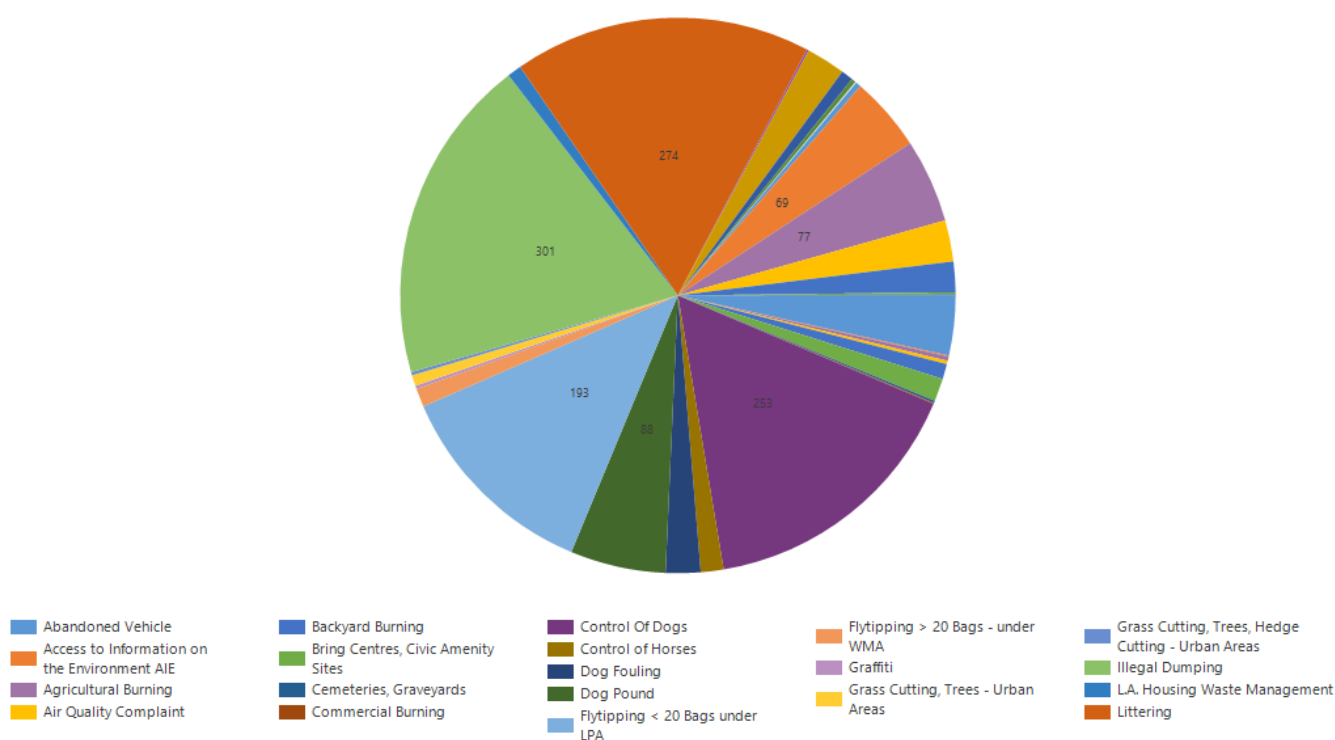
Public notice of the preparation of the Draft Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019 will be advertised in the coming weeks in the local media and copies of the draft Litter Management Plan will be available at Council offices, public libraries and on the Council's website. Submissions will be invited from statutory bodies and members of the general public. All submissions received will be considered before the making by the Plenary Council of the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

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Environmental Complaints

To date in the year 2016 a total of 1583 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 Education & Awareness

- 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 were hoping to renew their Green Flag or applying for their first flag. 26 successful schools were awarded their Green Flag at a regional awards ceremony in Kilkenny on Tuesday 10th May.

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- **National Spring Clean**

National Spring Clean took 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 throughout the year 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.

- **Tidy Towns Competition**

Entries into the Tidy Towns competition have been made and judging will begin shortly. An information evening regarding entry forms was held on 17th May in the Park Hotel Dungarvan. There were 17 attendees on the night and feedback has been positive.

- **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 was launched on Tuesday 3rd May and is a joint venture of Kilkenny County Council, Carlow County Council, Tipperary County Council, Waterford City and County Council and Wexford County Council. The campaign will target roadside litter, in particular loose litter thrown from vehicles. The campaign elements encompass a variety of medium, including radio, social media, poster, printed media and billboard elements. Applegreen stations have now also come on board as a partner and have agreed to display posters about the campaign at the cash desks, shelves and bathrooms in all 22 of their petrol stations in the region.

- **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

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workshops, up-cycling workshops, elimination of single-use items, community composting, food waste prevention, etc.

- **Local Agenda 21 Workshop**

A workshop funded through the Local Agenda 21 took place at Mercy Secondary School in Waterford (recently awarded a green flag for their work on Global Citizenship Energy). The Smoothie Bike workshops addresses energy and renewable energy in particular, with 100 pupils using their pedalling power to power a blender, light various bulbs and power scalextric cars.

- **Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2016**

Applications for the fund have been invited and have been advertised both locally and nationally. Applications should focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.

- **Pay by Weight**

An awareness campaign is beginning regarding the introduction of Pay By Weight waste collections for householders in order to encourage waste prevention. On 1st July 2016 the charging arrangements for household waste collection will change to Pay By Weight; from this date all households in Ireland will be charged for kerbside collection of their waste based on the weight of the waste that they produce, along with a fixed service charge. Each bin will be weighed as it is emptied and the householder will pay accordingly. Pay By Weight incentivises more recycling and better segregation of waste. Information about this system will appear on radio stations, newspapers, www.waterfordcouncil.ie, social media, council offices and at various events around the county.

Presentation & Cleansing

Waterford City

The month of May has largely been a time where our staff have been involved in maintenance operations and preparation for the summer season. Grass cutting and the presentation of our city parks has taken a large amount of our resource time over the past weeks but this is expected for the month of May with the large volume of grass growth associated with this month. Staff have been involved in minor grass landscape reinstatements in Mount Pleasant, Ballybricken Green and the Roundabout to the entrance to the Northern Industrial Estate. Flower beds have been prepared at the Folly; Ballybricken Green and in front of Thomas Francis Meagher statue, these and the remaining beds at the RSC will be planted in the coming weeks. Our summer floral hanging baskets are very close to blooming and with the continued good weather we should be in a position to erect these around the City in time for the June bank holiday.

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Tramore

Again our staff here have been very much involved in the preparation for the upcoming tourist season. With the good weather the opportunity has been taken to give a facelift to street furniture; painting has been carried out on street bins; lamp standards; public toilets and all the other aspects of street furniture in recent weeks to present Tramore in the very best possible light for tourist and resident alike for the coming months.

Dungarvan

The landscape facelift of both the Coolagh Roundabout and the Kilrush roundabouts has progressed well and it expected that all works on both of these projects will be completed by the end of June. The area adjacent to the *'Welcome To Dungarvan'* sign is to be also to be landscaped and will be shortly planted with ornamental grasses to compliment the Coolagh Road roundabout works. The landscape character of these roundabout projects 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 which is considered to be a benefit to the overall presentation of Dungarvan.

Refurbishment and painting of street bollards along Davitt's Quay has commenced and is continuing in conjunction with other street furniture throughout the town.

Flower care and weeding maintenance is continuing throughout the town. The presentation team has commenced watering operations of floral displays as a result of the recent extended dry weather period. Preparations are also being made for the arrival of summer and the floral summer displays due to be erected for the June Bank Holiday weekend.

The Dungarvan Presentation team has commence the maintenance operations of weed spraying throughout the town and this shall continue during the summer and autumn months ahead.

Grass cutting operations have been intensive recently due to the significant growth period. The Dungarvan presentation team are currently operating a minimum of two lawnmowers per day and a maximum of 4 lawnmowers when resources are available.

A tender is currently being prepared for stump grinding works at a number of locations throughout the town. This procurement will also be carried out in conjunction with similar works required in Tramore and Waterford City.

The Dungarvan Presentation team assisting in the preparations for AN RÁS which had a stage finish on the 27th May 2016 in Dungarvan.

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Waterford Energy Bureau

WCCC has submitted a funding application under the 2016 SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme. It is expected that the projects selected for funding will be announced in June.

The following project partners are included within the 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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Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 30-4-2016								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
	Accrued ytd to Apr 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected ytd to Apr	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 30-4-2016
				[1-2-3]				[4-5+7]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	32,982,234	- 35,855		32,946,379	6,913,816	21%	5,451,908	31,484,471
Loans	1,108,256			1,108,256	1,012,762	91%	976,945	1,072,439
Rents	3,860,675			3,860,675	3,828,121	99%	2,368,176	2,400,730
Aged Analysis of Net Balances								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
Rates		-	28,724,019	1,236,783	1,523,669	31,484,471		
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		119,369	93,112	186,647	673,311	1,072,439		
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		134,334	113,985	159,007	1,993,404	2,400,730		
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in April (16)		Cost-€572	Average -€184k					

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division								
Y.T.D. to April 30, 2016								
		EXPENDITURE				INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	7,415,042	22,442,073	33%		7,357,606	23,120,415	32%
B	Road Transport & Safety	8,634,960	28,568,589	30%		5,146,716	18,698,041	28%
C	Water Services	3,528,290	10,778,764	33%		3,256,930	10,128,362	32%
D	Development Management	3,836,161	12,006,479	32%		1,413,600	4,861,389	29%
E	Environmental Services	5,369,543	17,492,221	31%		674,967	2,180,127	31%
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,459,861	12,132,499	29%		683,789	2,312,364	30%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	776,621	1,669,424	47%		433,510	914,688	47%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,719,502	13,340,383	35%		1,720,575	4,507,432	38%
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%		5,712,005	17,136,015	33%
PL	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%		559,332	1,981,582	28%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%		10,863,339	32,590,017	33%
		37,739,980	118,430,432	32%		37,822,369	118,430,432	32%
	Surplus/Deficit					82,389	0	