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Economic Development

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.

Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories, part of Eurofins Scientific (EUI.PA), the world leader in bioanalytical testing, announced strategic plans for the expansion of its Dungarvan campus, including development of a new building as well as expansion of its current facility and is set to increase its workforce to over 500 staff by 2021. Over 175 new jobs have been created in the past 24 months.

Local Enterprise Office

Year to Date Activity

Indicator	At end June 2015	At end of June 2016
No. of Clients Met	176	187
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	26	23
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	15	20
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€299,800	€372,287
No. of clients applying for Measure 2 support	308	311
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	308	311
Value of Measure 2 support given	€118,944	€135,355

Waterford Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC)

Under the Rural Development Programme, Waterford has been allocated €7.5m for the period 2014-2020 and the LCDC will fulfil the role of the Local Action Group (LAG) for the purposes of applying for the funding. Waterford LEADER Partnership will be the implementing body of the RDP funding on behalf of the LCDC/LAG. The new programme was officially announced on July 8th with contracts signed. Leader plan on holding a number of workshops to inform the public of the new call for proposal process and the necessary documentation required. This will then allow sufficient time for application preparation prior to the actual calls being announced later in the summer.

Planning

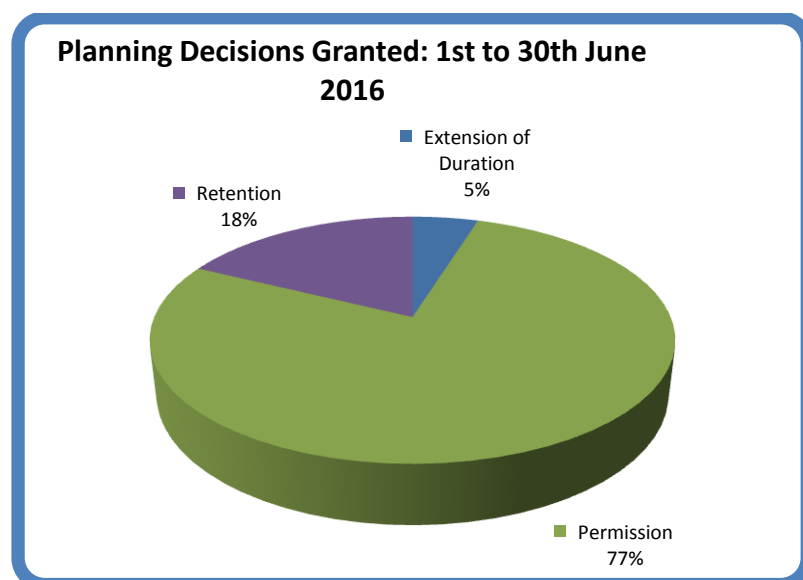
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

83 planning applications were received in the month of June 2016. This compares with 48 planning applications received in the full month of June 2015. We are now at the midpoint of the year, and a total of 444 planning applications have been received to date. This compares with 367 applications received in the 1st six months of 2015. This represents an increase of 21% in planning applications received year on year.

Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 68 decisions were made in the month of June, 62 of which were granted. An analysis of these granted decisions is provided below.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

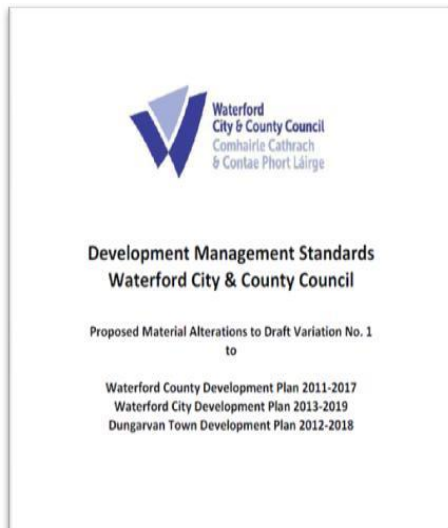
A total of 264 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the 30th of June of which 80% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

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Planning

Forward Planning

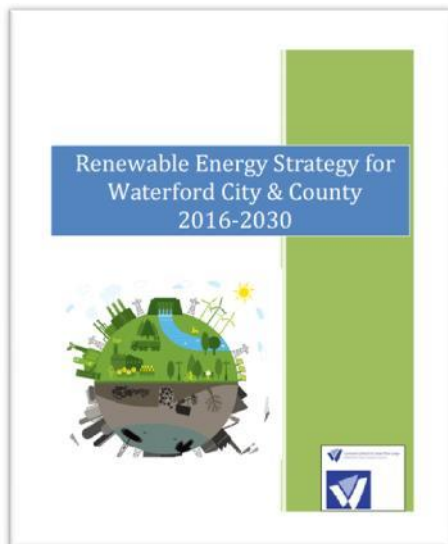
Development Management Standards Variation



The Council resolved to make material amendments to the variation and those amendments are currently on display until the 13th of July. On receipt of any submissions a Chief Executive's Report will be prepared and subsequently issued to the members for their consideration. It is anticipated that the variation will be adopted at the September plenary meeting. The material amendments can be viewed on www.waterfordcouncil.ie by accessing the following link:

<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/planning/ma-development-standards-variation.htm>

Renewable Energy Strategy



A draft Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) has been prepared for the City and County which assesses the potential of various renewable energy technologies for Waterford. The draft RES was presented to the June meeting of the Planning SPC and at the June plenary meeting. The draft RES is currently on public display until the 13th of July as part of the statutory process. On receipt of any submissions a Chief Executive's Report will be prepared and subsequently issued to the members for their consideration at the September plenary meeting. The draft RES is available on www.waterfordcouncil.ie by accessing the following link:

<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/media/plans-strategies/renewable-energy-strategy/index.htm>

Pleanáil

Planning

North Quays Strategic Development Zone

Consultants have been procured 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.

The planning scheme must be in place 2 years from the date of the order from the Minister making the Strategic Development Zone.

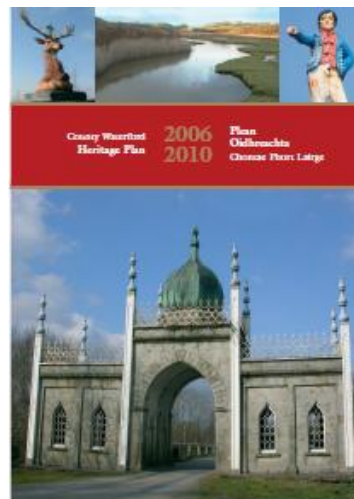
Heritage

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. Event details are available at: <http://www.heritageweek.ie/whats-on>.

Waterford Heritage Plan

Public submissions for a new County Heritage Plan were invited and process has now closed. The next meeting of the Waterford Heritage Forum takes place on Monday July 11th in Curraghmore House. The Draft Heritage Plan will be put out on public display for consultation in September.



Conservation:

Works are ongoing in relation to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016 and the Structures at Risk Fund 2016. Further details will issue to the District Councils.

Unfinished Housing Estates

An individual report will issue to each Council District.

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme

The Road Works Programme for 2016 (RWP 2016) has commenced. Surface dressing and strengthening works have been carried out at various locations and 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

Cushcam – Traffic modelling has been completed and validated. Report has been sent to TII for approval.

N25 Gortavickery – Survey works have been carried out and draft contract documents received.

Smarter Travel Progress Report June 2016

Waterford Greenway

- Pavement Surfacing Works:
 - 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.
 - 99% Complete from N25 McGraths to the west approach of the Kilmacthomas Viaduct.
 - 99% Complete from N25 Bridge at Kilmacthomas to Grennan Level Crossing at Carrolls Cross quarry.
- Pavement Capping is 90% complete between N25 McGraths Cross and N25 Kildermody.
- Pavement Capping is 70% 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 85% complete.

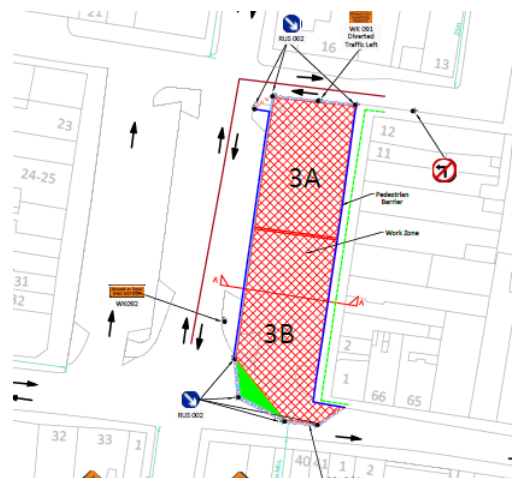
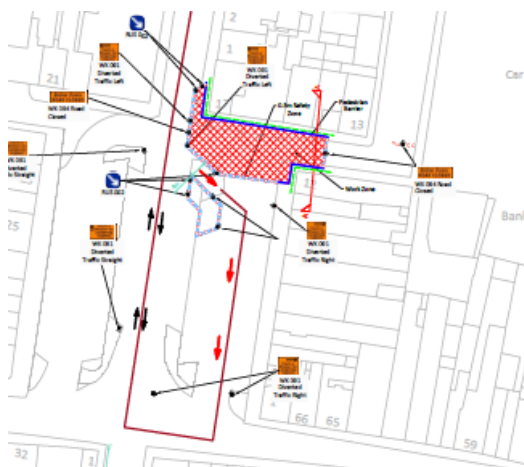
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Roads and Transportation

- Three Car Parks have been provided at Clonea (Start of Greenway) and at Durrow. Both have macadam surface and are delineated and open to the public. Another Car Parking facility has been provided at the Kilmacthomas Workhouse. There is also a fourth Car Parking facility currently 70% 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 100% complete. ESB Networks will connect power supply on Tuesday May 31st.
- Bridge Extension Structures from Kilmeaden to Bilberry:
 - The decks to Bridge Extensions 112, 113 and 118 are installed. The deck to Bridge Extension 116 is being installed. Sub structure work to 114 and 115 is complete and piles are awaiting testing. Sub Structure works to 117 are complete and awaiting retesting of one pile.
 - Substructure work to Boardwalk is complete and piles are awaiting testing.
- Accommodation Works to Householders from Carrolls Cross (Greenan level Crossing) to N25 Kildermody 95% complete. Clonea to Ballyvalloona Level Crossing is 100% complete. Ballyvalloona to Grennan Level Crossing 90% complete
- Accommodation Works to Farmholdings is ongoing including Structures and fencing from Durrow to Kilmeaden. R675 Agriculture Underpass at Clonea is installed.
- N25 Overbridge Bridge Abutments at Kilmacthomas 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 of services complete, the surface water drain servicing the Structure is in progress under closure closure from May 31st. Road will be re opened again on Friday June 3rd.

Grattan Square

The contractor is currently carrying out works on the eastern half of the square as shown below. Water connections to Main Street and O Connell Street ongoing. Footpaths to eastern side of TF Meagher Street complete. Works to footpaths on western side of TF Meagher Street underway. August completion date still on track.



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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 June.

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 and underway.

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 June.

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.

Tournore Whitestrand Link

It is hoped to commence work on this link during June. These works are to provide a Pedestrian / Cycle link between areas to the North and South of the Coast Road and facilitate access to Abbeyside National School

Behavioural Change

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

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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
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

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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
28	11/07/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
29	18/07/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
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31	01/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
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Hybrid Combi Schedule of Works
2016

Combi Unit delivery due by
Mid March, 2016

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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 June. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	46	19	10
Comeragh	4	5	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	5	5	5
Total for June	55	29	15
Total 2016	318	203	67

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	June
Fire Safety Certificates	45	5
Planning Referrals	278	24

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	June 2016
Commencement Notices	168	28
Completion Certificates	76	8
Disability Access Certificates	38	5

Civil Defence

The following are the activities of Civil Defence during the month of June.

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Level 2 Boat Course	11 th & 12 th June	12 participants
Ballygunner Mass	16 th June	First Aid Support, 1 Ambulance & 11 members
Search Exercise Clonmel	Thu 16 th Jun	1 Jeep and 4 members
Stroke Club Dungarvan	Wed 22 nd June	Minibus
Viking Marathon	25 th June	4 Ambulances, 2 jeeps and 32 members

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during June 2015	Applications during June 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	68	91	466
Applications validated	46	68	361
Applications approved	55	53	321

The most recent Housing Needs Assessment was carried out in 2013 and at that time there were 1,877 eligible applications for social housing in Waterford City and County. The next Housing Needs Assessment will take place on 21 September 2016. The criteria for the Housing Needs Assessments are set nationally and they are carried out in each local authority at the same time.

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during June 2015	New Tenancies during June 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	2	2	1	10
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	6	2	3	18
Metropolitan	15	11	2	72
Voluntary Bodies	0	4	0	64
Totals	23	19	7	164

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	June 2015 HAP tenancies	June 2016 HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up
HAP Tenancies	38	43	218

Housing

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to June 2016	Number of applications to June 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Maximum €30,000	€16,402.66	3	€66,312.96	8
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€35,388.37	8	€158,261.39	32
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€38,413.91	6	€111,297.62	21
Total	€90,204.94	17	€335,871.97	61

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
June Cases presented	71	40
Cumulative number of cases presented	355	224

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	June 2016	June 2015
Individuals	108	97
Individuals with dependent children	13	7
Families with no dependent children	0	1
Families with dependent children	12	4

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

In total, 14 adults and 13 children composed of 2 families, 4 adults with 5 children, 6 single parent families with 8 children and 4 individuals.

Capital Projects

Current Construction Projects

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

Housing

Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Expected to go to tender in October 2016	Recent change in Design Team personnel
Larchville (5)	Expected to go to tender in October 2016	Issue re right of way raised during Planning needs to be addressed before tender can issue
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)	Tender July 2016	Tender Documents/Drawings have been completed and we are currently reviewing same before publishing on E-Tenders
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Tender July 2016	Tender Documents/Drawings have been completed and we are currently reviewing same before publishing on E-Tenders
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Expected to go to tender in October 2016	Part 8 Approval received. Process to appoint Design Team has commenced and the team will be procured through the Office of Government Procurements' National Framework for Appointment of Design teams.
Dungarvan Ballinroad (20)	Expected to go to tender in January 2017	Further submissions regarding the proposed density have been forwarded to the Department for consideration and we are awaiting DOE approval to proceed to formal part VIII .
Tramore An Garran (32)	Expected to go to tender in February 2017	Stage 1 Approval already received. Process to appoint Design Team has commenced and the team will be procured through the Office of Government Procurements' National Framework for Appointment of Design teams.

Housing

Retrofitting Insulation works

An initial grant of €350,000 was approved by the Department and we are currently carrying out pre-works inspections at a number of council owned houses to determine the level of insulation works required. We expect to receive an additional €350,000 funding under the heading of Energy Retrofit Improvements during the second half of the year for further works.

At this juncture most of our properties in the Dungarvan and Comeragh Districts have been addressed and therefore we expect a lot of the funding received in 2016 to be directed towards properties in the Metropolitan District.

SEAI Schemes

Our application for SEAI grant funding for all the projects listed below has not been successful:

- Monastery Street, Waterford City
- St. Ignatius Street, Waterford City
- Presentation Row, Waterford City
- Caseyville, Dungarvan
- Keating Street, Dungarvan
- Inner town area of Portlaw
- St Vincent De Paul Houses in Tramore

We will continue to seek funding from the SEAI for these much needed works and hopefully we will be successful again in 2017.

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	12 units
Works commenced/underway	23 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	19 units
Newly vacant	6 units
In Regeneration programme	15 units
Total voids	75 units

Response maintenance

In June 2016, there were a total of 560 recorded requests. 451 have been resolved and 109 are pending.

Community Services

Social Inclusion:

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

SICAP mid-year review due in July, to be considered by LCDC

Comhairle na nÓg:

Comhairle organising “Waterford Day” event for young people in Sir John Roberts Square on 23rd July

Bike Week:

National Bike Week took place from 11th to 19th June 2016 with 39 events in Waterford.

Good participation - very successful

National Recreation Week (3rd July - 9th July) and National Play Day (Sunday 3rd July):

Council supported both of these events, in co-operation with Waterford Sports Partnership

Waterford City & County Council Operation Spick and Span Awards 2016

The Community Department is now accepting applications for the new Tidy Estates Awards 2016 from residents associations and community groups in local authority housing estates.

The ‘Spick and Span Awards’ is an area based competition with categories judged on an area basis, with winning entrants from each of the five Council administrative areas.

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 area.

Judging of entrants will take place over the summer months with winners being announced in September.

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

Adjudications to take place in early August

Greenway:

Community input through two groups, one dealing with standards of management and maintenance and community involvement and the other group working with the Council in areas such as heritage, information, interpretation and promotion.

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Local Diaspora Engagement Strategy:

Successful bid for funding from Department of the Taoiseach to develop Local Diaspora Strategy

JPC:

Next meeting in September

Libraries

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In June, 45,415 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 37,940 items during the month. Active membership for June was 16,245.

In June 315 events took place in Libraries, highlights included:

- Gymboree Children's songs and stories took place in **Tramore, Ardkeen, Brown's Road, Portlaw, Dunmore East** and **Central Libraries** with 209 children attending.
- **Tramore Library:** Talk by Maxine Keoghan on the History of Rescue Services
- **Tallow Library:** Display of Art Crochet & Knitwear including the Community Quilt by Tallow Active Age and Tallow Enterprise members
- **Central Library:** Lecture on Rosamund Jacob by Dr. L. Lane;
 - Dusk chorus for Bealtaine Celebration night;
 - Urban Garden installed as part of Summervall GIY Urban Gardens Trail
 - Exhibition of paintings by Nathalie Jones
- **Cappoquin Library:** Hosted 1916 Exhibition by Cappoquin Heritage Group and facilitated Cornerstone Carnival 17th-19th June with over 765 visits to Library
- **Dungarvan Library :** World Wide Knit in Public Day event
- **Summer Stars Reading Scheme promotion:** Staff visited primary schools throughout the county and city promoting the summer reading scheme reaching out to 4,845 pupils.
- **Lismore Library:** Molly Keane creative writing award as part of Lismore Immrama Festival of Travel Writing

Upcoming events for July include:

- **Summer Stars Reading Scheme** throughout all libraries.
- **Sea Horse Legacy Event** in Tramore.
- **Kilmacthomas Library:** Sean Tyrell Musical Performance on 8th July.
- **Central Library:** Continuation of current exhibitions and launch of "Road to Equality" Exhibition

Library Development:

- Training: Staff attended training in Procurement and modules in Sierra Training
- New Library Management system preparation on going
- Carrickphierish Library: Snagging, Furniture order finalised, stock arriving daily for cataloguing and processing

Arts & Culture

Arts

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan is currently showing the first of it's summer groups shows up to the end of July.

The Arts Office commissioned film 'Who is Dervla Murphy?' is showing on all Aer Lingus transatlantic flights in August and September.

The Arts Office announced the winner of the Molly Keane Creative Writing Award at Immrama in Lismore as Niamh MacCabe, Co. Leitrim.

Bursaries for writers to attend the annual Molly Keane Writers Retreat in Ardmore were awarded to Emma Penruddock, Clashmore and James Hyde, Lismore.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2016 – 27th June 2016

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	85
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	43
No of Notices Issued 9, 16, 17, 20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

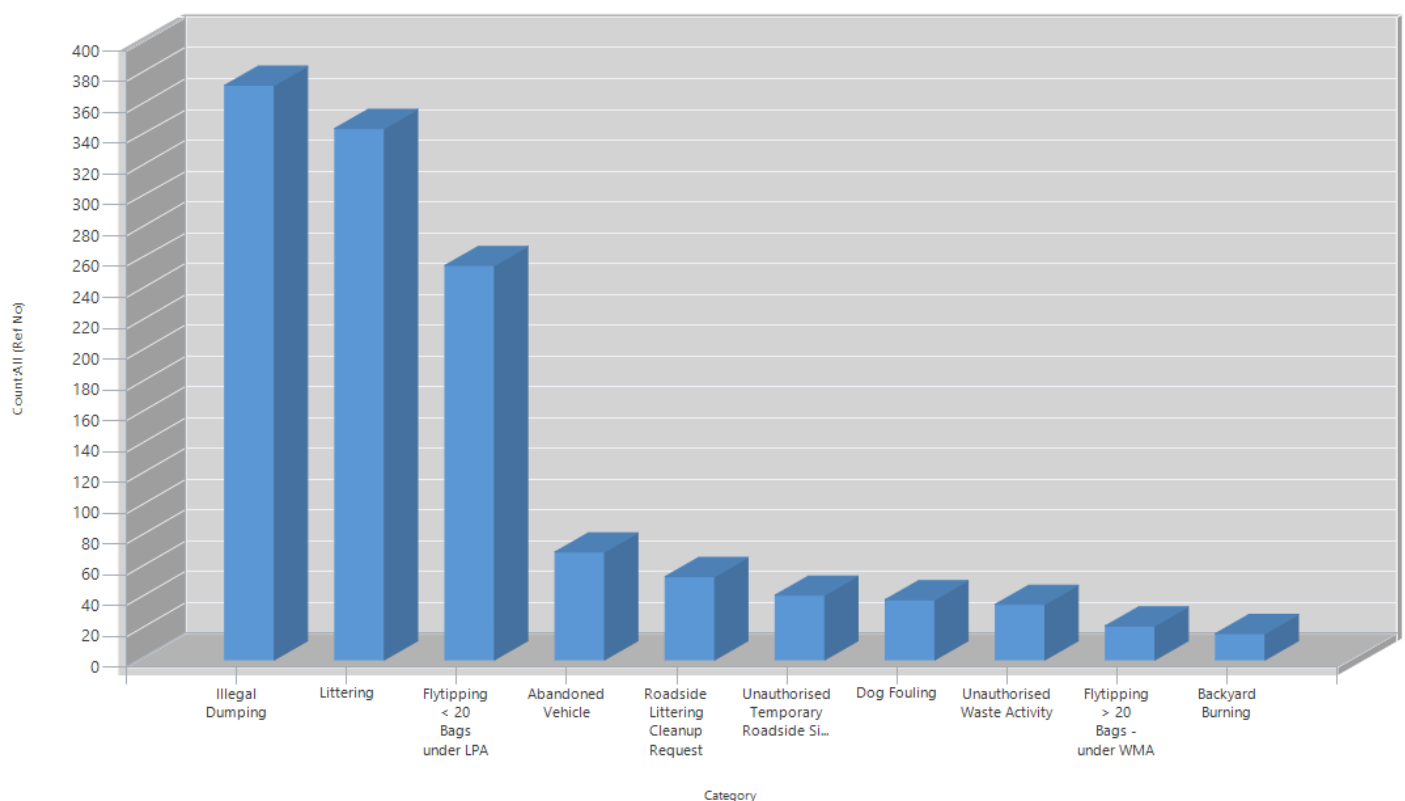
1st January 2016 – 27th June 2016

No of Complaints	1271
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on waste issues)	54
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	28
Section 71's (Abandoned vehicle Notices)	13
Warning Letters Sent	26
Section 14 Directions	1

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Environmental Complaints

The following graph shows the category and indicates the number of complaints received by the Environment Dept to date in 2016. 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

- **Clean ups & Street Sweep**

Waterford City & County Council continues to 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. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc have been invited to take part by holding a cleanup of their local area. Streetsweeps take place during July and August in conjunction with WLR FM in an effort to increase volunteers in an area and encourage groups to take part in caring for their local environment. 2016 Streetsweeps organised to date are: Fairfield Park, Waterford; Woodstown; Tramore; Dungarvan.

- **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. The billboards can currently be seen on the Cork Road, Waterford, Dungarvan and outside Kilmeaden. 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**

Applications have been received for anti litter and anti graffiti awareness grants. These grants are 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. All applicants will be contacted in the coming week.

- **Waste Prevention Grant**

A waste prevention grant has recently 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

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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. All applicants will be contacted in the coming week.

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

Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2016 has been advertised both locally and nationally. Applications focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change. A list of projects has been sent to the Department for final approval.

- **Gum Litter Taskforce 2016**

The Gum Litter Taskforce was launched in Portlaw by Cllr John O'Leary on 13th June. Members of the Green Schools Committee from Portlaw National School attended, as did Senator Mary Butler and Irish TV. The GLT campaign brings together the community and local authorities with a common goal to fight gum litter. The campaign has seen huge success to date with the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System results showing an overall decrease in people dropping gum from 26% when the campaign started in 2007, to 11% in the latest results. The main goal of this campaign has always been to reduce the amount of gum litter and change people's behaviour towards littering. We're hoping to build on this success again this year and see even better results.

- **Green Dog Walker**

The Red Cross Cadets are holding two events as Green Dog Walker Ambassadors, in the People's Park in June and in City Square Shopping Centre in July in Waterford. The Green Dog Walkers is a positive and pro-active way to encourage and support responsible dog ownership. Dog walkers are asked to sign a pledge to always clean up after their dog, to carry extra doggie bags and to gladly give others a bag for their dog if they ask for one. When a pledge is signed and returned to us, we send out a complimentary green dog-walkers armband, a high visibility vest and a 'doggie bone' poop-bag dispenser with a roll of bags. By wearing the green armband and vest, dog walkers are indicating that they are a responsible dog-owner participating in and supporting the campaign. We hope that this will encourage others to follow their good example.

- **Food Waste Prevention**

An joint application with Wexford County Council was submitted for a food waste prevention initiative for a Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN) grant.

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Waterford City & County Council have been informed that the IBAL Anti-Litter League 2016 will commence shortly.

The Council's Cleansing staff have been requested to increase the frequency of inspections in the areas which are subject to the IBAL survey. The Council will also support any groups or organisations wishing to carry out clean-ups or community environmental initiatives in these areas.

The map displays the Waterford Region with the proposed Waterford City and County Council area highlighted in orange. Key locations and roads include:

- Knockhouse** (top left)
- Lismore** (top center)
- Carrigue** (center left)
- Ballybane** (center right)
- Waterford Institute of Technology** (center)
- Waterford Regional Sports Centre** (right center)
- Waterford Retail Park** (bottom center)
- Kilcohan Industrial Complex** (bottom right)
- Waterford City and County Council** (orange highlighted area)
- Roads:** R710, R600, R606, R675, R680, R686, R689, R690, R691, R692, R693, R694, R695, R696, R697, R698, R699, R700, R701, R702, R703, R704, R705, R706, R707, R708, R709, R710, R711, R712, R713, R714, R715, R716, R717, R718, R719, R720, R721, R722, R723, R724, R725, R726, R727, R728, R729, R730, R731, R732, R733, R734, R735, R736, R737, R738, R739, R740, R741, R742, R743, R744, R745, R746, R747, R748, R749, R750, R751, R752, R753, R754, R755, R756, R757, R758, R759, R760, R761, R762, R763, R764, R765, R766, R767, R768, R769, R770, R771, R772, R773, R774, R775, R776, R777, R778, R779, R780, R781, R782, R783, R784, R785, R786, R787, R788, R789, R790, R791, R792, R793, R794, R795, R796, R797, R798, R799, R800, R801, R802, R803, R804, R805, R806, R807, R808, R809, R810, R811, R812, R813, R814, R815, R816, R817, R818, R819, R820, R821, R822, R823, R824, R825, R826, R827, R828, R829, R830, R831, R832, R833, R834, R835, R836, R837, R838, R839, R840, R841, R842, R843, R844, R845, R846, R847, R848, R849, R850, R851, R852, R853, R854, R855, R856, R857, R858, R859, R860, R861, R862, R863, R864, R865, R866, R867, R868, R869, R870, R871, R872, R873, R874, R875, R876, R877, R878, R879, R880, R881, R882, R883, R884, R885, R886, R887, R888, R889, R890, R891, R892, R893, R894, R895, R896, R897, R898, R899, R900, R901, R902, R903, R904, R905, R906, R907, R908, R909, R910, R911, R912, R913, R914, R915, R916, R917, R918, R919, R920, R921, R922, R923, R924, R925, R926, R927, R928, R929, R930, R931, R932, R933, R934, R935, R936, R937, R938, R939, R940, R941, R942, R943, R944, R945, R946, R947, R948, R949, R950, R951, R952, R953, R954, R955, R956, R957, R958, R959, R960, R961, R962, R963, R964, R965, R966, R967, R968, R969, R970, R971, R972, R973, R974, R975, R976, R977, R978, R979, R980, R981, R982, R983, R984, R985, R986, R987, R988, R989, R990, R991, R992, R993, R994, R995, R996, R997, R998, R999, R1000, R1001, R1002, R1003, R1004, R1005, R1006, R1007, R1008, R1009, R1010, R1011, R1012, R1013, R1014, R1015, R1016, R1017, R1018, R1019, R1020, R1021, R1022, R1023, R1024, R1025, R1026, R1027, R1028, R1029, R1030, R1031, R1032, R1033, R1034, R1035, R1036, R1037, R1038, R1039, R1040, R1041, R1042, R1043, R1044, R1045, R1046, R1047, R1048, R1049, R1050, R1051, R1052, R1053, R1054, R1055, R1056, R1057, R1058, R1059, R1060, R1061, R1062, R1063, R1064, R1065, R1066, R1067, R1068, R1069, R1070, R1071, R1072, R1073, R1074, R1075, R1076, R1077, R1078, R1079, R1080, R1081, R1082, R1083, R1084, R1085, R1086, R1087, R1088, R1089, R1090, R1091, R1092, R1093, R1094, R1095, R1096, R1097, R1098, R1099, R1100, R1101, R1102, R1103, R1104, R1105, R1106, R1107, R1108, R1109, R1110, R1111, R1112, R1113, R1114, R1115, R1116, R1117, R1118, R1119, R1120, R1121, R1122, R1123, R1124, R1125, R1126, R1127, R1128, R1129, R1130, R1131, R1132, R1133, R1134, R1135, R1136, R1137, R1138, R1139, R1140, R1141, R1142, R1143, R1144, R1145, R1146, R1147, R1148, R1149, R1150, R1151, R1152, R1153, R1154, R1155, R1156, R1157, R1158, R1159, R1160, R1161, R1162, R1163, R1164, R1165, R1166, R1167, R1168, R1169, R1170, R1171, R1172, R1173, R1174, R1175, R1176, R1177, R1178, R1179, R1180, R1181, R1182, R1183, R1184, R1185, R1186, R1187, R1188, R1189, R1190, R1191, R1192, R1193, R1194, R1195, R1196, R1197, R1198, R1199, R1200, R1201, R1202, R1203, R1204, R1205, R1206, R1207, R1208, R1209, R1210, R1211, R1212, R1213, R1214, R1215, R1216, R1217, R1218, R1219, R1220, R1221, R1222, R1223, R1224, R1225, R1226, R1227, R1228, R1229, R1230, R1231, R1232, R1233, R1234, R1235, R1236, R1237, R1238, R1239, R1240, R1241, R1242, R1243, R1244, R1245, R1246, R1247, R1248, R1249, R1250, R1251, R1252, R1253, R1254, R1255, R1256, R1257, R1258, R1259, R1260, R1261, R1262, R1263, R1264, R1265, R1266, R1267, R1268, R1269, R1270, R1271, R1272, R1273, R1274, R1275, R1276, R1277, R1278, R1279, R1280, R1281, R1282, R1283, R1284, R1285, R1286, R1287, R1288, R1289, R1290, R1291, R1292, R1293, R1294, R1295, R1296, R1297, R1298, R1299, R1300, R1301, R1302, R1303, R1304, R1305, R1306, R1307, R1308, R1309, R1310, R1311, R1312, R1313, R1314, R1315, R1316, R1317, R1318, R1319, R1320, R1321, R1322, R1323, R1324, R1325, R1326, R1327, R1328, R1329, R1330, R1331, R1332, R1333, R1334, R1335, R1336, R1337, R1338, R1339, R1340, R1341, R1342, R1343, R1344, R1345, R1346, R1347, R1348, R1349, R1350, R1351, R1352, R1353, R1354, R1355, R1356, R1357, R1358, R1359, R1360, R1361, R1362, R1363, R1364, R1365, R1366, R1367, R1368, R1369, R1370, R1371, R1372, R1373, R1374, R1375, R137

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Pay by Weight.

Extract from press release published on 21st June:

Government plan for Pay By Weight introduces Price Freeze and phased introduction of Pay-by-Weight

Mr. Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government announced the successful conclusion of an agreement with the Waste Industry with regard to the introduction of Pay-by-Weight charging for waste collection.

“We have engaged actively and intensely with representatives of the waste industry over the last few days, with a view to agreeing a way forward that results in customers paying no more than they’re currently paying for waste collection over the next 12 months - by means of a price freeze to end-June 2017 - to avoid any potential significant price hikes from next month, while households have time to adapt to the new system and more effectively manage their waste,”

At the end of this 12-month transition period (in July 2017), the Government will review the operation of pay-by-weight, including the effectiveness of the transition process, and make decisions regarding its further roll-out, regulation and oversight of the sector.

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

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

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	8,990,727	22,442,073	40%	8,787,100	23,120,415	38%
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,464,362	28,568,589	40%	7,166,813	18,698,041	38%
C	Water Services	4,468,439	10,778,764	41%	4,200,038	10,128,362	41%
D	Development Management	4,601,939	12,006,479	38%	1,740,007	4,861,389	36%
E	Environmental Services	6,916,678	17,492,221	40%	790,791	2,180,127	36%
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,430,041	12,132,499	37%	847,198	2,312,364	37%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	971,878	1,669,424	58%	564,864	914,688	62%
H	Miscellaneous Services	6,241,897	13,340,383	47%	2,461,438	4,507,432	55%
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	7,140,006	17,136,015	42%
PL	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	907,982	1,981,582	46%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	13,579,174	32,590,017	42%
		48,085,961	118,430,432	41%	48,185,411	118,430,432	41%
Surplus/Deficit					99,450	0	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-5-2016								
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Accrued ytd to May 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to May	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 31-5-2016 [4-5+7]	
€	€	€	€	€	€	€		
Rates	32,981,214	- 35,855	-	32,945,359	13,431,526	0	5,451,908	24,965,741
Loans	1,348,243	-	-	1,348,243	1,264,225	94%	976,945	1,060,963
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	-	22,061,806	1,342,753	1,561,181	24,965,741			
	0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths				
Loans	113,642	97,301	202,089	647,931	1,060,963			
	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 May - 9	Cost- €641	Average - €670,000 Cr						