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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.

Transit software company RouteMatch is to expand its R&D team in Arc Labs Research & Innovation Centre, Carriganore, 25 new jobs will be created over the next 12 months when RouteMatch add to its RMPay payment solutions technology services. All new roles are in software development. RouteMatch provides technologies to help transit companies manage their operations, as well as “engage” their drivers.

The company’s software is used by fixed-scheduled transit services and demand-response transit services where door-to-door delivery is required.

The Packaging Hub have officially opened The Packaging Hub’s new packaging manufacturing facility and healthcare logistics centre in Belvedere Business Centre, Tycor, As a result of the new facility, The Packaging Hub will create 40 jobs in Waterford by 2018.

se2 announced the launch of its new operations to support its business growth with the official opening of its bespoke offices on the IDA’s Technology Park. The company has an existing fulltime team of 70 and hope to fill out its 135 seat office space over the next 3-4 years.

Local Enterprise Office	2015	2016
Number of clients met:	248	30
Number of clients applying for		
Measure 1 support:	45	30
Number of clients securing Measure 1		
support and value of support offered:	24 @ €487,050	27 @ €533,825
Number of clients securing Measure 2		
support and value of support offered:	601 @ €331,373	561 @ 307,850

Planning

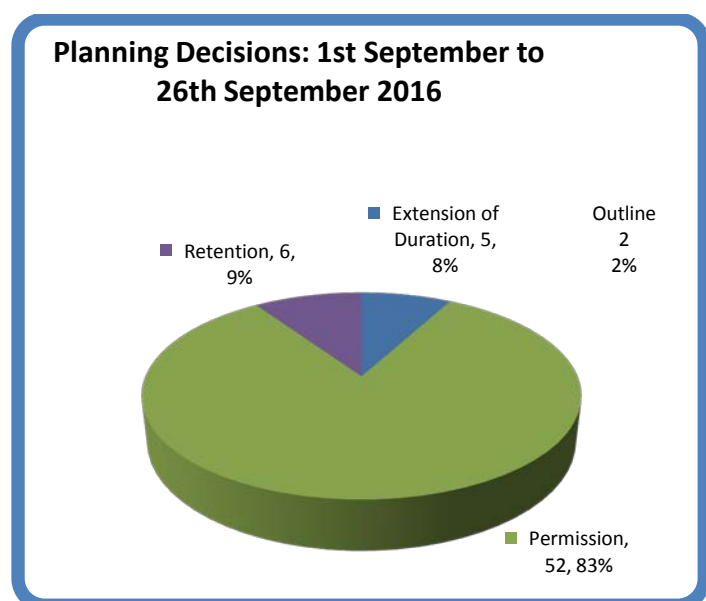
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

67 planning applications were received in the month of September (to 29th) 2016. This compares with 52 planning applications received in the same period in 2015. At this point in the year a total of 628 planning applications have been received. This compares with 535 applications received in the same period in 2015. This represents an increase of 17.4% in planning applications received year on year.

Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 64 decisions were made in the month of September 2016, 63 of which were granted. 1 application was refused. An analysis of the granted decisions is provided below.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 399 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the end of September of which 86.4% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

Forward Planning

Proposed Variation to the Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019, Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017 and Dungarvan Town Plan 2012-2018

It is proposed to carry out a variation of the a fore mentioned Development Plans in order to;

- (a) Incorporate the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy.
- (b) Incorporate the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, to apply Part V to developments of 10+ houses with 10% social housing requirement.

Vacant Site Levy

The Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015 introduced the Vacant Site Levy. The purpose of the levy is to incentivise the development of vacant sites in urban areas for housing and regeneration purposes. Under the Act it is mandatory for all Planning Authorities to establish a vacant site register. The purpose of the proposed variation is to ensure the vacant site levy provisions are appropriately reflected in the relevant development plans, including a specific objective for the development and redevelopment and reuse of vacant sites in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015.

Part V

Under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, Part V of the Planning & Development Act has been amended with a requirement that not more than 10% of land zoned for a residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses shall be reserved for the provision of social housing. Section 97 of the Planning & Development Act has also been amended whereby a Part V agreement shall not be required in the following instances for new development where the development consists of the provision of 9 or fewer houses, or is for housing on land of 0.1 hectares or less. The purpose of the proposed variation is to update the provisions of the Housing Strategies and Housing Chapters of the relevant Development Plans in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015.

Unfinished Housing Estates

An individual report will issue to each District Council.

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme:

Pavement improvement works on the Road Works Programme for the Metropolitan District for 2016 re-commenced at the end of September. This work will be completed during the month of October. The Contractor had work commitments on the N25, but will complete all outstanding works in Waterford City and Dunmore East in the next four to five weeks. The Contract for the drainage outfall at Blenheim will be awarded in October and work will then commence on this outfall. Also as part of the Storm funding allocation, the work at the Woodstown Culvert near the Saratoga will commence shortly. Some outstanding drainage works in the Tramore Area will also be completed in October.

Road Works Programmes for the Comeragh and Dungarvan/Lismore districts are substantially complete.

Coastal Repair Works:

Work on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore was ongoing in September. This work will continue provided weather conditions are suitable.

Work on the Passage East Flood Relief Scheme is nearing completion and the automatic barriers will be commissioned in the next two weeks. Some minor works to re-surfacing will be postponed until repair works to the slipway in Passage East are completed. A grant from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine will fund the repairs to the Slipway. This work will commence in mid-October with Construction set to take approximately three weeks. There will be some interruptions to the Passage East Ferry to facilitate the works. This will be well advertised in advance.

Passage East Harbour was dredged in January 2016 and the material was stored in the WC&CC Roads Depot at Carriglea. Following a complaint to the EPA, legal proceedings were initiated by the EPA which resulted in a Court hearing in the District Court. The initial hearing was set for the 12th of September 2016, but this has now been deferred until the 7th of November 2016. This has implications for further dredging work in the County and if the EPA are successful in the prosecution it may have a significant negative impact on budget.

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National Surfacing Schemes

Gortavicery overlay - this has been allocated as a pavement improvement scheme due to the problems with drainage, cracking and skid resistance. THRDO have been appointed to do the design work. The work was tendered and the tenders were opened 15th September 2016. Tender assessment is underway.

Cushcam – report on making improvements at the junction on N25 at Cushcam /Garanbane is currently with TII management for approval. A meeting was held with the local landowner who was informed of the proposed scheme.

The junction at Lefanta, N72 Cappoquinn is under review as a high accident location site.

Dungarvan Clonmel Road - CPO advertised and the date for submissions was 22nd July. There was one objection to the CPO and that was withdrawn prior to the oral hearing. There was no requirement for an oral hearing as the only objection was withdrawn. The accommodation works are being negotiated and once complete the contract documents will be completed. The CPO will be confirmed shortly.

Tallow Link road estimated project - the tender was advertised for this project and currently the tender is being assessed.

Waterford City Centre Works

The Viking Triangle works to pedestrianise Henrietta Street and High Street are continuing, with Niall Barry Construction's crew having now completed approximately 70% of the programmed works.

Murphy International Limited have commenced works on site for the Waterford Public Realm works. The initial phase of works is focused on John Street and Applemarket.

The R680 Green Route and city centre access routes project is being brought through detailed design stage by DBFL Consulting Engineers.

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Smarter Travel Progress Report October 2016 - Waterford Greenway

- Pavement Surfacing Works:
 - The 2km section west from Kilmeaden Station as far as road overbridge at Cullinagh is complete
- Six Car Parks have been provided, two at Clonea (Start of Greenway), one at Durrow, one at McGrath's Cross, one at the former Kilmacthomas Railway station (adjacent to the Garda Station) and one at Kilmacthomas 'Workhouse'. All car parks have macadam surfaces and are delineated and open to the public. Other possible locations are being considered.
- Bridge Extension Structures from Kilmeaden to Bilberry:
 - The structural steel frameworks to the bridge extensions 112, 113, 116, 117 and 118 are installed. The three main structural trussed frames for bridge extension 114 have been delivered on site and are yet to be installed. The mid span support columns to Bridge 114 are installed. There has been no progress on Boardwalk installation and the Kilmeaden platform extension. Rocker slabs at 112, 113, 116, 117 and 118 are completed.
- Accommodation Works to house holders from Clonea to the Greenan Level crossing are substantially complete.
- Accommodation Works serving Farm holdings from Clonea to the east side of the N25 underpass at Kildermody are 97% complete including structures and fencing.
- Accommodation works servicing Farm holdings from the N25 underpass at Kildermody to Kilmeaden Station are 60% complete. Three underpasses and one overbridge for landowners have been procured and contracts awarded, expected completion date is mid-October. Overbridge at Cullinagh is complete.
- Accommodation works from Kilmeaden Station to Bilberry Station are 80% complete.
- N25 Greenway
- Underpasses at McGrath's Cross and Kildermody are now 100% complete, accommodation works completed and snagging is ongoing. .
- N25 Greenway Overbridge at Kilmacthomas is now 100% complete, accommodation works completed and snagging is ongoing.
- Greenway Finishes:
 - Chicane Gates at Greenway public Crossing points and the thermoplastic yield markings on the ground are complete from Clonea to Greenan Level crossing at Carrolls Cross.
 - Timber fencing Guardrail installation at top of high steep embankment verges also continuing at various locations.
 - Installation of warning signs where the greenway crosses public roads commenced on 19th September 2016 (Highway Safety Developments and WCCC area staff).

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Grattan Square

Works have progressed well during the past month and the contractor is still aiming to be substantially complete by their revised completion date of 8th November 2016. The contractor is currently working on the main junctions in Grattan Square, which have required traffic to be reduced to a single lane through Grattan square. The Junction of TF Meagher Street and Grattan Square has been prioritised and was reopened to two way traffic on Monday 26th September (more than a week ahead of schedule). The junction of Mary Street and Grattan Square is still on schedule to be completed and fully open to two way traffic by 7th October. Street furniture including new street lights are to be installed within the next two weeks. Peripheral works will continue on Mary Street and TF Meagher Street until 8th November, as will snagging in Grattan Square. On completion of snagging works the paving will receive an intensive clean to remove construction residues and efflorescence.

Ballinroad

Ditch has been removed and foundations for the wall opposite the church are in place. We are still awaiting delivery of stone for wall construction.

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 substantially completed and ongoing.

Kilminnin

This is the narrow section of the Greenway adjacent to the Ballinacourty road. Works commenced week beginning 26th September, 2016.

Ringnasilloge

It is likely that no further progress can be made before Summer 2017

Tournore Whitestrand Link

Waterford City and County Council opened an access between the Tournore and Whitestrand estates. There have been a number of objections to this work on grounds of security, anti social behavior and littering. Due to a number of instances of anti social behavior it has been decided to close up this access. The works are intended to provide a

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safe Pedestrian / Cycle link between areas to the North and South of the Coast Road and facilitate access to Abbeyside National School.

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JP 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

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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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29	18/07/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
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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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41	10/10/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
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
46	14/11/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
47	21/11/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
48	28/11/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
49	05/12/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
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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 September. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	18	15	5
Comeragh	4	2	1
Dungarvan/Lismore	9	4	3
Total for September	31	21	9
Total 2016	442	285	97

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	September
Fire Safety Certificates	65	4
Planning Referrals	398	45

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	September 2016
Commencement Notices	249	28
Completion Certificates	103	15
Disability Access Certificates	53	5

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Civil Defence:

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

Activity	Date	Service Provided
The GAZ Cycle in Aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young. Waterford – Passage East – Wexford Town – New Ross – Waterford.	3 rd Sept	Ambulance and 5 Crew
Youghal RNLI Lifeboat Naming Ceremony	10 th Sept	First Aid Support, 1 Ambulance and Response Vehicle
Harvest Festival Waterford City	9 th , 10 th & 11 th Sept	Ambulance and 17 Crew
Homecoming U21 Hurlers Dungarvan	11 th Sept	First Aid Support, 1 Ambulance, 1 Minibus and Response Vehicle
U21 Hurling All Ireland Homecoming Peoples Park in the City.	11 th Sept	Ambulance & 14 Crew
Irish Water Safety National Surf Lifesaving Championships Clonea beach County.	24 th Sept	Ambulance and 5 Crew
Youghal Triathlon	25 th Sept	Safety boat, 1 Boat & 2 Response Vehicles

Housing

Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)

On 27th July 2016, 2,426 Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) forms issued to applicants who were approved for social housing supports on or before 21st September 2015. For the purposes of the HNA, transfer applicants and applicants housed under the RAS, HAP and Leasing Schemes were not contacted (as was stipulated by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in guidance which it issued to local authorities). The reason for this is that a transfer from a social or RAS house will not lead to an additional net need which is the purpose of the HNA exercise i.e. to determine net housing need. Following the deadline of 10th August 2016, 40.7% of applicants contacted (988 households) had returned a completed update form.

A second round of forms issued on 24th August 2016 to 1,438 households and applicants were given until 31st August 2016 to return a completed update form. Adverts were placed in local newspapers and notices were placed on the Council's website and on the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages. Following the deadline on 31st August 2016, text messages were sent to 938 applicants. Only 20% of these texts delivered as the remaining contact numbers were no longer in service. Radio adverts were placed with both WLR FM and Beat 102 103. Where forms were returned by An Post marked "Gone Away", "Not known at this address" or "Insufficient address", every effort was made to obtain current addresses for these applicants.

The deadline for the upload of the results of the initial assessment was 21st September 2016. Waterford City & County Council was the first Local Authority in the country to complete the upload of information to the Department. In accordance with the Department guidelines, all applicants who did not return a completed HNA update form by this date had their housing application closed. A total of 980 housing applications have been closed due to non-return of the forms. It should be noted that this level of non response is not unique by any means and in fact is much lower than as previously experienced.

At present all returned update forms are being processed and the final results of the HNA assessment must be uploaded to the Department on or before 12th October 2016. The percentage of returned forms at this point in time is approximately 60%. As indicated above, this is 10% higher than is generally experienced at HNAs.

I want to acknowledge the co operative and proactive input of all staff in the Housing department to this comprehensive exercise which is in addition to already high work pressures in Housing at this time.

Following the final update to Department and analysis of same nationally the final assessment outcome figures will be subsequently published by the Department.

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Sept 2015	Applications during Sept 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	73	118	752
Applications validated	40	56	543
Applications approved	47	55	461

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Sept 2015	New Tenancies during Sept 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	1	1	0	13
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	3	1	0	25
Metropolitan	18	6	2	94
Voluntary Bodies	0	2	0	66
Totals	22	10	2	198

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Sept 2015 HAP tenancies	Sept 2016 HAP tenancies set up	2016 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	73	43	310	824

Inspection of private rented dwellings

626 inspections of private rented dwellings have been carried out to date in 2016

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to Sept 2016	Number of applications to Sept 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€113,430.95	7	€265,080.29	22
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€35,883.20	7	€278,528.09	56
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€40,683.93	6	€194,324.86	35
Total	€189,998.08	20	€737,933.27	113

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
September Cases presented	84	51
Cumulative number of cases presented	595	371

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	Sept 2016	Sept 2015
Individuals	107	99
Individuals with dependent children	14	7
Families with no dependent children	0	6
Families with dependent children	9	4

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

In total, 12 adults and 15 children composed of 1 family, 2 adults with 4 children, 7 single parent families with 11 children and 3 individuals.

Housing

Capital Projects

Current Construction Projects

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

Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Expected to go to tender for the appointment of a contractor on the 7th November 2016.	This process will take 10 to 12 weeks from date of tender notice to a point whereby we are in a position to award the contract to a contractor and commence works on site.
Larchville (5)	Expected to go to tender for the appointment of a contractor on the 14th November 2016.	The tender process will take between 10 to 12 weeks to conclude from the date of tender notice.
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Full Design Team expected to be in place by end of October.	Following this the Design Team will be prepare a full set of tender drawings etc. and our intention is to be in a position to tender for a contractor in early to mid December. This process will take 10 to 12 weeks from date of tender notice to a point whereby we are in a position to award the contract to a contractor and commence works on site.
Cappoquin (4)	Contractor to be appointed by the end of October.	Commence work on site by mid November.
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Contractor to be appointed by the end of October.	Commence work on site by mid November.
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Currently with the National Office of Government Procurement for the appointment of a full design team.	We expect to have a full design team in place by early November.
Dungarvan Ballinroad	A decision from the	Once received we will seek the approval

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(20)	Dept. on our proposed scheme layout yielding 20 units is imminent.	of the elected members to commence the Part 8 process (most likely to be at the November Meeting).
Tramore An Garra (32)	An application for the appointment of a full design team is to go to the National Office of Government Procurement during October for the procurement of a full design team.	Once appointed they will requested to prepare a Detailed Sketch Layout which will be presented to the Elected members for approval to proceed to Part 8.

Retrofitting Insulation works

Tender drawings/documents have been completed for a number of projects around the city & county but most of the focus for these works, which are 100% funded by the Department, will be in the City as a considerable amount of properties around the county have already had energy upgrade works carried out to.

SEAI Schemes

Tender drawings/documents have been completed for a number of S.E.I.A. projects around the city & county as listed below. We are in the process of seeking quotations from specialist contractors for some of the projects whereas the St. Vincent de Paul project in Tramore has already commenced

- 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 (already started)

Housing

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

Works complete	28 units
Works commenced/underway	16 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	22 units
Newly vacant	13 units
In Regeneration programme	15 units
Total voids	94 units

Response maintenance

In September 2016, there were a total of 675 recorded requests. 508 have been resolved and 167 are pending.

Community Services

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Social Inclusion:

Age Friendly Waterford: the Waterford Aged Friendly Alliance held its first meeting on 26th September. Workplan agreed which will see an age friendly plan completed by year end.

Traveller Interagency Group: Meeting to be held on 10th October.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Comhairle launched Teenspace, a centralised hub of information about the services that are available to the young people of Waterford, on 16th September. Comhairle AGM to be held in Dungarvan on 14th October.

Waterford City & County Council Operation Spick and Span Awards 2016

Adjudication completed in September for the new Tidy Estates Awards 2016. Winners to be announced early October.

As a result of the success of this year's competition, it is intended to expand it in 2017.

Pride of Place Awards/ Community Awards

Community Awards to be held in Dungarvan on 24th November. Pride of Place Awards to be held in Belfast on 26th November (Waterford entrants: Integration Support Unit; Kilmacthomas and Waterford Youth Arts).

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.

Local Diaspora Engagement Strategy:

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

JPC:

Meeting on October 3rd.

PPN

Successful Plenary meeting held on 22nd September

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In September, 43,219 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 40,138 items during the month and in August, 44,723 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 43,907 items during the month.

In September, 233 events and activities took place in Libraries, highlights included:

- Summer Stars Reading Programme: Library staff presented certificates and medals to participating children in libraries and local schools
- Culture Night: Road to Equality Exhibition Dungarvan Library, EDIC stand Greystones Gallery,
- Harvest Festival: Food Craft Workshop, Central Library
- Diversity Festival: Seminar morning facilitated Central Library Staff in St. Patrick's Gateway, Family Event Storytelling and Music, Central Library
- Positive Aging Week: Go for Life event, Central Library
- Cappoquin Library: Author visit and reading by Karen Power
- New Scrabble club for adults Lismore
- Class visits to Cappoquin, Lismore, and Central
- Book Clubs: 15 meetings in Ardkeen, Kilmacthomas, Dungarvan, Portlawn, Tramore, and Central Libraries
- New parent and Toddler Group Tallow Library
- Community Officer Clinics Dunmore East Library
- Positive Aging Week: Flower Arranging and coffee morning Dungarvan Library, Creative Writing event Ardkeen, Go For Life event Central Library
- EDIC – Culture for Kids Creative writing for children, Central Library

Events coming up in October include:

- Children's Book Festival: a wide range of events for children in all libraries throughout the month
- Well Festival – Events in Lismore, Tallow, Dungarvan, Ardkeen, Portlawn, and Central Libraries
- Tidy Towns "Waste and Recycling Awareness event – Lismore Library
- Imagine Arts Festival: Margaret O'Brien Moran Photography exhibition, Index gallery Central Library

Library Development:

Open Libraries: tender process for the Open Libraries system for Dungarvan Library launched.

Library Development Plan: presentation of draft plan to Housing, Community, Culture, Sports & Recreation SPC

New activities introduced in Tallow, Dunmore East and Lismore Libraries

Arts & Culture

Arts

The annual Arts Council Application for 2017 funding has been submitted.

Culture Night was a big success – City highlights: The Mayor’s Walk – a tour of the inner City Arts Buildings, Scratch Arts Pop-up Exhibitions in Greyfriars, The Annual Arts Fair in Greyfriars, Launch of John Byrne Exhibition in Garter Lane, Tour of the Waterford Walls, South East Maker Space expo on Thomas Hill. Other highlights included an evening of music and poetry in the Old Market House, Dungarvan, including a contribution by members of Waterford Comhairle na nÓg who participated in an Arts Office funded literature project.

Garter Lane was successful with its application to tour Jim Nolan’s play, ‘Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye’ commissioned by WC&CC as part of their 1916/2016 commemorative events .

The Sonic Arts Festival (September 23/24/25th) was held mainly in Soma Contemporary Gallery with breakout sessions in Rogue Gallery and nearby hostels.

Soma Gallery is being formalised with a Board of Directors. Further renovations in Soma will be undertaken shortly.

Rogue Gallery has announced its new Director team of Janie Kavanagh, Dennis Power and Conor Nolan.

Greyfriars Municipal Gallery is again the host for the Imagine Festival’s main exhibition. Following on from the RHA curated Waterford Municipal Collection exhibition, the RHA has been invited to curate a new exhibition based on new works from its current members.

The Arts Office is currently working with Garranbane N.S. and St. Mary’s N.S., Dungarvan on visual arts projects.

The Molly Keane Writers Retreat, Ardmore is hosting workshops in early October by Don Share, Editor of Poetry, one of the world’s largest poetry publications.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Lower Main Street, Dungarvan is hosting ‘A View of Home’ by Ann Brennan, plus new works by Fergus Lyons and Mary Duffy. These exhibitions continue until mid October. The new ‘Ekphrasis’ sessions have begun in the venue, viewing and writing about art in a manner to contribute to personal creativity and wellness.

While the search continues for a home for the Waterford Film Centre, essential equipment is being procured due to the strong demand for Waterford based drama.

The Dungarvan Town Hall Theatre is seeing one of its strongest Winter programmes to date with shows by Curtain Call, Dungarvan Dramatic Club and Encore productions to name a few.

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Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2016 – 24th August 2016

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	123
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	74
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

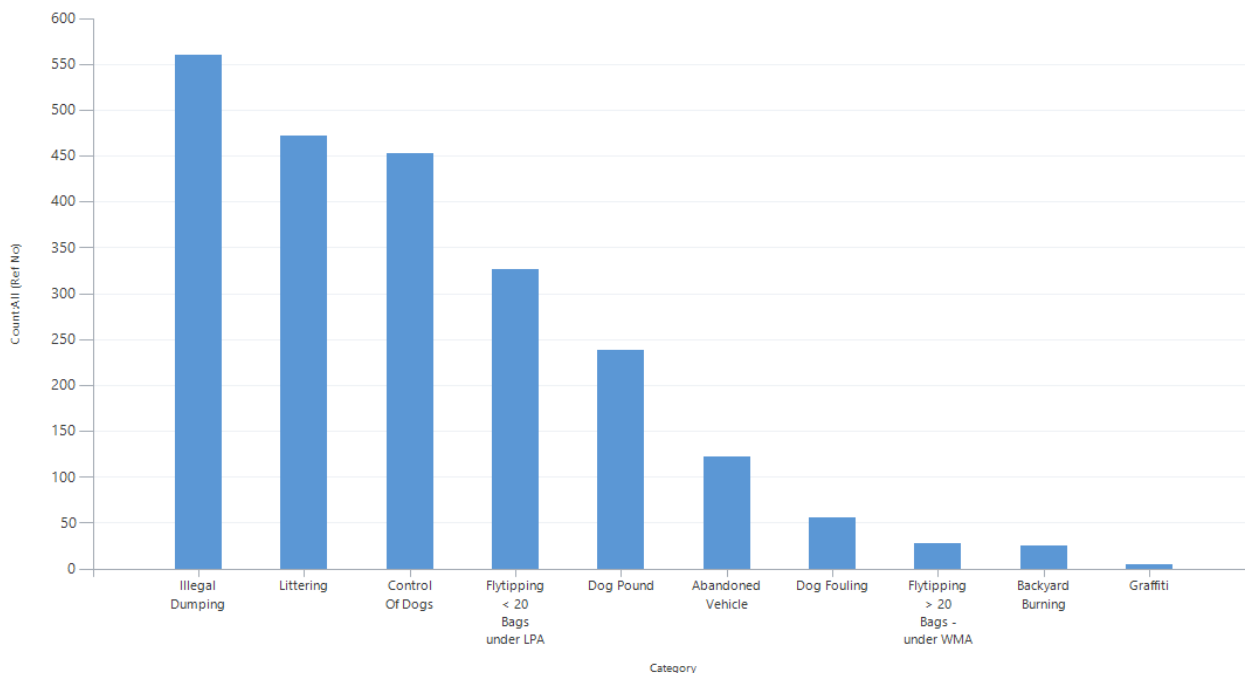
Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

No of Complaints	1842
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)	88
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	26
Warning Letters Sent	64
Section 14 Directions	2

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.

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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.

Presentation / Parks & Open Spaces

Waterford City:

Throughout September our staff have primarily been involved in the carrying out of maintenance works. , this has also meant it has been time to call close to our hanging baskets, these have now been removed, while the likes of the Folly and Thomas Francis Meagher flower displays are still performing and will continue for the next number of weeks and we shall utilise this to gain the full advantage of this late flush of flowers.

Hanging baskets have been removed in situations where they have passes their flowering lifespan. Likewise the summer planting in Sallypark and Ferrybank have now come to their end and have been removed. Planting of winter/spring flowers & bulbs will be carried out over the coming weeks. The planting schemes around the city will continue to highlight and enhance approaches to the city. This programme of winter planting will be completed in time for the upcoming bank holiday at the end of October. The tender process for the award of a contract for tree stump grinding has closed and the process of appointing the successful

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contractor is being carried out. It is expected that the work will be completed through the month of October.

Tramore:

Staff in the Tramore area have also been involved in maintenance works during the month of September. The area around the Summerhill centre has recently been regarded and re-grassed. This work involved the removal of poor and struggling planting prior to preparation and re-seeding. When the grass has been established the area will be more efficiently maintained by our grass machinery. Towards the end of October our staff will be continuing the programme of daffodil planting which has been carried out in numerous places around our town over recent years.

Dungarvan:

Work has commenced on the re- landscaping of the Youghal Road Roundabout where a large portion of the central part of the roundabout will be redesigned. The main element of the re-design will include the introduction of a foreshore feature which will take into account the proximity of the roundabout to the coast. Stone and gravel will be used to create this feature and with the use of plants found in such seaside locations we shall endeavour to create a roundabout that will enhance the approach to the town. Dungarvan's hanging baskets haven given a great return this summer; now are coming to a finish and over the next short while our staff will be involved in the removal of these from locations in the town. Preparations have begun to put winter/ spring bedding schemes in place within the key locations of Walton Park and core points within the centre of town. Plans are in place to carry out daffodil planting particularly on the approach to the town from Cork, this planting shall be completed by month's end in order to reap the Spring time cheer they shall bring next February and into March.

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An Taisce Green Flag

As part of Waterford City and County Council's promotion of the An Taisce's "Green Flag" programme for schools an information seminar took place on 29th September in Dungarvan with 25 attendees. All schools were invited to this seminar. Any school who couldn't attend on the night can request a visit if needed in order to receive advice and support.

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Anti-Litter Talks

Secondary schools are being contacted at present to offer anti-litter talks to classes. These have taken place in recent years with 1st & 4th year pupils to speak to them about litter generated at lunchtimes in particular. To date, seven talks have taken place at secondary schools this term.

Greenway – Leave No Trace

Schools that are located along the Greenway are being contacted in relation to taking part in Leave No Trace litter workshops that have been funded under the Litter Grant. The Leave No Trace schools programme is curriculum linked and intended to promote sustainable use of the outdoors. It is based on the seven principles of Leave No Trace, which encourage respect for our environment and include disposing of waste properly.

Draft Litter Management Plan

Submissions received in respect of the Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019 are currently being assessed.

Reuse Month

Reuse Month takes place during October.



A number of events are being held around the county to coincide with this.

- a) The Repair Directory will be launched in Lismore on Thursday 6th October at 11am on West Street (outside library) with Lismore Tidy Towns. This directory was being compiled with the purpose of encouraging people to repair common household items and extend their life cycle as a means of reducing waste generation. All leads received were followed up by phone to obtain permission for inclusion in the repair directory, verify contact details and current place of business. It includes businesses that repair items such as Electrical goods, Bicycles, Computers, Phones, Furniture, Clocks, Clothes alterations, Shoes, Musical Instruments, etc.

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- b) A Halloween reuse in art workshop is being organised for children during the midterm break as another waste prevention/reuse initiative. One will take place in Ardkeen, Dungarvan, Lismore and Tramore libraries with an artist during the midterm break.
- c) A waste prevention workshops/show will take place at St Marys PS, Dungarvan on Thursday 13th October; Portlaw NS and Kilmacthomas PS will receive this show on Friday 14th October.
- d) Reusable bottles will be distributed at Tramore Park Run participants on Saturday 8th October. At least 70 million plastic bottles were sold in Ireland last year, 14 million of which were plastic water bottles. 80% of these were recycled, however reuse is better for the environment than recycling as it requires less waste, energy and water than recycling. For this reason, we are distributing reusable water bottles through running club, along with a leaflet to explain why reuse is better for the environment and encouraging participants to reuse other items also.
- e) A furniture upcycling and also a bicycle repair event are taking place. Time and date to be confirmed.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns awards were held in Dublin on 26th September. A number of towns and villages in Co Waterford entered the competition this year.; [Ardmore](#), Ballyduff Upper, Ballymacarbry, Cappoquin, [Cheekpoint](#), [Clashmore](#), [Dungarvan](#), [Dunmore East](#), Ferrybank, [Kilmacthomas](#), Lismore, [Passage East And Crook](#), Portlaw, [Stradbally](#), Tallow, [Tramore](#), [Villierstown](#) and [Waterford City](#). [Lismore, Ardmore and Stradbally were awarded County Awards, Kilmacthomas was awarded an endeavour award and Tramore was a joint winner of the Youth Award in the South East.](#) The following entries were awarded medals:

- a) Ardmore was awarded a silver medal: Adjudicators commented that “Ardmore has a very proactive committee that has engaged with all of its community including non-nationals with the objective of making Ardmore a better place to live in for the local population and a better place to visit for the many tourists and day trippers that arrive during the year. It has excellent links with all facets of both public service and other state agencies.”
- b) Ballymacarbry was awarded a bronze medal. “Thank you for a really great effort that culminated in your entry this year - a great piece of work. This was concise, well-illustrated and very interesting. Your role call of supporters and sponsors is impressive.”

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- c) Dungarvan was awarded a silver medal. Adjudicators commented that theirs was “A really interesting and thought-provoking visit. Well done to all your volunteers and supporters. We will be hearing more about Dungarvan, it is believed.”
- d) Lismore was awarded a gold medal; Adjudicators commented that “It was a pleasure to visit Lismore ... There is always liveliness about the place no matter how often one comes back. .. Lismore was at its summer best, lots of visitors taking the many attractions that the town has to offer.”
- e) Stradbally was awarded a silver medal. Adjudicators commented that “This was the first visit to your lovely little village despite having heard much about it, given your high level of achievement in this competition. Your entry in this category was actually fascinating and a good reminder for the reader of how much the competition - and its aims - mean to communities such as yours.”
- f) Tramore was awarded a bronze medal. “It’s great to see that you work well with others and indeed engage with key players. Your use of media is first rate (as evinced by your video and Youth Competition entry) and you clearly work well with young people.”
- g) Waterford was awarded a silver medal. “Thank you for a really well-presented and detailed entry into Tidy Towns this is year. This was an excellent introduction to Tidy Waterford and your work. Despite your relatively recent involvement in the competition - 8 years - you have made great strides indeed. You can’t do this alone and your list of bodies with whom you have worked and receive support bears this out... Your work with schools and young people in general is admirable.”

Full adjudicators reports are available for individual entries on

<http://www.tidytowns.ie/reports.php>

Food Waste Prevention

A joint application with Wexford County Council was submitted for a food waste prevention initiative for a Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN) grant. €9446.94 was granted to Waterford City and County Council for this food waste prevention project, consisting of workshops culminating in a food waste prevention cookery demonstration.

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Veterinary Services and Food Safety

Regular food safety surveillance inspections and meat inspection, slaughter and animal welfare audits, traceability and labelling audits are ongoing in the nine approved meat premises (3 slaughterhouses & 6 meat processing premises) and five registered meat premises/vehicles under supervision in accordance with the service contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI). Sampling activity during Sept 2016 comprised water sampling (micro), Scrapie sampling and carcase sponge micro sampling .

The new Service contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

A new service contract has been agreed with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) for the provision by the Council of food safety inspection services for county Waterford. The new Service Contract runs from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2019 i.e. for the next 3 years. The wholetime veterinary inspector attended the annual FSAI/LAVS national meeting in the Gibson Hotel, Point Square, Dublin on 16th September.

Waterford Energy Bureau

SEAI Better Energy Community Scheme

Waterford Energy Bureau has received funding of €1,000,000 from SEAI / Energia, under the Better Energy Community Scheme 2016. All works to be completed by end of November 2016.

Project partners that have received funding include:

- Honeywell
- Ardkeen Super Store
- Newtown Primary School
- Manor Saint John Community Centre
- Passage East Community Centre
- Carbally Community Centre

Housing upgrades included within the application

- Saint Vincent De Paul, Convent Hill, Tramore
- Inner City Housing, Waterford City
- Caseyville Dungarvan
- Tallow

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- Portlaw

Funding has been received in excess of €211,000 from the, Department, of Transport, Tourism and sport for energy efficiency upgrades to Kingfisher Club. The work is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by end of October.

Website

Environmental 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 August 31, 2016

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	15,503,420	22,442,073	69%	15,873,835	23,120,415	69%
B	Road Transport & Safety	22,837,961	28,568,589	80%	16,021,784	18,698,041	86%
C	Water Services	7,481,558	10,778,764	69%	6,925,186	10,128,362	68%
D	Development Management	7,393,531	12,006,479	62%	2,647,136	4,861,389	54%
E	Environmental Services	11,451,765	17,492,221	65%	1,535,572	2,180,127	70%
F	Recreation & Amenity	7,901,936	12,132,499	65%	1,381,335	2,312,364	60%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,747,621	1,669,424	105%	1,241,146	914,688	136%
H	Miscellaneous Services	10,226,398	13,340,383	77%	4,340,135	4,507,432	96%
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	11,424,010	17,136,015	67%
PL	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	1,450,566	1,981,582	73%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	21,726,677	32,590,017	67%
		84,544,190	118,430,432	71%	84,567,382	118,430,432	71%
Surplus/Deficit					23,192	0	

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Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-8-2016								
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	Accrued ytd to Aug 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Aug	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 31-8-2016 [4-5+7]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	32,938,548	-	-1615	31,070,238	21,597,098	70%	5,451,908	14,925,048
Loans	2,082,535			2,082,535	1,964,592	94%	977,040	1,094,983
Rents	7,983,090			7,983,090	7,839,448	98%	2,293,176	2,436,818
Aged Analysis of Net Balances								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
Rates		-	8,372,211	4,018,951	2,533,886	14,925,048		
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		112,991	92,980	183,894	705,118	1,094,983		
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		184,430	129,455	175,835	1,947,098	2,436,818		
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in Aug- 31 days		Cost-€8,703	Average - €5.5m					

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