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Management Report to Council

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Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

	2015	2016
Number of clients met:	293	332
Number of clients applying for		
Measure 1 support:	49	33
Number of clients securing Measure 1		
support and value of support offered:	32 @ €585,800	29 @ €558,375
Number of clients securing Measure 2		
support and value of support offered:	964 @ €383,060	594 @ 330,054

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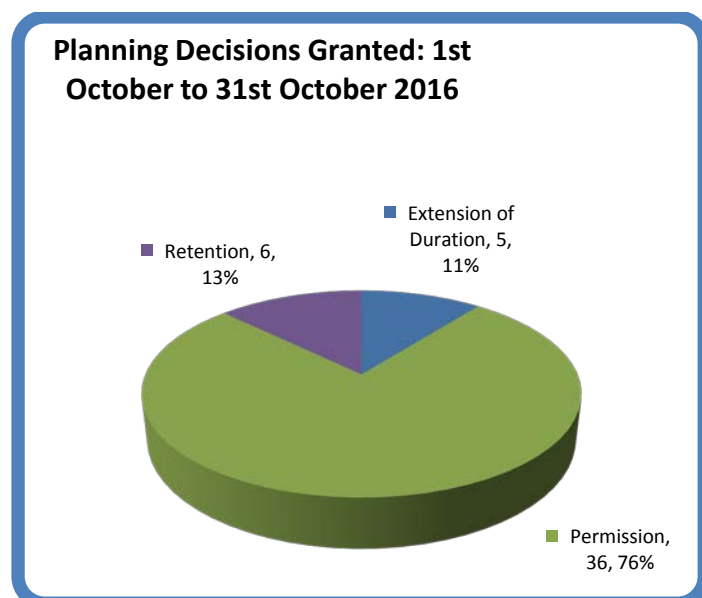
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

55 planning applications were received in the month of October (to 26th) 2016. This compares with 56 planning applications received in the same period in 2015. At this point in the year a total of 693 planning applications have been received. This compares with 594 applications received in the same period in 2015. This represents an increase of 16.6% in planning applications received year on year.

Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 48 decisions were made in the month of October 2016, 47 of which were granted. 1 application was refused. An analysis of the granted decisions is provided below.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 445 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the end of October of which 93.7% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

Forward Planning

It is proposed to carry out a variation to the Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019, Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017 and Dungarvan Town Plan 2012-2018 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.

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(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.

Forward Planning have prepared these proposed variations following an examination of legislation and a formulation of policy responses in order to implement and adhere to National legislative requirements. Both proposed variations 3(a) and (b) have been brought before the Planning SPC and are proposed to be brought to Council at the November Plenary meeting. It is envisaged the proposed variations will be on public display from 15th November 2016 until 13th December 2016. Following public consultation a Chief Executive's Report shall be prepared detailing the number and type of submissions received and the Chief Executive's response to same. The Chief Executive's Report will be circulated to all Members for their consideration prior to the variation being brought before Council for decision. The details of the proposed variations are set out below;

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.

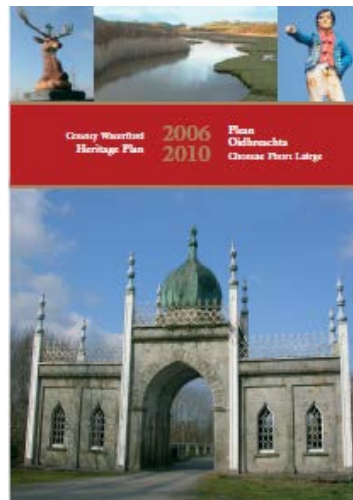
Part V

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.

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Waterford Heritage Plan

The Draft Heritage Plan was presented to the October Plenary meeting and placed on public display for 4 weeks from October 17th – November 21st. The plan contains over 30 actions for archaeology, built, cultural and natural heritage. Actions set out to document previously unrecorded features of heritage, increased access to heritage, promotion of heritage tourism and supporting community heritage projects. Following the consultation period, the Plan will revert to Plenary Council for consideration & adoption.



Unfinished Housing Developments Reports

This function has now transferred to the Housing Directorate and update reports will be forwarded via the Housing report.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Road Works Programme:

Pavement improvement works on the Road Works Programme for the Metropolitan District for 2016 is 90% complete. Works in Dunmore East were delayed during the Summer months and work is now nearing completion. One outstanding job in Waterford City at Summer Hill/Morgan Street junction will be completed during the mid-term break at the start of November to reduce the impact on traffic congestion. The drainage outfall at Blenheim must be re-advertised for part 8 planning purposes. Work on the Woodstown Culvert near the Saratoga has commenced and will take approximately four weeks to complete.

Coastal Repair Works:

Work on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore will be suspended for a number of weeks and continue when weather conditions are suitable next year.

Work on the Passage East Flood Relief Scheme is complete apart from some minor snags. The new automatic barriers will be commissioned as soon as the power supply is completed. 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 are funding the repairs to the Slipway. This work commenced in mid-October and will be completed on the next low tides in mid-November. There will be some interruptions to the Passage East Ferry to facilitate these works.

Passage East Harbour was dredged in January 2016 and the material has since been stored in the WCCC Roads Depot at Carriglea. The EPA initiated legal proceedings against WCCC in June 2016. The initial hearing was held on the 12th of September 2016, but this was deferred until the 7th of November 2016. This has may have a significant impact on the budget.

Pike Hill (€1,100,000) strengthening scheme

Substantially complete. Snagging in progress (awaiting test results) quotes received for LED chevrons. It is proposed to put in LED chevrons on the outside of the bend as you come down the pike hill to guide traffic around the bend.

2017 schemes

Roads and Transportation

The TII have approved WCCC to proceed with the design of two new overlay schemes N72 Tallowbridge, and N25 Ballybrusca (west of Grange continuing where the surfacing finished this year). A meeting was held with the TII on site to assess the schemes and preliminary assessment works are underway by THRDO.

N72 delineation contract: The TII propose to renew the lines the N72 this year. The contract will be for the whole of the N72 from Tarrs bridge to Killarney. The drawings are completed and the tender process underway. The main change is to introduce the warning line system in place of the single no overtaking solid line. Some areas which were previously no overtaking have overtaking allowed. There is no removal of deceleration lanes proposed. All arrows are to remain the same.

Hd28 –skid resistance improvement

Resurfacing works at Grange completed, The top of the Pike hill and Youghal bridge are completed. There was significant traffic disruption due to the site constraints. There are further works planned ie resurfacing the Ringcrew roundabout. Is it planned to do that work as night works from 6pm to 6am. Traffic management set up will take place from 6 pm to 7pm. There are minor local diversions planned for that and all work will be on mapalarter.

Munster bridges

WCCC is acting as client on the joints replacement project. The contract has been extended to cover additional work in Cork city.

Safety Barrier replacement

Work on the replacement barriers is complete.

Regional road bridges – €250000 budget. The tenders have been received and a letter of intent issued for the following bridges:

East Waterford remediation works : Ballyvooney cove bridge, Lemybrien bridge, Caherbrack bridge

West Waterford remediation works : Cork road culvert, Paddy Browns bridge, Killoteran Bridge, Pouldrew Bridge and Monvoy Bridge.

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Roads and Transportation

The work includes: Removal of vegetation from structure , repointing of masonry , installation of rubbing, strips , replacement of road surfacing , installation of road drainage outlets , repair of masonry bed lining, strengthening of the piers, installing nails, installing tie bars, installing bed lining, placing rock armour improving drainage and resurfacing.

Flood damage: Emergency inspections reports have been received from the consultants. Bridges in scour prone areas of areas where there were high levels of flood waters were inspected. There is some scour damage to bridges however most are in good condition. It is likely that the work will be done as part of the 2017 work programme. Some of the work has been included in this year's tender.

Russell's bridge in Clashmore - this is out to tender.

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 85% of the programmed works with substantial completion expected by end of November.

Murphy International Limited are working on the installation of underground services and foundations for the canopy structure in the Applemarket.

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

Roads and Transportation

Smarter Travel Progress Report November 2016 - Waterford Greenway

- Six Car Parks have been provided in total - Work has commenced on the Car park and access road at WIT Carriganore campus and other possible locations are being considered, such as adjacent to Carrolls Cross Roadstone Quarry, Haughtons Cross and Clonea.
- Bridge Extension Structures from Kilmeaden to Bilberry:
 - The structural steel frameworks for all bridge extensions and platform extension at Kilmeaden Station are all now in place, the only outstanding steelwork to be installed are the boardwalk sections either side of Bridge No. 114. Work on 'Rocker Slabs' is continuing and an alternative to the GRC decking system is to be proposed by the Contractor.
- Accommodation works servicing Farm holdings from the N25 underpass at Kildermody to Kilmeaden Station are 70% complete. Three underpasses and one overbridge for landowners have been procured and contracts awarded, expected completion date is mid/late November. Overbridge at Cullenagh is complete.
- Accommodation works from Kilmeaden Station to Bilberry Station are 85% complete.
- N25 Greenway Underpasses at McGrath's Cross and Kildermody are now 100% complete, accommodation works completed and snagging is ongoing.

Grattan Square

- The contract works are due to be substantially complete by 11th November.
- The resurfacing of Mary Street has now been included in the contract. This will involve 24hour shifts on Mary Street between the 7th and 11th November. Mary Street will be reopened to two way traffic on Saturday 12th November.
- New Street lights, Bike Racks and Litter Bins have been installed. Other street furniture including Banner Poles, Handrails, Signage and Seats with integrated power sockets to be installed within the next two weeks
- Minor works remaining at the tie locations on O'Connell Street, Cross Bridge Street, TF Meagher Street and Main Street to ensure there is a seamless transition from the existing streets and footpaths to the new surface, this will be completed within the next two weeks
- Snagging will continue until 11th November.
- Grattan Square will receive an intensive clean during week commencing 14th November (Cleaning is expected to take 3-4 days. This will remove the construction dust and enhance the contrast in the paving materials.
- The contractor expects to be fully demobilised by 18th November.
- The project team are working with Dungarvan A Glow to ensure the Christmas tree and Christmas lighting are installed on schedule.

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

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	116	20	8
Comeragh	3	3	1
Dungarvan/Lismore	19	4	3
Total for October	138	27	12
Total 2016	580	312	109

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	October
Fire Safety Certificates	77	9
Planning Referrals	440	42

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	October 2016
Commencement Notices	282	33
Completion Certificates	113	10
Disability Access Certificates	56	3

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Civil Defence:

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

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Lifejacket training Newtown School Pool	2 nd Oct	24 members
River Blackwater Exercise to check communications	8 th Oct	2 Response Vehicles
Solas Run for Life in the City	9 th Oct	2 Ambulances, 2 4X4 jeeps and 18 Crew
Massed Bands Concert Sacred Heart Church	14 th Oct	4 members and unit flag
Viqueens Roller Derby Kingfisher Leisure Centre	15 th Oct	Ambulance and 6 Crew
Radiation Monitoring Exercise to collect background samples and test communications	16 th Oct	2 Response Vehicles
Irish Heart Foundation Fight Nite in Tower Hotel	21 st Oct	Ambulance and 6 Crew
Swift water flood responders course Mullinavat Co. Kilkenny	22 nd Oct	Van & Minibus & 10 members
St Johns River Clean Up	29 th Oct	Rescue Boat & 6 members
Drone Camera Training Wexford	30 th Oct	4X4 jeep & 4 members

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during Oct 2015	Applications during Oct 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	70	75	827
Applications validated	82	38	581
Applications approved	39	58	519

Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during Oct 2015	New Tenancies during Oct 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	1	1	0	14
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	1	1	0	26
Metropolitan	11	6	0	100
Voluntary Bodies	0	15	0	81
Totals	13	23	0	221

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Oct 2015 HAP tenancies	Oct 2016 HAP tenancies set up	2016 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	42	103	395	909

Housing

Inspection of private rented dwellings

748 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 Oct 2016	Number of applications to Oct 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€12,020.99	2	€277,101.28	24
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€68,495.36	14	€347,023.45	70
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€69,487.87	11	€263,812.73	46
Total	€150,004.22	27	€887,937.49	140

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
October Cases presented	54	54
Cumulative number of cases presented	649	425

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	Oct 2016	Oct 2015
Individuals	108	101
Individuals with dependent children	18	8
Families with no dependent children	0	4
Families with dependent children	7	4

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

In total, 10 adults and 11 children composed of 1 family, 2 adults with 1 child, 6 single parent families with 10 children and 2 individuals.

Housing

Capital Projects

Current Construction Projects

- Old Cinema Site Dungarvan 15 Units – Contractor on site and nearing completion.

Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Tender documents in preparation by WCCC and appointed consultants. Expected to go to tender for the appointment of a contractor in Dec 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)	Tender documents in preparation by WCCC and appointed consultants. Expected to go to tender for the appointment of a contractor in Dec 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.
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Full Design Team has been appointed.	The Design Team is currently preparing a full set of tender drawings/specifications etc. which will go on E-Tender by mid December.
Cappoquin (4)	Contractor to be appointed in November.	Work to commence on site in December.
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Contract has been awarded.	Work is due to commence work on site in 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 mid November.
Dungarvan Ballinroad (20)	Approval of proposed scheme has been received from the Department .	Design Team will now be procured through the OGP Framework.
Tramore An Garran (32)	Currently with the National Office of Government Procurement for the appointment of a full design team.	We expect to have a design team in place by December.

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Doyle Street (4)	A full integrated design team is to be procured through the OGP Framework.	We hope to have a design team in place by December.
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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

The following contracts have been awarded and works are due to commence on site. In the case of the St. Vincent de Paul Units in Tramore works are well advanced.

- Summerhill Close, Waterford City
- Presentation Row, Waterford City
- Caseyville, Dungarvan
- Keating Street, Dungarvan
- Inner town area of Portlaoise
- St Vincent De Paul Houses in Tramore (already started)

Due to the level & complexity of works required and the short timeframe to draw down the grant, the following areas have had to be moved into next year's scheme.

- Monastery Street, Waterford City
- St. Ignatius Street, Waterford City

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

- Works complete 23 units
- Works commenced/underway 15 units
- Surveyed/at tender stage 22 units
- Newly vacant 22 units
- In Regeneration programme 15 units
- Total voids 97 units

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Response maintenance

- In October 2016, there were a total of 655 recorded requests. 462 have been resolved and 193 are pending.

Community Services

Social Inclusion:

SICAP review carried out in October. Key Performance Indicators being met.

Waterford Traveller Inter-agency Group: Last meeting held 10th October. Workshop in November to progress work on collaborative Action Plan for TIG.

Comhairle na nÓg:

Comhairle organised successful AGM on 14th October with high attendance from schools and youth services across city and county

Waterford City & County Council Operation Spick and Span Awards 2016

There were fourteen entries throughout the county into the inaugural Waterford City & County Council Spick & Span competition. Adjudication took place over the summer months. Numbers did not allow judging in all categories as planned; in this regard all entries will receive a prize for their efforts.

Waterford Community & Voluntary awards:

Being held in Dungarvan on 24th November.

Pride of Place:

Pride of Place entries 2016 are:

- Kilmacthomas
- Waterford Youth Arts
- ISU Barrack Street

Awards being held in Belfast on 26th November

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.

JPC:

Meeting held in October. Currently developing Community Safety Plan 2017 and Six Year Strategic Plan

PPN

PPN Plenary meeting held on 22nd September. Municipal meetings planned for 10th November, Kilmacthomas and 17th November in Waterford City.

Waterford Age Friendly Programme:

Consultation days: 7th November: Dungarvan
14th November: Kilmacthomas
14th November: Waterford City

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In October, 45,927 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 38,164 items during the month.

In October 304 events and activities took place in Libraries, highlights included:

- Children's Book Festival: a wide range of events for children in all libraries throughout the month with 2412 children attending 60 events.
- Well Festival: 655 people attended 33 events in libraries organized by library staff.
- Tidy Towns "Waste and Recycling Awareness event: Lismore Library.
- Imagine Arts Festival: Margaret O'Brien Moran Photography exhibition, Index Gallery, Central Library.
- Preschool story times and Parent and Toddler groups: 18 parent and toddler groups and 8 preschool story sessions took place in Cappoquin, Ardkeen, Tramore, Dunmore East, and Dungarvan Libraries, 307 children visited libraries for these events.
- Book clubs: 18 Book club meetings with 160 attendees took place in Ardkeen, Portlaoise, Tramore, Kilmacthomas, Dungarvan and Central libraries.
- Class visits : 24 class visits to Cappoquin, Dungarvan and Central libraries with 241 children visiting these libraries.
- Outreach to schools: staff from Cappoquin, Ardkeen, Browns Road, Portlaoise, Dunmore East, Kilmacthomas, and Dungarvan visited 18 schools to promote library services and present Summer Stars Reading awards to 3505 children.
- Music Event: E-5 Bluegrass band performance to 43 audience members in Kilmacthomas Library.
- EU Investment Fund talk to 60 audience members: EDIC Central Library.
- Talk on Powering the Social Economy to 25 audience members Central Library.
- EDIC Soapbox Competition 100 people participated in debate, Central Library.

Events coming up in November include:

- Art storm workshops for children Ardkeen, Lismore, and Tramore libraries
- Gymboree music event for children Browns Road, Ardkeen, Portlaoise, Dunmore East, and Tramore libraries.
- Active age meeting Tallow Library.
- Waste and Recycling Awareness workshop Lismore Library.
- Delia Murphy Commemoration in story and Song Lismore Library.
- Halloween art workshops for children Dungarvan library.
- Book Launch "Small Girl at a Window" Dungarvan Library.
- Exhibition: Ferrybank Textiles group Central Library.

Library Development:

- Waterford City and County Council Library Services will be the hosts of the Library Association of Ireland Public Libraries Section Conference 9th to 11th November.
 - Open Libraries: work has started on Stock preparation in Dungarvan.
 - Library Development Plan: Council Workshop scheduled for 10th November
 - Staff attended First Aid training and Borrowbox e resources training in October.

Arts & Culture

Arts

The Arts Office is currently working with Carriglea N. S. and the Sesame Pre School, Dungarvan for children with special needs on visual arts projects. A large number of secondary schools are participating in the Arts Office assisted project ARTiculation with Lismore Castle Arts, the Waterford regional heat is due to take place in early December in Garter Lane Arts Centre. ARTiculation Ireland has been designed to promote the appreciation and discussion of Art, Architecture and Artefact.

Wobbly Circus is working on circus skills with the CBS, Dungarvan during this month.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Lower Main Street, Dungarvan is hosting it's annual Christmas Art & Crafts exhibition from 17th November until 23rd December. The 'Ekphrasis' sessions continue in the venue, viewing and writing about art in a manner to contribute to personal creativity and wellness.

The Arts Office supported '**Children of the Revolution**' Project will culminate with a concert in the Town Hall Theatre, Dungarvan on November 26th. Waterford City & County Council is one of six counties supporting this national research and performance project, devised and produced by MI Fortune & Aileen Lambert. See www.childrenoftherevolution.ie for full project details. The collection of music performed will include songs from the 1916 period, with the support of the Irish Traditional Music Archive, Irish World Academy of Music at the University of Limerick and The National Library, Dublin.

The Council's Environment Department in partnership with the Arts Office has invited artists to submit proposals to work on the old sea buoy on the roundabout at the Youghal Road entrance to Dungarvan. This is a pilot to redevelop seven roundabouts on the N25 Dungarvan Bypass.

Literature workshops in Lismore have completed and the Artlinks literature mentoring for 2016 is due to complete at the end of November.

The Community Music project at Riverstown, Tramore has been supported to upgrade some of it's sound equipment. This project which receives long term support from the Arts Office has a number of former students now undertaking the BA (Hons) in Music Degree at WIT.

'The End' is a group exhibition in Soma Contemporary Gallery – the last exhibition under that moniker prior to the re-launch of the space as Gallery Of Modern Art – complete with a new board of directors. Work is also getting underway to upgrade the facilities.

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Rogue Gallery is preparing for a solo exhibition by Denis Power in conjunction with Waterford City & County Council. The show will run through Winterval.

Greyfriars Municipal Gallery plays host to a group show of leading Irish RHA Artists under the title of Real Real: Martin Gale, Eithne Jordan, Colin Martin and Mick O’Dea. Greyfriars has also completed its transformation of the 1st floor where Waterford’s finest works will be on permanent display – Jack B Yeats, Maine Jellett, Louis LeBrocqy, Sarah Purser etc. A Winter exhibition, with schools outreach programme begins in late November and will run through January.

Waterford has witnessed an explosion in home grown new play productions – all of which have used Council facilities and four of which have blossomed due to Council interventions including The Green One (opera), Pulled, Boundary and [Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye](#).

Planning for the 2017 Arts Grants is underway.

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

1st January 2016 – 26th October 2016

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	141
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	81
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

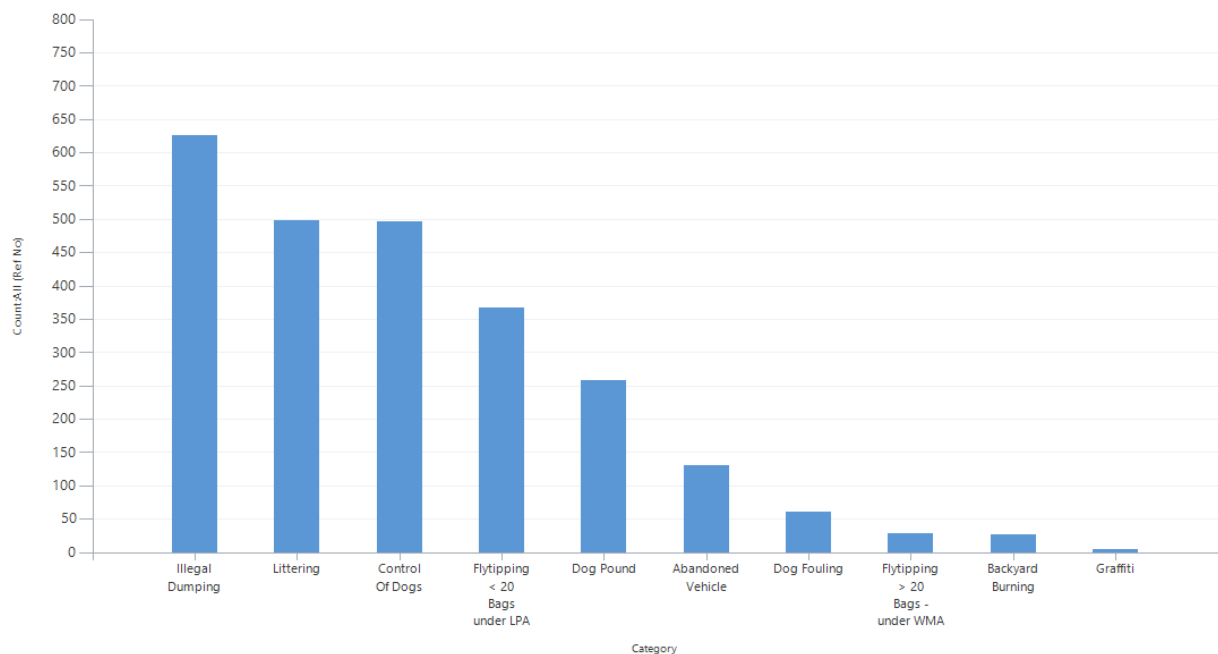
No of Complaints	2024
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (asking for info on Waste Issues)	50
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (asking for Waste to be removed in a 2 week period)	91
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	28
Warning Letters Sent	46
Section 14 Directions	3

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.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services



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:

October has been a very dry month and unusual where we have had unexpected levels of sunshine and temperature for this time of year, this has resulted in continued grass growth and with the dry ground conditions our staffs have taken the opportunity to maintain the cutting regime that of the summer schedule. This is advantageous in our part as it puts our grassed areas in a good position coming into winter when it shall arrive. Again with the unprecedented good weather has meant that our summer bedding is still surviving and producing a welcomed splash of colour and while we had forecasted the transition to winter bedding in time for the October weekend instead it was best thought to appreciate the value they were providing. Time has now come on same and over the next two weeks we shall be planting our winter bedding here and within the other various locations of Ballybricken, Thomas Francis Meagher and the RSC. Work has been taking place at the entrance to Ursuline Court where vegetation has now been removed on the steep facing slope where our next course of action here shall be to replace the fencing at the top of this

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embankment to safeguard residents, finally same shall be re-grassed in order to green and stabilise the embankment.

Tramore:

Our staff in Tramore have taken advantage of the dry weather to keep the continued grass growth in check, alongside preparation of the planting areas have been taken place for our winter planting programme here we shall be using a combination of 'Tête á Tête' Narcissus and winter bedding, similar to last year, this brings winter colour through the next months with the added value of spring colour following through. This alongside our continued maintenance this planting programme shall be the main core of our work for the coming weeks.

Dungarvan:

The hard landscape work of the Youghal Road Roundabout has been completed where our replication of the foreshore has been created. Stone and gravel were used here to mimic this, the site being exposed to drying winds and with the exceptional dry weather has meant we have refrained from planting as this would result in losses. Soil conditions are incredibly dry and when conditions present themselves our staff shall put the final pieces to this project. Similar to our presentation staff within Waterford City and Tramore the continued grass growth and with the dry ground conditions our staffs have taken the opportunity to maintain the cutting regime that of the summer schedule. Again that has also resulted our summer bedding in key locations as of Walton Park is still producing a splash of colour and until this week has meant it undesirable to remove same. Time has now come for the winter bedding programme to be put in place and our staff will be busy with this work over the coming weeks.

Environmental Education & Awareness

An Taisce Green Flag

Green School assessment visits have begun once again. Once a school has been awarded a Green Flag, they must renew the award every two years thereafter. To do this successfully, the school needs to show that they have maintained implementation of previous themes and built on this by integrating a new theme into the Green-Schools programme.

Environmental Services

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.

Reuse Month

Reuse Month took place during October. A number of events are being held around the county to coincide with this.

- a) The Repair Directory was launched in Lismore on Thursday 6th October at 11am on West Street (outside library) with Lismore Tidy Towns. This directory was 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.
- 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 on 2nd and 4th November.
- c) A waste prevention workshops/show took 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 were 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.

Environmental Services

- e) A furniture upcycling took place on 22nd October. We received over 3 times more requests for places than we could accommodate. Two further upcycling workshops were funded under the local waste prevention grant to take place during November.
- f) A reuse pledge is available at Customer Service desks to encourage reuse of everyday items e.g. reuse a coffee cup, repair items before replacing them, buy something second hand rather than new, etc.

Tidy Towns:

- a) Regional Award Ceremony for Tidy Towns takes place in Ballina, Co. Tipperary on 3rd November. Towns and villages in the south east that were awarded a prize in the national awards will receive their prize at this ceremony.
- b) A workshop to help community groups and Tidy Towns groups to increase volunteers will be held in Dungarvan on 22nd November.
- c) Tidy Towns groups will have an opportunity to meet with adjudicators to discuss plans on an individual basis on 28th November in Waterford.

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 by Catherine Fulvio in Brandon House Hotel on Thursday 24th November. This cookery demonstration is a free ticketed event to accommodate 300 people. Stradbally Tidy Towns and Ardmore Tidy Towns are participating in the food waste prevention workshops.

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 October 2016 comprised water sampling (biochemical analysis).

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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Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 30-9-2016								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
	Accrued ytd to Sept 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Sept	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 30-9-2016 [4-5+7]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	32,907,878	- 2,211,681	-1615	30,696,197	23,586,129	77%	5,451,908	12,561,976
Loans	2,319,993			2,319,993	2,197,146	95%	977,040	1,099,887
Rents	8,910,325			8,910,325	8,860,476	99%	2,293,176	2,343,025
Aged Analysis of Net Balances								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
Rates			6,728,535	3,754,691	2,078,750	12,561,976		
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		109,349	103,010	176,658	710,870	1,099,887		
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		164,534	121,622	173,066	1,883,803	2,343,025		
Overdraft Levels	Days in Overdraft in Sept- 30 days			Cost-€9,106	Average - €5.9m			

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Finance

Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division Y.T.D. to September 30, 2016

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	17,373,593	22,442,073	77%	17,800,536	23,120,415	77%
B	Road Transport & Safety	25,218,677	28,568,589	88%	17,579,954	18,698,041	94%
C	Water Services	8,379,788	10,778,764	78%	7,769,216	10,128,362	77%
D	Development Management	8,394,071	12,006,479	70%	3,052,252	4,861,389	63%
E	Environmental Services	12,909,450	17,492,221	74%	1,717,249	2,180,127	79%
F	Recreation & Amenity	8,912,978	12,132,499	73%	1,574,032	2,312,364	68%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,886,740	1,669,424	113%	1,317,370	914,688	144%
H	Miscellaneous Services	11,338,097	13,340,383	85%	4,717,754	4,507,432	105%
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	12,852,011	17,136,015	75%
PL	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	1,615,698	1,981,582	82%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	24,442,512	32,590,017	75%
		94,413,394	118,430,432	80%	94,438,584	118,430,432	80%
	Surplus/Deficit				25,190	0	