

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

Waterford City & County Council

ITEM No 5



**Tuairisc Bainistíochta
don gComhairle**

Management Report to Council

Feabhra 2016

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Príomhfheidhmeannach

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Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office

	2015	2016
Number of clients met:	28	39
Number of clients applying for Measure 1 support:	4	8
Number of clients securing Measure 1 support and value of support offered:	0	0
Number of clients applying for Measure 2 support:	25	129
Number of clients securing Measure 2 support and value of support offered:	18 @ €8,786	129 @ €26,755

Pleanáil

Planning

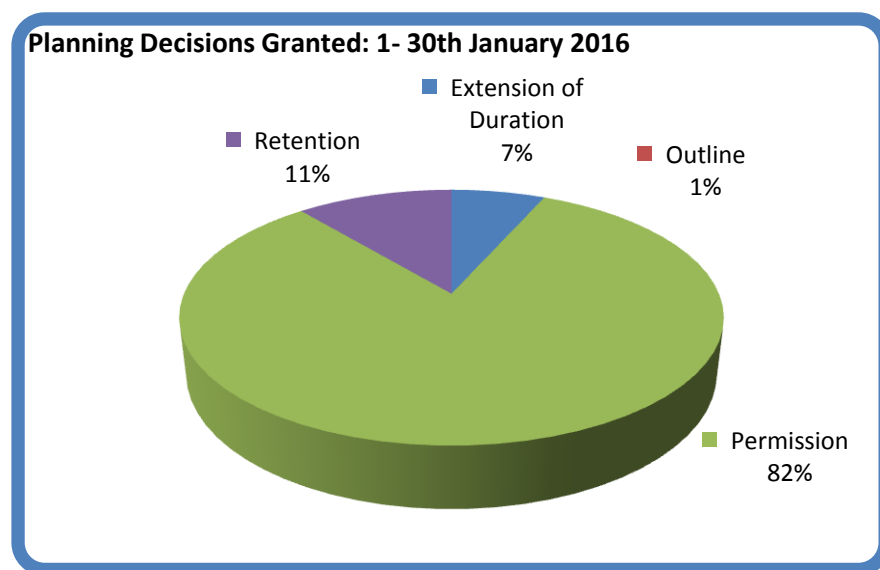
Development Management

Planning Applications Received – Countywide

January is traditionally a quiet month for planning applications following the busy Christmas period. 41 planning applications were received in the month of January 2016 up to the 28th of the month. This compares with 35 planning applications received in the full month of January 2015.

Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 57 decisions were made in the month of January, 50 of which were granted. An analysis of these decisions is provided below.



Pre Planning Update- Countywide

A total of 40 preplanning applications have been received this year up to 22nd January of which 22.5% are closed at the time of writing of this report.

Forward Planning

The Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) for the North Quays in Waterford City was formally launched by the Minister Paudie Coffey on Friday the 22nd of January. The Forward Planning Team, having finalised the proposal for the SDZ designation, will now begin work on preparing a Draft Planning Scheme for the area. It is anticipated that the scheme will be brought before the Council for approval before the end of 2016.

Work is ongoing in relation to a variation to merge the Development Management Standards of both the City and County Development Plans and it is anticipated that the variation will be on display in March.

Work is beginning on the preparation of a Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) for the City and County. The proposed RES will consider the existing planning policies, renewable energy development to date and national planning frameworks for renewable energy development in Waterford.

Planning

The review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) of both the City & County is progressing. There are a total of 1,854 Protected Structures in the City & County. It is anticipated this review will be complete by March.

In conjunction with the above, ongoing technical support will be provided by the Department both in house and also to the public.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016

Minister Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht announced the Built Heritage Investment Scheme - for the repair and conservation of protected structures. Waterford City and County has been allocated €104,000 for 2016.

The closing date for applications was the 7th of December. Waterford City and County Council has forwarded 18 applications to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in December 2015 for their approval. At the time of writing of this report, the Department are due to revert back to us with their decision imminently.

City Walls

The Heritage Council are due to announce their funding programme shortly and it is anticipated that funding will be awarded for further works to the City Walls this year.

Unfinished Housing Estates

An individual report will issue to each Council District

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

2016 Road Works Programme

Draft 2016 Road works programme being prepared. Workshops will be held in February

National Surfacing Schemes

N25 Pike Hill Contract – Verge and bank reinstatement and snagging are to commence on the 8th February.

N72 Cappoquin, Kitchenhole- Under procurement.

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

N25 Gortavickery – Awaiting design from THRDO.

Coastal Repair works –

Work is continuing on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore.

Flood Defense System in Passage East – Contractor will be appointed in February.

The Brooke Passage East – Contract has been advertised and is due back in early February for assessment.

Blenheim drainage outfall – work will be completed as part of the 2016 Roads Works Programme.

Transport Projects 2016

Smarter Travel Progress Report February 2016

Waterford Greenway

The contractor has re-commenced pavement works on the section of the greenway between Clonea and Knock. Works to provide lighting in the tunnel are due to start in the coming weeks. Five agricultural underpass structures have been constructed to date. The construction of the Greenway adjacent to the Mount Congreve boundary on the Kilmeaden and Bilberry sections is substantially complete. A contractor has been appointed for the extensions to all bridge structures and boardwalk between Kilmeaden and Bilberry. These works have commenced and are currently underway. Tenders have been returned for the N25 Kilmacthomas overbridge and the two underpass structures under the N25. These tenders are currently being assessed.

N25

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

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Roads and Transportation

Cappoquin Road

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

Ballinroad

The ESB were to be onsite before Christmas but that did not materialise and the lighting pole across from the Church will now be relocated when the ESB return. Works to set back the wall opposite the church will also be carried out early in 2016.

Emmett Street.

A contractor has been appointed and works will begin in February.

Barnawee Bridge

Additional Safety railings have now been erected adjacent to the Barnawee Bridge Extension following representations from local councillors

Behavioural Change

Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2015/2016 edition was distributed to 6000 households in the Dungarvan Smarter Travel Area early January 2016. Incl. FAQs with regard to Smarter Travel works in Dungarvan Town Centre.

Schools Travel Planning

Student mapping workshops with all schools is commenced in w/b 23rd November and are currently ongoing into late January/early Feb 2016.

School travel surveys are due to be carried out in Feb/Mar 2016.

E-Working Centre

Working with Enterprise Centre on promotion of E-Working Centre.

Bike Week

Bike Week funding scheme to be advertised in February 2016.

Bike parking and changing facilities

Continuing to actively promote bike parking and changing facilities adjacent to the Courthouse, Dungarvan. Membership currently at 100 approx.

Bóithre agus Iompar

Roads and Transportation

Monitoring and Evaluation

Working with Aecom Consulting and DTTAS officials in monitoring and evaluating impact of Dungarvan STA project on travel habits. The three Smarter Travel Areas; Dungarvan, Westport and Limerick will be attending national workshop to share their experience of Smarter Travel with other Local Authorities along with Aecom and DTTAS.

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Fire Service

Operational Activity:

Total call outs to incidents attended by the 10 fire stations of the Fire Authority are shown for January broken down by district. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	27	32	11
Comeragh	4	1	0
Dungarvan/Lismore	9	22	5
Total for January	40	55	16

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	January
Fire Safety Certificates	6	6
Planning Referrals	58	58

Major Emergency Management

The fire service lead a table top exercise on January 26th during which the councils response to severe weather incidents was tested.

Seirbhísi Éigeandála

Emergency Services

Waterford Fire Station

Waterford Fire Station was officially opened on 29th January. The station has been operational since 23rd June 2015 and since then fire crews based there have responded to 480 incidents.

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	January 2016
Commencement Notices	21	21
Completion Certificates	12	12
Disability Access Certificates	7	7

Civil Defence:

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

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Operation Transformation Walk Kilbarry Nature Park	Sat 9th Jan	Ambulance & Crew
Twinning of LE James Joyce with Waterford	Sun 17 th Jan	2 Minibus, 1 jeep & 3 members.
Dungarvan Point to Point	24 th Jan	First Aid Support, 2 Ambulance & 4 support Vehicles
Participation in MEM Exercise	Tue 26 th Jan	5 Members

Housing

Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during January 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications
Applications received	57	57
Applications validated	54	54
Applications approved	56	56

Housing Allocations

District	New Tenancies during Jan 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer
Comeragh Municipal	2	0
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	1	0
Metropolitan	11	1
Totals	14	1

Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	Jan 2016 HAP tenancies set up	Cumulative Number of HAP Tenancies set up
HAP Tenancies	25	25

Recent Funding announcements:

The Department confirmed the following funding for social housing in late January:

- 4 units in Powers Field, Hennessy's Rd, Waterford. Funding approved under the capital assistance scheme of €680,000, Focus Ireland
- 10 Units in Wadding Manor, Ferrybank, Waterford. Funding approved under the capital assistance scheme €1,700,000, Respond.
- 32 Units in An Garran, Tramore, Co. Waterford, Funding approved for direct local authority build €4.9 million

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

Grants approved January 2016	No. of Grants	Value	of
Grants			
Housing Adaptation Grants	4	€47,995.00	
Mobility Aid Grants	1	€6,000.00	
Housing Aid Grants	0	€0.00	

Housing

Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016
January Cases presented	51
Cumulative number of cases presented in 2016	51

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	Numbers
Individuals	88
Individuals with dependent children	4
Families with no dependent children	3
Families with dependent children	5

Currently in emergency B&B homeless accommodation in Waterford (included in above figures):
1 family with children, 3 couples and 5 individuals

Capital Projects

Current Construction Projects

- Old Cinema Site Dungarvan 15 Units – Work is well underway

Housing New-Build Projects

New Build Approved Schemes	Current Position	Comment
Ardmore Park / Priory Lawn (8)	Expected to go to tender in March 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Larchville (5)	Expected to go to tender in March 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Part 8 process now complete	Design Team being appointed
Cappoquin (4)	Expected to go to tender in March 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Expected to go to tender in March 2016	Tender Docs being prepared
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Part 8 process underway	Intention to complete Part 8 process in March 2016
Dungarvan Ballinroad (20)	At Pre-tender stage	Submission with DECLG for stage approval ahead of Part 8

Retrofitting Insulation works

An allocation of €698,999 was received in June 2015 from the DECLG for insulation upgrade works to Council houses in 2015. (€738,000 was received in 2014). Some 615 houses across the county were improved in 2015 under this scheme.

Housing

SEAI Schemes

An SEAI grant of €898,639 was secured for 2015 towards Energy Upgrade to houses at:

- St Catherine's Grange (City)
- Rathfadden Park (City)
- St Martin's Terrace (Dungarvan)
- St Thomas' Terrace (Dungarvan)
- Beechwood Grove (Portlaoise)

Work is now completed on all these schemes. We await grant monies for 2016.

Housing Maintenance

Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:

- 17 units finished and ready for re-let
- 12 units currently with works commenced on site
- 2 units currently tendered
- 7 new vacant units
- Total voids 76 units
- Total units refurbished to date for 2016 17 units

Response maintenance

In January 2016, there were a total of 863 recorded complaints. 559 have been resolved and 304 are pending.

Seirbhísí Pobail

Community Services

Supporting Waterford Communities Fund

2016 Fund application documentation and criteria to be available shortly. €20k extra in Budget to allow for new Residents Associations etc. Closing date of 18th March.

Joint Policing Committee

Well-attended public meeting held in Waterford City on 18th January 2016.

Social Inclusion:

- Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP): 2016 Annual Plan and 2015 Outturn Report for approval at LCDC meeting on 4th February.
- Local Development Strategy: Work ongoing to ensure complementarity of SICAP programme and LDS.

Local Economic and Community Plan

A Community Plan was developed in 2015 to guide the strategic direction of a number of different community and local development frameworks for the period 2015-2020. Engagements with local communities have commenced.

PPN:

There are now 514 groups registered. Representatives are attending the LCDC, JPC and SPCs and feeding back to the PPN. The PPN is represented on 11 other committees across city and county.

Community Support:

The community portal website: www.waterfordlife.ie is now live. Using this site people can find out more about the Neighbourhood they are living in or see how they can add to Waterford's strong community spirit.

Ealaíona & Cultúr

Arts & Culture

Libraries

In January, **40,654** people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed **41,080** items during the month. Active membership for January was **16,180**.

Events in January included:

- 1916 Commemoration Events: Launch of 1916 Commemoration Programme (250 guests), Exhibition of 1916 illustrations by artist, Kieran Cullen, Military Archives Exhibition “Oglaigh na hEireann 1913-1918 Irish Volunteers” and Display of The Waterford Standard and The Waterford News from 1916 Central Library.
- Talk by historian Pat McCarthy: “From Home Rule to Rebellion, Waterford 1912 -1916” Dungarvan Library and Central Library- combined audience of 76.
- Dungarvan Library: Book Launch Chasing the shadows, by Emer Foley, 30 attended
- Cappoquin Library: Cappoquin 1916 Commemoration group meeting 25th Jan, 3 attended
- Bookclubs: 134 people attended 15 book club meetings in Dungarvan, Central, Ardkeen, Portlaw and Tramore Libraries
- Class visits: 420 children and young people visited Dungarvan, EDIC, Central Library, Ardkeen, Portlaw, Cappoquin libraries.
- Story times and parent and toddler group visits were enjoyed by 578 children in Dungarvan, Central, Portlaw, Dunmore East, Ardkeen and Tramore Libraries.
- 837 students availed of study facilities in Dungarvan, Lismore, Portlaw and Cappoquin libraries
- Language Exchanges: 138 people participated in French, Irish and English language exchanges in Dungarvan, Ardkeen, Central and Tramore libraries.
- 56 one to one technology clinics were held in Dungarvan, Lismore, Ardkeen, Browns Road and Tramore Libraries
- Accessibility: Accessible technology newspaper reader used for 20 sessions in Dungarvan Library.
- Outreach: Refugee support: Dungarvan Library staff delivered a selection stock to Clonea Refugee Reception Centre and have facilitated socialisation visits to Dungarvan Library by residents of the Centre. Outreach meeting with WWETB Lismore Library, ARG Cappoquin Library, and Local Day Care centre Portlaw Library.
- Activity Clubs: 170 children and adults participated in various activity clubs such as Lego, Scrabble, Creative writing and Knitting in Portlaw, Central, Ardkeen, Tramore and Browns Road.
- Sea Horse Commemorations: Talk by Paul Brent and Walk from the Coast Guard Cultural Center – 140. Full day commemoration event on 30 January.

Upcoming events in February:

- **Central Library:** Index Gallery: Edith Colliers Bunmahon 1914- 1915, an exhibition of Fine Art reproductions
- **Aontas Adult Learners Festival:** 26th Feb My return to learning exhibition and Launch Central Library
- **Dungarvan:** Public Consultation Preliminary Flood Risk Management Options 4 Feb
- **Exhibition:** “Lies outside the box” Puppets by Corina Duyn launch 25 Feb
- **Local Studies:** Dungarvan Library: Talk “Frank Hugh O’Donnell, the member from Dungarvan” by Muirish O’Keefe 25 Feb, Central Library: Introduction to Local History for Youth reach
- **Tallow-** Outreach to local school and Active age group planned for February.

Arts & Culture

Library Development:

- Training: Staff were trained in the Use of the Intranet, Sharepoint, One Drive. Staff participated in the ECOC Internal Support Group Focus group, Business in the Community workshop, and Irish Classes
- Stock update: New stock distributed and displayed in branches
- Carrickphierish Library: Snagging ongoing, Tendering process proceeds for Furniture and Stock
- Marketing: Library promoted on WLRfm and on TCRfm Tramore Community Radio
- Digitisation: Additional 150 Images from Annie Brophy Online Collection published

Arts

Public consultation meeting by the Arts Office on the development of the new Arts Plan was held in Dungarvan on 26th January. City meeting is scheduled for 3rd February.

The closing dates on the annual Arts Practice Grants and Venues grants 2016 is pending. Adjudication is scheduled for 12th February in advance of them going to the Council for approval.

Adjudication on the Artlinks literature mentoring for 2016 is currently underway.

Artlinks Bursaries applications are now open with a closing date of 12th February.

The Arts Office national Seán Dunne Young Poets Award had been advertised. Closing date for receipt of entries is 16th March 2016.

The Arts Office commissioned new play by Jim Nolan will run in Garter Lane Arts Centre from 4th to 26th March. A special West Waterford performance has just been announced for St. Michael's Hall, Ballyduff Upper on Wednesday 30th March.

The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan continues to host the Waterford Municipal Arts Collection at the RHA exhibition for February. Ekphrastic session for writers planned.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Environmental Enforcement

Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)

23rd December 2015 – 26th January 2016

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

Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)

23rd December 2015 – 26th January 2016

No of Complaints	177
Legal Actions	0
Section 18's Statutory Notices Served (requesting information on waste issues)	1
Section 55's Statutory Notices Served (directing that waste be removed within a 2 week period)	5
Section 71's (Abandoned vehicle Notices)	0
Warning Letters Sent	1
Section 14 Directions	0

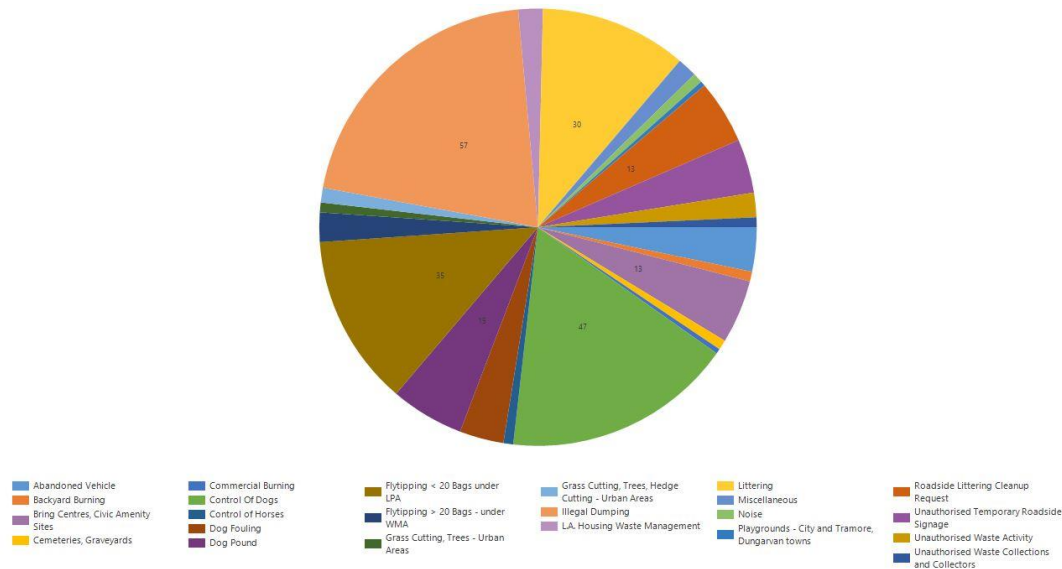
Environmental Complaints

To date in the year 2016 a total of 275 complaints/issues have been received by the Environment Dept. and the following graph shows the category and number of complaints received. Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

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.

Presentation:

Waterford City:

Waterford City Presentation staff have, over the last number of weeks, carried out work on trees in Ballinakill and Skibbereen Lawn. The trees have been crown lifted and where necessary problematic trees which were either blocking street lighting or damaging footpaths have been removed.

The schedule of works for the next number of weeks will include the carrying out of similar works in the Comeragh Green area where we will also be tree planting along with our schedule of pruning. These new plantings shall become replacements for problematic trees which we intend to remove.

It is also planned to carry out an assessment of the tree population in the Grange Heights area with the findings of our assessment being presented to the residents association.

Works have recently been completed to give a facelift a section of open stream/ culvert on the Cork Road at Kingsmeadow. Over the next short while we shall be developing our spring tree planting programme throughout the city, currently we have earmarked planting within the Anchorage, Williamstown Road, The Folly and Cork Road Estates.

Seirbhísí Comhshaoil

Environmental Services

Dungarvan:

Construction works have commenced in Grattan Square, Dungarvan and the Presentation team will be working in conjunction with these in implementing its duties. Works to locate & repair a water main at the Shandon roundabout have been completed and staff will now commence restoration of the grass area and the planting scheme.

The Dungarvan Presentation team recently tendered for a new 6ft grass mower. Tenders have been assessed by technical staff and the contract for supply has been awarded with an expected delivery date of mid February.

The tree pruning and stump grinding program has commenced and will be continue throughout the winter period. Collection of leaf litter is continuing on a regular basis. Under the guidance of the local authorities Horticulturalist significant tree felling and pruning works have been carried out along Fr. Towmeys Road, Dungarvan where willow trees had grown to an excessive height resulting in health & safety concerns.

Street Furniture and signage maintenance is continuing.

Flower care and weeding maintenance is continuing throughout the town. Clearance of plants has been carried out at Town Park in preparation for new planting in spring.

Grass cutting season has ceased due to the recent inclement weather conditions. Grass cutting operations are estimated to re-commence in mid/late February 2016.

Tramore:

The Tramore Presentation staff have over the past number of weeks been largely involved in completing winter maintenance and general 'tidy up' from the aftermath of our recent winter gales.

Plans have been developed for the improvement of the path surface of the walkway around the old Landfill, the outline path already exists but under foot conditions are difficult. Staff will, in the coming weeks, be constructing a new path edge and applying a finishing course of walking gravel. This will provide a much more traversable surface for the walk while enhancing the amenity which already exists.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Green Flag Programme

Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools continues, with work on-going with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. Assessments have begun for schools hoping to renew their Green Flag or applying for their first flag. The deadline for assessment visits to be made is 11th March 2016.

Environmental Services

National Tree Week

National Tree Week takes place 6 – 13 March 2016. One of the main projects of the ESB sponsored Tree Week 2016 is the distribution of over 15,000 trees nationally, the trees are provided by Coillte and distributed by local authorities throughout the country to local community groups and schools for planting during ESB Tree Week. 300 of these saplings will be made available to Waterford and City Council for distribution. By encouraging individuals, family groups, schools and local communities to organise or take part Tree Week events, we are prompting and enabling people to play their part in making a difference to our efforts to live more sustainably, bringing about numerous of benefits.

1916 Commemoration – Tree Planting

Ardmore and Lismore have each been awarded 7 sessile oaks (*Quercus petraea*, the sessile oak, also known as the Irish oak) to commemorate the 7 signatories on the declaration of independence (donated by Tree Council and Tidy Towns unit). WCCC are funding a plaque to be placed alongside these trees.

Waste prevention:

1. Stop Food Waste workshops have been organised with St Josephs Primary School in Dungarvan, with the first of four workshops to begin on 23rd February. These workshops will also take place at St Pauls BNS, Lisduggan, Waterford and beginning on 22nd February. This Stop Food Waste Challenge sets out to reduce food waste by at least 1/4 and by doing so saving the householder as much as €60 a month. From an environmental point of view, over 300,000 tonnes of food goes to waste each year from our homes, much of which goes to landfill and causes problems for the environment.
2. A press release and letters to Tidy Towns groups were issued to gather information about people who repair items. A repair directory is being developed of businesses in Co Waterford that can repair an item. This directory is 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 are being followed up by phone to obtain permission for inclusion in the repair directory, verify contact details and current place of business. It will include businesses that repair items such as Electrical goods, Bicycles, Computers, Phones, Furniture, Clocks, Clothes alterations, Shoes, Musical Instruments, etc. The directory will be published in April.
3. A once off hazardous waste collection day took place for householders in Kilbarry Civic Amenity Site on Saturday 23rd January. A total of 280 householders availed of the opportunity to dispose of any hazardous waste such as paint, oil, etc. free of charge. It also provided an ideal opportunity to make householders aware of what items are considered to be hazardous when disposing of them and moreover highlight the items that are accepted at both Civic Amenity Sites. Booklets are being given to customers at Kilbarry and Dungarvan CAS regarding environmental tips chemical free gardening and cleaning.

Environmental Services

Waterford Energy Bureau

Waterford City and County Council, via Waterford Energy Bureau are preparing a funding application under the Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland, Better Energy Communities Scheme 2016 and partner organisation are being sought to partake in a consortium application with Waterford City & County Council. This funding scheme is now open for applications until the 12th of February 2016. Eligible groups that will be considered within an application can include Charities and businesses, with funding available of up to 50% for charities and 30% for businesses.

The range of energy efficiency / renewable energy technology that will be considered for inclusion within an application can include: insulation measures, door / window replacement, oil / gas / biomass boiler installations, Solar water heating and Solar Photo Voltaic installation, Air / water source heat pumps, Energy efficient lighting and energy efficient technologies for buildings, heating controls systems etc. and transport technologies

Dog Control

Dog Licences – The response to a dog licence campaign carried out during 2015 was positive with a 56% increase in dog licences issued as the following table indicates:

Year	2014	2015
No. of Licences Issued	5,273	8,272

Enforcement- Control of Dogs Bye-Laws 2015 came into effect on the 1st November 2015. The bye-laws introduced the requirement for a higher level of responsible dog ownership with requirement for a person in charge of a dog in a public place to be in possession of a suitable means for the collection of any faeces deposited by the dog in a public place and the requirement to keep a dog on a chain or leash in parks, piers (under the control of the local authority) and places used for outdoor recreational or sports activities (under the control of the local authority).

Over the summer a series of more than 50 beach patrols were carried out by dog wardens on the five main beaches in the county to enforce compliance with dog control bye-laws.

Seven fines were issued in respect of non-compliance with the requirements of dog control legislation during 2015.

Enquiries / Complaints- In 2015, 567 enquiries / complaints were received from the public regarding control of dogs. These enquiries / complaints generally required a site visit and a follow-up action to be undertaken by the dog warden. This work is carried out in addition to the regular a schedule of inspections for compliance with control of dogs legislation and dog licence compliance.

Dog Shelter - It is the policy of Waterford City & County Council to ensure that all dogs entering the shelter are treated humanely, and every effort is made to find suitable homes for dogs. The following table indicate the numbers of dogs surrendered/collected in 2014 & 2015*.

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Environmental Services

Year	Surrendered / Collected	Rehomed / Reclaimed	Re- homed	Reclaimed	Transferred to Dog Welfare Groups	Put to Sleep
2014	587	276	138	138	185	124
2015*	398	238	146	92	80	80

*(Provisional Figures)

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 December 31, 2015

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building	22,864,015	23,182,235	99%	22,901,091	23,136,328	99%
B	Road Transport & Safety	30,219,871	29,231,904	103%	18,923,336	19,303,078	98%
C	Water Services	11,951,511	13,159,877	91%	11,412,501	12,682,959	90%
D	Development Management	9,698,167	9,265,233	105%	3,932,827	2,635,036	149%
E	Environmental Services	17,495,536	17,902,021	98%	2,388,653	2,353,399	101%
F	Recreation & Amenity	11,144,703	10,938,909	102%	2,481,879	2,050,255	121%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,798,749	2,795,130	100%	2,087,164	1,954,288	107%
H	Miscellaneous Services	14,813,664	13,293,742	111%	5,326,103	3,886,262	137%
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG	0	0	0%	16,524,431	16,524,431	100%
PL	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%	1,990,802	2,100,000	95%
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	33,143,015	33,143,015	100%
		120,986,216	119,769,051	101%	121,111,802	119,769,051	101%
Surplus/Deficit					125,586	0	

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	Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-12-2015								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	
	Accrued ytd to December 2015	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Nov	% Collected ytd re 2015 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-15	Net Bal 31-12- 2015 [4-5+7]	
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€		
Rates	33,185,727	- 5,511,968	- 11,698	27,662,061	29,427,726	107%	7,315,040	5,549,375	
Loans	3,013,070	- 450,121	-	2,562,949	2,758,641	108%	1,022,985	827,293	
Rents	11,664,373	-	-	11,664,373	11,719,780	100%	2,552,763	2,497,356	
Aged Analysis of Net Balances									
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance			
Rates		-	2,856,636	938,275	1,754,464	5,549,375			
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths				
Loans		135,613	94,198	189,857	407,625	827,293			
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks				
Rents		122,511	119,441	150,789	2,104,615	2,497,356			
Overdraft Levels									
Days in Overdraft in December 2015 - 3	Cost €9		Average - €908k Cr						