

# Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge

## Waterford City & County Council

**ITEM**

**No 5**



### Tuairisc Bainistíochta don gComhairle

## Management Report to Council

Méan Fómhair 2016

**Michael Walsh,**

**Príomhfheidhmeannach**

September 2016

**Michael Walsh,**

**Chief Executive**



# Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

## 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.

Sanofi announced changing the name of its Irish operation from Genzyme Waterford to Sanofi Waterford and announced that up to 40 jobs are being created in the company that already employs over 630 people in Waterford.

**Waterford company, Blackwater Irish Spirits Limited, has secured substantial fresh investment from a private US investor**, as a result of this investment, the company will now adopt the name Anchor Spirits Ireland. It will also commence work on a new boutique distillery and modest manufacturing facility in Waterford City and intends to recruit 8 new staff in the coming year.

### Local Enterprise Office

Please see report below. Figures for 2016 as of 19/08/2016.

	2015	2016
Number of clients met:	206	236
Number of clients applying for Measure 1 support:	31	28
Number of clients securing Measure 1 support and value of support offered:	24@ €487,050	24 @ €424,287
Number of clients securing Measure 2 support and value of support offered:	525@ €294,163	401 @ €221,530

## Planning

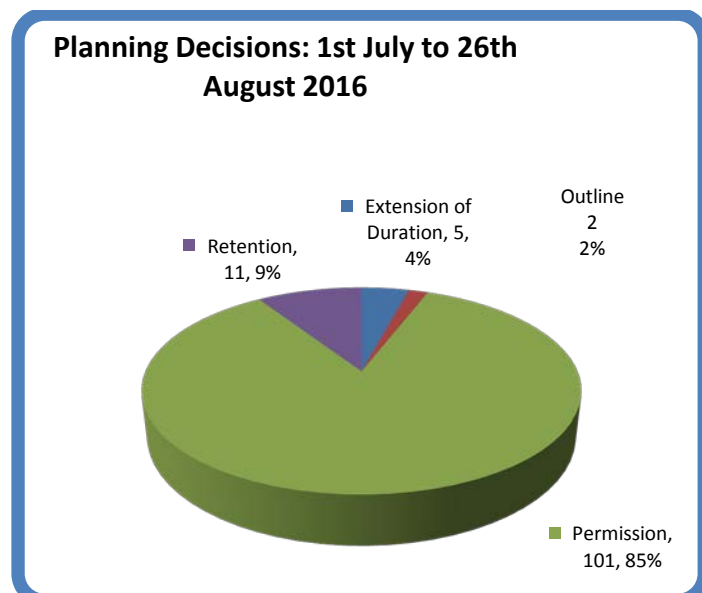
### Development Management

#### Planning Applications Received – Countywide

117 planning applications were received in the month of July and August (to 26<sup>th</sup>) 2016. This compares with 106 planning applications received in the same period in 2015. At this point in the year a total of 561 planning applications have been received to date. This compares with 473 applications received in the same period in 2015. This represents an increase of 18.6% in planning applications received year on year.

#### Planning Decisions 2016 - Countywide

A total of 123 decisions were made in the months of July and August, 119 of which were granted. 4 applications were refused. An analysis of the granted decisions is provided below.



#### Pre Planning Update- Countywide

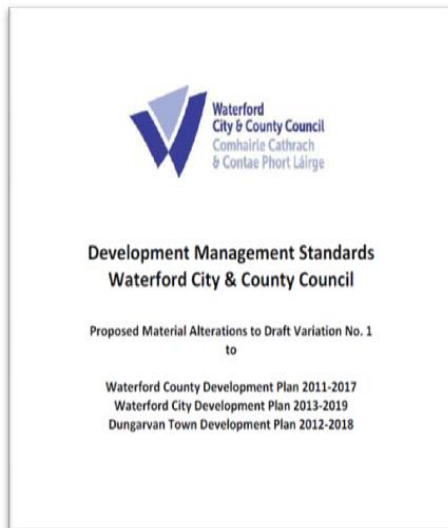
A total of 352 preplanning applications have been received this year up to the end of August of which 81.8% were closed at the time of writing of this report.

# Pleanáil

## Planning

### Forward Planning

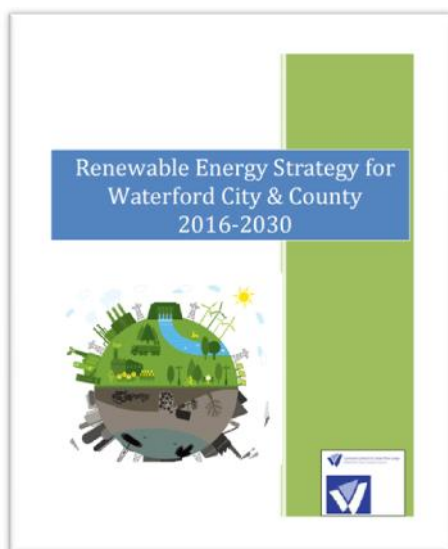
#### Development Management Standards Variation



The material amendments to the Development Management Standards Variation were on public display until the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. Five submissions were received in relation to the variation and a Chief Executives Report has been prepared and issued to the members for their consideration. It is anticipated that the variation will be adopted at the September plenary meeting. The material amendments can be viewed on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) by accessing the following link:

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

#### Renewable Energy Strategy



The draft Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) has been prepared for the City and County which assesses the potential of various renewable energy technologies for Waterford. The draft RES was presented to the June meeting of the Planning SPC and at the June plenary meeting. The draft Renewable Energy Strategy was on public display until the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. During the process, a total of 44 submissions were received. A Chief Executives Report has been prepared and subsequently issued to the members for their consideration. A workshop is being held to discuss the RES prior to the September plenary meeting as the matter of the adoption of the RES is listed for the Plenary meeting. The draft RES is available on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) by accessing the following link:

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

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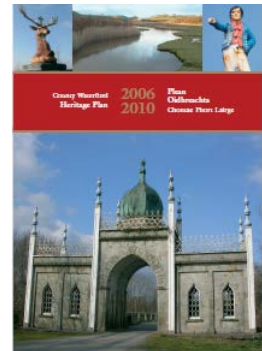
### Heritage & Conservation

#### Heritage Week

Heritage Week took place from August 20th to August 28th and around 60 events took place across Waterford City and County with great attendances at all events.

#### Waterford Heritage Plan

The Heritage Forum have agreed a list of actions for the Draft Heritage Plan which were presented to the Planning SPC meeting in September and will be presented at the October Plenary meeting. The Draft Heritage Plan will be put out on public display in October. Public submissions for a new County Heritage Plan were invited and process has now closed.



#### Launch of Holy Wells Book

*Patterns and Patrons- The Holy Wells of Waterford* will be launched on Thursday October 20th in Dungarvan Town Hall Theatre at 7.30 p.m. The book documents the traditions, cures and patterns associated with the many wells across County Waterford and was funded by the Heritage Council.

#### Conservation - Grant Aided Projects

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

#### Unfinished Housing Estates

An individual report will issue to each District Councils.

# **Roads and Transportation**

### **Road Works Programme**

Following the months of July and August, the Road Works Programme for the Metropolitan District for 2016 (RWP 2016) is approximately 60% completed. Macadam strengthening works in Dunmore East were suspended as per the wishes of local businesses. This work will be completed in October. The tender for macadam works in Waterford City was awarded to the second placed tenderer as the first placed tenderer withdrew following the clarification process. The Dunmore Road, Abbey Road, Presentation Row, Pinewood Drive, and Kilcohan Park entrance works have all been completed. The Contractor has work commitments on the N25 for two weeks and will return to complete works in the City in September. The drainage outfall at Blenheim has been tendered with a Contract award expected mid September.

### **Coastal Repair Works**

Work on the restoration of the gabion baskets along the sand dunes in Tramore was ongoing through the months of July and August 2016.

The Contractor has made good progress with the Passage East Flood Relief Scheme. Construction works are expected to be completed by the end of September.

### **National Surfacing Schemes**

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

N25 Gortavickery – Survey works have been carried out and draft contract documents received. Revisions to the draft contract underway.

### **Waterford City Centre Works**

The Viking Triangle works to pedestrianise Henrietta Street and High Street are continuing, with the Contractors Construction's crew having now completed approximately 45% of the programmed works.

Murphy International Limited are mobilising to site for the Waterford Public Realm works. The initial phase of the Waterford City Public Realm Works is focused on John Street and Applemarket and the Contractor is mobilizing to site.

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 September 2016

### Waterford Greenway

- Pavement Surfacing Works:
  - 100% Complete from Clonea to the western approach of the N25 Underpass at McGrath's Cross.
  - 99% Complete from N25 McGraths to the west approach of the Kilmacthomas Viaduct.
  - 99% Complete from N25 Bridge at Kilmacthomas to Grennan Level Crossing at Carrolls Cross quarry.
  - 95% Complete from Carrolls Cross quarry to N25 Underpass at Kildermody.
  - 3km section west from Kilmeaden Station as far as road overbridge at Cullinagh
  - Pavement Surfacing is complete from WIT Carriganore to Bilberry.
- Pavement Capping is 80% complete between N25 Kildermody and Kilmeaden Railway Station.
- Pavement Capping is 100% complete between Kilmeaden Railway Station and WIT Carriganore.
- Underground Utility Ducting from Clonea to Bilberry is 95% complete.
- Three Car Parks have been provided, two at Clonea (Start of Greenway) and one at Durrow. Both have macadam surface and are delineated and open to the public. Another Car Parking facility has been provided at the Kilmacthomas Workhouse. There is also a fourth Car Parking facility currently 90% developed at McGraths Cross on the L3037 and will be surfaced with macadam next week. Other possible locations are being surveyed.
- Tree/Hedge Planting from Clonea to Carrickarea is complete. Grassing not done yet.
- Lighting was switched on in the Ballyvoyle tunnel on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Bridge Extension Structures from Kilmeaden to Bilberry:
  - The decks to Bridge Extensions 112, 113 and 118 are installed. The assembly of the bridge components and installation to Bridge Extension 116 is ongoing. The three main structural trussed frames for bridge extension 114 have been delivered on site and are scheduled for placing this week. The mid span support columns to Bridge 114 are installed. No progress on Boardwalk installation and the Kilmeaden platform extension. Rocker Slabs-.are now ready for pouring



### Roads and Transportation

- Accommodation Works to House holders from Carrolls Cross (Greenan level Crossing) to N25 Kildermody 97% complete. Clonea to Ballyvalloona Level Crossing is 100% complete. Ballyvalloona to Grennan Level Crossing 95% complete
- Accommodation Works to Farmholdings is ongoing including Structures and fencing from Durrow to Kilmeaden. The Contractor has placed the deck of the Accommodation Overbridge at Cullenagh and are continuing with the outstanding works. Agriculture Underpasses are installed at Kilmoyemoge and at Carrickanure and a further three have been procured and are almost ready to commence.
- N25 Greenway Footbridge at Kilmacthomas was installed on Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> as planned and structure is now substantially complete, snagging and some fencing works remain.
- N25 Greenway Underpasses at McGrath's Cross and Kildermody are now also substantially complete, completion of accommodation works and snagging remain.
- Greenway Finishes:
  1. Chicane Gates at Greenway public Crossing Points is ongoing as well as the thermoplastic yield markings on the ground.
  2. Timber fencing Guardrail installation at top of high steep- embankment verges also continuing at various locations

#### Grattan Square

- The progress of works has improved significantly over the past month and the contractor is now consistently meeting their target completion dates.
- The contractor has removed all barriers from Main Street which is now substantially complete.
- The contractor is currently working on the Main Carriageway in the centre of Grattan Square, with traffic being accommodated on either side of the work zone.
- On completion of this central section (circa September 5<sup>th</sup>) traffic will be reduced to a single lane through Grattan Square to facilitate the completion of the Junctions with TF Meagher St and Mary St, diversions will be in place. This one way traffic system will remain in place until completion of Grattan Square works on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- Peripheral works will continue on Mary Street Footpaths, TF Meagher Street Footpaths and Grattan Square Snagging until 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 is the projected completion date for the project.

Current work areas are shaded RED on the attached plan:

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**N25**

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

## Cappoquin Road

Works are substantially completed. General snagging is ongoing.

## 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

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### **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**

Arbitration Award complete. We will mobilise on site as soon as time and resources permit

### **Ringnasilloge**

An Bord Pleanála have reconvene the CPO oral hearing on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Part 8 approval and approval of the Natura Impact Assessment must be decided by An Bord Pleanála before the CPO is either affirmed or refused. This process is ongoing. An Bord Pleanála have requested additional information from Waterford City & County Council involving *inter alia* an overwintering survey of wildlife. It is likely that no further progress can be made before Summer 2017

### **Tournore Whitestrand Link**

Waterford City & 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. It is still intended to convene a public meeting to discuss viable alternatives. Local representatives will also be invited to attend.

The works are intended to provide a 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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### VJP Schedule of Works 2016

Week	WK Comm	Engineering Area	GSS
1	04/01/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
2	11/01/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
3	18/01/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
4	25/01/2016	Comeragh	G.Rowe
5	01/02/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
6	08/02/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
7	15/02/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	ML. Bennett
8	22/02/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
9	29/02/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
10	07/03/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
11	14/03/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
12	21/03/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
13	28/03/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
14	04/04/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
15	11/04/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
16	18/04/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J. Foley
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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
28	11/07/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
29	18/07/2016	Comeragh	G. Rowe
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31	01/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
32	08/08/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	J.Manahan
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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38	19/09/2016	Comeragh	L. Walsh
39	26/09/2016	Comeragh	B. Butler
40	03/10/2016	Metropolitan	M.Pepper/R.Harty/E. Kehoe
41	10/10/2016	Dungarvan Lismore	A.Reddy
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 months of July & August. Special services include road traffic accidents, road hazards, chemical incidents, flooding and non fire rescues.

Area	Fires	Special Service	False Alarm
Metropolitan	67	39	17
Comeragh	8	8	3
Dungarvan/Lismore	16	12	3
<b>Total for July</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total for August</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>88</b>

### 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	July/August
Fire Safety Certificates	61	16
Planning Referrals	353	39

## Emergency Services

### Building Control:

New functions associated with the Building Control Regulations, introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> 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	July/August 2016
Commencement Notices	221	20
Completion Certificates	98	12
Disability Access Certificates	48	5

### Civil Defence:

The following are the activities of Civil Defence during the month of July/August.

Activity	Date	Service Provided
Daytripper Waterford City	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> aid/1 ambulance 15 vols.
Kayak Run River Suir	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2 boats 1 minibus 9 vols
National Commemoration Day Cathedral Square	10 <sup>th</sup> July	4 vols
Naval boat row New Ross to Waterford Bridge	16 <sup>th</sup> July	2 boats 1 minibus 8 vols
Mt Congreve fair	17 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> aid/ambulance 13 vols
St Bridget's Fun Day Wyse Park	19 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> aid & 1 jeep 4 vols
Spraoi Parade	31 <sup>st</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> aid/2 ambulances 15 vols.
Fr Colm O'Brian Cycle Carrick to Tramore	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2 jeeps 4 vols
Irish Water Safety Munster Championships Tramore	20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	1 ambulance 6 vols
Tony Forristal & Sony Walsh Hurling Tournament Waterford City	27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> aid/2 ambulances & 1 jeep 15 vols.

## Housing

### Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)

We wrote to all applicants who were on the list approved up to 21st September 2015 asking for confirmation that their application for social housing support is still valid. Applicants who were approved from 22nd September 2015 to the present date were not written to as they will be automatically included as eligible applicants for the 2016 HNA.

- We issued 2,426 forms on 27th July 2016 and asked applicants to return their completed HNA forms together with supporting documentation by 10th August 2016. We have continued to accept completed HNA forms from this date and will continue to do so.
- To date **40.7%** of applicants (**988** households) have returned their HNA form which is a little disappointing. This figure is comprised of the following: **966** forms returned, **18** applicants no longer live in the area and **4** applicants indicated that they are no longer interested in being considered for social housing supports.
- A **second round of forms** issued on Wednesday 24th August 2016 to **1,438** households. They have been given one week to complete and return this form together with supporting documentation so the return date is **Wednesday, 31st August 2016.**

Social Media ads and a radio advert campaign is being run this week to highlight the above for all applicants.

It is important that to note that failure of an applicant to return this form by the above date will result in their application for Social Housing Support being closed without further notification and they will lose the benefit of the qualified time on the list.

### Housing Applications

Housing applications	Applications during July and August 2015	Applications during July and August 2016	Cumulative Number of Applications 2016
Applications received	155	168	634
Applications validated	92	126	487
Applications approved	89	85	406

### Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment	August 2015 HAP tenancies	August 2016 HAP tenancies set up	2016 Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies set up	Cumulative No. of HAP Tenancies to date
HAP Tenancies	46	41	268	810

### Inspection of private rented dwellings

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

## Housing

### Housing Allocations

District	Tenancies during July and August 2015	New Tenancies during July and August 2016	Refusal Number of New Tenancy offer	Cumulative No. of New Tenancies 2016
Comeragh Municipal	2	2	1	12
Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal	7	6	3	24
Metropolitan	21	16	2	88
Voluntary Bodies	0	0	0	64
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>188</b>

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

Grant Scheme Amount	Value of applications approved to July & August 2016	Number of applications to July & August 2016	Cumulative value of applications approved	Cumulative number of applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability. Max. €30,000	€85,336.38	7	€151,649.34	15
Mobility Aids Scheme Maximum €6,000	€84,383.50	17	€242,644.89	49
Housing Aid for Older People Maximum €8,000	€42,343.34	8	€153,640.93	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>€212,063.22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>€547,935.19</b>	<b>93</b>

### Homeless services

Cases presented seeking Homeless services	2016	2015
July Cases presented	67	42
August Cases presented (up to 23rd August)	50	54
<b>Cumulative number of cases presented</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>320</b>

Individual/Family Breakdown in Homeless Accommodation	August 2016	August 2015
Individuals	110	102
Individuals with dependent children	15	9
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 17 children composed of 2 families, 4 adults with 6 children, 7 single parent families with 11 children and 1 individual.

## Housing

### 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 in Oct 2016	
Larchville (5)	Expected to go to tender for the appointment of a contractor in Oct 2016	There was an issue with a Right-Of-Way that needed to be addressed and this is almost finalised.
Tallow Almshouse (4)	Expected to go to tender for the appointment of a Contractor in Oct 2016	Currently reviewing design team tenders who are being procured through a National Framework for appointing of design teams.
Cappoquin (4)	Closing date for Tenders from Contractors Friday 2nd September	Tenders will be evaluated and an application will then be made to the Department to award the contract to our preferred tenderer. Once this approval is received a contractor will be appointed. No definitive time period can be given to the turnaround from the Department but we would hope to be in a position to have a contractor on site by early November.
Tramore - Patrick St (2)	Tenders from Contractor have been received and are currently being evaluated	Tenders are currently being evaluated and when completed an application will then be made to the Department to award the contract to our preferred tenderer. Once this approval is received a contractor will be appointed. No definitive time period can be given to the turnaround from the Department but we would hope to be in a position to have a contractor on site by late November.
Portlaw Coolfin (12)	Expected to go to tender for the procurement of a design team in early Sept 2016	An application is being prepared to go to the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) to procure the services of a full design team for this project.
Dungarvan Ballinroad (20)	Part 8 process to commence in November 2016 subject to acceptance of scheme layout by the Department and the elected members	Currently awaiting approval from the Department of our preferred scheme layout (i.e. 20 units).
Tramore An Garra (32)	Expected to go to tender for the procurement of a design team in October 2016	An application is being prepared to go to the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) to procure the services of a full design team for this project.

## Housing

### **Current Construction Projects**

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

### **Retrofitting Insulation works**

Tender drawings/documents are currently been prepared for a number of projects around the county but most of the focus for these works, which are 100% funded by the Department, will be in the City along with Dungarvan and some isolated works in the County.

### **SEAI Schemes**

We are delighted to be in a position to inform members that the original decision by SEAI to refuse our application to carry out much needed energy retrofit/upgrade works in Waterford City and County has been overturned and the funding has now been made available to carry out the works as described below:

- Monastery Street, Waterford City
- St. Ignatius Street, Waterford City
- Presentation Row, Waterford City
- Caseyville, Dungarvan
- Keating Street, Dungarvan
- Inner town area of Portlaw

### **Housing Maintenance**

#### **Refurbishing of houses becoming vacant for re let:**

Works complete	22 units
Works commenced/underway	22 units
Surveyed/at tender stage	14 units
Newly vacant	25 units
In Regeneration programme	15 units
Total voids	76 units

### **Response maintenance**

To the 26th August 2016, there were a total of 457 recorded requests. 258 have been resolved and 199 are pending.

## Community Services

### **Social Inclusion**

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

SICAP mid-year review carried out in July. Key Performance Indicators being met.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

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

### **Waterford City & County Council Operation Spick and Span Awards 2016**

Applications have been received for the new Tidy Estates Awards 2016 from residents associations and community groups in local authority housing estates.

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

The ultimate aim of the competition is to achieve a cleaner, greener environment and attractively presented estates and open areas that will benefit all residents and visitors to the area.

Judging of entrants is currently taking place with winners being announced in September.

### **Pride of Place**

Pride of Place entries 2016 are:

- Kilmacthomas
- Waterford Youth Arts
- ISU Barrack Street

Adjudications took place in early August

### **Greenway**

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

### **Local Diaspora Engagement Strategy**

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

### **JPC**

Next meeting in October

## Arts & Culture

### Libraries

In July, 42,078 people visited libraries throughout the County and borrowed 64,120 items during the month.

#### **In July and August over 200 events and activities took place in Libraries, highlights included:**

- Summer Stars Reading programme – launched in all libraries
- Summerval -GIY Urban Garden Trails Central Library
- Index Gallery - Adam O'Neill exhibition Central Library
- Laochra- traditional Irish Music Sessions on Thursday evenings – Dungarvan Library
- Building a Story Sack – in partnership with Waterford Childcare Committee in Dungarvan and Ardkeen Libraries
- Story Box with Jaqui DeSuin- Lismore Library
- Sean Tyrell Concert – Kilmacthomas Library
- Heritage Week:
  - Memoirs of Thomas Francis Meagher, talk, Central Library
  - Terry Murphy photographic Exhibition – Central Library
  - Justice for Magdalene's Research, talk, Jennifer Yeager & Kieran Cronin Central Library
  - Walk and Community Map Making - Ray McGrath- Dunmore East Library
  - Story telling local Seannachai – Dungarvan library
  - Staying safe in the Comeragh mountains talk by SEMRS- Dungarvan Library
  - Heritage of Dungarvan -Walk and lecture with Senator Grace O'Sullivan- Dungarvan Library
- Mini Musio Musical learning for age 5 and under- Dungarvan and Ardkeen Libraries
- Aliens & Astronauts Storytime- Browns Road Library

#### **Events coming up in September include:**

Culture Night – Road to Equality Exhibition- Dungarvan Library  
Harvest Festival – Food Craft Workshop- Central Library  
Diversity Festival – Family Event Storytelling and Music – Central Library  
Positive Aging Week – Go for Life event – Central Library

#### **Library Development:**

New Library Management System went live in all branches on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Carrickphierish Library: Building Snagging underway. Furniture and fittings installed.

Open Libraries – An application for Dungarvan Library as an Open Library has been approved so work will commence as soon as possible.



### Arts & Culture

#### Arts

The Arts Strategy is being completed and will be going before Council in September 2016.

The Arts Office is currently finalising details of an Arts Education programme for Secondary schools in the City & County. A full list of projects and participating schools will be announced mid September.

Culture Night achieved €3,000 matched funding from the Department of the Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht affairs. 20 events have been confirmed so far across the City & County for Culture Night on Friday 16th September 2016.

Artist Fiona Kelly's exhibition 'Dust breeding' opened in Soma Contemporary Gallery on August 11th. It will run through to September 16th.

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## Environmental Services

### Environmental Enforcement

#### **Enforcement under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 (as amended)**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016

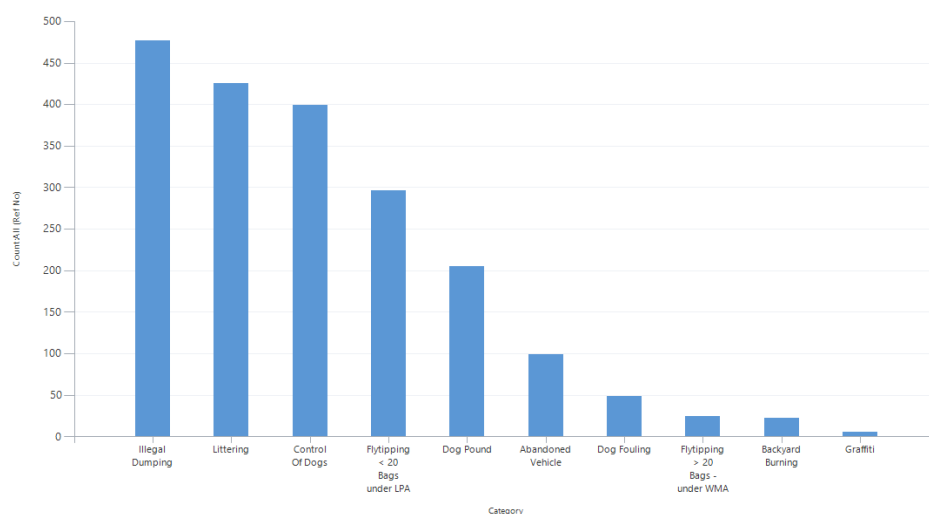
Legal Action Initiated	0
On the Spot Litter Fines Issued	107
On the Spot Litter Fines Paid	64
No of Notices Issued 9.16,17,20	0

#### **Enforcement under the Waste Management Acts 1996 (as amended)**

No of Complaints	1611
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)	43
Section 71's (Abandoned Vehicle Notices)	16
Warning Letters Sent	29
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.



### 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

Throughout July and August our staff have been carrying out maintenance of our summer planting schemes and maintaining our parks. Traditionally these two months are a time in which we try to refrain from carrying out any large planting initiatives due to the rapid drying of soil during the summer months. The programme of maintenance for our parks and the frequency of grass cutting see a significant increase in these months. September is a month when conditions are much more favourable for planting and one of our primary objectives is the replanting of the flower bed at the bottom of John's Hill/ Mansion House.

We have recently started to develop a work programme for tree maintenance and these works are scheduled to be carried out from November through to March. An audit of the tree stock in Cherrymount and Collins Avenue is currently being carried out and any works required as a result of the findings of this audit will be addressed. Work on trees in Ursuline Court and Grange Heights will also be included in our work programme and will constitute a large portion of our workload through these months.

##### Tramore

Again our staff have been very much involved in maintenance works particularly at the approaches to Tramore in order to create a good impression on visitors to the town. Within the Tramore area the Presentation staff are currently working on a Tree Works Programme. A survey of the tree stock of Clairwood will be one of the first elements of this programme. When soil moisture levels allow we will be taking the opportunity to plant the two flower beds across from the GAA field.

##### Dungarvan

During the Summer months our staff have invested significant time in provided significant floral displays throughout the town.

The Landscape Facelift of the Coolagh Roundabout has been completed where the flanks of the 'Welcome To Dungarvan' sign have been planted with striking coloured ornamental grasses which will give off shows of yellow and orange throughout the year and give contrast to the green of the Box hedge forming the welcome message. The flower beds on the approach have also been completed to compliment the Roundabout planting.

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Planting of the Kilrush Roundabout is on the verge of completion with the last element of the design being the addition of a Birch woven fence throughout the centre of the roundabout to frame and compliment the Birch trees planted earlier this year.

On completion of the works on the Kilrush roundabout our resources will be deployed on the re-landscaping of the Youghal Road Roundabout, works will include a re-positioning of the 'buoy' signature piece which will be complemented with sweeping 'wave' planting of salt tolerant species. This shall complete our objective of revitalising three key roundabouts within Dungarvan.

### Environmental Education & Awareness

#### An Taisce Green Flag

- Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools continues, with work ongoing with schools to provide advice and support them in their work. A Green Schools Information Seminar will be held in Dungarvan on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Streetsweeps

- Waterford City & County Council continued to offer assistance throughout the year to the general public to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Four Streetsweep events took place in conjunction with WLR FM in Waterford, Woodstown, Tramore and Dungarvan during July and August.

#### Antil Litter Awareness

- The Environment Awareness Officers of the South East region combined their resources to develop an anti litter awareness campaign. The campaign was launched on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and is a joint venture of Kilkenny County Council, Carlow County Council, Tipperary County Council, Waterford City and County Council and Wexford County Council. The campaign targets roadside litter, in particular loose litter thrown from vehicles. The campaign elements encompass a variety of medium, including radio, social media, poster, printed media and billboard elements. Billboards in Kilmeaden, Waterford and Dungarvan displayed the anti litter message during July. Posters will be sent to schools and community halls over the Autumn.

#### Draft Litter Management Plan

- The Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019 has been advertised and submissions are invited in writing in relation to this plan. The closing date for receipt of same is 4pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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### Local Agenda 21

- Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2106 was been advertised both locally and nationally. Applications focused on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change. The list of projects granted funding through this grant is attached.

### Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness

- Submissions were invited for an anti litter and anti graffiti awareness grant. This is available to community groups, youth groups, schools or other community development organisations, based in County Waterford, who are interested in receiving funding for public education and awareness initiatives regarding litter or graffiti. Only applications with education /awareness will be considered. The grant is not for structural items, such as street furniture, signs or CCTV cameras etc. A list of projects granted to date is below:

Applicant	Amount granted
Fenor National School	€500 (€250 to be paid now and €250 on completion of project)
Ballinakill Residents Association	€1,000 (500 to be paid now and €500 to be paid on completion of project)
Clashmore Tidy Towns Association	€500 (to be paid in full as project has recently been completed)
Cheekpoint & Faithlegg Development Group	€100 (to be paid in full as project has recently been completed)
Knockmahon National School	€300 (€150 to be paid now and €150 on completion of project)
Leave No Trace Ireland	€3000 (€1500 to be paid now and €1500 to be paid on completion)
Kando Arts	€1600 (€800 to be paid now and €800 to be paid on completion of project)

### Waste Prevention.

- A waste prevention grant was also been advertised. This grant is funded as part of our [Waste Prevention Programme for the County \(Ref: Action Policy B1.2 and B.2.3 of the Southern](#)

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[Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021](#)). This scheme aims to support communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas, and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups. Waste prevention is a process of re-thinking how we do things in order not to create waste. Preventing waste is about finding ways to keep items in use longer and not generating as much waste in the first place. It's about rethinking the way we do things – redesigning the items we use – changing attitudes and changing behaviours' about what we buy and what we throw away, but most of all, working together and thinking creatively to do something about it. Eligible projects that could be funded, but are not limited to, include repair skills workshops, up-cycling workshops, elimination of single-use items, community composting, food waste prevention, etc. A list of projects granted to date is below:

Applicant	Project title	Amount granted
Treo Portlairge	Dust extractor	€500 (€250 to be paid now and €250 on completion of project)
Treo Phortlairge	Bicycle repair workshops	€600 (€300 to be paid now and €300 on completion of project)
Clonea Power National School	Water butt and raised vegetable beds	€300 (€150 to be paid now and €150 on completion of project)
Ard Cluain Neighbourhood Association	Reuse and upcycling workshops in estate	€500 (€250 to be paid now and €250 on completion of project)
Dunmore East Tidy Towns	Food waste prevention	€500 (€250 to be paid now and €250 on completion)
Knockmahon National School	Waste prevention talk	€300 (€150 to be paid now and €150 on completion of project)
The Art Hand	Environmental Art Day	€500 (€250 to be paid now and €250 on completion of project)
The Revamp Tramp	Furniture Upcycling	€500 (€250 to be paid now and €250 on completion of project)
Mercy Secondary School	Reuse of materials in vegetable garden	€600 (€300 to be paid now and €300 on completion of project)

### Reuse Month

- A Reuse Month will take place nationally in October, with each county holding events in order to raise awareness about the need to reduce and reuse waste. Waterford will hold a number of events, including the launch of the Repair Directory, Furniture upcycling event, a food waste event and a bicycle repair event/open day at Treo Phortlaige.

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### Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan 2016-2019

Waterford City and County Council has recently published notice that it intends to replace its existing Litter Management Plan. A Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan 2016-2019 for the management of litter in County Waterford for the next three years is currently available for viewing by the public at the Customer Service desks in Baileys New Street, Waterford and in the Civic Offices, Dungarvan and on the Waterford City & County Council website at the following address:

<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/environment/litter.htm>

Written submissions will be considered before the plan is finalised. The Public have been advised that submissions in writing can be made to the Environment Dept., Waterford City & County Council, The Mall, Waterford, or by email to [lobrien@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:lobrien@waterfordcouncil.ie)

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 4:00pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.



### 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](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)



### Summary of Amalgamation Costs

Waterford City & County Council - Analysis of Once off Amalgamation costs		
Heading		€
Agresso-upgrade	109,694	
Core-upgrade	71,228	
Phones Integration & upgrade	334,351	*
IS Network upgrade	347,221	
CRM	100,440	*
Desktop Upgrades -Office,emails, new PCs if req'd	247,591	
Intranet/Web work	85,597	
PA System for Chambers	53,671	
Other IS Work	57,852	
Customer Care -Renovations	421,211	
Conversion of Members Room	32,726	
Works in Council Chamber	53,671	
Cabling/Partitioning of Offices	320,237	
Training	29,882	
Postage and Advertising	9,156	
	<b>2,274,529</b>	

\*The Phone system in Dungarvan had to be upgraded regardless of merger due to being an old system. Cost of €120k is included in €334,351.

\*Upgrading of the Customer Relationship Management System was not necessarily an amalgamation cost and would have been necessary irrespective of merger but has been included here.

### Annual Savings Accrued as a result of amalgamation

	Estimated Savings yr 1	Actual Savings	
Advertising	4,142	10,651	Reduction in statutory advertising due to reduction in number of entities.
Area Office Costs	61,706	88,538	Closure and transfer of Tramore and Lismore offices.
ICT	48,061	76,237	Reduction in Software Maint/ LGMA contribution
Members Costs	157,483	315,000	6 Council members & 5 SPC chairs less, Reduction in Mayoral & Chair Allowances and loss of member costs for Dungarvan, Lismore & Tramore Councils.
Plant Hire incl Machinery Yard	36,007	62,852	
Telecoms	3,881	-	
Training	39,215	850	
Travel & Subsistence	14,598	-	3,789
	365,093	550,339	Communications systems now in place for remote meetings.

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## Finance

### Procurement Savings

It is estimated that €300k has been saved through procurement savings in the following areas:

Footpath,Roadway resoration & Ancillary Works

Road related supplies

Fuels Framework

Photocopying  
etc.

Stationery

These are difficult to validate exactly, as the quantum of work and market conditions vary from year to year. Greater economies of scale has generated savings in tenders.

### Annual Payroll Savings      €2.6m

Since the amalgamation 69 people have left the organisation and 15 have joined.The resulting savings are as above. This presumes that these people would have been replaced in the pre-merger scenario and has been achieved in the context of the agreed workforce plan. It is envisaged that there will be a further reduction in workforce numbers over the next five years achieving a saving of €1.5m.These changes refer to the indoor workforce only.

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## Finance

Summary of Main Collections ytd to 31-7-2016								
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
	Accrued ytd to Apr 2016	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection [1-2-3]	Collected ytd to Apr	% Collected ytd re 2016 Accrual	Net Bal 1-1-16	Net Bal 30-5-2016 [4-5+7]
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Rates	32,969,862	- 1,673,909		31,295,953	19,955,244	64%	5,451,908	16,792,617
Loans	1,813,884			1,813,884	1,709,158	94%	977,040	1,081,766
Rents	6,841,456			6,841,456	6,823,808	100%	2,293,176	2,310,824
Aged Analysis of Net Balances								
		Less than 1 mth	2 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	greater than 12 mths	Net Balance		
Rates		9,995,702	4,883,443	1,046,847	866,625	16,792,617		
		0 to 3 mths	4 to 6 mths	7 to 12 mths	Greater than 12 mths			
Loans		117,515	94,536	179,565	690,150	1,081,766		
		Less than 4 weeks	4-6 weeks	7-12 weeks	Greater than 12 wks			
Rents		140,837	119,592	171,980	1,878,415	2,310,824		
Overdraft Levels								
Days in Overdraft in July- 12		Cost-€1,245	Average -€168,000 Cr.					

### Waterford City and County Council - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service

#### Division

Y.T.D. to July 31, 2016

			EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
			Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A	Housing & Building		13,631,219	22,442,073	61%	13,403,313	23,120,415	58%
B	Road Transport & Safety		19,289,855	28,568,589	68%	13,360,236	18,698,041	71%
C	Water Services		6,495,388	10,778,764	60%	5,886,575	10,128,362	58%
D	Development Management		6,227,174	12,006,479	52%	2,469,891	4,861,389	51%
E	Environmental Services		9,928,445	17,492,221	57%	1,267,619	2,180,127	58%
F	Recreation & Amenity		6,679,848	12,132,499	55%	1,168,501	2,312,364	51%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,505,870	1,669,424	90%	1,080,843	914,688	118%
H	Miscellaneous Services		9,183,602	13,340,383	69%	4,064,259	4,507,432	90%
LG	Local Property Tax		0	0	0%	9,996,009	17,136,015	58%
PL	Pension Related Deduction		0	0	0%	1,256,926	1,981,582	63%
RA	Rates		0	0	0%	19,010,843	32,590,017	58%
			<b>72,941,401</b>	<b>118,430,432</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>72,965,015</b>	<b>118,430,432</b>	<b>62%</b>
Surplus/Deficit						23,614	0	