

Environment

Public Participation in the Identification of "Bathing Waters" in County Wexford

Like many other County Councils, Wexford County Council is holding a public participation process as part of the identification of Bathing Waters under the Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) and the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 79 of 2008)

Under the 2008 Regulations, local authorities are required to identify bathing waters. This must be done each year before 24th March (2020 for this participation process). It is also a requirement of the Regulations that the public should be involved in their implementation, including the identification of bathing water sites.

There are currently 8 Identified Bathing Waters in County Wexford at present. The Bathing Water Profiles of each beach below and further information is viewable on the link below. These are as follows:

Ballymoney North Beach
Ballinesker
Carne
Courtown North Beach
Curracloe (White's Gap)
Duncannon
Morriscastle
Rosslare Strand

The beaches are monitored for facilities, safety, water quality and the level of use.

Bathing water quality results for all Identified Bathing Areas in the Country for 2019 to date, are available on www.beaches.ie/ (on EPA website)

Wexford County Council now invites comments from interested members of the public for submissions of information or observations in relation to the identification of Bathing Waters. The consultation process provides the public with an opportunity to comment on existing designated bathing waters with a view to the continuation of the designation or comments on other bathing waters not currently designated but which may be considered for designation. In considering any beach the Council will take into account how many people use the beach, what facilities exist, how accessible it is and any safety issues at the site.

Submissions

You can send your comments, submissions and queries to Wexford County Council in the following ways:

By Post to:

F.A.O. Hugh Maguire, Environment Section, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford.

Or by email to environment@wexfordcoco.ie

The closing date for the receipt of submissions is:

5.00 p.m. on Monday 30th September, 2019.

Roads

Section 75 of Roads Act 1993 Temporary Closing of Roads

Wexford County Council has decided to extend the road closure listed hereunder to vehicular traffic from Saturday 31 August 2019 to Thursday 19 September 2019, to facilitate water main rehabilitation works.

Road Closure: R745-15 Upper Main Street Ferns from the Ferns Roundabout to its junction with the Carnew road (L1014)

Alternative Route: From the Ferns Roundabout to the Enniscorthy Road to the Ferns Castle to Upper Main Street via the N11, L5131 and the R745.

Alternative routes will be signposted. Local access will be facilitated.

Section 75 of Roads Act 1993 Temporary Closing of Roads

Wexford County Council has decided to close the road listed hereunder to vehicular traffic from Tuesday 13 August 2019 to Thursday 15 August 2019, to facilitate water main rehabilitation works.

Road Closure: R725-15 Grattan Street, Gorey from its junction with Mccurtain Street to its junction with Grattan Court housing estate.

Alternative Route: From the Monument to Mccurtain Street to Main Street to North Parade to Hollyfort Road to Creagh Demesne to Gorey Hill to Grattan Hill housing estate via the R772, L1011, L5552, L5545 and the R725.

Alternative routes will be signposted. Local access will be facilitated.

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Register on www.mapalserter.com for free text and
email alerts about service disruptions in your locality

Planning app. lists available at
www.wexfordcoco.ie/planning

Finance

Notice of consideration of setting a Local Adjustment Factor

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by Wexford County Council to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

Wexford County Council will meet in September to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor.

Wexford County Council welcomes written submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

Submissions must be received by Monday 2nd September and be sent to:

County Secretary's Office
Wexford County Council
Carricklawn
Wexford

or post your submission at www.wexfordcoco.ie/propertytaxsubmission

Tom Enright
Chief Executive

2nd July 2019

Corporate Services

Draft Strategic Policy Scheme

Strategic Policy Committees are being established in order to bring the knowledge and expertise of people working with social, economic, cultural and environmental bodies throughout the County into the operations and strategies of Wexford County Council.

These committees will work alongside the Elected Representatives in contributing to and developing Council policy in a spirit of partnership.

To facilitate this, 5 Strategic Policy Committees are being established. The areas of activity which it is proposed will be covered by these committees include:

- **Housing & Community SPC**
- **Transportation & Water Services SPC**
- **Economic Development & Enterprise SPC**
- **Planning & Building Control SPC**
- **Environment & Climate Change SPC**

Membership of the SPCs will comprise of local elected members and representatives of the following sectors. (where appropriate)

- **Agriculture/Farming**
- **Environmental/Conservation**
- **Development/Construction**
- **Business/Commercial**
- **Trade Union**
- **Community/Voluntary**
- **Social Inclusion**

A scheme to enable the setting up of the Committees is now available in draft form.

A copy of the draft scheme is available on our website www.wexfordcoco.ie/council-and-democracy/strategic-policy-committees-spcs or at Wexford County Council Offices, Carricklawn, Wexford for any interested groups and organisations who may wish to make submissions about the scheme.

The closing date for submissions on the draft scheme is Friday 23rd August 2019.

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Housing

Local Authority Housing Estate Award Scheme

Wexford County Council invites entries for the Local Authority Housing Estate Award Scheme, to recognise and reward the continuous hard work and dedication of residents in the upkeep of their Local Authority built estates throughout County Wexford. There will be prizes for Best Kept Estate and Best Estate Feature in each of the 5 Municipal District areas, as well as runner-up prizes. There will also be an overall Best Estate prize.

Applications can be made online at www.wexfordcoco.ie/housing. Alternatively, application forms are available from any Municipal District Office or from the Customer Service Unit at **053 919 6000** or email at customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie