



Chief Executive's Report

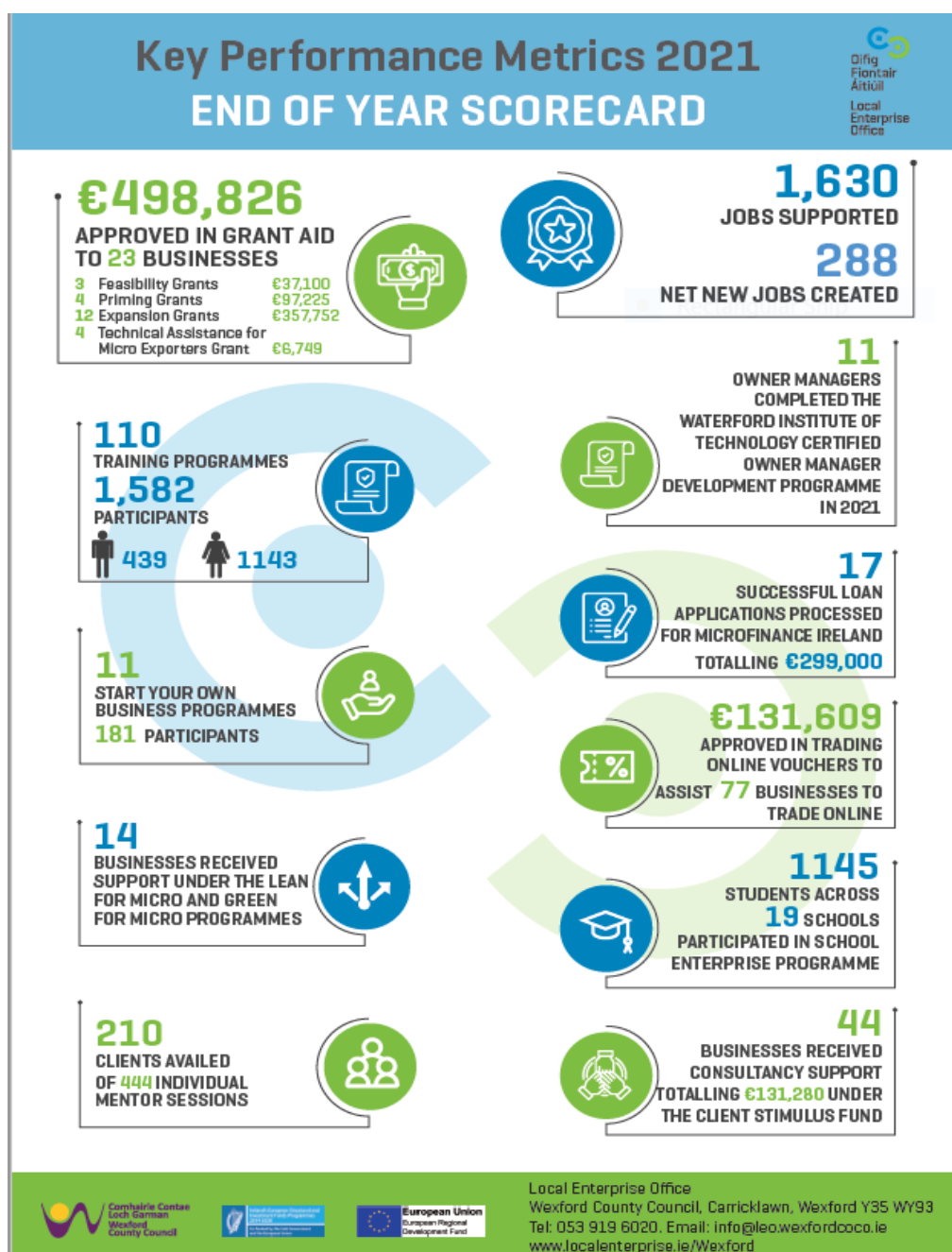
February 2022

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Enterprise Office

An Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar TD, announced the annual results of the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) for 2021 which showed that Local Enterprise Office supported companies created 7,440 new jobs in 2021. The national job creation figures for LEOs are up 9% on 2020 with 85% of those employed in LEO supported companies outside the Dublin region. LEO Wexford financially supported 231 small businesses in its portfolio across the county and these companies in turn employ 1,630 people. Nationally LEO Wexford had the highest job creation figures with 465 new jobs were created by these businesses during 2021 with a net employment gain of 288.

The following infographic highlights the key results for 2021;



Export Development Advisor

Enterprise Ireland has provided funding for one year for a contract position of Export Development Advisor to support businesses in Co Wexford in addressing critical strategic issues such as digitalisation, competitiveness, climate change and in particular developing export opportunities.

The appointment of an Export Development Advisor will assist businesses to maximise opportunities created by the enhanced investment at Rosslare Europort. The contracted position will also provide a critical liaison person between LEO Wexford and the port authority and will enhance the development of enterprise in the county.

The contract for services will be procured through e-tenders via a mini-competition within an existing framework procured in 2021.

Economic

Town & Village Masterplan Initiative

The Department of Rural and Community Development committed in ***Our Rural Future*** to develop a Town Centre First Policy to ensure our town centres become vibrant places for living and working in. To support this policy, the DRCD announced the Town and Village Masterplan Initiative on 17th November to provide funding of €100,000 per town to develop a Town Masterplan.

Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey were proposed for the scheme, with New Ross being selected by the DRCD under the initiative. The focus of the scheme is to tackle dereliction, vacant properties and making town centres more attractive places to live, work, socialise and run a business. The initiative will help re-imagine and revitalise rural communities as part of forthcoming Town Centre First Policy. The policy development will be led by the Planning Department supported by New Ross Municipal District and the Economic Development team.

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Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme

The scheme was announced by Minister Humphries, Department of Rural and Community Development in August.

167 applications were received by the deadline of Friday 10th September. Following assessment of the applications in accordance with the terms of the scheme and a request to the DRCD for additional funding, €288,044 has been approved to 116 applicants as follows:

Municipal District	No of Applications received	Amount of Funding Requests received	Projects Completed & Claims Paid at 21 st Jan 2022	Amount of Claims Paid at 21 st Jan 2022
Enniscorthy	38	€85,025	5	€17,461
Gorey	29	€69,597	6	€11,660
Kilmore Quay	7	€16,547	2	€5,937
New Ross	42	€116,835	9	€26,052
Total	116	€288,044	22	€61,110

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2021

Eight applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in advance of the scheme deadline of 16th July 2021 for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in accordance with the scheme criteria. In January 2022 the DRCD advised of an updated provisional timeframe of start of February 2022 for an announcement regarding successful applications.

Georgia Southern University – College of Education visit 24th – 27th January 22



In January, several Faculty Members from the College of Education, Georgia Southern University (GSU) visited Wexford. The group visited the GSU Campus in the Spawell Centre and were extremely impressed by the quality of the facility and the space available to them.

They also visited the Adoration Convent which is proposed as the accommodation space for GSU students while studying in Ireland.

A number of the group will be teaching here in May/June 2022 when it is planned to have the first group of GSU students completing the overseas part of their course.

During their visit, the Faculty Members got the opportunity to visit and speak to a number of secondary schools in the county giving them a flavour of what the county has to offer from an education and lifestyle perspective. It also gave them an opportunity to familiarise themselves with both the facilities and the surroundings as they will be based here while teaching later in the year.



Wexford County Council as lead partner on behalf of the regional local authorities has completed the recruitment process for the Head of Enterprise Development. The successful candidate took up the position on Monday 31st January. This key position will support the project in developing tangible economic trade opportunities leading to commercial income generation and fostering entrepreneurship between the South East Region and Georgia.

Tourism

In 2022 Visit Wexford will focus on a Domestic Tourism campaign promoting Wexford through national radio and press advertising and across digital and social media platforms.



Targeting international tourism, Visit Wexford have developed 3 translated landing pages on the visitwexford.ie website

Spanish: www.visitwexford.ie/condado-wexford-irlanda/

French: www.visitwexford.ie/comte-de-wexford-en-irlande/

German: www.visitwexford.ie/besuchen-sie-die-grafschaft-wexford-in-irland/

A digital advertising campaign is also currently underway with a strong call to action which focuses on the human element. They are short in length and targeted to capture specific demographics and make an instant impact.

PLANNING

Planning Applications

Numbers are those received from the 1st January 2022 until the 21st January 2022.

No. of valid applications	52
No. of invalid applications	9
Extension of Duration	1
Exempted Development Declaration	5

Numbers are those received from the 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021.

No. of valid applications	1439
No. of invalid applications	189
Extension of Duration	32
Exempted Development Declaration	72

Figures for County	
Applications Decided	
Total Decisions	1,827
Total Grants	1,468
Total Refusals	263
Total Part Granted & Part Refused	20
Exempt Development Decided	76

	Enniscorthy MD	Gorey – Kilmuckridge MD	New Ross MD	Rosslare MD	BD of Wexford	Totals
Total Grants	264	422	296	278	208	1,468
Total Refusals	49	106	36	37	35	263
Part Granted & Part Refused	4	8	2	5	1	20
Exempted Development Decided	11	22	10	15	18	76
Total Decisions	328	558	344	335	262	1,827

Pre-Planning Applications

Numbers are as follows up until the 21st January 2022.

No. of open pre-planning requests	109
No. of pre-planning meetings completed	3
Average waiting time to meeting	32 days

Built, Cultural & Natural Heritage

Calls for applications for the Historic Towns Initiative have been made by the Heritage Council. The Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) is a joint undertaking by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Heritage Council which aims to promote the heritage-led regeneration of Ireland's historic towns. Administered by The Heritage Council, the Scheme supports the *Town Centres First* policy set out in the *Programme for Government: Our Shared Future* (2020). The HTI 2022 is open for applications **from local authorities** from 17 December 2021 to 3rd February 2022.

Calls for applications for the Community Heritage Grant Scheme have been made by the Heritage Council. The aim of this scheme is to support projects that improve access and inclusion to heritage sites; that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections, or objects (including buildings). The scheme also supports the purchase of essential equipment. This scheme is

intended to enable communities and heritage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to continue their work in this area or to start new initiatives. This scheme is open for applications at [Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022 - Heritage Council](#) until the 16th February 2022.

Forward Planning

Building Control (1st January 2022 – 21st January 2022)

➤ Validated Commencement Notices:	23
➤ Number of Building Control Inspections:	25
➤ Validated Cert. of Compliance on Completion:	11
➤ Number of Taking in Charge reports sent to the Districts:	0

Planning Enforcement

The number of planning enforcement cases on 15th January 2022 are as follows: -

• Live Cases	342
• Cases Opened	7
• Cases Closed	23

The number of planning enforcement actions on 15th January 2022 are as follows: -

• Warning Letters Issued	8
• Enforcement notices issued	0
• Legal proceedings instigated	0

Planning Enforcement – Short-Term Letting

The cumulative number of short-term letting planning enforcement cases as of 15th January 2022 are as follows: -

▪ Properties advertised on websites:	102
▪ No. of warning letters served:	54
▪ Cases Closed:	58

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites

Report from 1st January 2022 to 15th January 2022

- 8 property inspections/visits conducted.
- 3 Dangerous Structure Notices issued.

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites

Report from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

- 257 property inspections/visits conducted.
- 64 new properties were referred to us as possible derelict/dangerous properties.
- 29 of these could not be considered derelict within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the files were closed.
- 5 informal letters requesting a small tidy up were sent out to owners of properties falling into dereliction. These properties were closed due to works been carried out.
- 30 section 8.2 notices posted on properties (notice of intention to make an entry on the derelict site's register).
- 14 owners carried out works after issuing a section 8.2 notice and the files were closed.

- 17 properties placed on the derelict site register (section 8.7 issued).
- 9 properties removed from the Derelict Site Register (pre 2021 register)
- We are actively engaging with 26 owners to try remove properties from the register.
- 13 properties were referred to the area engineers as possible dangerous structures.
- 15 no. land registry compliant maps and 17 no. Compulsory Purchase Order maps sent to property management in order to acquire lands by CPO.

Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

The number of valid DAC applications, for the period from 1st January 2022 up to and including 21st January 2022, totals **2**. **With a carryover of applications awaiting completion from 2021 of 9**

Applications Districts	Total for Districts	Await Assessment	Further Info.	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	0	0	0	0	0
Gorey	1	1	0	0	0
New Ross	0	0	0	0	0
Wexford	1	0	1	0	0
Rosslare	0	0	0	0	0
2022 Totals	2	1	1	0	0

Disability Proofing carried out as part of WCC Access activity

Referrals	Total
LAC /PLAC & General Planning Applications	4

Access Related Items

Access Trails and Destination Parks

Still awaiting final approval for minor accessibility works for Carrigfoyle walking trail to go ahead in the first quarter of 2022. Given the collaboration, as previously reported on, with Vison Sports Ireland on the new community walking programme for the vision impaired in Co. Wexford for which one of the planned destinations is Carrigfoyle, these works are significant in progressing and promoting this initiative. Sports Active Wexford are also involved in this collaboration with a number of stakeholders involved at committee level including Local Link.

2021 Disability Participation and Awareness Fund

Development of programmes for the two submissions listed below are underway.

- Advanced Digital Access Participation Project (ADAPP) Developing access to public spaces through a digital experience, total amount sought €20,000
- Interactive Community Engagement (ICE) total amount sought €60,000

Calls have gone out to each of the Borough and Municipal Districts for nominations of interested community groups. It is expected the ICE project will start end of February, all funding and projects to be completed by March 2023.

Irish Remote Interpretative Service (IRIS)

The Library services has informed that the IRIS service is going “live” within each of the libraries this month, five in total. Signage has been designed and distributed to inform of this service with the libraries rolling out an advertising/promotion initiative with local groups and advocates to raise awareness of the availability of this service.

Access Capital Works

Ballinesker Beach

Access funding supports to the total sum of €30,000 has been approved for proposed works to Ballinesker to include the installation of 2 accessible WCs, access supported by a gentle slope, ramp approach and the relocation of the Beach Wheelchair hut. This builds on previous upgrade work to the carparking completed by the Environment Department.

Rosslare Municipal District

Collaboration with Rosslare Municipal District and Environment Department have seen the completion of the boardwalk and relocation and upgrading of accessible parking to support the amenity.

New Ross Town Park

Access funding supports to the total sum of €25,000 as identified and ringfenced for the installation of a changing places facility within the New Ross Town Park, remains ringfenced however current cost prevent this initiative going ahead at present.

Special Projects:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

1.1 Min Ryan Park

Sole Sports and Leisure has been appointed to construct the skate park and MUGA on a design and build basis. The MUGA is now complete and open to the public. Completion of the Skate Park is expected in March 2022. Public lighting at these installations will follow.

1.2 Carrigfoyle Activity Park – Phase 1 – Trails and Carpark

This project is practically complete. Final snag works including the water and sewer connections to the site will be completed by end of February.

Carrigfoyle Activity Park – Phase 2 - Activity Centre Building:

A detailed value engineering exercise is currently being undertaken on the proposed building design. This will inform the planning consent application to be submitted.

The proposed boathouse and external toilet facility on-site has completed pre-planning and revisions to the proposal are being prepared prior to submission of a Part VIII planning application.

1.3 Enniscorthy Technology Park Phase 1

Phase 1 – the development of three serviced sites is substantially complete and the construction of the first building is well under way.

1.4 Gorey Town Park

The external area of the park opened to the public on 12th August 2021 and the new playground and adult gym equipment is fully installed and in use. Completion of the building works is now expected in 2022.

1.5 South East Greenway

The rail lifting and site clearance contract has been completed and initial contracts have been awarded for the construction of the greenway from Raheen to the Red Bridge and for the New Ross and Ferrybank urban sections with works advancing.

The tendering for the subsequent works packages is progressing on a contract by contract basis. The Greenway is due to be completed by Spring 2024.

1.6 Trinity Wharf

Due to significant inflation in the market since tenders were received, the original tender process for the works contract for the new access road to the site has been abandoned. A revised tender invitation issued before Christmas and tenders are due in early February. Works are now expected to commence in Q2 2022.

Procurement of consultants for design services for the site development and public infrastructure works is underway. Pre-qualification submissions have been received and are being assessed and the brief for detailed design services will issue in February.

1.7 New Ross Fire Station

The contract to construct the New Ross Fire Station has been awarded to Kevin Thorpe Ltd. Works commenced on site on May 6th following lifting of Level 5 restrictions and will take 9 months to complete. The building is watertight with the installation of windows and doors. The mechanical and electrical works are approx. 50% complete and the drill tower has also been erected. Completion is expected in April 2022.



1.8 Wexford Arts Centre Extension

The main works contract has been awarded to McKelan Construction Ltd and works commenced on site on May 6th following lifting of Level 5 restrictions. Construction of the third floor is currently underway on site and completion is expected in August 2022.



1.9 High Hill, New Ross

The High Hill site is a strategic urban site, currently derelict, which connects John Street and the town centre with the 12th century St Mary's Church and Cemetery.

The works contract for the development of the Norman themed garden on the site was awarded to MJS Civil Engineering in July 2021 and works are progressing well. The contract is expected to be substantially completed by July/August 2022.



1.10 Monck Street Enhancement Scheme

The contract has been awarded for the advance supply of natural stone paving materials. Delivery commenced in January 2022.

Tenders have been received for the main works contract and are being assessed. A March 2022 commencement is now planned and this will be followed by the phase 2 installation of the roof to support outdoor dining and the tourism sector.

1.11 New Ross Public Realm – Phase 1: Removal of Bulk Fuel Storage Tanks

This project consists of removal of the oil tank structures on the Quay and the development of public realm works on the site.

The Advance Works Contract (Removal of Tanks) was completed in July 2021. A Part 8 development consent application for the development of the public realm space on the site has been completed and was advertised on 21st December 2021. The closing date for submission is early February.

1.12 Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy:

The Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy identifies a number of enabling projects required to achieve regeneration, including:

- Improving the public realm and streetscape in Templeshannon area;
- Establishing a new link to the town centre by construction of a new pedestrian bridge;
- The management and progressive transformation of the Leisure Centre Car Park;
- The creation of new urban blocks for infill development.

The site investigation (SI) work for the pedestrian bridge has been completed. The preliminary design and bridge options report has been completed taking account of the results of the SI works and is currently under review.

WCC is engaged with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in regard to a further funding application to support regeneration in Enniscorthy. The planning Department is working in collaboration with Special projects to develop a strategic plan for Enniscorthy and is currently in the consultation process.

1.13 John Street Building Regeneration Project

WCC was successful in securing RRDF funding to design a redevelopment of the old grain stores at John Street, New Ross which will see these buildings converted into a high-quality enterprise hub.

The CPO process to acquire outstanding property in relation to this project has been approved. The Notice to Treat under the CPO will issue in February 2022 and the Part 8 development consent process commence by early Summer.

1.14 Esmonde Street

RPS Engineers is progressing with the detailed design. Priority Geotech Ltd undertook site investigation works in September. This information will now feed into the design. Irish Water have now approved proceeding with the design sewer upgrade and CCTV and survey works will be procured and RPS will start work on this design.

This will require additional site investigation. The detailed design is due to be completed by May 2022 and the tendering and award of a works contract by October 2022.

WCC intends to submit an application for funding under the next call for RRDF funding to advance the project.

1.15 Gorey Market House

A Part VIII planning application for re-development of the Market House into a multi-purpose performance/exhibition/retail space was approved in May 2018.

A call for Expressions of Interest / Tender Proposals from private sector investors was advertised in January 2020 and 2 submissions were received by the closing date of 13/02/2020. This tender process was concluded in May 2021 without the award of a contract.

1.16 Mechanics Institute

Consulting Engineers were appointed in March 2020 to undertake design, tendering and construction management services for essential maintenance works at the Mechanic's Institute. Tenders will be re-advertised in Q1 2022 and it is expected that a works contract be awarded in Q2 2022. There is a timeframe of 6 months for completion of construction works.

1.17 WEXFORDIA – Irish National Heritage Park (INHP), Hook Lighthouse and New Ross Tourism Projects

WCC secured RRDF category 2 funding for the development of a cluster of tourism projects within the county.

The tourism and environmental design teams for the INHP have commenced work on the preliminary design and environmental assessment. It is planned to submit a planning application for the project to An Bord Pleanála by the end of 2022.

The process of negotiation with the preferred tourism tenderer from the Hook Heritage Ltd competition has closed without an award of contract. WCC will review options to progress the project in early 2022.

A preliminary interpretative design report for the Norman Centre in New Ross has been completed and was presented to the Members of the New Ross Municipal District in June 2021. The contract for tourism co-ordination and management services for the project was been awarded to Alan Sherwood & Associates in November 2021.

1.18 Enniscorthy Tourism Project:

This project provides for the phased development of a new tourism project of scale centred on Enniscorthy Castle that will have the capacity to significantly increase tourism visitor numbers to the town. The proposed project will link with associated tourism projects to be developed at the Irish National Heritage Park, Hook Lighthouse and the JFK / Dunbrody in New Ross. The Enniscorthy Tourism Plan report was presented to the Enniscorthy MDC in July 2021.

Tenders for preliminary design and planning consent services have been received for Phase 1 of the project and are currently being assessed.

1.19 Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme

Following a competitive tender process, RPS Ltd has been appointed to undertake the Preliminary Design and Statutory Consents phase of the Courtown coastal protection and beach nourishment scheme.

Tender documents for the intrusive site investigation works, the environmental and marine surveys required to develop the preliminary design for the project have been issued. The investigative works and surveys are commencing in Q1 2022.

1.20 Rosslare Europort to Waterford City Greenway

The Economic SPC of Wexford County Council and the Transportation SPC of Waterford City & County Council have written to the Minister for Transport seeking inclusion of the out-of-service Rosslare to Waterford railway line in the up-coming national rail review. The application for planning consent for the Rosslare to Waterford greenway project has been paused, pending a decision from the DOT on the future of the rail corridor.

WCC will review advancing the Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand section as a stand-alone project that could link to the EuroVelo and the Wexford to Rosslare greenway project currently at feasibility stage.

1.21 Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway

Fehily Timoney and Company has been appointed to provide consultancy services for a feasibility study, route selection, preliminary design and environmental assessments for the development of this project. Constraints have been identified and ecological surveys are on-going. The scoping and route options process has commenced and it is planned to commence public consultation for the project in Q1 2022.

1.22 Oyster Lane Car Park, Wexford

A Part 8 submission has been made for the demolition of existing unoccupied buildings on the old Tesco site and for construction of a temporary surface level car park. The plan was presented to the Wexford MDC September meeting and the Part 8 process commenced formally on 26th October 2021 with a report to go to the February Council meeting.

A tender invitation for the appointment of design consultants was advertised in Jan 2022 and tenders are due on 28th January 2022.

Detailed design is programmed to be completed in July with an award of the works contract in October 2022.

1.23 Crescent Quay – Dredging

An award of contract was made to RPS Consulting Engineers in June 2021 for design services for engineering assessment, environmental and foreshore consent applications in respect of this project. RPS are currently specifying and procuring investigative works to inform the dredging strategy.

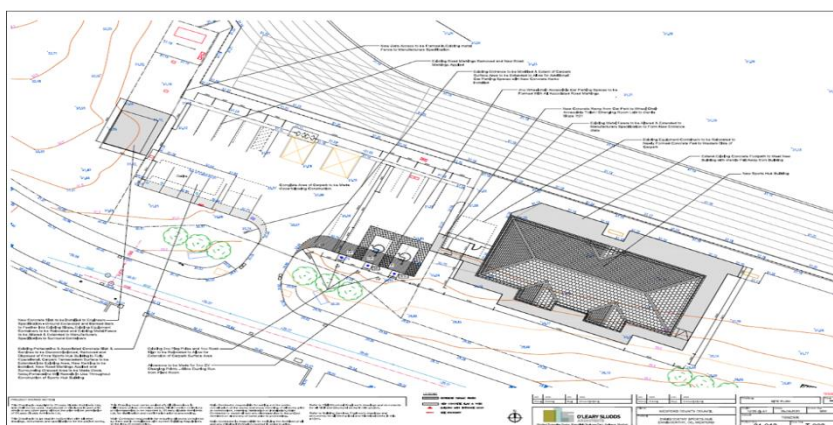
1.24 Old Dublin Road Business Park, Enniscorthy

The final masterplan has now been completed and presented at the Enniscorthy MDC's October 2021 meeting. A contract for the initial phase 1 works was advertised in January 2022 with works commencing in Q2 2022.

A further application for funding of the masterplan was made to the NTA's active travel programme in January 2022.

1.25 Enniscorthy Sports Hub

O'Leary Sludds Architects were appointed in Feb 2021 for the detailed design, procurement of works contractor and construction management of the Sport Hub building. Tender documents are now complete and have been issued to the Department for Tourism, Culture, Art, the Gaeltacht, Sports and Media for approval. Tender advertisement will follow DTCAG approval and it is expected that a works contract will be awarded in Q2 2022.



1.26 Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility

WCC has recently received Stage 2 compliance approval from Failte Ireland for the development of facilities to support water sports activists at Whitegap in Curracloe. The project will include showers, toilets, changing facilities and lockers.

Tenders for design services was advertised in Jan 2022 and are due in late February.

2. Flood Defence Schemes

2.1 Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme:

The Enniscorthy Flood Defence scheme awaits statutory confirmation from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) to proceed. The confirmation process involves a formal review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) by DPER and a public consultation process.

WCC issued supplementary environmental information to the OPW on the 27th April 2021, which was submitted to DPER on the 30th April 2021. A decision is expected in 2022. Minister Patrick O'Donovan with responsibility for the Office of Public Works attended a special meeting in January last of the Enniscorthy Municipal District.

In the meantime, WCC will continue to progress the detailed design, shortlisting of contractors for the main construction works, and the attainment of all necessary licences and legal agreements required for the construction works. Some advance works will also be carried out, including archaeological excavations, diversion of services and treatment of invasive species.

Shortlisting for contractors for the new River Slaney Road Bridge contract was retendered on the 19th May 2021. The closing date for the competition was the 30th June 2021. Eleven tenders were received, and all candidates have met the pass / fail criteria. The qualitative assessment was completed on the 15th October 2021.

The legal agreements required for the diversion of Irish Water services have been completed. The wording of the bridge agreement required for the construction of the new road bridge has been finalised with Irish Rail & CIE. The application for the foreshore lease and foreshore licence is being progressed with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government - public consultation on the foreshore application closed in December 2020. The Foreshore Licence is expected to be issued in Q1 2022.

2.2 Wexford Flood Relief Scheme:

The project brief for design services for Wexford Flood Relief Project was advertised on Etenders in early 2020. Seven tender submissions were received by the extended closing date of the 9th July 2020. Following a detailed tender assessment and evaluation process the decision not to award a contract arising from this tender competition has been advised to all tenderers. A further procurement process will be advertised in Q1 2022.

REPORT ON CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

1. FOI OFFICE REQUESTS

Type	
Freedom of Information	7
Customer Complaint	9
Ombudsman Complaint	2
Access to Information on the Environment	1
Data Access Request	1
Total	20

2. Members Portal Requests 1st January – 27th January 2022

No. of Representations by Section January 2022		
Section	Cases	%
Art and Library	1	1%
Community	1	1%
Corporate	1	1%
Customer Service	3	2%
Enniscorthy Municipal District	2	1%
Environment	7	4%
Finance	2	1%
Gorey - Kilmuckridge Municipal District	3	2%
Housing	95	59%
Planning	7	4%
Roads	5	3%
Roads - Enniscorthy MD	14	9%
Roads - Gorey - Kilmuckridge MD	11	7%
Roads - New Ross MD	1	1%
Roads - Wexford MD	6	4%
Wexford Municipal District	1	1%
Total	160	100%

3. PROCUREMENT SECTION ACTIVITY

Tenders

No uploaded	6
No of tenders received	7

4. Communications Social Media Activity:

Twitter – January 2022 28 day summary

Tweets	Tweet Impressions	Profile Visits	Mentions	Followers
86 (down 46.2%)	175K (down 63.7%)	19.6K (down 79.5%)	429 (down 30.2%)	12.9K (up 182)

Facebook and Instagram

	Facebook	Instagram
Page Reach	5,126 (down 32.9%)	1,194 (Up 35.2%)
Activity	2K (Likes)	1.3K (followers)

5. CRM / CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 01/01/2022 – 31/01/2022

Area		January	
Agricultural Burns		6	
Environment Complaints		431 *	
Change of Circumstances		33	
Housing Validation		81	
Quick Calls		1662**	
Road Faults Log		73	
Emails		2531	
	1. Incoming External Emails	1125	
	2. Emails forwarded external	1077	
	3. Emails Replied to internal	329	
Total			

* 108 (25 %) of these calls relate to Community Clean Ups

** 700 (42%) of these calls are in respect of various Housing Services, 264 (38 %) of which are for Housing Maintenance.



***1. Irish Water Asset
Delivery***

2. Minor Capital

***3. Rural Water
Programme***

***4. Water
Conservation***

Water Services Monthly Report



COVID -19

- Water Services is operating in line with the most recent COVID-19 Local Authority Standard Operating Procedures issued by the LGMA.

1. Irish Water – Asset Delivery



Capital Schemes

Enniscorthy Network Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Survey works are now complete and design of the hydraulic model for the sewerage network is proceeding well ➤ Design work for rehabilitation/upgrade works will begin on receipt of the final hydraulic model. ➤ A schedule of high priority works has now been identified and is to be considered for funding ➤ The concept design report for the required works to Enniscorthy Network was received Q4 2021 ➤ A new gravity main for Mary street is required to alleviate flooding and will has been agreed to be designed in 2022
Enniscorthy Intake Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New water intake and pumping station at Clonhasten to be constructed with a plant upgrade to Vinegar Hill water treatment plant also to be completed. ➤ Planning permission was granted in September 2019. ➤ Tender documents are now complete and with Irish Water to issue a tender. ➤ Irish Water Asset Planning recently confirmed this project will be delivered in 2023 ➤ It is now expected that the distribution main and plant upgrade to Vinegar hill will be included within the scope of this project and may all be done as one larger scale project. This may impact delivery timescales.
Wexford Drainage Area Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete drainage model of the Wexford Town foul drainage system. ➤ A full detailed hydraulic model identifying all pipelines and infrastructure and deficiencies in the network. ➤ Consultants Nicholas O'Dwyer appointed by IW. ➤ Drainage infrastructure survey works commenced in Wexford Town and Castlebridge. ➤ Model verification ongoing.
Gorey/Courtown Drainage Area Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete drainage model of the Gorey/Courtown foul drainage system ➤ Tender evaluation January 2022, with start onsite Q2 2022
Newtown WTP Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upgrade to existing Treatment plant including improved raw water treatment, instrumentation and run to waste facility ➤ Preliminary design ongoing, IW have appointed Glan Agua as part of their early contactor involvement programme to design and build the new works

Fethard-on-Sea Sewerage Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preliminary Design for the project now complete for issue to contractor for design and build. Irish water has advised that due to budget constraints, this project has been re-prioritised and will not go to construction in the near future. Irish Water has advised that it will be 2023 at the earliest before this scheme is re considered for funding.
Creagh WTP Upgrade	<p>Upgrade of existing treatment plant including Intake improvements at Pallas and Kilmichael, DAFF plant refurbishment and installation of UV treatment</p> <p>Project scope agreed and awaiting appointment for preliminary design</p>
Gorey Regional Water Supply	<p>Gorey RWSS - To be upgraded and new 8 ml/day WTP and 7,500m³ reservoir provided at Ballyminaun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ballyminaun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning granted to upgrade borehole sites and build new WTP at Ballyminaun. ○ CPO completed ○ Contract awarded to Glan Agua ○ Operational date early 2022 ➤ New Treatment plant and storage site at Ballyminaun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction began October 2019. ○ Section 1 works have been completed and the contractor has now taken control of the borehole sites for section 2 works as programmed ○ Completion cert issued for new treatment plant, all water now being treated at new plant ○ Borehole upgrade works to be completed Q2 2022
Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction contracts have now been signed with Sisk and works commenced in April 2021 and it is programmed to be complete 18 months from commencement. ○ Works are ongoing on all elements of the project within the three villages and on the treatment plant in Arthurstown. A number of road closures will be needed to facilitate pipeline construction. ➤ Kilmore Quay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tender assessment has now been completed and a preferred contractor has been selected. ○ Land acquisition finalised ○ Planning permission granted ○ Irish Water Board approval was granted in July and a construction contract has been signed by the contractor with works to begin early 2022
Direct Labour Pipe Laying Crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Find & Fix – Leakage Reduction Programme. ➤ Focusing on mains rehabilitation and will revert to Find & Fix as required. We have external finding resources at present with fixes being completed by WCC operational staff.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mains Rehabilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mains rehabilitation began in September on 1.1km of water main on Rectory Road Enniscorthy ➤ A new programme of mains rehabilitation works for 2022 is being finalised with Irish Water which will see the direct labour crew exclusively working on mains rehab for the coming year.
Ferns Sewerage Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Design works are on hold subject to funding being made available from Irish Water.


2. Minor Capital



IW Minor Water Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disinfection Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Disinfection upgrade project at 98% complete county wide excluding snagging. ○ Snagging on-going at various sites. ➤ Treated Water storage programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 sites in Wexford – Kilmallock bridge, Camolin and Kiltealy. ○ Kilmallock Bridge Reservoir planning granted; final design ongoing
IW Minor Wastewater Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stimulus Funding - Pump Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The pump controls at Keellogues WWPS will be upgraded during Q1 2022. ○ Pump controls at Distillery Road WWPS have now been upgraded, and integration to SCADA being commissioned. ○ Pump and controls upgrades will take place at Taghmon and Piercestown WWPSs beginning December 2021 and continue in Q1 2022. ➤ Stimulus Funding - SCADA Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCADA will be upgraded at 9 No. WWPSs across the Wexford Town collection network beginning December 2021. Three sites have been completed, with the remainder underway expected to be completed during Q1 2022.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding has now also been approved for SCADA upgrades at 3 No. WWTPs (Ballymoney, Blackwater and Ballaghkeen) to take place Q1 2022. <p>➤ Stimulus Funding – WWTP Minor Improvement Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrade works to improve resilience of the inlet PS at Ballymurn WWTP is currently underway. <p>➤ Invest to Save</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding has been granted for a new sludge press at Rosslare Strand WWTP, with manufacture now underway. ○ Civil works are currently underway at Blackwater WWTP to improve energy efficiency and process control necessary to deal with fluctuations in loading.
IW Capital Maintenance	<p>➤ The capital maintenance budget for 2022 has been set at €1.45million.</p> <p>➤ The latest available report from Irish Water shows spend to end of December at €2m</p>
New Connections	<p>➤ Connection works are ongoing county wide through January 2022</p>
Non Irish Water Small Capital Schemes	<p>➤ Somer’s Way Pumping Station, Ballycullane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decommission WWTP, construct PS and rising main to connect to Ballycullane WWTP. ○ Civil works to the PS are now complete on site and M&E works are 90% complete on site. Foul flows are now being pumped forward to the Irish Water WWTP. <p>➤ Ballinamorrhagh WWTP (TIC), Curracloe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site improvement works completed during Q1 2020. More to follow during Q2 2022.

DPI Resolution Scheme for Water Services Infrastructure	<p>Funding was granted by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the resolution of Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) Issues at 4 number estates in Wexford. Works to progress at these sites to remove the DPI and connect to the public network in 2021 and 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Close, Oulart- Water connection is complete with sewerage to follow in Q1 2022. • Mountain View, Ballindaggin- COF received from IW. Decision awaited from the Department regarding design proposal. • Gleann na gCaor, Monagear- Connection enquiry made. Design in progress • Cois Cuan, Arthurstown • Coolballow estate- Connection granted for decommissioning of DPI at Coolballow estate to connect to Wexford SS
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<h3>3. Rural Water</h3>	
Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance	<p>➤ Kilanerin GWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydrogeologist has been engaged and awaiting phase 1 of study into the causes of high nitrate level within the extracted raw water from the GWS borehole. ○ Final Report has been received and is currently been reviewed.
Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation	<p>➤ Blackstairs GWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storage Tank - consultant appointed to carry out the hydraulic model assessment has been finalised. ○ Consultation has commenced with Consultants re: delivery of a hydraulic model and report. ○ A final report has been received and is currently under review. ○ Reservoir Bypass -WCC have been informed of potential additional costs required to carry out works. ○ A report has been compiled and submitted to the Dept.; the Dept. requested further information. ○ Additional reports were completed and submitted to the Dept. on the 6th December. ○ No response was received from the Dept. and a follow up email was sent on 17th January. The Dept. responded on the 19th January 21 – they are reviewing the submission and will revert as soon as possible
Measure 5 – Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes	<p>➤ Bing GSS – Community Waste water Connection (CWwC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Departmental agreement to progress the scheme to tender stage. Works currently in development are land

	<p>acquisition/wayleave maps. Permission from landowners to enter lands for SI investigations have been returned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application being submitted to Pre-Planning Part XI Week beginning 20th December 2021 following Appropriate Assessment Screening Report from SWC Promotions. ○ Awaiting Pre-planning Part XI assessment and Planners Report. ○ Works currently in development are preparation of site investigation works and main contract tender packages. ○ Returned tender price from contractors for main contract works shall be subject to final Departmental assessment and approval.
Measure 6 – Community Connection Networks (Water)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Battlestown CWC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting in December was postponed. It is scheduled for 31st January. Following this meeting we will be writing to the Dept. to inform them of the viability of the scheme. It will not be proceeding as there isn't enough interest from the residents. ➤ Ballinahask, Kilmuckridge CWC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting in December was postponed. It is scheduled for 31st January. Following this meeting we will be writing to the Dept. to inform them of the viability of the scheme. It will not be proceeding as there isn't enough interest from the residents.
Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual Well Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A total of 22 new well grant applications were received in the new year to 25th January 2022. ○ 14 Well Grants have been paid to date in January, totalling €23,223.

4. Water Conservation



Water Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consumption Countywide consumption for October was 42.32MLD. This figure is up 1.1MLD on 2020 figures. Overall consumption is trending high.
Leak Detection & Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leak repairs Leak repairs are on-going throughout the county. 31nr operational leak repairs were completed in November 2021. 8nr Find and Fix repairs were completed. ➤ Planned Leak Detection (PLD) Planned leak detection was focused mainly in New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy and Gorey urban areas.
Water Network Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rehab Submissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rectory Rd, Enniscorthy, commenced construction Oct 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rehab and BYS submissions for 2022 have been submitted to Irish Water Asset Planning for approval <p>➤ Find and Fix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LA Find crews were concentrated in New Ross Town Centre Clonroche and Ballyanne DMA. ○ 8nr repairs created savings of 3.4m3/hr. ○ Contractor Find crews completed initial investigations in Bunclody and followed on to Ard Carmen DMA in Wexford town. <p>➤ BYS Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shareridge have taken over works for Bellfield Road decommissioning works in Enniscorthy, due to be completed December 2021. Savings for the 1st block decommissioned by Coffey Northumberland were 5.4m3/hr back in May 2021. ○ BYS repairs in High St and Skeffington St in Wexford were undertaken by Shareridge. Savings of 1.4m3/hr in Skeffington St once the properties were given individual services. <p>➤ Pressure Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding was received for PRV replacements at Rowe St., Bride St., Colestown, Ballinra and Askamore. Advanced control for 6nr. PRV and additional Telemetry capabilities was also funded. Works are ongoing and due to delivery delays will be completed early in 2022. <p>➤ First Fix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shareridge have commenced First Fix investigations and repairs around the county.
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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

NATIONAL ROADS

N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

Following confirmation of the annual funding allocation from Transport Infrastructure Ireland, services for Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) of the project are progressing and will continue through 2022 and into 2023. Environmental surveys are progressing throughout the 33km scheme corridor and will continue through 2022 (e.g. mammal, bird and habitat surveys, noise, air quality, landscape & archaeological surveys etc). Further transport surveys are also planned for March/April 2022 to analyse traffic demand on the existing corridor and connecting roads. A geotechnical investigation contract will also proceed in spring and early summer. These separate activities will all inform the design development and environmental assessment of the scheme and will generate increasing engagement with land and property owners. It is anticipated that direct engagement with all project stakeholders will increase as Covid-19 restrictions hopefully continue to ease.

A project newsletter will be published in February and will be circulated in local outlets and public buildings as well as the project website and social media to provide the public with further information on the project's plans for 2022.

N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road

The project is closing out final design checks to ensure its full integration with the projects below which are at different stages of development:

- Rosslare Europort Masterplan Phase 1
- OPW Rosslare Europort Terminal
- N25 Ballygillane Roundabout
- N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour
- Rosslare Harbour to Kilrane Active Travel Scheme
- Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand Greenway

Upon completion of the final design checks the planning application and Compulsory Purchase Order will be finalised for approval to proceed to the statutory planning processes. The planning application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála pursuant to Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). A Compulsory Purchase Order application will also be submitted to An Bord Pleanála at the same time. Copies of the applications will be available to view and notices of the applications, arrangements and further details will be published in advance. Any submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála which may at its discretion hold an oral hearing into the proposed development. It is now anticipated that the planning application will be submitted in early April.

The project is consulting with directly impacted land and property owners in advance of the submission of the planning application. A project newsletter will also be published in March in advance of the planning application and will be circulated in local outlets and public buildings in Rosslare Harbour as well as the project website and social media to provide the public with further information on the planning process.

National Road Pavement Schemes

2021 Pavement Schemes

N11 Ferns Pavement Scheme

The tender for the construction contract was awarded on the 11th August, 2021. Works commenced on 26th October therein.

The surface water pipework is complete. The section of watermain upgrade is complete. Footpath works are 80% complete. Pavement works are due to commence on 31st January, 2022.

The scheme should be completed in early March 2022.

HD28 Pavement Improvement Works N11 Oilgate Village

The scheme was tendered in November 2021.

TII approval to award the contract is pending and expected in February 2022. Due to the high traffic volumes on the N11, works on this scheme will be carried out at night and planned to commence in April 2022.

HD28 Pavement Improvement Works on N25 Larkins Cross Junction.

Minor pavement repairs at the junction with the N25 and R738 are planned.

Tenders will be invited for this scheme in early 2022.

2022 Pavement Schemes

N25 Ballykilliane to Orristown Pavement Scheme

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €1.6m)

The scheme between the R739 Kilmore junction and the L7050 Orristown junction on the N25 is 2km.

Contract documents are being prepared for tender in Q2 2022.

N80 Tomacurry to Ballycarney, Phase 1

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €1.6m)

The total scheme length is 3.7km with Phase 1 covering 2km on the southern end to be constructed this year.

Design work has commenced with tender documents to follow and tender programmed for Q2 2022.

2022 Safety Schemes

N25 Ballygillane Roundabout

(Estimated Total Scheme Cost €2.59m)

This scheme was tendered in November 2021 and preferred bidder notified. The contract award and commencement will proceed in March 2022 following due diligence.

Winter Maintenance

The 2021/2022 winter maintenance programme commenced on Monday 18th. October 2021. There have been 27 call out for pre-treatment up to 30th January 2022.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Resurfacing/Strengthening

The 2022 strengthening programme (Machinery Yard) commenced in the Enniscorthy District on 31 January 2022 at Bola Beg, Ballindaggan. The road is being resurfaced with macadam. The County's strengthening programme for 2022 is presently being finalised.

108 km of road was strengthened in 2021, including own resources and community involvement schemes funding.

Surface Dressing Works

The 2022 surface dressing programme is presently being prepared.

125 km of road was surface dressed in 2021, including own resources.

Community Involvement Schemes

All nine schemes have been resurfaced to a total length 12.5km in 2021.

12 roads (14km total) with a total estimated cost €1.155m for 2022 are under consideration by DOT.

Local Improvement Schemes

22 lanes, totalling 9km in length, were resurfaced 2021 at a cost of €653,786 funded by the Dept of Rural & community Development.

Bridge Rehabilitation Grant

19 bridge rehabilitations for 2022 (excluding those damaged 25/12/2021) at an estimated repair cost of €603,000 are under consideration by DOT.

All repairs were complete on 16 bridges as planned in 2021.

Specific Improvement Works – The Deeps Bridge

The Deeps Bridge Remediation Project – RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd was appointed as Project Supervisor for the Design Process in March 2021. An underwater inspection of the bridge structure was carried out in 2021 and no defects were found below the water.

A structural inspection of the bridge was completed in 2021. This will inform the detailed design. A Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening was completed, and the planned works did not screen out.

The resultant required Natura Impact Statement was completed and was submitted to An Bord Pleanala in 2021 as part of the planning application. The planning submission is presently being assessed by An Bord Pleanala. Design options will be developed over the coming months. Works are expected to commence Q 2-3 of 2022.

Climate Adaptation & Resilience Works

20 improvement projects for 2022 (excluding those damaged 25/12/2021) of estimated value of €1.134m are under consideration by DOT.

In 2021, Wexford County Council received €650,830 for 13 projects.

Works are complete on 11 projects with 2 projects rolling into 2022 due to design complexities. The 2 projects transferred to 2022 are Grange Beach cliff stabilisation works in New Ross MD and Adhare Bridge works in Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD.

Active Travel Measures

The NTA confirmed an allocation on 24th January 2022 of €4.44m to Wexford County Council for projects in 2022. This funding is largely to complete projects approved in 2021 which are presently in design or construction stage.

In 2021, Wexford County Council completed 20 projects. There are 29 projects presently under construction. The remaining 22 are at design stage.

Over 7km of new footpath was constructed in 2021 in the county's towns and many of the villages providing important linkages for communities. The total value of work (construction and design) completed in 2021 was €3,145,653.

A design incorporating segregated cycle lanes, footpath and junction improvements has been finalised for Newtown Road (Wexford Borough District).

Designs are being developed for cycleways at: Beechlawn/Clonard Avenue; Roxborough (Wexford Borough District); Oaklands to Kents Cross (New Ross District); Rosslare Harbour - Kilrane

Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme (Rosslare District); R772 Clogh to county boundary (Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD).

Flood Damage Christmas Day 2021 - Update

Seven bridges were severely damaged at: Wilton Bridge; Kilcarbry Bridge Ballyroebuck Bridge; Mangan Lane Bridge; (Enniscorthy District); Aughnaglaun Bridge (Chapel, Adamstown); Cullenstown Bridge; Raheen Bridge (New Ross District).

A temporary bridge or bailey bridge, will be installed at Aughnaglaun Bridge (Chapel, Adamstown) and preparatory works to receive the bailey bridge are well advanced. It is expected this will be open to traffic mid-February using a give way single lane system.

Discussions are ongoing with Inland Fisheries Ireland regarding derogation orders to allow works to be carried out in watercourses, Office of Public Works (OPW) Section 50 consent applications under the Arterial Drainage Act 1945 are being prepared and the design of permanent remediation works is ongoing. Permissions are necessary to undertake the permanent remediation works at Aughnaglaun (Chapel), Cullenstown Little, Wilton, Ballyroebuck Bridges.

Repair works have commenced at Kilcarbry Bridge; Mangan Lane Bridge.

Trees and debris lodged in bridges as a result of high-water levels have been removed from several sites in the last 3 weeks.

Minor damage to other bridges, specifically parapet walls, was experienced throughout the county and this is being assessed and repair works commencing.

There was significant damage to over 13km of road throughout the county which is presently being surveyed and repairs are ongoing.

General Maintenance

Drainage, patching and road surface repair works ongoing in all Districts with a particular emphasis on repairing drainage systems damaged during the Christmas day floods.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

LED Upgrade (Non National Roads)

Over 12,000 lanterns have been upgraded to LED since the beginning of 2016.

Design work are completed.

It is hoped to complete the upgrade of the remaining 300 to 400 lanterns on non-National roads and housing estates early in 2022.

Public Lighting Development Fund

Additional public lighting is being installed at the following locations under the Public Lighting Development Fund.

- Ballygarrett Village – Contract awarded. Works to commence in February 2022.
- Balintrad, Courtown – Contract awarded. Works to commence in February 2022.

Just One Life Road Safety Campaign

As covid restrictions ease, plans are in place to re-introduce this effective road safety initiative, in partnership with An Garda Síochána, to transition year students. Talks and demonstrations are planned for delivery in March.

Housing, Community, Libraries, Arts, Emergency Services & Community:

Housing Supply

Capital Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Current Position	Comment
Ross Road	1	Enniscorthy	Under Construction	Finishing works proceeding. Expected completion Q1 2022
Carley's Bridge	17	Enniscorthy	Under Construction	Due to complete Q2 2022. On Target IW inspections complete. Awaiting Connection Date.
The Ballagh	7	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Under Construction	More changes requested by Irish Water at final connection. ESB to connect 3 Phase on 24 th Feb and Sub contractor will commission pump station. Works to complete in Q1 2022.
Ballycullane	2	New Ross	Under Construction	Complete Jan 2022
Castlebridge TAP	1	Wexford	Under Construction	Due to complete Q1 2022
Rosetown, Rosslare (deliver units in 2 phases)	35	Rosslare	Under Construction	Construction works commenced on site on 24 th May 21 for Phase 1 of 23 units. Progressing well. Phase 1 due to complete in Q4 2022. Awaiting revised programme. Phase 2 has Stage 2 approval and Part VIII. Stage 3 submission is being prepared by consultants for submission in Q1 2022 for Phase 2 of 12 units.
Creagh	22	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Stage 1	A revised Stage 2 will be lodged in Q1 2022. Appointing new consultants and we have increased numbers to 22 for VFM, higher densities and to incorporate more smaller units in line with requirements and the housing need in the Gorey area. Pre Planning complete. Agreed to add another floor and lifts to each apartment building.
Wexford Street	30	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Stage 2	Stage 2 approved for €8.3m. Part VIII submitted Nov 21. Stage 3 Q1 2022
Rosbercon	35 (est)	New Ross	Stage 2	Engineers seeking a Knotweed specialist. Enabling works to commence on site Q1 2022
Bullawn	3	New Ross	Stage 2	Part VIII approved. Stage 3 Q1 2022

Whiterock Hill (deliver units in 2 phases)	44	Wexford	Stage 4 approved (Phase 1 for 22 Units)	Phase 1 (22 Units) Construction commenced 1st November 2021. Bases for apartments and site boundaries and retaining walls underway. Discussions re pump station to enable Phase 2 (22 units also) have progressed and our consultants are reviewing IW proposals. Phase 2 to be negotiated with contractor in Q1 2022
Women's Refuge	12	Wexford	Stage 2	Site cleared and surveys complete. Stage 3 Submission Q4 2021.
Killeens	40	Wexford	Stage 1	Preliminary Scheme designed. Design Build tendered to OGP Nov 2021. 5 Teams to be assessed. Appointment to be made for Design Team in Q1 2022.
Ballyhine, Barntown	7	Wexford	Stage 3	Part VIII approved. Stage 3 to be lodged in Q1 2022
Francis St.	2	Wexford	Stage 2	Stage 1 approved on 4 th Oct. 21. Pre Planning submitted 9 th Nov. 21. Proceed to Stage 2
TOTAL	258			

Pre-Development Stage

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Marconi Park	1	Enniscorthy	Single Stage approved by DHPLG. Approval for additional funding granted. Tenders due in from Contractors Feb 22
Newtown, Ferns	1	Enniscorthy	Site clearance Q2 Delayed due to an amount of Knotweed on site. Management Plan required. Cost Benefit analysis being conducted for this project. Recommendation to follow.
Bride Street	3	Wexford	Proposal to demolish and construct 2 No 2 bed and 1 no 1 bed apartments on the site has been submitted. Pre Planning complete. Stage 1 will be submitted in Jan 22. ESB to underground wiring as starting point in the enabling works.
Monomolin	5	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Diversion enabling works in design for services. Proposal to include 2 Special needs. IW to confirm feasibility for 5 new dwellings to connect into treatment plant. Stage 2 will be submitted in Q1 2022. Pre-Planning lodged. In process of appointing Consultants.
Ballygillane	5	Rosslare	Derelict house on site to be demolished. Pre-Planning approved. Stage 1 approved. Part VIII Stage 2 application and Part VIII Q1 2022. Irish Water have approved Feasibility.
TOTAL	15		

Longer Term Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Tagoat	18	Rosslare	Topographical Survey complete. Knotweed Management Company appointed. We have reviewed design for better density, value for money and we have pre-planning approval for 18 dwellings now. Stage 1 Q1 2022
Clonard	26	Wexford	Site cleared March 2019 – design for inner relief road required before we can proceed.
TOTAL	44		

Other Projects (early feasibility)

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Lacken	1	New Ross	Single stage approved. Substantial additional funding required. Funding approval received, granted with a shortfall of circa €172K. WCC are to revert to the Department with an option of constructing a new dwelling on the adjoining site in subject to agreement between WCC and the applicant family.
Adamstown	2	New Ross	IW confirmed that there is capacity for the 2 houses in Adamstown so this job can now proceed to demolition of existing house. The 2 houses will have a with a total population equivalent (PE) of 8
Belvedere	6	Wexford	Revised proposal to be presented to Municipal District meeting in Q1 2022
Creagh	24	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Sketch design prepared for site investigations and surveys. Confirm services capacity with IW and land availability in Q1 2022. Awaiting a decision as to whether the site will be transferred back to Housing.
Grogan's Road	3	Wexford	Proposal for 3 Apartments. Pre planning approved. Stage 1 approved 16 th Nov 21 – DHPLG are looking for a fourth apartment. Review design and proceed to Stage 2. Awaiting confirmation of feasibility from IW.
TOTAL	36		

Approved Housing Bodies

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Cooperative Housing Ireland			
Mill Heights, Castlebridge	25	Wexford	12 units completed. Remainder to deliver Q1 2022.
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Pairc an Aird, Coolcotts	67	Wexford	To deliver Q4 2022.
Tobar Muire Place	17	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	To deliver late 2022 /early 2023.
Tuath			
Ramstown, Gorey	68	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	To deliver on a phased basis from 2022.
TOTAL	177		

Part V Acquisitions

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Roxborough Manor, Mulgannon	22	Wexford	14 complete. Remaining units to deliver 2022.
Cluain Beag, Clonard	6	Wexford	4 units delivered remainder to deliver Q1 2022.
Clonhaston, Enniscorthy	18	Enniscorthy	To deliver on phased basis from 2022.
An Glasan, Enniscorthy	5	Enniscorthy	4 units complete. Remaining unit to deliver Q1 2022.
Gleann an Ghairdin Ph 3	10	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	To deliver 2022/2023.
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne	4	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Construction commenced. To deliver Q1 2022.
Ard an Bhile, Healysland, New Ross	5	New Ross	Commenced onsite. Expected to deliver late 2022/early 2023.
Spring View, Gorey Hill	11	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Under Construction. To deliver on phased basis 2022/2023.
TOTAL	81		

Turnkeys

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Clonhaston, Enniscorthy	50	Enniscorthy	To deliver on phased basis from 2022.
Ballynaglogh, Blackwater	16	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Commenced onsite. To deliver 2022.
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne	39	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Construction commenced. To deliver Q1 2022.
Cluain Beag, Clonard	20	Wexford	11 units delivered remainder to deliver Q1 2022.

Ard an Bhile, Healysland, New Ross	43	New Ross	Commenced onsite. Expected to deliver late 2022/early 2023.
Roxborough Manor, Mulgannon	13	Wexford	Under Construction Delivery expected on phased basis in 2022.
Clonard Little	10	Wexford	Delivery expected Q1 2023 (includes 1 Part V).
Ard Uisce (Ph 3)	8	Wexford	Under Construction. Delivery expected Q2 2022.
Castlelands, Ferns	20	Enniscorthy	DHLGH Approval received Jan 2022. Under Construction. Expected to deliver Q3 2022
Haughton Place, New Ross	13	New Ross	DHLGH Approval received Jan 2022. Expected to deliver 2023 (includes 1 Part V)
TOTAL	232		

The Housing Dept. continue to periodically seek Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey acquisition. Future calls will be targeted at smaller unit types in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) and will include proposals for land. All proposals received by Wexford County Council are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

Housing Maintenance

The following table shows the number of repairs carried out from 1st January to 31st January, 2022:

Repairs	Enniscorthy	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Wexford	Rosslare	Total
Repair Requests (1st – 31 st January 2022)	127	99	128	127	78	559
Repair Requests Year to Date	127	99	128	127	78	559
Accommodation Units Repaired (1st – 31 st January 2022)	109	83	104	106	60	462
Accommodation Units Repaired Year to Date	109	83	104	106	60	462

Note: The housing maintenance requests do not include duplicate calls for the same job, the ihouse system only records individual repair jobs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEADER PROGRAMME –



The Article 48 team processed **14** LEADER claims in December/January. The value of these claims was **€416,275.33** which will support **4** enterprise projects and **10** community groups throughout County Wexford.

These claims can be broken down as follows:

Approved for Payment	Approved Payment
1. FDYS	€ 25,020.49
2. Clongeen Community Development Group	€ 23,269.50
3. Crossabeg Ballymurn Community Centre	€ 77,103.89
4. Murrintown Community Development Group	€ 4,169.66
5. Bianca Divitio	€ 4,477.00
6. Cow House Studios	€ 9,676.69
Total	€ 143,744.23
Promoter Paid	Claim Payment
1. Riverchapel Community Complex Ltd	€ 7,711.57
2. Horeswood Community Hall Committee	€ 21,068.43
3. Faythe Harriers Hurling & Camogie Club	€ 98,941.11
4. Kiltra School of Music Ltd	€ 18,712.50
5. Our Lady's Island Community Development	€ 36,800.49
6. Tasty Parlour	€ 1,867.33
7. Wexford Bus	€ 67,269.67
8. WLD	€ 20,160.00
Total	€ 272,531.10
Total	€ 416,275.33

LEADER Programme 2014-2020 Case Studies –

December 2021, the Department Rural Community Development, launched 'LEADER Programme 2014-2020 Case Studies from Ireland', which was prepared by the National Rural Network team at NUI Galway and Irish Rural Link on behalf of the Department Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).



LEADER Programme 2014-2020 Case Studies from Ireland



The publication which provides an insight into the variety of projects that have benefited from LEADER support and includes projects approved by the Wexford Local Action Group –

- Macamore Buffalo, Ballygarrett, Gorey, Co. Wexford
- Sorcas Garman (Youth Circus Wexford) Training
- EuroBlue Limited, Ballybrennan, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

The publication which notes that *'The LEADER Programme is a key element of Ireland's Rural Development Programme, providing funds for rural and community development focusing specifically on economic development, enterprise development and job creation; social inclusion and the environment.'* While also acknowledging that *'The Local Action Groups and Implementing Partners are the bedrock of the LEADER Programme, playing a key role in assisting every community group and individual to bring each project to fruition.'*

Publication link - <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/4dd15-leader-programme-2014-2020-case-studies/>
In 2021 alone, the Wexford Local Community Development Committee acting as the Local Action Group, approved LEADER funding applications of just over €1.6 million to support 37 projects across County Wexford.

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE MEETING -

County Wexford Joint Policing Committee -
The next meeting date of the Joint Policing Committee is scheduled for the 14th of March 2022.



LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) -

The proposed February Meeting of the Local Community and Development Committee has been deferred, the next meeting date is now scheduled for the 03rd of March 2022.



Items to be discussed include – *SICAP, Local Economic Community Plan & Communities Activities Fund.*

LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) -

The proposed February Meeting of the Local Community and Development Committee acting as the Local Action Group has been deferred, the next meeting date is now scheduled for the 03rd of March 2022.



**Healthy
Wexford**

February 2022 Report (20th December 2021 – 20th January 2022)

Community growing provides a range of health benefits including physical activity, mental wellbeing, and social connection. The **'Seeds to Success'** series is an online 'seed share' of knowledge and learned experience from six growing communities of various types and stages of development across County Wexford. The hope is that sharing these growing experiences will inspire other Wexford communities to get digging, planting and producing in their own locality. This series is designed to support delivery of the community growing action set out in the Healthy Wexford County Plan 2020-2022.

The planned 'Seeds to Success' premiere for participating groups unfortunately had to be cancelled and replaced with individual viewings. The series [Promo Video](#) released on 14th January.



The 'Seeds to Success' series is available through the [Healthy Wexford YouTube](#) and will premiere through [Healthy Wexford Facebook](#), with one episode per week releasing each Thursday at 8pm, starting on 27th January.

The '**Not Around Us**' committee continue to develop the initiative and January saw continuation of the roll out of signage to our playgrounds, and ongoing sign ups and promotion.



January also saw a 'Not Around Us' Sand Art Event happening in Duncannon on Saturday 15th January. This engagement event brought together 'Not Around Us' committee members and youth and adult representatives from signed up clubs/organisation to co-create 'Not Around Us' sand art.

This event photos and video will be used to highlight the initiative further and encourage additional sign ups across the county.

Our planned lunchtime initiative, to maintain social connection, had to be postponed due to COVID levels in early January. However, the **#OpenLunch** initiative is planned to launch in late January. This initiative will encourage outdoor social connection, utilising our open spaces across the county.

Activities under the **Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3** continue, with action partners continuing to adapt based on ongoing COVID changes.

Healthy Ireland Fund
2019-2021 - Round 3

Some examples of current activity include the following:

- January saw the completion of the Rosslare Active Fellas Over 35's Soccer League – run by Sports Active Wexford, in collaboration with FAI Wexford. The next league starts in New Ross in February.
- Under our South East Regional Action, the five south east counties partner with HSE. Within this action we offer Adult Resilience Certified Facilitator Training, and the final course for this round of funding is happening in February.
- Delivery of the Healthy Food Made Easy initiative is also part of the Regional Action. Delayed in January, there are plans to complete four more courses across County Wexford, in collaboration with local community partners.
- Traveller Men's Football activity continues across the county after a short Christmas break.

The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 activities are due for completion by the revised fund deadline of March 2022.

PPN

A summary of PPN workloads included –

- A new PPN Secretariat facilitator, Kevin Molloy, started a 4-month rotation in the role on 22nd November 2021. All new Secretariat Members were ratified at the Secretariat Meeting on 22nd November 2021.
- All PPN members were contacted to seek nominations for the 4 vacancies on the LCDC, nominations closed 7th January 2022.
- A series of Municipal District meetings of the PPN members were held online on 10th, 12th, 17th, 18th and 24th January, 2022.
- A PPN community group meeting, organised by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and facilitated by Wexford PPN was held on 26th January, 2022.
- Information bulletins were emailed to all PPN members on 6th, 13th and 19th of January 2022.
- All PPN members main contacts were contacted, seeking re-registrations with a closing date of the 31st of January 2022.
- 17 new organisations, that had been pending registration, were added to the PPN database in January.

Celtic Routes – Interreg

The Project is please to share, the Thematic Groups are now up and running. With over 70 attendants over the individual categories of Golfing, Cycling, Achievement, Blueways, Nature, Arts & Crafts, Festival & Events and Pilgrimage, the first virtual meetings were held in January 2022. It is proposed that the next meetings will be held in person. Tourism businesses and social enterprises are welcome to join as soon as possible.

There is a budget allocation of €200,000 for the Thematic Groups to enhance their marketing and social media content and exposure and a budget of €90,000 for the subsequent Learning Journeys over the 6 Partner counties.

A new short video has been approved and will be on our website and Social Media platforms and will also be available through our YouTube channel.

SPORTS ACTIVE

Sport Ireland Core grant allocation for 2022.

Sport Active Wexford Funding Allocation 2022 Breakdown of Allocation

SECTION 3 - STAFF SALARY ALLOCATION		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Coordinator	€73,412	€-
Administrator	€41,566	€-
SIDO	€35,000	€-
CSDO	€35,000	€-
Additional HR Budget	€70,000	€-
Salaries Total	€254,978	€0

SECTION 3.2 - OPERATION COSTS ALLOCATION		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Operating Costs	€15,000	€-
Marketing	€15,200	€-
Strategic Plan	€3,750	€-
Operational Costs Total	€33,950	€-

SECTION 4 - PROGRAMME FUNDING ALLOCATION		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Safeguarding 1 (SG1)	€7,000	€-
Safeguarding 2 (SG2)	€1,000	€-
Safeguarding 3 (SG3)	€500	€-
Women in Sport (WIS)	€8,000	€-
Club Development Grants (CDG)	€12,500	€-
Other Programmes (OP)	€12,500	€-
Programme Funding Total	€41,500	€0

SECTION 5* – HEALTHY IRELAND AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME FUNDING		
	Sport Ireland Allocation	Allocation from Deferred Income
Healthy Ireland (HI)*	€1,250	€-
HI Total	€1,250	€-

Total Sport Ireland Allocation	Total Deferred Allocation	Total Sport Ireland and Deferred Allocation
€331,678	€0	€331,678

We were also successful in being allocated €76 000 for Sport Ireland COVID 19 Grant Schemes for clubs and communities to support their return to sport. This allocation will be prioritised with community groups as clubs can apply to their national governing body.

ENVIRONMENT

A. COASTAL MATTERS

Harbours -

Department of Ag, Food & Marine (DAFM) recently announced a new scheme to develop works on LA harbours, called the Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure 2022 – 2023, with a total budget of €35m for all coastal local authorities. Wexford County Council is assessing the details of the scheme and will prepare suitable proposals to DAFM for approval.

Fethard Harbour – New Slipway and Beach Access. Part XI planning application is being prepared for submission.

Ports Past and Present: There is ongoing engagement with the Rosslare community, artists and our project partners in University College Cork and two Welsh universities. Regular updates and further information is available at <https://portspastpresent.eu/>

Beaches –

Ballymoney – bathing water quality results have returned to blue flag standards. Therefore, Wexford County Council will submit a blue flag application for Ballymoney for the 2022 season.

Duncannon – bathing water quality has not reached the standard required for blue flag. Works are continuing on the Duncannon blue flag farming and community project and the construction of the wastewater treatment system.

Curraclloe – has been voted the Best Beach in Ireland for the third time in the Irish Independent Readers' Awards for 2022.

Coast -

Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme: Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd Consulting Engineers was appointed on 13th Dec 2021. They will progress the scheme through detailed design, statutory consents, tender, construction and handover.

Seaview, Kilmore: emergency works to protect the access road were completed in Jan 2022. Additional coastal protection works were carried out at the end of the public road. The overall coastal protection scheme is progressing with environmental surveys about to commence.

Lady's Island Water Level Management Structure – An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for this development, dated 3rd Sept 2021. Foreshore licence application has been lodged and is under consideration by the Dept of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

Bike Stands; work is progressing to install approximately 50 bike stands at 13 beach/coast locations around the coast. This funding for these was received through the Active Travel Scheme.

Morriscastle Dune Restoration: The project involves installation of fencing and maram grass planting to restore and manage the dune system at main beach entrance. WCC received €11,475 in funding for this project under the National Biodiversity Action Plan Funding. Fencing works are completed on site; maram grass planting by the local community is scheduled for Spring 2022.

St Helen's Bay Preliminary Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study: Wexford County Council appointed consulting engineers to assess the erosion risk to assets including 23 properties and look at options to mitigate the risk.

Ballyhealy Preliminary Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study: in the process of appointing consulting engineers. This project involves assessing the erosion risk of 5 properties and look at options to mitigate the risk.

Grange, Fethard on Sea: works to protect sections of the public road from coastal erosion went to tender in Dec; due back mid Jan 2022. This work is funded under the Climate Change Adaptation programme by Roads Department.

B. WATER, AIR & NOISE

1. Septic Tank Inspections:

Works have been completed on inspections for 2021. 91 inspections were carried out in 2021. Work has commenced on selecting areas and sites for Septic Tank Inspections in 2022. All work carried out is external with no requirement to enter a dwelling. Contractors are currently carrying out work on a number of sites in order to close the Advisory Notices.

Progress is being made with open files. Letters were sent to owners requesting updates on works carried out, to enable the closing of files or offering extensions of time, as appropriate. 9 files have been closed and 1 extension of time have been granted in 2021. 18 Grant applications were paid in 2021. Three new applications have been received this year to date and are currently under review.

Year	Number of inspections	Pass	Fail	Outstanding	Closed in 2021
2019	156	48	108	23	11
2020	111	38	73	33	16
2021	91	24	67	53	14

There are currently 13 cases in the Court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices. 3 of these are for hearing and 10 are for mention.

2. Section 4 Discharge Licences:

The Council currently has 99 active Discharge Licences. One new application has been received and is currently under review.

Invoices for the annual statutory Fee for discharge licences will be dispatched in June. Reminder invoices were issued in October 2021.

3. Air Quality:

Air quality monitoring is carried out at a number of locations in the county.

Wexford County Council enforces air quality requirements for 3 specific types of facilities, which must be registered with Wexford County Council. These Certificates must be renewed every 3 years. Audits of these facilities are completed to ensure compliance.

4. Climate Action

Both the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and the Government of Ireland Climate Action Plan 2021 put additional responsibilities on Local Authorities in terms of Climate Action and moving to a climate neutral economy by 2050.

Local Authorities are identified as having a pivotal role to play in the decarbonisation transition. The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 requires each Local Authority to prepare their own Climate Action Plan. The plan must cover both mitigation and adaptation measures and must be updated once every five years.

Wexford County Council is also tasked with developing a decarbonisation zone which will become the focus for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures. Enniscorthy is the proposed Decarbonisation Zone for County Wexford.

In terms of Energy efficiency Wexford County Council achieved a 39.7% energy saving by end of 2020. The target was 33%.

The Climate Action Plan 2021 sets an even more ambitious target of 50% energy efficiency by 2030 and an absolute reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 51%.

In 2020 Wexford County Council adopted a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

The focus is now on the implementation of the 85 actions specified in the strategy under 6 thematic areas.

Theme 1: Local Adaptation Governance and Business Operations
Goal: Mainstreamed and integrated into all functions and activities
Theme 2: Infrastructure and Built Environment
Goal: Effective management of climate risk an informed investment decisions
Theme 3: Landuse and Development
Goal: Influence positive behavioural changes to low carbon resilient society
Theme 4: Drainage and Flood Management
Goal: Understand risks and consequences of flooding etc

Theme 5: Natural Resources and Cultural Infrastructure**Goal:** Implement meaningful approaches to protect natural and key cultural assets**Theme 6: Community Health and Wellbeing****Goal:** Empower cohesive communities with strong understanding of climate risk,

Many of the actions are underway and have varying timeframes from short term to long term to fulfil these goals.

5. Noise and NAP 2019-2023

Noise complaints are dealt with on an ongoing basis. Two complaints of persistent noise pollution are currently under investigation.

The Noise Action Plan (NAP) 2019-2023 relates to general noise nuisance from large infrastructure or from motorways. Since the first plan was produced, Wexford County Council has steadily improved its resources with respect to the management of noise.

6. Agriculture:

WFD inspections	Farm inspections	Farms with Nitrates Directive non-compliances	Section 12 & 23 notices served	Section 3 notices served
2019	60	19	5	0
2020	102	50	5	2
2021	14	11	2	0

C. WASTE MANAGEMENT**1. Landfills:**

Holmestown Landfill remains temporarily closed. Environmental monitoring and maintenance of infrastructure continues at both Killurin and Holmestown in accordance with the conditions of our waste licences.

The Household Recycling Centre at Holmestown continues to provide recycling services to members of the public as well as a disposal service for other waste streams such as residual waste, bulky waste, segregated food waste, garden waste and waste paint.

2. Recycling Services:**Bring Bank Network –**

WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites December 2021	Recycling out (End December) 2020 (t)	Recycling out (End December) 2021 (t)
Glass bottles	109	4219	4292
Aluminium Cans		115	115
Total		4334	4407

Household Recycling Centres –

Summary of Activities								
WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2020 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2021 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2020 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2021(t)	Recycling out Jan- dec2020	Recycling out Jan - dec 2021	Recycling out Jan -Dec 2020	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2021
Total Recycling out	644	635	766	710	1002	873	581	571
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2786	2685	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Jan-Dec	69	73.3	119	117	138	104	76	88

Due to net operating costs increases, an entry charge of €2 was introduced to all household recycling centres on 13th June 2017.

3. Rapid Response Crew

Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with one two-man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts and a second servicing Wexford, Rosslare and New Ross Municipal Districts. Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	To end Dec 2020	Dec 2021	To end Dec 2021	% +/-
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	3,144	157	2,577	-18%
Gorey *		15		
Enniscorthy *		66		
Wexford *		34		
New Ross*		25		
Rosslare		17		
Total Bring Site Inspections	5,995	805	9,062	+51%
Gorey		195		
Enniscorthy		189		
Wexford		283		
New Ross		110		
Rosslare		25		

Total Ringbuoy Inspections	16,056	1338	16,056	0%
<i>Gorey</i>	<i>North</i>	398		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>				
<i>Wexford*</i>	<i>South</i>	940		
<i>New Ross*</i>				
Other Works	5,125	405	4,925	-3.9%
<i>Gorey</i>		78		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		141		
<i>Wexford</i>		86		
<i>New Ross</i>		60		
<i>Rosslare</i>		40		

4. New Recycling Items

From September, soft plastics can be recycled through the domestic waste collection service. Soft plastic may include bubble wrap, plastic bags and similar wrapping are included in the new items that may be recycled. As with any other other plastics, these should be clean and dry and loose. For a full list of plastics that may be recycled please see www.mywaste.ie.

5. Enforcement:

The Waste Enforcement Team carries out routine and non-routine inspections of Waste Facilities and problem sites in accordance with the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) as required by the EPA. The RMCEI Plan allocates 1,752 routine inspections by 25 Full Time Equivalent staff member. The inspection types cover the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations; ELV (End of Life Vehicles) Regulations; Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations; Household and Commercial Food Waste Regulations; Batteries, Tyres, etc.

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communication have set national waste priorities for 2022 to 2024, a three year target and they are;

- Tackling significant illegal waste activity,
- Construction and Demolition Activity,
- End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) & the Waste Metal Sector,
- Waste Collection – Household & Commercial.
- Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities.

D. LITTER MANAGEMENT

The Wexford County Council (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2018 came into effect from the 2nd January, 2019. From this date, anyone contravening the bye-laws will be liable to a fixed penalty of €75.

Complaints regarding litter are now being handled through the Customer Service Unit. Environment was the first section to use this central system.

Any evidence collected from littering incidents is used in bringing action under the Litter Pollution legislation. It has been noted that less evidence is being recovered. More transactions have moved online and people are removing waste that may incriminate them. The use of CCTV has been halted due to restrictions imposed by the Data Protection Commissioner. The local press regularly reports on such cases. We will continue to target illegal dumping black-spots and the county's roads throughout the year.

Total fixed penalty notices issued	TOTAL FOR 2021	TOTAL FOR 2022
Fines Issued (All Fixed Penalty Notice Issued)	212	NA
Fines Paid in Full●	69	NA
Fines Cancelled/Proceedings Discontinued/Struck Out*	71	NA
Successful Prosecutions**	15	NA
Legal Proceedings In Progress	61	NA
Amount Collected in Fines (directly/following proceedings)	€10,220	NA

* Other fines may be paid prior to the hearing or withdrawn for evidential or legal reasons.

● Includes income from all Fixed Penalty Notices – under review breakdown for next report.

Wexford County Council had one successful Litter prosecution on the 24th of November, 2021 €150 fine and €250 cost were awarded to Wexford County Council following 5 successful prosecutions in October.

Wexford County Council had one successfully litter prosecution in January, we were awarded €250 of a fine and €250 costs. We also had one successfully prosecution under the Waste management Bye-laws where we were awarded €250 of a fine and €550 costs.

Litter Enforcement Activity 2009-2020

	Fines Issued	Court	Reports
2020	213	20	2256 (down 8%)
2019	341	13	2758 (down 9%)
2018	324	22	3050 (up 15%)
2017	218	27	2651 (Up 12%)
2016	274	17	2,354 (up 22%)
2015	242	17	1,927 (up 11%)
2014	154	17	1,732 (up 10%)

2013	140	15	1,571 (up 21%)
2012	182	16	1,292 (down 3%)
2011	209	17	1,329
2010	370	27	1,338

F.GENERAL

All environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system.

The total figures for complaints received are as follows:

	Jan – Dec 2017	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan to Dec 2019	Jan to Dec 2020	Jan to Dec 2021
Incidents	3600	4609	4749	4999	5136
Closed	3526	4563	3872	3773	3652
Closure Rate	98%	99%	82%	75%	71%

Control of Dogs & Horses:

The Council employs one Dog Warden and an acting Dog Warden for holidays and relief. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

Control of dogs	2020	2021 (to 31-12-21)
Dogs collected	532	429
Dogs reclaimed	127	133
Dogs re-homed/transferred	373	267
Dogs put to sleep	32	29
Dog Fines	5	18

There are now 31 registered Dog Breeding Establishments with a number of applications on hand awaiting inspection.

To date in 2021 9 horses have been impounded. The figures impounded for 2020 was 30 and 33 for 2019. All of the horses for 2019-2021 have been rehomed or reclaimed.

Environment Education and Awareness:

Our aim is to promote awareness and active participation in a range of environmental initiatives.

Green Schools: Green school renewal assessments and applications must be completed and submitted to An Taisce by 1st April.

School Workshops: Leave No Trace workshops are continuing in schools. In total 10 schools will participate. It was difficult to timetable all schools in December so it is hoped that all workshops will be completed by end of February. The Leave no Trace workshops explore the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace and highlight the key impacts facing Irelands environment such as dog fouling and littering, and how these impacts can be minimised through the Leave No Trace programme. The

workshops will empower students to make the right decisions in the outdoors and give them the tools to tackle issues in their local community. The online workshops are 40 minutes duration (2 workshops per school 10 schools in total) with time for Q&A's to maintain engagement from students. The materials covered in the online course will use resources and activities adapted for online delivery covering the themes of dog fouling, littering, care for the environment to ensure that delivery is fluid and that the material covered is communicated in a fun, engaging and inclusive way.

Trees for Wexford Campaign: The Trees for Wexford Campaign received 154 applications. Trees will be distributed to groups on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th Feb from Holmestown Household recycling Centre.

Community Clean Ups: Registrations and support for community clean ups will continue in 2022. 1331 community cleans ups were supported in 2021.

Community Engagement: Community talks are ongoing with virtual meetings and outdoor meetings beginning to take place.

Sustainable Gardening Course: This 5 week online course will take place on Tuesday mornings from 1st February until 1st March. Due to unprecedented demand and the course filling up in less than 24 hours a second course is being run and is also full.

Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN): Funding was sought and approved for water refill dispenser at Blue Flag beaches. It is hoped that these will be installed by end of April 2022.

Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign: The 'Bag It Bin It' will be reinforced by a social media campaign to run from mid-February until end of March. The campaign is set to firmly emphasize that dog fouling is your responsibility as a dog owner. The campaign will address a range of issues surrounding dog fouling, from its effect on the public who use our streets, parks and beaches, to attitudes to cleaning up as dog owners, from health issues to civic pride. The campaign will reach across social media and local community groups and Tidy Towns groups will be asked to share images on social media.



The Green Dog Walker Campaign is being promoted and registrations are through the website.



LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

LIBRARY SERVICE

Response to COVID

On 21 January 2022, the Government announced a plan for easing COVID-19 restrictions. From 6am on 22 January, several restrictions were lifted. Public libraries will for the first time this year, begin preparation for indoor events and plan to deliver a normal and full service for library users. The library service will continue to provide and support access to all online e services to include e resources and the book call delivery service for the older and more vulnerable citizens in our community.

Book Call Delivery Service

The Book Call Service continued throughout December and January, this service enabled those who were elderly or vulnerable to receive a delivery of library books and materials to their homes. There were 7 book call requests for the month of January. Three of the requests were from south Wexford and four were from north Wexford.

Foot Fall

10,558 persons visited Wexford Libraries in January.

Information on Social Media Platforms

The Wexford Libraries social media pages provide a range of information on a variety of social media platforms including Facebook.

Information posts have included:

- eResources, promoting free eResources to library members throughout December.
- Decade of Centenaries online talks
- Information is disseminated using two formats: eNewsletters & SMS service. eNewsletters are sent out monthly to the library subscribers, and through SMS Saadian text messaging service. Both formats are used to promote online events and update subscribed members on services available.
- Rhymetime posts/videos.
- Online talks and information talks
- LEO information on training and LEO eNewsletter

SEN (Special Educational Needs) Book Stock Collection

A collection of books to support children with additional needs has been supplied to the 5 library branches. The SEN Books include stories for children with sensory issues, those who face challenges with sight, hearing, speech and language development, children who are non-verbal and books to assist with behavioural issues.

Radon Monitor Loans

Wexford Libraries, in collaboration with EPA, continued to promote the Digital Radon Monitor Loans Scheme @ your local library in 2021. Monitors are available to all library members through our 5 branch libraries. Currently there are 19 radon monitors available to borrow.

Participation in a four-year EU project to conduct citizen science analysis in a County Wexford community area with high incidence level is currently being planned. Several EU countries are taking part and the results will reflect findings from across Europe.

Climate Action

Home Energy saving kits continue to be made available to library members to borrow from all 5 branch libraries in Wexford.

A new collection of climate related books is available in each of the five branches in the county to allow people to read and understand the main issues around climate change.

Dormant Accounts Funding 2021, Library supports to marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities

Hear our Stories

This programme in collaboration with WLD and Kids Own delivered a series of interactive art and storytelling workshops with Syrian children and families living in County Wexford. Trained facilitators met with the children and their families over an 8-week period to discuss the role of storytelling in Irish & other cultures and to collate personal stories and artwork that articulates the Syrian lived experience of coming to Ireland and settling into County Wexford. The resulting work forms the basis of a book telling their stories. The book to be launched in early 2022 and will deliver an enduring record and serve to increase understanding and appreciation of different cultures and outlooks.

STEM

The Library worked with FDYS and Tek Central to deliver this programme. Participants were introduced to STEM through a series of events including electronic circuit theory and 3D printing. The introduction to the world of STEM in a fully accessible manner has meant that these young people may now consider STEM careers thus increasing their educational opportunities and economic potential.

Loch Garman le Chéile

The International Museum of Languages for Young Audiences (IMLYA) visited 2 libraries and 5 DEIS schools throughout the county in December. A full day of associated workshops was delivered in each of the 5 schools. The programme was developed to promote interest in, and appreciation of, other cultures and promote allyship in children with those from other countries and cultures. The work created by the children was displayed in their local libraries in December and the children encouraged to visit their local library with their family to view it and discover all the resources and services available to them in Wexford libraries.

Language for Primary Schools

Pupils could begin learning foreign languages as early as third class under changes proposed for the primary curriculum. Wexford pupils have been included in a project piloting the learning of foreign languages. To support the language element of the proposed curriculum, Wexford Library Services has purchased a pilot collection of books that are available in 5 different languages that reflect the linguistic diversity in our county. Work is underway to develop a selection of associated activities to support this book collection. The sets will be available for schools to borrow from their local libraries to support the exploration, understanding of and interest in foreign languages and by extension foster an interest in and appreciation of foreign cultures.

Online in No Time

This six-week programme involved intensive digital literacy support and tuition to older people in Castlebridge day care centre. The sessions focused on the real-life digital literacy needs of older people. The sessions were practical, targeted and delivered in partnership with the day care centre, Tek Central and the Age Friendly Coordinator with Wexford County Council.

Health and Wellbeing

Free 4-week Activator Poles Sessions was held in New Ross Library Park in conjunction with Sports Active Wexford. Sessions began on Thursday 27th Jan and will run until Thursday 17th February 2022. 8 registrations currently.

Buildings Update

Study Zones consisting of a limited number of socially distanced study spaces are available to book via our website for a study seat for a two-hour duration. The wearing of masks is mandatory.

Digital Ambassadors Programme.

The Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) Libraries Development Unit, and Age Friendly Ireland have partnered to establish the Library Digital Ambassador Programme. This programme aims to help older people to access online library resources. Wexford Libraries provide an Age Friendly Digital Ambassador in each of the 5 branch libraries. Staff are trained to assist older people to, join their local library online, access online library resources, download their favourite books or listen to audio books. This is a peer-to-peer programme which helps participants to develop the confidence to become mentors themselves.

IT Literacy

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Eduroam Everywhere Initiative

An eduroam Wi-Fi hotspot is available in Wexford Libraries as part of the eduroam Everywhere initiative. It provides secure and easy-to-use Wi-Fi access, students whose college/university participate in eduroam can simply open their laptop or mobile device within an eduroam hotspot to

have immediate internet connectivity. Eduroam Wi-Fi was launched in September 2020 allowing regular Wi-Fi availability in this zone, along with individual electricity sockets and USB ports. Eduroam in Ireland is pioneered by HEAnet, Ireland's National Education and Research Network. This new addition to our services will work towards improving the learning experience of students in County Wexford and reducing the digital divide.

Work Matters Business eResources online

Wexford Libraries continued to promote Work Matters Business eResources online in the January e-mail newsletters, giving mention to business and employment eBooks and eAudiobooks on BorrowBox, and business training courses on Universal Class. Customers have also been advised that they can email Wexford Libraries in advance with their business queries for Mintel and Business.ie.

Wexford Libraries' Book Club Online

In January, Wexford Libraries consolidated its two online book clubs into one. This 'Book of the Month' book club met via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 26th January. Five people attended the online event where the short story '*The Dead*' by James Joyce was discussed, from his book *Dubliners*.

The library continued to support a number of other book clubs with books and information, who meet at other locations:

The 'Wednesday morning group' borrowed 10 copies of *Idaho* by Emily Ruskovich.

The 'Thursday morning group' borrowed 15 copies of *Here We Are* by Graham Swift.

The Ballykilliane book club borrowed 6 copies of *The Golden Notebook* by Doris Lessing.

The Library Creative Writing Club: Online Live

The Adult Creative Writing Group was re-launched on the library Facebook page. The event was held via MS Teams communication and is a live online event. The event was also promoted through library SMS text messaging service. Support and feedback is provided to writers on a monthly basis and facilitated by a library staff member. The writing club can accommodate up to 10 participants. 7 registrations to date.

Services for Children and Young People

Little Library Bags for Early Learning Centres

All five Little Library Bags have been collected by Early Learning Centres in all 5 library branches in Co Wexford. Each bag contains five books, one in Irish and four in English. The books are aimed at the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) age range of 2.5 years to 5.5 years primarily but can be used with all preschool children.

Literacy Apps

Touch Type Read Spell (TTRS)

TTRS (Touch Type Read and Spell) is a highly accessible, multi-sensory, phonics-based course that teaches touch-typing, reading and spelling, and is available free of charge from the library. All library provided TTRS licences made available from Dormant Accounts Funding which were shared between 5 libraries. Local primary schools have acquired TTRS licences to improve children's reading and writing skills in their schools. For age 7+. An additional amount of TTRS licences will be

distributed to all 5 libraries and will be made available to local schools. To date all TTRS Licences in Wexford libraries have been assigned. TTRS, Nessy and Reading Eggs had over 700 individual sessions logged in January with a massive 3928 minutes of usage by our students and home-users. This number is set to increase further with an additional 17 students signed up to TTRS in January. Wexford now has 138 students using these literacy apps.

Reading Eggs

Reading Eggs is an educationally sound and enjoyable learn to read programme that consists of online reading games and activities. This literacy support programme is free of charge and available to the public. All the Libraries have an allocation of licences from Dormant Accounts Funding. Suitable for ages 2-13 years.

Study Spaces

Study spaces continued to be used daily in the library. In January there was 159 unique users with a total of 380 bookings. There was a total of 627 hours worth of study space booked.

Local Studies

There were 32 local studies, genealogy, and reference book enquiries in January. The microfilm reader was used for 22 sessions.

ARCHIVES

Collections management

In addition to 49 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 3 researchers visited the Archive during January. Research topics included:

Research through the Power estate papers for family history purposes (1731-1890)

Research through the *New Ross Standard* newspapers for the 1916-23 period

Research on the townland of Askabeg as documented in an extant rental of property owned by the Rt. Hon. Francis William Baron Kilmaine (1875).

The reduction in the number of research enquiries this month was as a direct result of the reading room's recent re-opening, which has enabled those wishing to undertake research through non-digital archive collections to directly access same in the reading room. The continued progress in digitising our more popularly accessed collection has also contributed to this reduction.

Acquisition

The papers of Seán Óg Ó Dubhghaill were deposited in the county archive in early January, an extensive collection of research papers of historical and local interest, including speeches made by him in official and non-official engagements, both abroad and across Ireland covering the period 1989 up to 2017.

Digitisation

As a preservation measure, a number of completed Registers of Interments and Registers of Purchasers of Grave Spaces relating to Wexford County Council maintained cemeteries were digitised in-house during the month. This coincided with the rollout in January of training with each registrar on revised protocols for completing entries in, and maintaining, the current registers including issues around preservation &c. Training was provided to the registrars for Oulart and Bunclody cemeteries during the month with a digital copy of the original registers given to them for reference purposes.

Artlinks- Open call Artists' Bursaries

Open call took place in January 2022. Closing date for applications is 28th February. Artlinks offers professional development support for emerging and professional artists in the Southeast Region with Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford art offices. Total fund for Wexford is €25,000 for artists across all artforms. The Artlinks award in Wexford has average grants of €1,000 - €3,000 max. Another element of Artlinks, an additional Collaborative Award for artists from two or more Artlinks counties worth €10,000 and will be announced in March 2022.

Small Arts Festival and Experimental Events Grant Scheme 2022

Open call from the Arts office took place in January. Closing date is **Tuesday 22nd February 2022.** This grant scheme aims to promote and support a diverse range of small arts festivals and experimental events throughout Wexford County. The focus is on festivals/events of high artistic quality that are innovative and have a strong emphasis on public engagement. The total award fund is €25,000 with an average of 12 festival/ events awarded per year with grants between €1,000 - €3,000 max.

Screen Wexford Full time Film/ TV Coordinator role advertised After a successful pilot year for Screen Wexford, Wexford County Council sought tenders for the role of Film & TV Coordinator co funded by Arts and Economic departments. This is a 3-year Full-Time pilot initiative for Contract for Services delivered 2022- 2025 that requires a minimum five-year project management experience. Closing date for applications was 14th January 2022.

Screen Wexford's Website

Screen Wexford's new website www.screewexford.com was launched in December 2021 and provides an extensive database of film locations in Wexford, information upcoming training programmes and news and opportunities and crew database on request. The location database is constantly being updated by the Screen Wexford office.

Screen Wexford- Immersive Wexford

A VR & Virtual Production Training Programme titled 'Immersive Wexford' delivered by Screen Wexford and funded through Screen Skills Ireland launched January 2022. This new training programme in the field of Immersive Technologies provides practical insights into the new advances in production that are helping revolutionise the entertainment and gaming industries internationally. It offers opportunities for creative practitioners to explore and to upskill in this rapidly evolving field through a series of masterclasses and workshops run by industry leaders and practitioners. It is being delivered through a combination of online events and in-person immersive labs in Gorey School of Arts and takes place between January and April 2022. For further information on screen Wexford and opportunities go to www.screenwexford.com/news/immersive-wexford-3/

Local Live Performance Programming Scheme Phase 3 (LLPPS) – February - June 2022)
Wexford Arts office is overseeing the implementation of the LLPS scheme funded through the Department of 'Arts, Culture Tourism' via all local authorities nationwide. The aim of this once off scheme is to provide up to 100% of costs for events which had been cancelled, postponed or curtailed for large-scale commercial panto operators. As part of LLPSS 2022 some of the funding would be applied, where appropriate, by the local authorities to assist community and voluntary pantomime productions which had to be curtailed or cancelled in December 2021 and/or January 2022 as a result of the additional public health restrictions. **In July Wexford County Council did an open call to professional events companies to be part of a panel for delivery of services for**

the Local Live Performance Programme Scheme across the 5 municipal districts. Ongoing discussions are being held in each of the municipal districts.

Youth Film Coordinator role

County Wexford Youth Film programme is a core arts office programme which offers film workshops in developing new film skills to young people around county Wexford aged 13-18. This programme is based in St. Michael's Theatre in New Ross. An open call was advertised for the tender for a new filmmaker to facilitate and manage the programme. Closing date for submissions was Friday 14th January 2022.

Music Generation A partnership between WCC, WWETB, and the national agency Music Generation promoting access to high quality performance music education for young people in Wexford county working in preschool, primary school and youth work/ community settings.

Ongoing Primary School Programmes: 19 primary schools are currently working with Music Generation Wexford who are developing their programme within the school over this academic year. Most of these schools maintained their works with MG either through video, online or in person.
Singing Programme = 9 Schools Instrumental Programme = 10 Schools

Atlantic Arc: A short documentary, produced by Plural Video & Design, of the 2 day weekend inside Dónal Lunny's Atlantic Arc Masterclass & Concert Programme at the [National Opera House](#) with [Music Generation Wexford](#) & [Music Generation Waterford](#) in partnership with [SoundWaves Music Space](#) initiated by [Music Generation Clare](#) is now available to be seen on <https://www.facebook.com/musicgenerationwexford/videos/1260231734441564>

Art Ability/ Arts & Health programme with HSE centres is an on-going programme supporting people with mental health / intellectual and physical disabilities across 9 HSE centres countywide continues to adapt the arts programme due to COVID 19. The Centres are currently, in addition to their creative writing, visual art and music online workshops/tutorials, are running in-reach programme which involves the artists working in person in the centres. It involves smaller groups, co-facilitation from nursing to ensure social distancing, facilitating outdoors and travelling between venues. Outdoor Music Groups have been created at various residential units and currently this programme is being extended across all art forms. Update 29th May 2020:

The Creative Hub Studios is opened in line with Covid 19 & HSE guidelines. Over Thirty artists are currently in residence in the Creative Hub across 9 studio/ units combining individual group's studios and retails units as well as a dance studio which is managed by Wexford Arts Centre on behalf of the Arts Office.

CREATIVE IRELAND

'Curious Minds' online seminar

As part of the ongoing 'Living Arts' in Schools programme, an online seminar funded through Creative Ireland takes place Saturday 29 January 2-4pm to mark the launch "Curious Minds" an online resource pack for schoolteachers to complements and facilitates the delivery of art classes in primary schools in Ireland. This free online resource pack "Curious Mind" is funded by Creative Ireland and is divided into booklets for each season of the year offering more than 43 lessons which were commissioned and developed by artists and teachers. Living Arts is a partnership in between Arts Office and Wexford Arts Centre. For further information and to book go to www.livingartsproject.ie/resource-packs/

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civic Duties

We completed 2 civic duties

19 th December	Wexford Athletics	Cross Country	Lynstown
09 th January	Wexford Athletics	Cross Country	Camross

Weekly Training - Weekly training finished on week 15th December. Due to COVID19 Level 5 restrictions we have postponed returning to weekly training until Week 25th January.

IBTS

The Gorey Unit provided support to the Blood Bank on 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th December. 3 volunteers each night helping.

Flooding December 2021

We deployed 8 volunteers to help with flooding in Killurin and Bridgetown on Christmas Day. Assets deployed included 2 x Jeeps, 2 x inflatable rafts and Swift Water equipment and minibus.

FIRE SERVICE

Call statistics

Incident Type	Calls December 2021	Calls to date 2021	Calls to this period 2020
Chimney fire (WCC / Private)	1 / 7 (8)	106	132
Domestic fire (WCC / Private)	0 / 4 (4)	66	59
Road Traffic Accident	23	105	85
Industrial fire	1	9	11
Commercial fire	0	1	7
Assembly fire	1	4	4
Agricultural fire	0	9	4
Motor Vehicles	1	31	51
Forest/bog/grass etc	0	71	89
Rubbish	5	77	92
Non-fire rescues	5	92	55
False alarms – good intent	18	235	283
Malicious false alarms	0	1	6
Miscellaneous	26	71	49
Total	92	878	927

Fire calls by brigade to date

INCIDENT TYPE	WEXFORD	GOREY	ENNISCORTHY	NEW ROSS	BUNCLODY	TOTAL
CHIMNEY FIRE	37	16	24	22	7	106
DOMESTIC FIRE	21	21	8	12	4	66
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	26	18	32	19	10	105
INDUSTRIAL FIRE	6	0	0	3	0	9
COMMERCIAL FIRE	1	0	0	0	0	1
ASSEMBLY FIRE	3	0	0	1	0	4
AGRICULTURAL FIRE	3	1	2	1	2	9
MOTOR VEHICLES	10	3	6	8	4	31
FOREST/BOG/GRASS ETC	19	19	17	10	6	71
RUBBISH	28	14	14	10	11	77
NON-FIRE RESCUES	28	21	26	12	5	92
FALSE ALARMS - GOOD INTENT	100	35	49	46	5	235
MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS	0	0	1	0	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	27	14	19	8	3	71
TOTALS	309	162	198	152	57	878

Fire Safety Certificate Applications

Number of Applications received in December 2021: 13
 Number of Applications received to date: 121
 Number of Applications to this period 2020: 115

Finance:

Annual Financial Statement 2021

Work is commencing on the preparation of the 2021 Accounts. The preparation of the annual accounts will take a number of months to complete but it is expected that the Council will meet the submission deadline of the end of March.

Rate Accounts 2022

Rate Demands for 2022 are currently being issued. Circular Fin 24/2021 of 14th December 2021 sets out the terms of the Targeted Rates Waiver being applied in the first quarter of 2022.

Capital Programme 2022 – 2024

Work has commenced on the preparation of the next 3 Year Capital Programme, 2022 - 2024 and it is planned to have this ready for consideration of members in the first quarter of 2022.

Audit Committee/Audit

The next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled for 16th March 2022.

Cash Flow/Overdraft

Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €20m to 31st December 2022.

**Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.**